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What Made Them Kill

When Judge William Mudd sentenced David Westerfield to death on January 3 of this year, Westerfield joined a special subset of San Diegans. Of the 616 inmates on California's death row, 31, including Westerfield, were convicted and sentenced in America's Finest City. A Linda Vista man murdered the pretty young mother of two tiny boys, cut off her head and hands, and dumped her body near Pine Valley in 1979. A Chula Vista couple, the only husband and wife currently on death row, tortured their four-year-old niece in 1995, then burned her to death in a bathtub full of scalding water. A North County woman, angry about the men in her life, shot her four

sons point-blank in the head in 1997, stopping once to reload. Who are these people in Mr. Westerfield's new neighborhood?

The Law

It's not easy to get to death row. According to California law, you have to commit first-degree murder to even be eligible for the death penalty. California Penal Code Section 190 defines first-degree murder as:

All murder which is perpetrated by means of a destructive device or explosive, knowing use of ammunition designed primarily to penetrate metal or armor, poison, lying in wait, torture, or by any other kind of

willful, deliberate, and premeditated killing, or which is committed in the perpetration of, or attempt to perpetrate, arson, rape, carjacking, robbery, burglary, mayhem, kidnapping, train wrecking...or any murder which is perpetrated by means of discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle, intentionally at another person, outside of the vehicle with the intent to inflict death.

California law also holds that to receive the death penalty, the defendant must be found guilty of at least one special circumstance. Penal Code Section 190.2 enumerates these circumstances. They include murder for financial gain, murder of a peace officer, murder by torture, murder during a kidnapping, and murder during a drive-by shooting.

Once a jury finds a defendant guilty of first-degree murder and finds the special circumstance allegation to be true, it has to decide which penalty to recommend to the judge: death or life in prison without the possibility of parole. During a separate penalty phase of the trial, the prosecution and defense present mitigating and aggravating circumstances with regard to the sentence. These circumstances include the nature of the present offense, the presence or absence of any prior felony conviction, whether the offense was committed while the defendant was under the influence of extreme mental or emotional disturbance, and the age of the defendant at the time of the crime. The judge considers the jury's recommendation, then pronounces the formal sentence.

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Sinless Smoke

In Abe Opincar’s “Sheep and Goats” column (February 13) he mentions the pastor “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 hold-outs from another era, another ethos, hanging around the church courtyard, smoking.”

Is Opincar trying to say that it’s wrong to smoke at church? It’s no sin, that’s for sure! California has gone wacky in the past ten years with all these laws that make smoking a crime. When a newspaper columnist judges a man of the cloth because he enjoys a smoke with his congregants, boy, there’s no limit to the wackiness!

Harold McCain
San Diego

Bloody Bedford

Regarding Ed Bedford’s “Tin Fork” review of Nuna’s Mediterranean restaurant in last week’s Reader (February 13), he has unfortunately dropped his (previously reported) New Year’s resolution to eat vegetarian. It’s ironic that his review reflected this at a Mediterranean place that even he reports has vegetarian options: falafel, hummus, tabouli, pita bread, garnished vegetables, and baklavas.

While I congratulate him on his intentions, major lifestyle changes like becoming vegetarian might last longer if made for compelling reasons and logic rather than from the seasonal peer or self-imposed pressure that can be felt around New Year’s. For me, no two of these reasons were enough, but all three together compelled me to (gradually and deliberately) become a vegetarian: (1) My health

(there is much peer-reviewed scientific literature available about the benefits of a low-fat diet like the typical vegetarian one), (2) it is wasteful and illogical to kill without need (we must kill plants to survive, but not animals, which require many times the resources to generate the same amount of food as plants), (3) the monetary and other costs that drain our society resulting from the annual count of human illness and death attributed to eating meat (food poisoning, heart disease, cancer, and obesity).

For these reasons, I suggest that Mr. Bedford, and others, give vegetarianism a fair try.

Jim Wadman
San Diego

Society Menace

Cheryl Ross’s “Non-Icky Dylan” letter (February 13) ended: “P.S. Stop persecuting Michael Jackson!” Cheryl, I think I agree, if Michael Jackson is still an African-American male. (It’s kind of hard to tell.) As such, he would be a “victim,” as all African-American men are “victims” and are apparently not responsible for their actions. If there is blame, it must be Ronald Reagan’s fault. Now if Michael Jackson is a white male (he looks kind of pale to me), then he is just a menace to society. In addition, in the spirit of the University of Michigan, he does not get an extra 20 points for ethnicity. Sad, very sad.

J. Craig Herman
Encinitas

ERRATUM

“Parks Coddle Killer Trees” (“City Lights,” February 13) included an erroneous by-line; the story was written by Donald McCullough.

Equal-Opportunity Terrorists

Re February 6 “City Lights” (“La Jolla Houses Terror Bait”): *Everything* is bait to a terrorist.

R. Gardner
San Diego

Authentic Crudeness

Somebody called in a letter to this week’s Reader complaining about the bad language in the previous week’s article on the Desert Storm war (“Hardcore Combat,” February 6). I would say to

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Kurds aweigh Monday's *Union-Tribune* carried a story purporting to recount the recruitment of local Kurds as "volunteers" for war against Iraq. It quoted a man identified as the director of the "Kurdish Human Rights Watch's office for the San Diego area" as saying he'd



Kurdish fighters

come up with about 22 or so native Kurdish speakers, who were being paid a "modest amount for their services" and sent to a "staging area" in Hungary run by the Pentagon. The man was also quoted as saying he coordinated the recruiting "at the request of Iraqi organizations in the United States that work with the military, including the Free Iraqi Officer and Civilians Movement and the Iraqi National Congress." As is often the case with the *U-T* version, the full story, reported elsewhere, is a bit more intriguing. Two months ago, the *Nashville Tennessean* revealed that the U.S. government's Kurdish recruitment effort was being run by none other than La Jolla-based Titan Corp., the big defense contractor headquartered across the road from the Torrey Pines golf course just up the street from General Atomics, one of the CIA's biggest contractors. The paper quoted **Chemman Zebari**, identified as a Titan program manager, as saying the company was seeking Kurds fluent in English, Arabic, Kurdish, or Farsi. A flyer faxed to Kurdish groups in San Diego, Dallas, and Nashville advertised job openings with a salary of up to \$70,000. Applicants had to fill out a 17-page application furnished by Titan and were dispatched to Washington for weeklong interviews with national-



Ray Blair, 1970s

security specialists working for the firm, the paper said. A Kurd in Nashville reported that Titan was looking for at least 60 recruits ... The *U-T* omitted a bit of uncomfortable history from its obituary of ex-San Diego city manager **Ray Blair**, who died of cancer at age 77 last week. Though the paper mentioned Blair's scandalous mid-1980s affair with his assistant **Sue Williams** and played up the vote of confidence in him led by then-mayor **Roger Hedgecock** (subsequently forced from office by his own political and financial shenanigans), the obit was silent on the fate of Blair's then-wife **Nancy**. After word of the affair and allegations that Blair had used his influence to help Williams's

career leaked out of city hall, Nancy went to her La Jolla garage, got into her car, and killed herself with carbon monoxide on January 26, 1986. Blair subsequently wed Williams.

Mother's milk of war Now that Republican congressman **Duncan Hunter** is chairman of the House Armed Services committee, one of his ex-aides, along with a former assistant to Congressman **Randy "Duke" Cunningham**, are cashing in on Washington's lucrative defense-contractor lobbying circuit. *Roll Call* reports that recently departed Cunningham chief of staff **Trey Hardin** and **Patrick McSwain**, another ex-Cunningham staffer, have partnered with longtime Hunter lieutenant **Frank Collins** to form NorthPoint Strategies, LLC. The new lobbying outfit has already signed up San Diego-based Titan Corp. and Qualcomm, along with United Defense International, which had previously employed Collins ... Bankrupt utility Pacific Gas & Electric spent more than \$10,000 flying its top honchos and their buddies down from San Francisco to watch the Super Bowl here, reports the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "We're not ashamed," company spokesman **John Nelson** told the paper. "This was customer-relationship management. But ratepayers didn't pay for it. Shareholders paid for it." According to a flight plan obtained by the *Chronicle*, the company plane left at 9:00 a.m. and landed at McClellan-Palomar Airport in time for lunch. It returned that night.

Water for sale County education officials are warning the San Diego Unified School District that its budget deficit is far more dire than it's been letting on. "The district's multi-year projection indicates that the district will have to reduce the budget by approximately \$87,000,000 over the next two years," according to a January 17 letter from county office of education staffer **Donald Shelton**. Meantime, district chief of staff **Terry Smith** is proposing an exclusive five-year agreement to sell Coke and Pepsi products "to district students and staff." The proposal "would increase revenue for the district," Smith says in a February 12 memo. "Yes, some of our high schools have arranged for individual deals with one of the vendors, but collectively we are not getting the best value," he writes. "With a collective contract, we feel that we can negotiate a rate that will offer an annual donation to the schools at \$10K (pro-rated based on sales and student body size) and a percentage of commission rate of 35 percent." To health critics of the sugar-laden deal, the memo answers, "The focus will be on 50 percent-plus fruit drinks, sports drinks, and water. In fact, water will be sold at a rate less than other drinks to promote drinking more of that product."

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Turn Off Brain, Look at Girls

By Julie Yen

These days, oversized signs dance on street corners. Some promote housing developments, cell-phone companies, even

pizza joints. All week, they twist, turn and bob musically, shouting for attention from hurried automobile drivers.

They do not do it alone. A

their free time to work as holders.

The primary incentive? Fast money, according to Mt. Carmel High School freshman

work for Events Extraordinaire, Carey has amassed enough money to purchase a car and stereo system.

On an overcast Saturday afternoon, he worked between Camino Ruiz and Carmel Valley Road. Carey admitted that he didn't wear a long hooded sweatshirt and beanie to only keep warm; he didn't want to be seen. "This is my favorite post because not that many people drive by, not that many people you know," he said.

In the past, not all drivers have been friendly, causing



Kyle Craig and Spencer Carey

holder (also known as "flipper" and "tosser") stands behind each sign and is paid to hold or draw attention to the sign. Don't scoff yet — many teens and adults are giving up

Spencer Carey.

"I saw someone flipping and asked how much it paid," Carey said. Flippers are typically paid \$10 an hour, and over the past five months of

Casey to feel embarrassment. One time, a passerby chucked a 7-Eleven Big Gulp cup at him.

Mt. Carmel sophomore

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Neal Obermeyer



History Floats

By Joe Deegan

It sure will take up a lot of room,” says Allen Beddoe about the USS *Midway* mooring this fall at Navy Pier, where it is scheduled to become the permanent home to the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum. As a young man, Beddoe left New Jersey for 27 years of service in the Navy. Today, at 75, he lives in Clairemont and welcomes the *Midway*, as an old friend, back to San Diego for its final berth.

Beddoe served as chief radioman on the *Midway* from 1957 to '59, a peacetime period. “But the Chinese got a little rambunctious once,” he says, referring to a dispute in 1958 between Communist China and Taiwan over the islands of Quemoy and Matsu. The United States sent the *Midway* into the area to do “some patrolling.” Beddoe remembers Chiang Kai-Shek “and his entourage” coming onboard during the crisis.

Scott McGaugh does public relations for the Aircraft Carrier Museum project and maintains its website (www.midway.org). He is also writing the first book about the *Midway's* life story. Largely an oral history, his book will rely heavily on the recollections of people like Allen Beddoe, one of some 225,000 seamen who served on the *Midway* during its 47-years of active duty.

“The most fortunate thing I did along the way,” says McGaugh, “was to save every e-mail that we ever received through the website. Many of them indicated that the e-mailers were *Midway* vets. So I had a running start in terms of getting the story.

“A neat thing I’ve been able to do has been, through coincidence, to reunite best friends from 50 years ago.” A name comes up over the phone and “The caller will say, ‘Haven’t talked to him in 47 years.’ ‘Well, I just talked to him last week,’ I reply. And you can hear the man’s voice thicken with emotion. ‘He’s alive?’ ‘Sure, would you like his phone number?’

“The other thing that’s

amazing to me is how trusting these men are. This guy from Florida sent me his entire scrapbook. He was a member of the original crew. I’ll introduce myself by phone to complete strangers, and they will send me cruise books that they’ve had for 50 years, which obviously they cherish. I’m touched by that.”

The Navy built the USS *Midway* in Newport News, Virginia, over a three-year period during World War II and commissioned it in September of 1945, only weeks after the war ended. During the Korean War, it plied the waters of the Mediterranean, because, says McGaugh, it was in a class of carriers large enough to handle planes armed with the nuclear weapons the U.S. thought were necessary to deter Josef Stalin. It joined the Pacific Fleet in the mid-'50s, where it remained for the rest of its service.

Many a jet pilot flew sorties over Vietnam from the decks of the *Midway*. But from 1966 to '70 the carrier was decommissioned for repairs that, according to McGaugh, became controversial for how expensive and long lasting they became. The *Midway* returned to Vietnam and participated in the mining of Haiphong Harbor in 1972 and intense bombing of the North. After action in the Gulf War, it went on to the Philippines, where it helped evacuate American military personnel from Clark Air Force Base, which had been threatened by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo. In 1992, the *Midway* came home and was decommissioned. It has been sitting in mothballs in Bremerton, Washington, ever since.

Although its homeport was Alameda, the *Midway* moved in and out of San Diego many times during its service in the Pacific Fleet. One of its roles off the coast here was to provide training



Christening of USS *Midway*, September 1945

for pilots at Miramar Naval Air Station in landing on and taking off from aircraft-carrier decks.

Some people have worried that when the *Midway* returns to San Diego, on the downtown side of the harbor, its size will block scenic views. But McGaugh points out that, though large, the ship is only two thirds the size of

modern carriers and is not as tall as the Navy’s loading depot at the foot of Broadway or some of the Princess Line ships, which tie up a little to the north of the depot.

The Environmental Health Coalition of San Diego thinks that citizens should have more serious concerns, however. Spokeswoman Laura Hunter says, “I recognize that the

Midway is a vessel, but it’s a vessel that will take up acres of deep open water in San Diego Bay. That will be water that’s unavailable to marine life for decades into the future. Who knows how long?”

The *Midway* project has been required by the California Coastal Commission to create new wildlife habitat in the bay. Still, “We have to get away from this idea that, on a whim, we can fill in San Diego Bay,” says Hunter, who believes that putting the *Midway* at Navy Pier will be like filling in that spot of water with dirt. “Exactly the same thing. Maybe worse, because it will be rusting and discharging.” Hunter wrote last summer to the Port District to object to its petitioning the Navy for the conveyance of Navy Pier. “We believe the pier will become contaminated, too, because every other Navy prop-



Chuck Nichols



Allen Beddoe

erty we’ve ever looked at is contaminated, and the public is going to have to pay for it.

“We have three carriers here already. We were very opposed to bringing nuclear carriers here in the first place, homeporting them so close to people with no independent oversight, no emergency planning for local residents that’s site specific. And we don’t need a fourth carrier

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Kyle Craig, who also flips for Events Extraordinaire, takes the responses less seriously.

"It's kind of fun. I can get

weird responses from all the people in the cars," he said.

Drivers often honk or wave and frequently stop to ask for directions. This is Craig's first job, which he has worked for the past two weekends. During shifts, he keeps busy by lis-

tening to rap and hip-hop music.

"I don't even care," Craig said. "I just chill. I like it, it's pretty fun."

Nearby, Mira Mesa High School junior Aaron Meyer-Abbott is working the inter-

section of Highway 56 and Black Mountain Road. A two-year tosser for the same company, he says his "friends think it's a really cool job, but none of them would actually do the job."

Meyer-Abbott recently re-

ceived a raise and now earns \$11 an hour. He plans to continue the job until he's out of high school because of the convenient working hours.

"The hours go with my school schedule: it's only on

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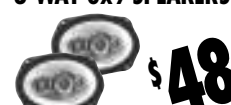
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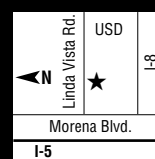
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weekends, noon to 4:00, and it works out," he said. This benefit appeals to underclassmen who do not have their

driver's licenses since their parents can drop them off for the afternoon. After working long-term, Meyer-Abbott has also had his fair share of battle wounds.

"I get a lot of waving and honking, but then again I get

all the kids throwing stuff at me all the time," he said. "Water balloons, bottles full of Gatorade — you get the picture."

Propping up a sign can get tiresome, too, and Carey sometimes sits down after

long periods of standing.

Mt. Carmel freshman Ryan Roberts, who recently started holding signs on Black Mountain Road, decided to take a break for the entire day. After checking in at his post, he and his friends left to hang

out, only returning before the shift ended. Roberts did not express any remorse and commented that many others had managed to ditch as well. Yet, tossers can't be too lax. Representatives at most companies will periodically drive by posts.

If caught idling or leaving early, a tosser will lose his job.

On the other hand, representatives encourage tossers to perform tricks with their signs and will often raise a tosser's salary if he is seen acting enthusiastically. Adult sign holders do not have this advantage as much; they are paid a starting hourly wage of \$6.50. Christian Smart, 42, has worked for Labor Ready since 2000 and recently began sign holding. Labor Ready provides temporary manual labor to light industrial and small business markets. Smart works eight-hour shifts, four days a week.

"I have owned my own business and have done landscape and construction work, but I feel pretty much comfortable doing anything I am told," he said. Smart moved from Tennessee to San Diego two years ago, because he "wanted to see something different." Blue-eyed and with shaggy gray hair, he carries a picture of Jesus (along with a Boys & Girls Club card with the name "Greg" on it) in his wallet and has retained his Southern drawl and love for the outdoors.

"I went to a junior college in Alabama, and I plan on going to a bigger school," he said. "I discontinued that because I found other things to do that are more important. That can be good and that can be bad. I have had and been in nice vehicles and nice apartments, but I'm a camper, an outside person."

Smart resides in Clairemont and sleeps in canyons. Holding a sign with his weathered hands on the corner of Mira Mesa Boulevard and Westview Parkway on one Sunday, his dusty appearance contrasted with the new shopping center.

"I think [Labor Ready] chooses busy intersections where people come more often," he said. "Only one supervisor will drive by and check at a time. I don't feel so bad standing out here," he continued. "When I don't have another person or a machine at hand, I speak to Jesus and thank Him for what he has done for me, and I ask Him for forgiveness for silly sins that I commit."

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Turn off brain

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for the love of it or the art of it," he said. "I try not to see as much as I can, make the day go by as fast as possible. You know, sleep with your eyes open, turn the brain off, look at the girls.

"I know this job is just a legal loophole. You can't put the sign up and just leave it there, so you have to have someone hold it. They have a sale every day of the week, and they just move it all over the place."

Gillespie estimates that Labor Ready has approximately 12 sign holders posted around San Diego County each day. He has worked nine-hour shifts on and off during the week for ten years.

A Florida native, Gillespie majored in "Girls and psychedelics. Where did all the hippies go? Well, here's one." Gillespie tired of driving dirt and freight trucks around the country and came to San Diego. Since then, he has also worked at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

"I love doing my own thing; I hate being tied down," he said. "I wouldn't be holding this sign on the corner if I didn't like doing different things. I already tried that success thing; it was not all that it was cracked up to be. Living day to day. Can't look too far ahead; then you're looking like Mr. Bush does. Of course, he's making bullets and body bags: he wants to put a bullet in you and fill his body bags."

At the mention of going to war, Gillespie asked, "Do you want to shoot me? I don't want to shoot you, so what's the difference with anyone else?"

Gillespie returned to holding the sign by the street light. Another four hours to go. As he put it, "Standing on your two feet for eight hours, most people say it's easy, but it's different when you're actually doing it. Young feet stand up the same as old feet." ■

History floats

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now. If people want to visit a carrier, the three carriers have tours all the time.

"And what is the purpose?" asks Hunter. "If the purpose is to have a museum that honors Navy history,

then what are the options for doing it? People may come out on various sides of that issue, but the point is that we never got to debate where the best place is. Maybe it's the Naval Training Center, maybe it's on one of the

bases, and maybe it's in the Midway district. But that never got discussed.

"Another concern we've had is that we do not believe that the funding for the *Midway* project is available or will be available in the future. In

that kind of situation, this vessel will fall onto the backs of the public to pay for its upkeep. It is very expensive to keep those ships up. What will the cost be in one to five to ten years down the road?"

Chuck Nichols denies that

the Aircraft Carrier Museum will ever have to rely on public money. For a while Nichols was a paid project manager for the museum project, but now, as a volunteer, he sits on its executive committee and acts as a co-

ordinator with government agencies.

"We've probably got a better funding plan," says Nichols, "than any ship that's ever been donated to a private organization. And we

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have by far the best location to ensure our revenue stream. We have more maintenance dollars in our budget than

any of the others, and yet I think we have a simpler problem, because the ship is much newer than the others that are out there, since this ship was refurbished in late '88 to become the Navy's principal platform in the Gulf

War. A lot of these other aircraft carriers have teak decks, which have been on the ships since the early '40s, and those are maintenance nightmares, whereas we have steel decks. And San Diego is much less hard on a vessel than, say, the

gulf at Corpus Christi or the Atlantic in the Northeast. The environment is much tougher on things in those places than it is here." Nichols says that the source of the museum's funding so far has been pri-

vate donations and guarantees of loans by private individuals. "In the future," he says, "it will be based on the revenue we generate from operating the museum. There will be an admission charge, there will be special

events, and other things on the ship that will cost money, like food and beverage.

"When people come to the museum they'll be able to see restored aircraft from prior service back to the Korean War and even older. We have one of the most interesting exhibits of military history anywhere. It's 250 cases of memorabilia from John Paul Jones to the present day. That's been donated to us. It's a marvelous exhibit called the Hovis collection. And we'll have a simulator that allows you to simulate landing on a carrier.

"The museum will be a tremendous tribute to the history of the Navy in San Diego. It will feature the history of naval aviation. Naval aviation from carriers started right here in San Diego. And this will be an education platform as well as an entertainment facility, because we're arranging with the schools to bring their kids through it. The kids will get a history lesson that includes the *Midway* and its place in the history of United States defense. We'll be showing people how crews go out for extended periods of time and live under difficult circumstances, lonely circumstances, being away from their families in our defense, and I think it's important that people come to grips with that now and then on a more realistic basis than they find in their newspaper. This will allow them to have a reality check and think about the sacrifices that are made to keep this country free."

But the Coastal Commission's Laura Hunter isn't buying it. "We're being sold a bill of goods," she says, "that the museum has all the money it needs to run on private donations forever. I'm very concerned that there's only X amount of dollars that can be invested in historic vessel maintenance. The *Midway*, the *Star of India*, the *Berkeley*, they all compete for a finite pot of public investment. Or maybe it's an environmental protection program. We don't know what tradeoffs we're going to be asked for. Some future project that has a lot of merit or an existing project that's been publicly funded might be sacrificed. What are we not going to have because our public monies go into the *Midway*?" ■

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Ceary



Yo, Matthew:

Since 1978 I've been parting my hair in the center. I'm sensing this may be a bit passé in 2003. What style of hair part is currently most politically correct: center, left, or right? What percentage of the male population currently parts their hair in each of the three styles? What drives the selection of hair part in the male population? Father? Barber? Cowlick? Is there any correlation between hair part and political party affiliation? Is there a dominant hair part of past U.S. presidents or current Fortune 100 CEOs?

— Hair Challenged in San Diego

Center part passé? Puh-leez. Cher. David Duke. Michael Jackson. Morticia Addams. Steven Tyler. Jerry Springer. Ken Burns. Willie Nelson. Bart Simpson (when Marge combs his hair). No center-part presidents since Taft, though. On the average dome, scalp hair grows in patterns defined by the angle of the hair follicles. On the crown they point straight up; at the nape, they point down. On the left and right sides they point back around the skull, but the left-side pattern ends just behind your left ear, while the right-siders continue around your bean to meet them. Cowlicks are common at the point where the crown and left- and right-side patterns meet. In roughly three-quarters of the population, a cowlick directs hair growth clockwise and causes hair to tend to part naturally on the left. The cosmetology industry is based on the idea that we can strongarm our hair to do weird, unnatural things, so the left part isn't law, just what you'll find most often. Left-parted hair is also easier for right-handers to style.

We figured this would take care of any notions of hair part as the road to success, and we were doing okay until one of the elves discovered the John and Catherine Walter (trademarked!) "Hair Part Theory" (truemirror.com). Sometime in the 1970s, apparently, John Walter moved his hair part from right to left, and his life was transformed, though he seems reluctant to go into detail. With this revelation, the brother-sister team began to collect the names of right- and left-part politicians and other famous folks to prove their trademarked theory that your hair part is a subconscious signal to observers about which of your brain hemispheres is dominant. Right part on a man? For florists and poets. Left part? Captains of industry and invaders of small countries. Their favorite example is Christopher Reeve as Superman. In the movie, the crusader had a left part, Clark Kent a right part. Smells like science to me.

Only eight presidents had right parts, and they were ineffectual or corrupt: Reagan, Clinton, Carter, Harding, Andrew Johnson, Buchanan, Tyler, and Lincoln. Yes, Lincoln. Abe only got good after he switched his part to the left, say the Walters. Gore (right part) was fated to lose to Bush (left part). The Walters say you center-parters, no-parters, and bald people present a "balanced" or "neutral" image. Their website has 17 pages of just the kind of data you asked for, Challenged, so dial them up and wallow in their insight.

Hey, Matt:

Are the elves Catholic? Are elves Catholic? Oh, well. Heard there is a saint (active or defrocked, I'm not sure) that will help sell your home quicker and for a better price if you bury his image in the front yard, facing the house. Any more info, like who is that saint?

— Cy, O'side

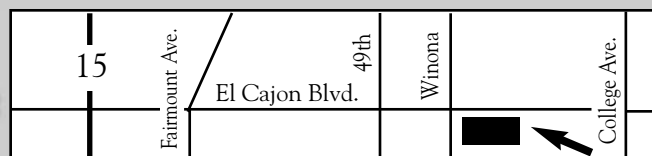
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Apparently any Joseph medal or statue will do, but you'll get no agreement about where or how deep he should be buried or which direction his head should face, only that he should be in the front yard, not the back yard. Home-seller testimonials read a little like the blurbs in chain letters. But far be it from Matt to diss a saint.

St. Joseph is patron to carpenters and guardian of the family and household, which explains why he might be inclined to intercede in the first place. There is a story that 500 years ago, more or less, St. Teresa of Avila asked her nuns to bury their St. Joseph medals in devotion when the convent needed land to expand. As a modern ritual, it's pretty much American. No surprise, eh?

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

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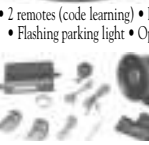


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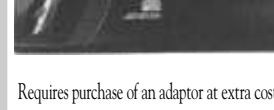


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By Patrick Daugherty

To Get Along, Go Along

I watched, with mild professional interest, as the 49ers searched for a new head coach, a sordid and overly public journey that, as it so happened, was also a coming-out party for John York. For readers who don't follow stupid rich people, Mr. York had the foresight to marry Denise DeBartolo in 1978. After the passage of 19 years — years filled with schemes too complex, and, oftentimes, too boring to discuss here — Denise DeBartolo took control of the 49ers franchise. Since that happy day in 1997, John York, Husband-of-the-Owner, has stayed in the background, with his head bowed, a position well known to spouses of stupid rich people.

Suddenly, all that has changed. Husband-of-the-Owner means to command, and command he did by firing Steve Mariucci right after the Niners/Giants game (a good thing) while having no one lined up as replacement (a bad thing). After an increasingly desperate search, Husband-of-the-Owner hired a dependable mediocrity, Dennis Erickson, who possessed the one essential quality York required, absolute subservience.

You say, "So what?" Well, hang in there, it's coming.

To continue... Dennis Green was mentioned in the press as a candidate for San Francisco's top coaching job. Dennis Green has been mentioned for, at least, five head-coaching jobs over the past two months. Dennis Green remains unemployed.

Further, Green is a black man, and the NFL has a spanking new diversity committee, which is supposed to see to it, finally, that black men have a fair shot at NFL coaching positions. This is not a controversial position. Indeed, a *Washington Post* commentator spoke for the great majority of sportswriters when he wrote, "The 49ers hired Erickson, a man who never had a winning record in four NFL seasons in Seattle and whose teams never reached the playoffs, over Green, whose Vikings teams made the playoffs eight times in ten years and the NFC championship game twice. And Green is a product of the 49ers' system."

Pretty damn damning, especially given Husband-of-the-Owner's existential position as guy-who-holds-the-ashtay-at-parties.

Perhaps it was fate, but very close to the day Denise DeBartolo took over the 49ers, Dennis Green had his Mike Tyson moment. Mr. Green was head coach of the Minnesota Vikings, it was November 1997, the NFL season was peaking, and Green's seminal autobiography, *No Room for Crybabies*, was published.

At the time, the Minnesota Vikings were owned by ten people. Green decided he wanted to be principal owner. We all have dreams, but in Green's case, he decided the way to become principal owner was to threaten current owners. Apparently, he liked the sound of his threats so much that *he put them in his book*. In Chapter 19, as a matter of fact, the one entitled *If It Lasts Until Tomorrow*.

Green envisions himself lecturing those undeserving owners at a Vikings board of directors meeting. He says, "I am purchasing the nine percent shares of the two individuals sitting in this room who contacted Lou Holtz, the former Notre Dame coach, without authority last year and deliberately interfered with my ability to coach the team...[and] may have damaged my future career opportunities."

Ever the helpful employee, Green includes, in Chapter 19, a draft of the lawsuit he might file against disloyal owners claiming they "adversely

affected the leadership relationship between plaintiff, as head coach, and his staff and players, rendering it difficult for plaintiff to motivate the players to play up to their competitive level of ability and skill and advance in the playoffs and to the Super Bowl." In other words, "Make me controlling owner, or I will sue your ass until you beg for dog food."

Green put all this in his book! Had the book published during the football season, right before a Vikings board of directors meeting. It was a public display of madness worthy of Mike Tyson in his prime. No owner — in fact, nobody smart enough to go to the bathroom by himself, is going hire Dennis Green.

I do not mean to give comfort to racists out there (may you all fry in an integrated hell). The NFL owes black athletes. Big time. If you only want to watch white people play football, move to Ireland. Black athletes made the NFL our national sport. There are more than enough qualified black

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coaches to coach every team in the NFL, and clubs should be punished for ignoring them. It's outrageous, and it's been going on forever. But sportswriters, instead of writing about qualified black coaches, hold Dennis Green up as...as what? A worthy candidate?

Bullshit.

Green is a pawn. No one born of woman is going to hire him, even at the point of a gun, but NFL owners will invite him to stop by and then tell NFL headquarters they have interviewed minority candidates. The NFL goes along because they don't care about hiring minority coaches in the first place, and the press goes along because that's what the press does best: go along.

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Dress: dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 11:00 a.m.

"Pacifism is what we define as an 'individual exercise.' It's something a member decides for himself," Brother Steven Kaufman told me last Sunday morning at Grace & Truth Chapel in University Heights. "I know that during World War II we had at least one member who declared himself a conscientious objector. He said, 'The Bible forbids us to kill, and I'm not going to kill for any man or any government.'"

"We also define voting as an individual exercise. But I don't think that many people in this assembly vote."

The folks who attend Grace & Truth so detest denominationalism, so distrust any authority higher than the local church, that in a needling, pushy way I had to pressure Brother Kaufman to make him admit that his church was affiliated with the Plymouth Brethren. "Affiliated" is just about the strongest word these folks will use even when describing their relationship to other congregations like their own.

"Okay. Yes, we're Plymouth Brethren," Brother Kaufman at last said to me. "I understand why *you* might use that term, but *we* don't like to call ourselves that."

Brother Kaufman's elusiveness disguised the fact that the Plymouth Brethren were, in their way, the mid-19th-century forefathers of evangelical fundamentalism. That they've resisted change, dodged publicity, held tight to their particularisms (women, for example, cover their hair during Plymouth Brethren worship), underscores how far 20th-century evangelical fundamentalism distanced itself from the movement's initial intent and feel.

What you first notice when entering Grace & Truth, other than the women with covered hair, is that the chapel's rows of seats all face the room's center. There's no altar. No podium. No cross. No crucifix. No ornaments or symbols of any kind.

Last Sunday's service was part of a weekend-long conference Grace & Truth was holding with an assembly from Montebello and one from Pasadena. More than one hundred people crowded the small room. Amid the general chatter in English, I heard Spanish, French, Hindi, and a lot of Arabic. (Brother Kaufman told me that the Plymouth Brethren were the largest evangelical Protestant group active in Egypt.)

The service, too, was surprising. The Holy Spirit moved people to suggest hymns. They

called out a number from the hymnal. Some people referred to the lyrics; most knew them by heart. Everyone began to sing, bass voices creating a drone on which the others constructed tight four-part harmonies. Since there were so many visitors last Sunday, the big group had to listen hard to itself to find its rhythm and pitch.

"Oh," I thought, "that's the point of having no musical instruments. That's the point of group a cappella singing. The intimacy created by the close listening, the communal effort. The sense of oneness."

After several hymns, a gentleman stood to greet us.

"I'd like to ask that anyone not affiliated—I hate to use that word, but you know what I mean—with the San Diego, Pasadena, or Montebello assemblies, please abstain from partaking of the Lord's Table this morning."

Another particularism: "closed Communion." The particular branch of Plymouth Brethren to which Grace & Truth belongs holds that the "ordinance" of the Lord's Supper is so important, that it ought be withheld from anyone who

hasn't been instructed, to their standards, in the Christian faith.

Plymouth Brethren particularism extends even to sermons. There are none. Instead, everyone waits in silence until the Holy Spirit prompts a man, and only a man, to speak. Last Sunday morning, I tried to transcribe several of these Holy Spirit-prompted mini-sermons, but they were brief and, to me, cryptic. The men who offered them quoted several Bible verses and added little or no commentary. Their meaning, it seemed, went without saying. What moved people most were spontaneous prayers spoken by several gentlemen. These prayers thanked Jesus at length for his sacrifice on the Cross. These prayers elicited profound sighs from the congregation.

When the Lord's Supper rolled around, most people around me partook of the bread and

common cups of wine. Others, in a matter-of-fact way, refused them. The worship service then concluded as if on an unspoken cue. It was time for the common meal Plymouth Brethren share every Sunday.

People lined up for teriyaki-flavored roast beef, baked potatoes, creamed corn, and a salad filled with tomatoes and black olives. During the 90-minute service, the meal's aromas had drifted our way from the kitchen. Brother Kaufman, instead of lining up for his share of the feast, took a few minutes to speak with me.

I asked him what would happen if a member of his congregation announced that he was going to run for political office. Brother Kaufman laughed hard.

"I don't think that would ever happen."

What would happen if, during the service, a brother stood to talk about the war with Iraq, about politics? Again, Brother Kaufman laughed. He shook his head.

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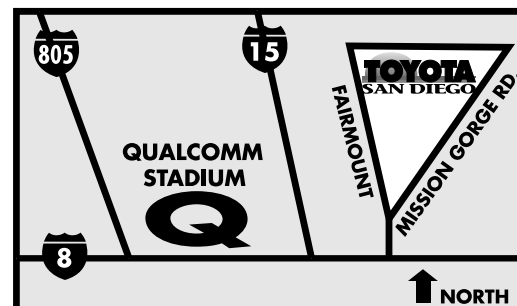
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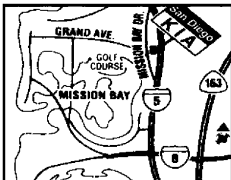
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I'm an editor and I've gotten friendly with a guy who does freelance pieces for our magazine. One night I went to the movies with him and said, "It's almost tax time again. I'm starting to pull together my tax stuff for my accountant to figure out the damage this year. It's depressing." "Please don't bring up taxes," he says. "That's a bad subject with me." Then he proceeds to tell me he has NEVER paid taxes in his LIFE! He's about my age, which is early 30s. He's always done freelance work, and at first he didn't make enough to have to pay taxes so when he began earning a decent living he just never started filing. Years have gone by, and so far he's flown below the IRS radar, but this can't go on forever, right? I started to sweat on his behalf. I told him, "Look, you have to come clean and start paying or you'll get in serious trouble." He just looks very bummed and says, "I know, someday I'll probably get arrested, but I can't think about it till then" and changes the subject. This is a nice, smart man, not a criminal type. I should mind my own business but now every time we talk I see visions of him being led away in handcuffs, and I feel terrible.

FRETTING NORTH COUNTY EDITOR

Dear Fretting,

Remember the creaky old adage about how you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink? You have given your new friend sound advice. I pray he takes it. He needs to see a tax lawyer or certified public accountant immediately and get some help in creating a plan to, as you say, "come clean" and become an upstanding, tax-paying citizen. You say this man is not a criminal, but he is engaging in criminal behavior, and you are right to be alarmed for him. If you really want to be a pal, you can get him some referrals to reputable tax professionals. Maybe ask your accountant or someone you trust in your magazine's accounting department for names and phone numbers and encourage your buddy to be brave and responsible and take care of this problem pronto. Then it's up to him. As you foresaw in your jittery vision of his future, if he doesn't act fast, you may find yourself visiting him in the slammer.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My ex-wife made a big deal when we divorced that she wanted sole custody of our twins, age five, for no better reason than that she is "the mother." Well, luckily the court and two child psychologists didn't agree, so we have joint custody. I have our boy and girl three and a

half days a week. My ex moaned and groaned like crazy about how it would be much healthier for the kids to be with her full-time, joint custody was confusing for them, etc., till I got really peeved. Now, for the first time since our divorce, she's dating someone. Because there's a new man in her life, all of a sudden she doesn't seem to care if she sees our kids much at all. She's always calling up now, begging me to take the kids on some of her days in addition to my own regular days, so she can go on this trip or that date with her new honey. I take the kids the extra days and evenings when I can because I adore them, but the children see so little of her lately they're starting to whine about missing Mommy. I feel like both me and the kids are getting screwed. Any advice?

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Your former wife's behavior stinks. Beyond that statement of commiseration, I'm not sure how I can be helpful. It sounds as if you have a rather acrimonious relationship with your ex. If that's true, I don't hold out much hope that she'll listen and be responsive if you ask her nicely to change her behavior. I think you have to try anyway, though, to stand up for your kids' rights here and your own rights as well. Tell her kindly that the children miss her and are sad about how little they see of her lately. You can also set some limits with her. It's not your responsibility to serve as her unpaid baby-sitter. You can say "no" when she tries to conscript you into that role. If having a calm, sincere talk with her doesn't work, you may just have to make the best of a bad situation for now, be the most attentive parent you can be, and hope that when her dizzy new romance settles down, she'll quit acting so appallingly.

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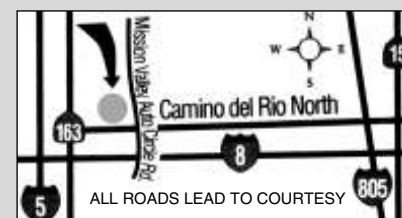
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"The traditional high-heeled boots are hard on your back," Kent continued, "so now I wear the lower-heeled boots. Of course, everybody's foot is different so certain brands will fit people better than other brands. The most comfortable pair of cowboy boots I ever owned were a pair of Tony Lama lizard boots. I don't know if I could afford a pair of Tony Lamas now, but back 30 years ago, you could still pick up a pair, even snake-skin, for \$100."

Kent let me in on the fact that the maker is as important as the leather. "Boots are made from lots of different leathers: elephant skin, calfskin, bulls skin, lizard, alligator, shark, sting ray, and ostrich. The ostrich boots look like they have pimples all over them where the feathers have been plucked out. They're real ugly."

With a lamenting tone to his soft country accent, Kent added, "the cowboy business has really been hurt by the advent of tennis shoes. Everybody just wants to wear tennis shoes because they are so much more comfortable. I've been trying to buy cowboy boots for my son because he is riding horses now. For the safety element, you want cowboy boots so that your foot doesn't get hung up in the stirrup. My kid wears a pair of soft skin \$100 cowboy boots and he's complaining that they are not comfortable, because he is used to wearing tennis shoes, and cowboy boots are just not going to be as comfortable."

Howard Smith, owner of Wild Bill's Western Emporium, said that some makers are trying to improve the comfort of the cowboy boot. "Some of the boot makers, like Ariat [\$109.88 for an Ariat Heritage Roper], have taken the technology of athletic shoe and built that into a boot," he explained. "It also has a rubber sole so it is a little less expensive and the rubber sole enables the person to have a little bit more traction on a slippery surface."

Smith laid out the different-shape toes to the boots. "The two more popular toes are the R toe, which is a semi-round toe, and the

"The cowboy business has really been hurt by the advent of tennis shoes."

J toe, which is a pointed toe. The round toe, a U toe, like these Roper boots [lower-heeled boot] that I am wearing are not quite as popular in California. It is really a matter of preference and style. Some people like the look of a more pointed boot, more of a dressy boot, but some have no interest at all in a pointy boot."

Wild Bill's sells some of the exotics: ostrich and lizard (\$279.88 for a Lizard Dan Post boot). "There are different types of ostrich leather: the smooth quill and the full quill, which has the raised bumps. The full quill are more expensive because they are a bit more distinguishable."

"The crocodile is actually illegal in California, but the alligator boots are legal. I don't sell sting ray, but that is a type of leather used for exotic boots as well. The sting ray is durable, a stiff boot that takes quite some time to break in, if it ever does break in. The bull hides are a thick leather also."

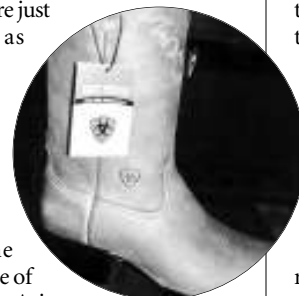
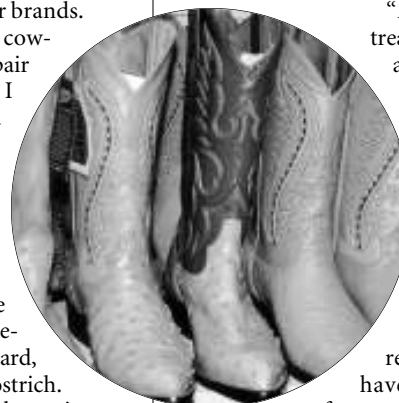
"A good cowhide treated properly will last a long time," Smith continued. "When you invest in a pair of boots, it is suggested to take good care of the boots, cleaning them and conditioning them. The soles, if you wear them out can be resoled many times. I have had boots resoled four or five times and they are just fine."

Strolling the aisles of his shop laden with Western apparel, Smith said, "The traditional cowboy boot [\$139.88 for a Bay Apache Justin Cowboy Boot] is probably our number-one seller," continued Smith. "We also sell a number of Ropers [\$89.88 for a Justin Tan Roper boot], and as far as makers, we sell more of the Tony Lama than any other brand [\$229.88 for a Tony Lama ostrich boot]."

"The cowboy boot market goes in cycles. Right now, the popularity of Western is making a resurgence again. But there are boot wearers that were raised in boots and always wear them. Boots have been around for 150 years, they will always be here."

On the way home, I popped into two other stores to check out some of their prices. At Boot Barn, a pair of Dan Post black lizard boots was on sale for \$249.99. A pair of Lucchese 2000 elephant boots cost \$289.99, and the Los Altos black sting ray boots were on the shelf for \$299.99. Western Warehouse in Chula Vista was running a buy-one-pair-of-boots-get-the-second-50-percent-off sale. The Los Altos horn back alligator boots were selling for \$399 as were the same brand's alligator boots. The Ariat Sedona boot, with the EVA cushion sole, cost \$139. The Dan Post lizard boots were going for \$269 to \$299.

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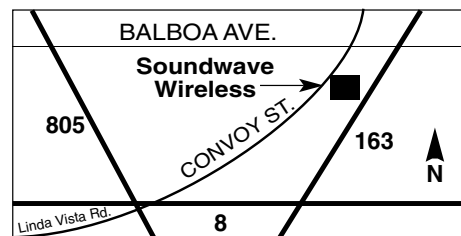


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What Made Them Kill

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After a defendant has been convicted and sentenced to death, a raft of appeals processes kicks in. First, every death-penalty sentence is automatically appealed to the California Supreme Court. This appeal, known as the direct appeal, can take five or more years to reach the court. After the California Supreme Court hears and decides the direct appeal, the defendant can make a direct appeal of that decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. In the meantime, defendants can file *habeas* appeals in both the state and federal courts. *Habeas* appeals challenge the constitutionality of the defendant's conviction. Before an execution occurs, defendants have last-chance pleas to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. If all these appeals fail, the defendant is executed by lethal injection at San Quentin.

BERNARD LEE HAMILTON

A lot of people think Bernard Lee Hamilton should die. Two San Diego juries, one in 1981 and another in 1996, sentenced Hamilton to death. Frank Sexton, the now-retired

murderer who has played the labyrinthine appeals process for almost 22 years.

The Facts

On May 30, 1979, Eleanore Frances Buchanan left her Spring Valley apartment



PHOTOGRAPH BY SANDY HUFFAKER, JR.

Frank Sexton

"SHE CAME OUT OF HER MATH CLASS EARLY TO NURSE THE BABY, AND THAT'S WHEN HE DID IT."

deputy district attorney who prosecuted Hamilton in 1979, thinks Hamilton should be dead. Pat Zahrapoulos, the assistant attorney general who opposed some of Hamilton's many appeals, would like to see the case end before she retires. Only 20 of the over 600 inmates currently on death row have been there longer than Bernard Lee Hamilton. For death-penalty proponents, Hamilton represents a worst-case scenario: a cold-blooded

at around 6:30 to go to a math class at Mesa College. Mrs. Buchanan was 24 on that spring evening. Three weeks before, she had given birth to her second son. She and her 27-year-old husband Terry, a dental-supply salesman, had another son who was 14 months old at the time. Mrs. Buchanan took the family's only car, a new light blue Dodge van that Terry Buchanan used for his work. The gas tank was almost empty. Terry Buchanan had discovered a leak in

it and planned to take the van in for repairs the next day.

A little before 7:00, Mrs. Buchanan parked the van in a Mesa College lot. Her class ran from 7:00 to 10:00. During class, she collected class notes from some of her classmates who had taken them while she was absent for the birth of her son. At 9:30, the math instructor gave an optional quiz. Mrs. Buchanan left class early so she could get home to nurse her baby.

Later that evening,

Terry Buchanan reported his wife missing. The next afternoon at around 1:00, a hunter who had been target shooting found a young woman's decapitated and handless body beside Interstate 8 near the Pine Valley off-ramp. The body had stab wounds and blue fibers on the abdomen and was clad only in a bra, panties, and socks. The wrists had tie marks, and white cords tied the ankles. On June 2, the *San Diego Union* included a small

mention of sheriff's homicide detectives' continuing efforts to identify the body.

The next day, June 3, the *Union* reported that the headless body was Eleanore Buchanan. Subsequent published sources revealed the body had been identified by "a number of distinctive features which included moles, toenail polish, scars, recent episiotomy, and the nursing bra." In a picture accompanying the *Union* article, Eleanore smiled out at the camera. She had a round, pretty face, a

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squarish jaw. Her dark hair was parted in the middle, and her bangs curled out to the sides à la Farrah Fawcett. She wore a square-necked peasant blouse or dress with heavy embroidery around the neckline. The article said investigators had no leads on who might have killed Mrs. Buchanan but asked the public's assistance in finding the missing vehicle.

Five days later, on June 8, Bernard Lee Hamilton was arrested in Marietta, Oklahoma. Sheriffs stopped him driving the Buchanans' blue van. The van's passenger wind wing was broken, and other parts of the car had been damaged. Heavy blood stains soaked the blue carpet in the van's rear compartment. Subsequent testing showed the blood matched Eleanore Buchanan's blood type and characteristics. The same blood

was found on one of Hamilton's shoes. Investigators theorized it could have been left by one of Eleanore Buchanan's bloody stumps. Oklahoma sheriffs found Mrs. Buchanan's class notes, math test, and other belongings alongside the road not far from where Hamilton had been stopped. Investigators learned that Hamilton had used credit cards in Terry and Eleanore Buchanan's names to purchase gas, food, and other items in stores and gas stations in El Cajon, El Centro, and Tucson, Arizona, beginning early the morning after Eleanore Buchanan disappeared. Hamilton continued using the cards through Texas and into Oklahoma until he was arrested.

At the time of Eleanore Buchanan's disappearance, Hamilton lived with his parents in a house at 2542



Eleanore Buchanan

Comstock Street, less than a mile from Mesa College. Twenty-eight years old, Hamilton already had a long criminal history. He had

received felony convictions for a 1971 forgery, two 1972 burglaries, a 1976 auto theft, and a 1976 Louisiana burglary. Pleadings filed prior to

Hamilton's trial also revealed that one of the 1972 burglaries occurred in the same Mesa College parking lot where Eleanore Buchanan parked her van.

The day after Hamilton's arrest, San Diego sheriff's deputies interviewed Hamilton in Oklahoma. Hamilton told the deputies that he had gone on a road trip with a white woman named Fran and her friend Spider. According to Hamilton, Fran had left her husband for Spider. Hamilton claimed to have driven the couple to Shreveport, Louisiana, where he dropped them off and then proceeded to Oklahoma. In fact, "Fran" was Eleanore Buchanan's nickname, something Hamilton could have learned from a birth announcement Buchanan had in her purse at the time she disappeared. Deputies

also discovered that soon after Hamilton's arrest in Oklahoma, he had seen a wanted poster offering a reward for a David L. Wall, alias "Spider."

According to a June 12, 1979, *San Diego Union* article, Hamilton waived his right to contest extradition to California and arrived in San Diego on June 11. In the photograph published alongside the article, Hamilton walked with his hands presumably shackled behind his back. He frowned at the ground. His hair rose around his head in an Afro, and he had a dark mustache.

Frank Sexton worked for the district attorney's office, first as an investigator and then as a trial deputy, from 1962 until he retired in 1983. During the course of his career, Sexton tried around 18 murder cases. "I did rape-murders, mostly robbery-

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murders,” Sexton said during an interview in the fall of 2002. “I only had two death-penalty cases. This and then a retrial of another case.” Sitting at his dining room table in a comfortable retirement condominium complex in Clairemont, Sexton remembered the Hamilton case.

“I’d already had a previous case with him,” Sexton said. “There was this elderly lady in Linda Vista, Mrs. Story, walking down the street. She’d been injured earlier in an automobile accident. He came by and smashed her in the mouth so hard she still can’t eat a hamburger. He took off to Louisiana, and he got caught ripping a TV out of a motel. So they put

him on a work farm where the guy sits on a horse with a bullhorn and says, ‘Pick the cotton.’ He wrote a letter to a cop back here and said, ‘I’ll confess to Mrs. Story. Get me out of here.’ The cop brought the letter over to me, and we had a great laugh. The Louisiana Supreme Court threw the case out, and he got out. He was out on bail on Mrs. Story’s case after he got back to San Diego. I objected to the bail. But his parents put up the bail, and that’s when he committed the murder.

“The dad was a Baptist minister,” Sexton continued. “Mother was a stay-at-home mom. They had a bunch of kids. Some of them were bad. But one is a fine

guy. So Hamilton doesn’t have that excuse. He was raised in Linda Vista. He kidnapped Mrs. Buchanan out of a Mesa College parking lot. And he’s down there ripping gas out of cars. There’s not a full tank in the lot. It’s a bunch of kids trying to make it. She came out of her math class early to nurse the baby, and that’s when he did it. He did a real number on her. He even stabbed her in the stomach. The pathologist told me it wasn’t fatal, just to have a laugh. So this is a bad dude.”

Soon after Hamilton’s preliminary hearing, he wrote and mailed a letter from jail to Terry Buchanan. At a time when Terry was reeling from his wife’s unspeak-

able murder, Hamilton told him, “You are probably full of grief when you should be highly pissed-off.” He told Terry that Fran was not dead but had left with Spider and was smoking “Sherman sticks,” a reference to cigarettes laced with angel dust. Terry Buchanan passed the letter along to the police.

Hamilton’s letter to Terry Buchanan was not the first time he had tried to exonerate himself by correspondence. In the Story case, Mrs. Story identified Hamilton in a photographic lineup, saying she was “about 80 percent certain” he was the man who assaulted her. After the preliminary hearing, Hamilton wrote a letter to the district attorney saying, “Your victim def-

initely knows me personally and intimately. Back in 1967–68 and ’69, when I was just a young buck, she used to pay me for my sexual services.... She is an alcoholic and sex freak, which is no crime, but the fact is, she knows me.” The district attorney found Hamilton’s claims about Mrs. Story unbelievable.

The Trial

Bernard Lee Hamilton had a hard time getting along with his attorneys. The published opinion in one of Hamilton’s subsequent appeals summarized his attorney troubles as follows:

At arraignment on July 12, 1979, Patrick O’Connor was appointed to represent defendant. On September

25, 1979, on defendant’s motion O’Connor was relieved on the ground of incompatibility, and Jerome Wallingford was appointed in his place. On November 7, 1979, dissatisfied with the representation that Wallingford was providing, defendant again made a motion to relieve counsel; Wallingford joined in the motion; the court, however, denied the request. On November 26, 1979, apparently on defendant’s motion Wallingford was relieved and Thomas Ryan and Vivian Camberg were appointed in his place. On May 1, 1980, defendant filed a motion requesting that the court relieve Ryan and Camberg and permit him to represent himself. At a hearing on May 9, 1980, defendant withdrew his motion and made a new motion



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requesting that the court appoint him as co-counsel; the court granted this request. On May 20, 1980, defendant, complaining of their performance, again moved to have Ryan and Camberg relieved and to be permitted to represent himself. Finding inter alia that defendant did not have “a legitimate objection, but [was] only grasping at anything he can think of to delay the proceedings,” the court denied the motion.

Even after the trial began on October 2, 1980, Hamilton’s unhappiness with his attorneys continued. He filed motions on October 14, November 3, November 17, and December 8 seeking to fire his attorneys so he could represent himself. On December 9, 10, 12, and 15, he made various additional complaints about his attorneys’ performance. After the jury returned its guilty ver-

dict on January 6, 1981, Hamilton again requested the court relieve counsel and allow him to represent himself. The court rejected all his motions and complaints.

Some of Hamilton’s unhappiness may have stemmed from the fact that, at his attorneys’ request, he was shackled during the trial. In another appeal, Hamilton claimed the shackling denied him due process because it deprived him of the presumption of innocence. Once again, an appellate court summarized the situation:

Hamilton was originally placed in restraints prior to trial at the request of his counsel. The request was based upon Hamilton’s sexual assault on counsel’s assistant and a physical assault on counsel himself. At Hamilton’s request, the shackles were removed, and the trial began with

Hamilton in a restrictive leg brace under his trousers. At that point, Hamilton was on notice that future shackling depended upon Hamilton’s conduct both in and out of court.

The leg iron was subsequently removed after Hamilton complained of

day after jury selection commenced. After a hearing that morning, the trial court found a pattern of increased agitation on the part of Hamilton and was concerned that he was “on the edge of losing control of himself at any time.”...

Hamilton was then placed in handcuffs

“ROSE BIRD SAID THAT I HADN’T PROVEN INTENT TO KILL. HE ONLY CUT HER HEAD OFF.”

pain. The trial court...concluded that Hamilton should have a chance to start trial without restraints.

The episode that gave rise to further restraint was a verbal assault and violent behavior exhibited toward deputies who were to bring Hamilton from his cell to the courtroom on the third

attached to a chain around his waist. He had a chain placed around his legs. Although Hamilton was seated during trial, the jury was aware of the shackles because he took the stand to testify.

Frank Sexton remembered Hamilton’s conduct during trial. “The

deputy who was bringing him in to the trial was a friend of my son’s,” Sexton said. “Hamilton was spitting on the deputy. A while later, the deputy and my son were out having a beer, and my son said, ‘Why didn’t you blend him into the carpet?’ And you know what the deputy said? He said, ‘I didn’t want to screw up your dad’s case.’”

He didn’t. After a two-and-a-half-month trial, the jury found Bernard Lee Hamilton guilty of murdering Eleanore Buchanan. During the trial, Hamilton testified that he had found the Buchanans’ van parked on a street in Linda Vista with the keys in the ignition. He said he had never seen Eleanore Buchanan alive or dead. He said he had told officers the story about driving cross-country with Spider and Fran because he didn’t want to be prosecuted

for stealing the van. Frank Sexton cross-examined Hamilton for about a day. “It was good,” Sexton remembered. Rifling through large black binders in his Clairemont apartment, Sexton reviewed page after page of trial notes. Reading words from long ago, Sexton recalled a line of questioning about the letter Hamilton wrote to Terry Buchanan. “ ‘So, in other words, there was another lie in that letter?’ ‘Yes, there was another lie.’ ” Sexton skipped ahead. “Here’s another one. ‘So you didn’t have any time to go to Shreveport, Louisiana, and drop off Spider and Fran?’ ‘No, I didn’t.’ ‘That was another lie, wasn’t it?’ ‘Yes, it was.’ ” After the penalty phase, the jury returned a verdict of death on February 2, 1981. On March 2, 1981, Judge Franklin B. Orfield

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affirmed the jury's recommendation and sentenced Bernard Lee Hamilton to death by lethal injection.

The Appeals

To say Bernard Lee Hamilton has pursued the appellate process vigorously would be a tremendous understatement. On his first round of appeals, the California Supreme Court in 1985 affirmed his conviction as to guilt but reversed his death sentence. Frank Sexton laughed ruefully when he remembered that reversal. "Rose Bird said that I hadn't proven intent to kill," Sexton said. "He only cut her head off. I suppose she could have throbbed around for a while." Indeed, the California Supreme Court under then Chief Justice Rose Bird set aside the special circumstance finding necessary for a death sentence because the

lower court failed to instruct the jury that it must find intent to kill in the felony-murder special circumstance.

In 1986, the U.S. Supreme Court vacated the California Supreme Court's decision reversing the death sentence and sent the case back to the California Supreme Court to reconsider in light of new U.S. Supreme Court case law. Two years later, the California Supreme Court upheld the special circumstance finding and the death sentence.

After the California Supreme Court's 1988 decision reinstating Hamilton's death sentence, Hamilton filed four petitions for writs of *habeas corpus* in San Diego federal district court. In those petitions, Hamilton alleged various violations of his civil rights. After much convoluted litigation involving determining whether Hamilton had

waived or exhausted all his *habeas* claims, the district court denied the petitions. Hamilton thereafter appealed the district court's decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1994, the Ninth Circuit upheld the lower court's decision denying Hamilton's *habeas* petitions. The Ninth Circuit did, however, reverse the death penalty on the grounds of an improper jury instruction. They ordered the case remanded (sent back to the lower court) to retry the penalty phase.

Frank Sexton, who had since retired, testified at the retrial. "Tom McArdle [who assisted Sexton in the original trial] was the lead attorney on the retrial," Sexton said. Before the retrial, Sexton reviewed the list of witnesses McArdle planned to call. "So McArdle has these two kids [the now-grown children of Terry

and Eleanore Buchanan] down on the witness list. I said, 'Tom, you're not going to put these kids through this.' He said, 'You don't understand. They called me, and they volunteered to do it.'"

Bernard Lee Hamilton was sentenced to death again on February 2, 1996. When Hamilton was led from the courtroom following the judge's formal sentencing, he very obviously extended the middle finger of his left hand in the judge's direction. When asked about his conduct in a telephone interview the next day, he said he had to flip off the judge to show his displeasure with the sentence. Hamilton's case has been assigned to Jana Clark of the State Public Defenders Office. According to Clark, who will represent Hamilton in his direct appeal to the California Supreme Court, the court record

was certified in August 2002. The opening brief (the first step in the direct appeal) is scheduled to be filed this fall. In the meantime, Hamilton has filed several additional *habeas* petitions in both state and federal courts.

What happened to Terry Buchanan? Frank Sexton said, "He used to work for this dental company. He was a salesman. They thought very highly of him. But he couldn't work San Diego anymore, because anytime he'd make a stop, they'd tell him how sorry they were for him. He couldn't handle it. He moved to Las Cruces to be near his mom and dad because he had to take care of the kids. He used to call me every now and then. When he came back to town, I took him to a Charger game. And then one thing led to another; he started drinking. He died of a heart attack at

a young age. If he walked in the door right now, you'd like him."

IVAN AND VERONICA GONZALES

The Photographs

Nothing prepares you for the photos. Sitting outside a Starbucks on a clear December morning, Deputy District Attorney Dan Goldstein pulled an ordinary white envelope from the pocket of his blue jeans. Dressed for a day off, Goldstein squinted into the sun. "Are you ready?" he asked a reporter. "Our photographer shot over 2000 photos at the crime scene and the autopsy. These will give you an idea of what we saw."

Goldstein pulled the first photo from the top of a stack of 20 or 30. "This is what Genny looked like when the paramedics arrived." "Genny" is Genny Rojas, the deceased four-year-

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old niece of Ivan and Veronica Gonzales, both currently on California's death row. When you think of a four-year-old named Genny, you might think of a chubby, angel-faced little girl with dark hair and dark eyes and a mischievous smile. That's how Genny looked in one of the few photos taken of her before her death.

The photo in Dan Goldstein's hands showed something else. Laid out on a neighbor's dirty brown carpet, Genny looked asleep. She was naked from the waist down. One of Ivan's black T-shirts covered her torso and most of her arms. Everything not covered by the T-shirt, Genny's crotch and legs, almost glowed bright red and was mottled like a lobster that's been cooked too long. Goldstein turned to the next photo. "This shows the back of the legs." Behind Genny's knees,



Dan Goldstein

two matching diamonds of unburned pink flesh contrasted with the scalded red skin. "That's called 'sparing.' It's where she bent her legs to keep them out of the hot water."

The next photo showed Genny's upper

body with the T-shirt removed. A clear line, pink to red, demarcated the level on her torso where the water reached. "There are no burns on her upper body," Goldstein pointed out.

"That's unusual in a case like this. In a scalding,

you would expect her to put her arms down and try to stand up. But she didn't splash. That's how we know she must have been restrained. Someone was holding her in the water."

The next few photos show close-ups of

Genny's head and face. She looks like something you might see on the evening news, a bombing victim or someone injured in wartime. Her face is covered with wounds — bruises, welts, open sores. Parallel burn lines on both



Genny Rojas

sides of her face were caused by someone holding the end of a hot blow dryer against her chubby cheeks. Bleeding sores cover both ears and the bridge of Genny's nose. "She was restrained with a hood of some sort," Dan Goldstein explained. "We think it was a pair of pants that they put over her head. It rubbed and rubbed against her skin until it almost went through to the cartilage. You can see how this sore on her ear is at the same level as this sore on her nose."

Where Genny's hair should be, the photos show more open wounds. A tiny fringe of black hair clings to Genny's neckline and her forehead where she once had bangs. The rest of her scalp oozes in bloody patches like some kind of hellish swamp.

Goldstein switched from pictures of Genny

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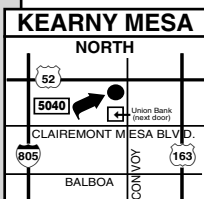
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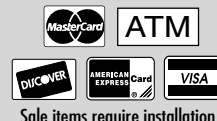
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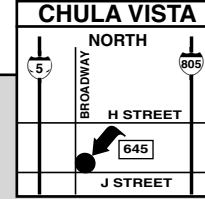
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she had ligature marks on her neck and handcuff marks on her arms. They hung her from these hooks with her hands cuffed behind her back. There is blood and feces on the box and little bloody footprints on the box and one here on the wall,” Goldstein pointed to a dull, reddish mark on the white closet wall. “She tried to balance herself on the wall and the side of the box. There was a peephole in the closet door. When you look through it, you can see the hooks where they hung her.

“This is the last photo,” Goldstein

There they found Genny Rojas, dead, lying on her back in the middle of the living room carpet. Since late January of that same year, Genny had been living with her aunt and uncle, Veronica and Ivan Gonzales, in apartment number seven of the complex. Ivan and Veronica had six children of their own — Ivan Jr., eight; Michael, seven; Vanessa, six; Anthony, three; Valerie, two; and Alex, one-month — who also lived with them.

When police detectives interviewed Ivan the next day, he told them he had no job. He

room because the master bedroom was full of junk. Ivan said Genny had gotten some of her injuries when the kids ganged up on her. He also said he and Veronica had to discipline Genny because she wasn't potty-trained.

At Veronica's interview, she said she was on welfare and that Ivan hadn't worked for three or four years. When asked why Genny's mother was in rehab, she answered, " 'Cause she's a little bitch."

The same day police interviewed Ivan and Veronica, forensic pathologist Dr. Eisele of

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the San Diego County medical examiner's office performed an autopsy on Genny. Dr. Eisele concluded that the cause of death was thermal burns to approximately 50 percent of Genny's body-surface area. He stated that he believed the burns were "non-accidental" and inflicted by another person. Court documents detail the extent of Genny's injuries as set out in Dr. Eisele's autopsy report:

In addition to the fatal thermal burns over 50% of her body, Dr. Eisele described, in detail, five

injuries on Genny's back and shoulders, twenty one injuries on her arms, hands, and feet, and thirteen injuries on her head and face. These injuries range from old, healed scars or injuries, to healing injuries, to ulcerations of the skin, to bruises, lacerations, and contusions, to areas of eroded skin, to superficial burns in parallel lines in various places on her body.... The evidence presented indicated the second and third degree burns on Genny's head were anywhere from days to weeks old. The blunt force injury inside her mouth was several days old, possibly as much as a

week or two. The subdural hematoma was caused within a few days of death. The ligature marks on her neck were healing injuries,

"THE CRITICAL THING I SAW IN ALL THOSE INJURIES WAS HER TORN FRENULUM."

days to weeks old as were the ligature marks on her wrists and arms.


On July 25, 1995, the district attorney filed a

criminal complaint charging Ivan and Veronica with murder. They were both arraigned on that same

day and both entered pleas of not guilty. Three months later, on November 7, the prosecution filed an amended complaint adding a spe-

cial circumstance allegation of torture/murder. A preliminary examination was held in Municipal Court on November 7 and 8 to determine if sufficient evidence existed to try Veronica and Ivan on the murder and special circumstances charges. The court found the evidence sufficient. Ivan and Veronica's oldest son, Ivan Jr., testified at this pretrial hearing. Later, during pretrial maneuvering, Veronica's attorneys filed a pretrial motion to dismiss the special circumstances charge on the basis that the thermal burns didn't


qualify as torture. In a tentative decision to reject Veronica's requested dismissal, the court summarized Ivan Jr.'s testimony. Defendant's son Ivan Jr. testified that both his mom (defendant) and dad (co-defendant) subjected Genny to systematic physical abuse for an extended period of time.... Specifically as to the night Genny died Ivan testified he and his siblings had been locked in their bedroom, but could see through a hole in the door into defendant's bedroom and bathroom. He said he could see Genny in the




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tub. Although he could not actually see his mom and dad, they were in the bathroom with Genny. He could hear his mother scream. His mom and dad were the ones who drew hot water for the tub. Genny screamed and cried and then Ivan heard nothing. Ivan's brother Anthony cried to be let out of their locked room and their father came to the door and told them to stay in their room. Later, the door was unlocked and Ivan was let out and told Genny had died. His mom was crying and his dad was sad.

How do people with six children of their own turn into torturers? Dan Goldstein, who tried the Gonzales case, contemplated that question. "Ivan and Veronica didn't start out as torturers," Goldstein said. "There's no way. They weren't torturers. They became it through a calamity of events. There's a kind of an inverse relationship between the initial event and the last event that occurred during a two- or three-month period. That initial event was Genny had lice, as all the Gonzales kids did. So Ivan and Veronica did something inappropriate. They're methed out. They're hunkered down. They have exactly the same behavior as in every methamphetamine case I've ever seen. And that is chaotic thought processes. In order to get the lice off Genny's head, they put her head under a faucet. They used hot water and ended up burning her scalp. Was that intentional? I don't know. Then she's got this bloody mass on her head. It's disgusting. She's picking at it. She's rubbing her head against the wall. The irony, of course, is that their house is a pigpen to begin with, so why would they care that she was rubbing her head

against the wall. But they did because they were taking meth. "So the more she was abused, the less human she was. The more they abused, the more powerful they felt. The less human she was,

the more tragic and violent their behavior could be. You can just see it shooting up. The escalation of restraint starts out with captivating her behind the door, tying her hands together with clothing. It escalates to

putting her in a box and tying her arms and legs together. It goes farther. It goes to her being hung and handcuffed. And again, Genny's becoming less human and they're becoming more aggressive and

powerful and more and more intoxicated by methamphetamine. It's the one time they became powerful in their meager, ugly little lives. They didn't care about their children who had to witness this

crap." Goldstein continued with his theories on how Genny's injuries occurred. "Ivan and Veronica began to get into burning. Whether it's a hot tub, a blow dryer. Mike [Popkins,



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Veronica's defense attorney] disagrees with me on this. Veronica's defense was she put the blow dryer on cool and didn't know it was hot. It made marks on Genny's cheeks. Genny had prior marks on her arms. There were unique triangular burns to her body. While I could never get an expert to commit to it, I think it was the hair clip on the curling iron. There was some type of DNA on the curling iron. Theoretically, it could have been from Veronica's hair. It could have been skin, too, that had degraded. If you

look at the totality of the burns on her body, those burns had to be the curling iron."

When Goldstein prepared for trial, he learned Genny's injuries inside and out. "I remember before I did the trial, I put the photos of Genny in her mutilated form all around my office. I just sat there quietly for a little bit of time and embraced it. When you start to come to grips with it, you think, 'Holy shit. They worked her.' I felt a tremendous amount of emotion for Genny. That's what I needed to get me

through it.

"The critical thing I saw in all those injuries was her torn frenulum," Goldstein said. "That's the frenulum, that little piece of skin there." Goldstein pulled his lower lip down and pointed to the membrane where the lip and gum attach. "Her lip had been torn away from her gum, and she had a very large gash in her lip, obviously from getting hit. When I looked at that I said there is no possible way that what happened to her was an accident. The corruption and the violence and the lack of empathy

that that person had who could make their hand into a weapon and hit Genny in the face. That's the only way it could happen. It wasn't from falling on a broomstick as Veronica tried to depict. That just told me that these people were so malevolent. That's why capital punishment was appropriate."

The Trial

Ivan and Veronica Gonzales were tried separately. Ivan was tried first. Robert P. Isaacson represented him. Jury selection commenced March 31, 1997, and

concluded April 10. The trial itself began Monday, April 14. "Ivan was a real difficult individual," Goldstein remembered. "He appeared so meek. Both juries had that impression of him." The first jury convicted Ivan of first-degree murder with the special circumstance but hung in the penalty phase. "With the first jury going 9-3, my belief was if the next jury hung up on Ivan, even 11-1, we'd give them both life without possibility of parole and not even try for death," Goldstein said. The second jury heard the penalty phase only and

recommended Ivan be sentenced to death. The judge agreed, and Ivan received his death sentence January 13, 1998.

Veronica's trial started March 11, 1998. Dan Goldstein compared the two trials. "Both Ivan and Veronica claimed they were battered spouses," Goldstein said. "The people's case in chief is usually what happened, the murder. Then the defense puts on their case. In this case, the defense in both cases put up a series of defenses, one of which was the battered spouse syndrome. Not that 'the

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other spouse made me do it,' but 'the other spouse was such a villain that I couldn't come to Genny's aid.' Truth be told, it doesn't surprise me that both Ivan and Veronica hit each other. They're violent people. The juries didn't buy that either one was battered. There's a difference between being hit and suffering psychological dilemmas from being hit. That was a fairly important issue."

Mike Popkins, who, along with Susan Clemens, defended Veronica, agreed that the battered women's syndrome played a key role in the trial. "We strongly felt that our client was a victim herself," Popkins said in his office overlooking C Street downtown. "She had been abused over the years by her husband. And he basically controlled the whole situation. Based on what we found out from the battered women's syndrome, Veronica was somewhat helpless to do anything."

"What was ironic is the other side raised that defense for the husband," Popkins said. "I thought it was ludicrous. To think this buff guy is going to be controlled by this woman was just ridiculous. Physically, heightwise, they were probably about the same size. Bottom line, he was a man and she was a woman. I know he was stronger than her. Plus, factor in that there was heavy methamphetamine use in that house. We had experts who talked about how that affects your judgment. Even to the point where you don't perceive things that are dangerous. Conceivably, you could see the child being abused by the husband and not really appreciate what's going on because the meth has so messed up your brain. We also argued that Veronica was not in the bathroom

at the time Ivan put Genny in the hot water. She was in the kitchen at the time. All that went for naught because the juries didn't believe that."

Dan Goldstein commented on Veronica's defense. "Mike Popkins is by far the best defense attorney in town. No question. To this day, I think if Veronica had been a little more honest, she could have helped herself out. Instead, she got up and hid behind the battered-woman-syndrome defense. I talked to a couple of the jurors after the case. Several of them said that when Veronica was testifying, their impression was she was lying. And in their minds they kept thinking, 'Don't lie to me. If you lie to me, I'm going to have to vote death.'"

Where was Genny's mother, Mary Rojas, in all this? "Testifying for the defendant," Dan Goldstein nearly spat when he said Mary Rojas's name. "Mary Rojas and Pete Rojas were Genny's parents. Pete Rojas went to prison for molesting Genny's sister. Mary Rojas was a meth freak too. Genny went to her grandmother, Tilly, who was a very abusive person in her own right. She had abused Veronica. She had abused Mary. So Genny ends up down here with Ivan and Veronica, another set of meth abusers. We knew from discovery that Mary had hooked up again with Pete when he was out of prison. They had another baby after Genny died. They named it Genny. You don't name your new dog after your dead dog. It just showed the utter lack of feeling and empathy these people had toward the rest of the world, toward their own children." During the penalty phase of Veronica's trial, Mary Rojas testified that

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Veronica's death would cause more heartache for her family.

On July 20, 1998, the judge followed the jury's recommendation and sentenced Veronica Gonzales to death. "Veronica's jury did something that no other jury has ever done. Although they announced that they had a verdict on Friday, we didn't take it until Monday because they wanted the detective and the paramedic to be there for the verdict. It was just a wonderful statement that the jury made. They said not only do we care about Genny, we care about the people who investigated it and the paramedic who responded. Out of evil and tragedy, good things can come."

The Appeals

At the time of this writing, Ivan and Veronica Gonzales have not yet been appointed appellate lawyers for their direct appeals to the California Supreme Court.

SUSAN EUBANKS

The Facts

Sunday, October 26, 1997, was a bad day for

Susan Eubanks. The 33-year-old unemployed nursing assistant had spent the day drinking at a bar in Escondido with her boyfriend Rene Dobson, a construction worker. The couple watched football on the bar's television and had an argument. Dobson told Susan Eubanks he wanted to end the relationship. In midafternoon, Dobson drove

Eubanks home to the ramshackle house at 226 South Twin Oaks Valley Road in San Marcos that Eubanks shared with her four sons — Brandon, 14; Austin, 7; Brigham, 6; and Matthew, 4. When the couple arrived at the house, Eubanks took Dobson's car keys and refused to let him leave. Dobson tried to remove some clothes and construction tools

from the house. Eubanks smashed Dobson's car, and the two nearly got into a fistfight. After walking to a nearby gas station, Dobson called San Diego sheriff's deputies. When the deputies arrived at Eubanks's house, they found she had slashed the tires on Dobson's car. Dobson removed items from the home and from his car and left. Deputies left soon after.

During the time Dobson was at the house that October afternoon, Eubanks's estranged husband, Eric Eubanks, stopped by as well. Eric Eubanks, a cabinetmaker, was the father of Susan Eubanks's three youngest boys. He and Susan had been married for nine years. In June 1997, Eric Eubanks had been convicted of beating Susan. He was sentenced to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Susan Eubanks had obtained a restraining order against Eric and filed for divorce. While Eric was at the house, Dobson told him, "She's a little whacked, and I want you to know that she's talked about killing herself and the boys."

After the deputies left, Susan Eubanks asked her oldest son Brandon to lie for her if he were questioned about the afternoon's activities. Brandon called his dad John Armstrong. Eubanks's first husband, who lived in Texas. "I'm not going to lie for her anymore," Brandon told his dad. "She gets herself into these things, and I am not lying for her anymore to get her out of it." John Armstrong offered to send Brandon an airplane ticket so he could come to Texas. Brandon refused. He said he had to stay in California to take care of his younger brothers.


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Susan Eubanks wrote five suicide notes. One, which she addressed to Eric Eubanks, said, "I've lost everything I've ever loved. Now it's time for you to do the same." She left a message on Eric's answering machine. "Say good-bye." When Eric heard the message around 7:00, he called the sheriff's department. Court documents and newspaper accounts detail what deputies found when they returned to Susan Eubanks's house. Brandon was found lying facedown on the living room floor with his half-eaten cereal spilled around him. He had one gunshot wound in the left temple and another in the back of the neck. Susan Eubanks shot the other three boys in their beds, where they were playing Nintendo with a five-year-old cousin.

Austin was found sitting upright on his top bunk. He suffered a penetrating gunshot wound to the head between the bridge of the nose and his left eye. Brigham and Matthew were on the bottom bunk. Brigham suffered two gunshot wounds to the head — one to the right side of the head, by the ear, and the other on the left side of the back of his head. Matthew suffered a penetrating gunshot wound to the top of the head. He didn't die immediately but was pronounced brain-dead soon after he was admitted to the hospital. He died 23 hours after he and his brothers were discovered. The five-year-old nephew was unharmed.

Deputies found Susan Eubanks in the master bedroom, lying on her back on her bed. A small, black .38-caliber pistol was on the bed to her right, and many expended and unexpended rounds of ammunition surrounded her. Deputies

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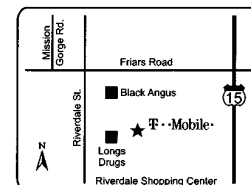
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At the hospital, Eubanks denied the murders and the self-inflicted gunshot wound. She said all of it had been done by a man. She said she would never have shot herself in the abdomen since she had gone through extensive plastic surgery and liposuction in that area.

The Trial
Bonnie Howard-Regan is the kind of woman you could tell you



Bonnie Howard-Regan

secrets to. During Howard-Regan's almost 18 years as a deputy district attorney, lots of children have done just that. "I've spent most of my career specializing in child-molest and child-abuse cases," Howard-

Regan said on a clear day this past November. Sitting in her office on the fifth floor of the new North County Courthouse, Howard-Regan looked chic but approachable in a tailored burgundy

pantsuit. "I like those types of cases because I like working with the children. I like to empower them, get them ready to testify. They've been in a very powerless situation. And, ultimately, we get

to put away the bad guys." In 1997, Howard-Regan got assigned to prosecute the Susan Eubanks murder trial. "I was in trial on a molest case, a three-striker, when this happened," Howard-Regan remembered. "It happened on a Sunday. I heard the news in the morning. I remember thinking, 'Please don't let me get that case. Please don't let me get that case.' Even though I believe in the death penalty, I always hoped I would never have one because I know it takes a good chunk of your life. I'm a mother. I was not looking forward to taking all that time away from my family. So I came to work Monday morning. I had a trial. My supervisor told me

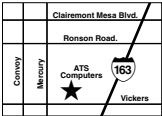
he'd gotten the word from downtown that I was getting this case. I'd never done a death-penalty case before." Because of the self-inflicted gunshot wound, Susan Eubanks had a hospital arraignment. "I was still in trial," Howard-Regan said. "So my supervisor, Jack Bucci, handled the arraignment for me. Then Thursday of that week, I was still in trial. The police were going to go back into the Eubanks residence with another search warrant. That was going to be the only opportunity for me to go to the residence. It was the day before Halloween. I was able to have the judge in my trial break early that day. I went out to the house. And the experience I

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had at that house forever changed me. I was there for four hours. It was a very small house. The first thing I saw when I walked into the living room was Brandon's brain matter on the carpeting. I had never at that point done any adult homicide cases. I had never done anything involving gunshot wounds. All the baby deaths that I had prosecuted were shaken-baby cases, where you look at the picture of the child and it looks like he's sleeping. Suffocation cases are the same thing. Then I went into the bedroom and saw the mattresses. They had taken all the linen off, but I saw the blood on the mattresses. I couldn't believe it. I said, "This is clearly going to be an insanity defense because who could do this? Who could do this?"

Howard-Regan lived with the Eubanks case for two years before taking it to trial. She discussed the district attorney's decision-making process regarding the death penalty. "Whether or not to seek the death penalty is something ultimately that the district attorney decides," Howard-Regan said. "The person assigned the case has to prepare a memo setting forth the facts of the case and any mitigating circumstances. For example, let's say somebody has an extensive history of mental illness or something like that." The deputy district attorney preparing the memo also has to set forth any aggravating circumstances. "At the end of this memo, you write down your recommendation, death or life without possibility of parole. I was going on and on and on typing, and it came to that portion of the memo, and it was a very frightening moment. I thought, 'Oh my gosh, we have so much power to be able

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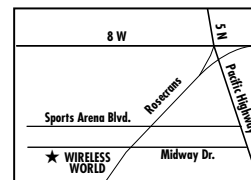
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to type out the words, "I recommend death." The whole case was unlike any other case I'd ever tried. But nonetheless, I had no doubts that that's what I felt should happen.

"Then that memo goes to a committee called the Major Case Review Committee," Howard-Regan continued. "They read the memo, and you go and meet with them. They ask you questions. Ultimately, they make their recommendation to the D.A. And they can all be unanimous in recommending that it should



Brandon Armstrong

be death. But if the district attorney feels that it shouldn't, he can overrule them because it's ultimately up to him or her. In the Eubanks case, the decision was made that it should be death. Although, the defense



Austin Eubanks, 1996

attorneys do have an opportunity to go and talk to the district attorney and present reasons why it shouldn't be death. That happened in this case. But it didn't change anything." Jury selection com-



Brigham Eubanks, 1996

menced July 21, 1999. Opening statements were made August 5. William Rafael and Vincent Garcia of the Alternative Public Defenders Office represented Susan Eubanks. During the trial, Rafael argued that



Matthew Eubanks, 1995

Eubanks could not form a conscious intent to murder as required for first-degree murder because her mind was so foggy with alcohol and drugs. At the time of the murders, Eubanks had a blood-alcohol level of

0.19 percent and had taken more than her daily dose of Valium. In his opening statement, Rafael said Eubanks was a good mother until she became addicted to painkillers after a work-related injury. He said emotional pain caused by her bad relationships with men led her to drink heavily. According to Rafael, Eubanks "blacked out" emotionally and mentally the day she killed her sons. "It was while she was in this state that Susan stopped being a good mother and became a robot, giving in to her

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suicidal and homicidal fantasy of ending her pain.”

Bonnie Howard-Regan disagreed. At trial, she argued that Susan Eubanks killed the boys to get back at the men in her life. “She was probably the most narcissistic, selfish person to walk this earth,” Howard-Regan said, remembering the trial. “She never seemed remorseful at all. During the sentencing, she was still blaming the system. She never accepted responsibility. She was about as cold as they come. When I first walked into that residence and I saw the pictures of the children all over the walls, I remember thinking, ‘Oh my God, this is the mother of the year. Look at how much she cares about her children.’ I remember looking through albums and seeing the way she would have a caption underneath all the pictures. But then I realized, they were beautiful children, and she saw them as a reflection of her. She would brag about these children and have pictures of her children in her locker at the hospital where she worked. But she was a very neglectful mom. What mattered to her most was to have a good time. Susan Eubanks was the center of her universe. These children were little trophies for her because they were good children. And Brandon was someone to be proud of. Still, you just don’t talk to children the way these children were talked to if you truly love them.” At the trial, witnesses testified that Susan Eubanks told her sons on more than one occasion, “I brought you into this world. I can take you out of it.”

The jury agreed with the prosecution. On August 18, 1999, the jury took only two hours to return a guilty verdict. Two months

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later, after the penalty phase, Judge Joan P. Weber upheld the jury's recommendation and sentenced Susan Eubanks to death. In her statement of reasons for upholding the jury's recommendation, Judge Weber stated, "It is impossible to imagine the terror these young boys must have felt as their own mother stuck the muzzle of her .38 to each of their heads and repeatedly pulled the trigger. In a civilized society every child has a right to expect that his parents will protect him from the dangers of the outside world. These four tragic boys were, therefore, victims of the ultimate betrayal — their own mother not only failed to protect them, she was in fact their executioner. Mrs. Eubanks apparently committed these murders in a vicious, calculated attempt to lash out

at the men in her life as evidenced by her angry, vindictive letters found at the scene. In my opinion, given the number of victims and their complete vulnerability, Mrs. Eubanks committed the single most horrific criminal episode in the history of this county." In her office on a November day, Bonnie Howard-Regan pulled an oversized frame from her wall. Four pictures — Susan

Eubanks's sons — smile out side-by-side. Brandon kneels on the field in his football uniform. "This child right here, Brandon, he's just starting his freshman year of high school, and he had already written to a college in Texas inquiring about financial aid." Howard-Regan explained, "Because he knew four years were going to go by very quickly. His family didn't have money. He

was already looking ahead. I remember reading the letter. It said, 'I'd be very much obliged if you would provide some financial aid information because I want to go to college.' At 14, Brandon was just a child filled with potential. He had such a bright future ahead of him. "He was a saint. One of his friends, I guess you could call her his first girlfriend — someone he had met in Texas when he would visit his dad — she said she was talking to him on the phone one time, and he said, 'Oh, just a minute. I have to go tuck my brothers in.' She could hear him kissing the boys, saying, 'I love you.' He became a parent. He filled the void left by this mother, who was so self-consumed and selfish and just cared about herself. He

was just a good child. His father had just told him that day, 'I'll come and get you. I'll send you the airline ticket.' And Brandon said, 'I can't leave my brothers.' He was there to protect his brothers. I'm sure she killed him first because she knew he could overpower her." Howard-Regan moved on. "This is Austin. He was seven. Brigham, also known as Reno, was six. And then little Matthew was four. These are just angels. They became my children. It's absolutely unspeakable. She wasn't even a mother. She gave birth to these children. But to use these children just to get back at men who had upset her — to me, that woman does not deserve to live. "The day that she was sentenced formally by the judge I thought

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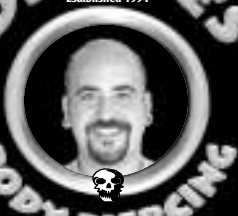
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was going to be a very uncomfortable, odd day, hearing the judgment of death. But most of the jurors, all but two of them who couldn't get off work, came to the sentencing. It had become a very cohesive group, probably friendships that will last forever. They wanted to go out to lunch. They invited me to go with them. After lunch, they went to the location where the murders occurred. The house had been burned down. The owner had let the fire department burn it down. But Brandon's father was able to guess where the living room would have been and where the bedroom would have been. The jurors just had this need to do something. So they brought rose-bushes, and they planted one in the living room where Brandon was found and one in the bedroom where the other children were found. We all held hands. Some of the jurors said things. I remember one of them, I think it was the foreperson — and I can't remember if she said this at the site or if she said it to a reporter — she said, 'I came into this trial single without children, and I left with four children.' They all had such moving things to say. One of them broke out in song, singing 'Amazing Grace,' and she had a beautiful voice. A day that I thought was going to be horrible turned out to be very uplifting, to see how these people came together to do something for these boys. I think about the boys daily. They all touched our lives."

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It's 6:00 a.m. — another miserable day has begun. While others have a paycheck to look forward to, all I can see are tests, homework, and a boring seven hours on my radar screen. I'll suffer through the tests and homework, deluding myself that there is a greater end to all this misery. But two things really burn my bottom: the dilapidated buildings (that are outgrown, worn-out, and outdated) and the teachers who have turned learning into torture.

First of all, my school is so run-down that it's one spit away from being condemned by the health department. One good pinto-bean fart (courtesy of the school cafeteria), let alone an earthquake, would level the joint. The termites have quit holding hands and are now holding a candlelight vigil for this edifice of learning. Even the prisoners at Donovan have a modern facility to inhabit, while I'm stuck in a crumbling pile of filth.

And while all this is going on, the only question on people's minds is, "Why's the damn grass dying!" What I'd really like to say is, "You schmucks! We live in a desert! What do you expect?" Who is the genius that brought in Kentucky bluegrass to grow in an area of less than ten inches of rain per year? (My male relatives pee more than that in one evening!)

Every year a new project is started to "save the grass." Last year we roped off different sections each week in hopes of keeping the blades alive. On the second day of school it was trampled on, and for the

remainder of the year we had mudslides as the bare soil was periodically irrigated. How stupid is that? Any of these hee-haws and hayseeds ever hear of the word "pavement"?

Moving the focus slightly above the ankles, I come to the wild and not-so-wonderful world of teachers. They're always whining about being underpaid, overstressed, and unappreciated by the community. As the yokels in my school like to say, "That's a load of cow chips." What other profession do you get three months off PLUS every holiday off? Who else leaves work at 2:15 to get their lazy asses home to watch *Days of Our Lives*? Any learning that goes on in my school is incidental. The lessons are faxed in from Andromeda because most of these so-called educators are only working for a paycheck. Very often I feel that we learn in spite of, not because of, our teachers.

— Stephanie Feldstein,
Bonita Vista High School

School is an introduction to cold institutions in which you're nothing but a number, unless you're a problem or make the staff look good. It's a place where not only do you learn reading, writing, and arithmetic, but you are also taught how to behave in society. These are merely commentaries on the general atmosphere of school; specifics are easily found.

How about the way academic time is interrupted so ASB can show off their organizational and decorating skills in a performance designed to make you care about something that doesn't matter, so you can forget about how crappy things are and feel

better about getting involved in mindless bandwagon activities? I'm referring to pep rallies. More boring than any monotonous lecture, this show costs enough to feed a family for a week — or enough to buy new books for an entire class.

Instead of spending ridiculous amounts of money (not to mention time) on crepe paper, how about fixing up the food a bit? School food is the largest conglomeration of junk food since the convenience store or Wal-Mart. Lukewarm pizza dripping grease is some of the better stuff — at least the grease is dripping instead of congealed in a thick layer over the cheese and pepperoni, as it is when they sell the leftovers the next day. Hey, at least it's a buck cheaper. The only healthy thing they offer is salad. You do get to choose between fruit, chef, and caesar, but one can only take so much lettuce and cantaloupe.

I demand a call to arms over these conditions. The most common lunch is a Coke and Doritos. No more, I say! End the poor standards of school food that affects a teenager's diet for the rest of their life. Do you want to see a future generation that dies of heart attacks at age 40, but the body doesn't disintegrate until a century later because of all of the preservatives they've ingested? Me neither!

So when you hear about the high obesity rates and cults and gangs for people that can't think for themselves because all they remember from high school is their alma mater, think back to the environment that prepared them for adult life.

— Tiara Falk,
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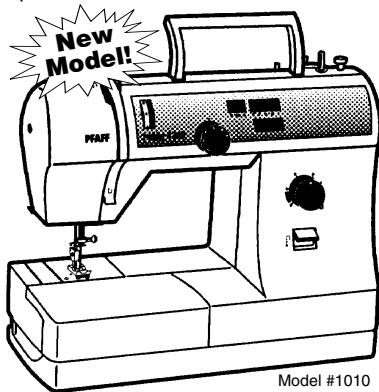
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Here is an example: a certain athlete had a little over a dozen period trancies in the span of three months, yet was only reprimanded for his behavior with a warning. The people in the office were concerned for his well-being, suggested he speak with a counselor in case he was depressed, and

seemed to bend or break any rule of protocol in dealing with his problem. Later that same week, a member of a minority group who had less trancies entered that same office and was assigned "Saturday school" immediately.

Students already feel shunned and invisible to many of their peers; they don't need to feel that the adults in their life can be relied upon for such shows of favoritism.

My best friend went to a high school in another district, and the first time she ever entered her vice principal's office was for a complaint pertaining to slander-

ous remarks made about another student on her website. A policeman was present for this interrogation. In the days that followed, they made no attempt to connect her with a counselor, which should have been first on their agenda if they thought she was a problem child. Also, the school's administration made no attempt to investigate the behavior of the person who complained about my friend's website, even though my friend asserted that her behavior was a response to initial harassment.

My friend was especially disturbed by the pres-

ence of the officer during her questioning. "I felt like I was being teamed up on, not helped in any way, but attacked!" she told me. "I didn't know my rights, and they sure didn't explain them to me. It was like they were trying to scare me into never talking about someone. An officer? For what? To enforce some sort of no-crap-talking law? And they didn't even get the whole story. They immediately sided with [the other girl] without even getting to know me and insisted I was wrong."

Though high school tragedies such as Columbine make profiling important,

the criteria of that profile should be specific and a person of that profile should fit the criteria fully. There aren't just "good" and "bad" seeds in any one high school; there is a range of people in between, and not every person in that unsorted category will come through the school gates with concealed firearms or explosives.

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

It is difficult to pinpoint the most aggravating aspect of high school. Perhaps it can be found in

the idiosyncrasies of teachers, the mindlessness of busywork, or the shallowness of mainstream high school society. However, one thing is certain: sitting in this environment for seven hours a day induces the feeling of wanting to bang one's head against a desk until he is unconscious.

Oftentimes teachers are preoccupied with everything but teaching, making the fact that they are still employed remarkable. Many use their classroom as a forum in which to impart personal beliefs and opinions upon students, while some are apathetic toward teaching anything and have

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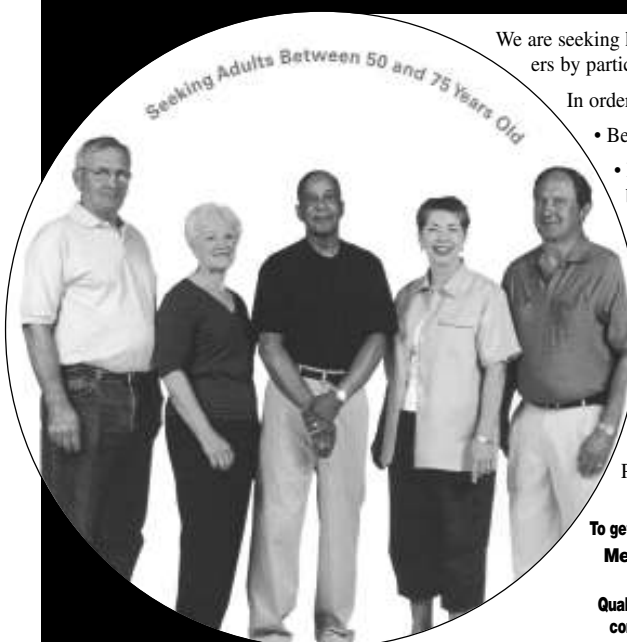


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resorted to a corner to read the *National Enquirer* or use the Internet. Others are convinced that they are educating to the best of their ability by making students memorize and regurgitate facts that will be of no relevance in the future. There are only a few respites from this monotony. The most common are partaking in asinine conversations with other students or inciting teachers to go on tangents by feigning interest in a topic that is pleasing to them. While these activities do offer distractions, they are not enough to make it through the day.

If high school teaches an individual anything, it is how a bureaucracy is run. High school is an institution of policies and rules not intended to help students but rather to exert control over them. At Point Loma High, the power of bureaucracy is evident in both the ways students are treated as a whole and as individuals. During the 30 minutes allotted for lunch, the faculty plays deafening rap music under the pretense of catering to our age group, but in reality it is one of many methods concocted to distract the boisterous multitude. God forbid if a student needs to speak to anyone possessing a shred of authority in the office. The only way for an individual to achieve acknowledgment as a human being is if he is an irate parent or from the board of education.

Let this account serve as a reminder to every high school graduate who has served their four-year term that they will never have to experience the anguish of

existing in this environment again.

— Mary Montgomery,
Point Loma High School

I don't want to sound like an ungrateful, bratty teenager, but there are many things that I find mediocre about my school. High school is difficult enough with all the emotional and social conflicts that teenagers go through, but combine those with the lack of concern displayed by the staff and faculty of many schools, and high school can become unbearable. Success rates could be improved if the quality and character of the people who run it were improved.

The worst of them all are guidance counselors. From what I've experienced, this title is a misnomer because guidance counselors at my school neither guide nor counsel. It seems that their time and attention are most devoted to having faculty luncheons and decorating their offices.

One instance I can recall when my guidance counselor disappointed me was when I went in to obtain a fee waiver for an important test. This individual told me that it was not the correct time to get a fee waiver and that they would be distributed only after school. I explained to her that I could not come after school because I have a part-time job. She then said that she would make no exceptions and turned me away. I decided to pick up the waiver after school instead of being early for my job. When I got to the counselor's office, I was irritated to find that she wasn't there.

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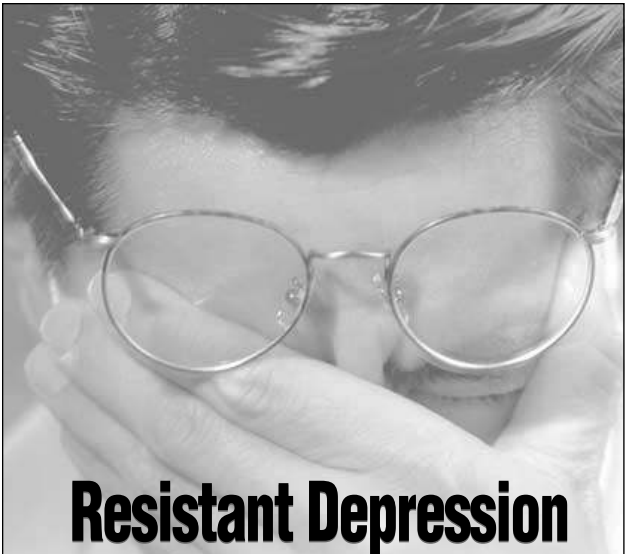
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She had gone to a meeting and left ten other students and me waiting for 45 minutes without informing us or anyone else whether she would return anytime soon. Another staff member came and told us that our counselor was in a meeting and that she — this other staff member — would hand out the fee-waiver forms to us.

Not all school staff members are like this, yet there are many who are. Instead of making students

work around their schedules and preferences, shouldn't they remember who they are working for? The job description of a guidance counselor should include "helping students," and if they fail to do that, then perhaps they should find a job more suitable.

— Yen Nguyen,
Junípero Serra High School

Ask any graduating student at Helix Charter High School

about the worst part of school and they will say, "The senior project." It's a graduation requirement that consists of a "project," an eight- to ten-page research paper, and an eight- to ten-minute speech. If you don't pass all three at 65 percent or better, you don't graduate.

Why is the project such torture? First of all, the "project" alone requires over 24 hours of work. In addition to maintaining other

schoolwork, activities, and a personal life, I spent 30 to 35 hours painting a still life of a bowl of fruit. I had to sketch, buy paints, and, as required, contact an experienced consultant in my project area.

Second, the research paper causes many seniors to procrastinate and struggle. The paper needs to be perfect. Besides citing sources and quotes correctly and according to a style manual, there needs to be a

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judges, and if I will be one of the graduating seniors.

— Lana Vadiyants,
Helix Charter High School

Morse High School is one of the most underrated schools in San Diego. The average person believes that Morse has the "ghetto" students. In fact, Morse has many intelligent students. As a student there, I see the main problems as being the staff and the decisions they make...beginning with counselors and vice principals.

I recall a vandalism incident that occurred. A student reported to the school police that his car had been vandalized in the student parking lot. The accused student ended up paying \$850 for the damages to the car. However, I consider it a problem that this student's parents were never notified by the school police or the vice principal.

Another staff-related problem at Morse occurs because there are not enough teachers teaching summer school. Seniors who sign up for summer school usually do not get the classes they need to graduate. Also, counselors are never in their offices when students need them. For example, I was in the counseling office to interview a few counselors for the school newspaper when I saw several students waiting for their counselors to show up. When I asked them what they needed, they said they needed help for their SAT preparation the following weekend.

The complaint that everyone has is how crowded Morse has become during the past few months [of 2002] because of construction. When several classes were moved for six weeks to repair the building, it was a distraction for every class that moved. After the upgrades were finished, there was a fresh coat of paint on the walls, painted doors, and a new heater. Left untouched were the ceilings, floors, and windows.

The problem at Morse is not the students, it is the staff and the decisions they make. ■

— Alecsis Ducusin,
Morse High School

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about their grandchildren without a common language, we are reminded of what we share as human beings. Steven Pinker, in his book *How the Mind Works*, writes, “Cultures surely differ in how often their members express, talk about, and

Spanish, as well, that have no absolute counterparts in English. *Tocayo*, for instance, means someone with whom you share the same name. My Larousse translates *tocayo* as name-sake, a word we rarely use in English and not in the same way.

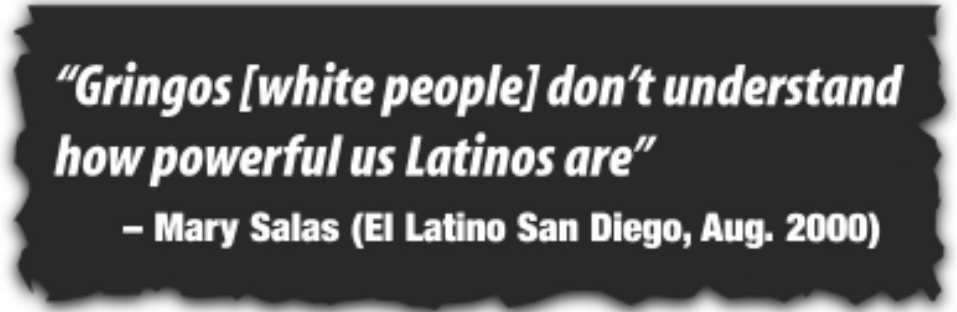
If I meet someone named Susan, she will happily exclaim that we are *tocayas*. (I have changed the ending to reflect female and plural status.) Since I am on the border of Spanish, as opposed to being of it, I know the meaning of *tocaya*, but when I try to affix an emotion to it, I am uncertain. Does sharing the same

I love to think of words as possessions. I tell ESL students, once they use a word it belongs to them—a bird in the hand, a morsel in the mouth. But what does it mean to possess a word and not its nuance? It’s like knowing the lyrics of a song but not what they really mean, or knowing a math formula but not being able to arrive at the solution.

Language can be currency or liability along the *frontera*. Chula Vista, the city in which I live, is situated 11 miles north of the Mexican border. A person must pick his or her way carefully through the linguistic minefields here. Yes-

another clerk and said, “Would you explain to this woman that we don’t have the brand she is looking for but we could order it.” The translation began, but the Spanish-speaking shopper interrupted sharply in English, “I understood perfectly what she was saying.” Rosa, looking as piqued as a salesperson is allowed to in the face of a client, replied, “But why didn’t you speak to me in English?” The woman answered, “I thought you spoke Spanish.” Grad-

act on various emotions...[but] the evidence suggests that the emotions of all normal members of our species are played on the same keyboard.” Nevertheless, Pinker notes,



From Steve Padilla for Chula Vista Mayor campaign flyer, 2002

“Who but the Jews would have a word, *naches*, for luminous pride in a child’s accomplishments? And does it not say something profound about the Teutonic psyche that the German language has the word *schadenfreude*, pleasure in another’s misfortunes?”

There are words in

name with someone a priori establish a fraction more intimacy between my *tocaya* and me? Does the fact that we both walk around experiencing the varied world under the same name mean that our relationship to the world has more similarity than, say, my relationship to the world and Alice’s?

terday I went to Henry’s to buy some vitamins. Beside me in the aisle I heard a woman speaking Spanish to the clerk. I understood the customer to be asking the clerk if she could order a certain brand of vitamin. The clerk, who had long dark hair and whose badge read Rosa, called over

HIS fluency in two languages dances *cumbias* around my poor, dull tongue.

ually, things got resolved in both languages, because the assisting clerk kept speaking Spanish to the customer, Rosa continued in English, while the customer, as a point of honor, kept up her part in both languages.

Later, in the checkout line, the same woman approached the cashier who was helping me—and who had a long line of foot-tapping shoppers—and asked in Spanish if she could have change for a dollar. The

CODE SWITCHING

How would it be if, for example, you immigrated to the United States at the age of 18 or 20? If Spanish were an integral part of who you are? How would it be if you married someone who never learned your language? I’ve often wondered what it is like for my neighbor, whose husband speaks only a few words of Spanish, to stumble in her big slippers into the coffee-scented kitchen and never hear her husband say lovingly, “¿Como amaneciste?” (How did you wake up?) Perhaps he says to her *con cariño*, “How did you sleep?” And that is enough. It’s obvious by my neighbors’ actions that they love one another. Perhaps nothing is lost in the translation; the caress of the words is the same.

My father-in-law used to tell the same joke every time we went to visit. After we knocked on the door, he would call out, “Who is it?” Through the screen door, we would speak into the dark interior of the house, “It’s us.” Then he would laugh and say, “Don’t strain your voice.” When you live on the border of another country, when you live in the presence of more than one language, communicating sometimes feels as if it is through a screen or a sieve. Translators of books struggle with this problem on an academic and aesthetic level, but what is lost—or gained—in the ordinary daily exchanges between two languages, two cultures, two people?

In our eagerness to embrace multiculturalism, to belatedly validate difference, we have sometimes forgotten to reaffirm the many things we, as a species, have in common. When a jailer crosses racial, political, religious, and linguistic lines to call the prisoner he is guarding “sister,” or when Isabel Allende and a woman in India communicate

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cashier said with some irritation, "I think what you're saying is you need change, but it will be a while before I open my register, so try another checker." At which point I, who am always foolishly compelled to leap into silence or linguistic gaffes, said to the woman, "¿Que tipo de cambio quieres?" I suddenly felt self-conscious because I belatedly recognized that this was the woman who spoke English, and because I had used the familiar instead of the polite form of address. The woman said to me in English, "I just need change for the telephone." Then we exchanged the only sure coin of the realm. Although you cannot judge a book by its cover, you would at least know what language it is written in. In this region, it is a mistake to look at someone and assume what language they speak or wish to speak. Aside from communication, language becomes a question of diplomacy.

Bob Dylan's early lyrics capture the cultural genuflecting politicians do to win votes.

Now, the man on the stand, he wants my vote,
He's a-runnin' for office on the ballot note.
He's out there preachin' in front of the steeple,

Tellin' me he loves all kindsa people.
He's eatin' bagels
He's eatin' pizza
He's eatin' chitlins

Nowadays, politicians have to talk the talk as well as walk the walk. "Yo habla español muy bien," Bob Filner said on election night in downtown San Diego, November 2002. Obviously, he didn't speak *muy bien*: he got the verb conjugation wrong (the purpose of verbs, it sometimes seems, is to confound the non-native speaker). *Habla* is third person, *hablo* is first. Across the floor, David Valladolid, chair of the board of directors of the Chicano Federation, made an amused comment about the number of politicians throwing Spanish words into their sentences. What was not so amusing was to hear Bush, during his campaign for presidency, trotting out his high school Spanish. He used Spanish like an overanxious suitor uses cologne; when he spoke with *corazón* there was a suspicious reek. And surely there is some irony that politicians in California feel compelled to press Spanish into service after angst-ridden voters have declared English as the official language.

In the recent mayoral race in Chula Vista, both

candidates, Mary Salas and Steve Padilla, were of Mexican descent (Padilla is also Portuguese), but neither candidate spoke Spanish very well. Nevertheless, a little Spanish word entered the fray — and perhaps cost Salas the election. A Padilla campaign brochure mailed to Chula Vista residents, in language that resembled high school finger-wagging, read, "Shame on you Mary for saying things that divide our community." Across the page the campaign ad had extracted a Salas quote from *El Latino* magazine: "Gringos [white people] don't understand how powerful us Latinos are." The bracketed definition of *gringo* was part of the brochure. The growing power of Latino voters was being observed by everyone at the time (an objective, not subjective, point), but Padilla seized on this as political fodder and used it himself to divide the community. Several Anglo-Americans I spoke to said they could not support Salas after she spoke about white people that way. When I pointed out that *gringo* is not a pejorative term — and in some dictionaries is simply translated as foreigner — they remained unconvinced.

The author Rubén Martínez describes himself as a Chicano, descendent

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of the “cultural swirl” that includes the “Old World (Virgin of Guadalupe votives always aglow at my grandparents’ house) and the New World (the tube flashing with *The Brady Bunch* at my parents’).” However, while researching his book *Crossing Over* and living in the small Mexican town of Cherán, Martínez applies this troubling noun to himself. “There is great laughter when I announce that I will be joining the harvest today. The thought of a *gringo* in the corn rows is just too much.”

Mexicans reserve for Mexican-Americans a word that is much harsher than *gringo* — *pocho*. Many of the students who attend my English classes speak of their visits to Mexico and the bitter experiences using the Spanish they acquired in the United States. No amount of linguistic exercise designed to teach their tongues to roll their *r*s can save them from being called

pocha or *pocho*. The novel *Motorcycle Ride on the Sea of Tranquility* is situated in Palm City, several miles closer to the border than Chula Vista. The author, Patricia Santana, demonstrates the cruel application of this term by cousins only 20 minutes to the south. “But on some Sundays, we were forced to spend the afternoon with our other cousins in Colonia Chapultepec, the rich section of Tijuana. Torture. Humiliation. We were considered the ‘*pochos*’ who lived ‘*al otro lado*’ and spoke a mish-mash language — not completely English, not completely Spanish.” When the narrator’s sister asked the rich cousins to watch “*cartones*,” the rich cousins replied, “What size of cartoon would you like to watch?” The sister tried to clear up the confusion. “You know, like ‘Popeye.’ ‘*Cartones*,’ the cousins laughed, running down the long marbled hallway of their rich house. . . ‘Ay,

¡que pocha!”

But we are all *pochas* or *pochos* here in the southernmost part of California. On any given day a guy named John might respond to the question, “Do you speak Spanish?” by answering “*Un poco*.” On Friday, John might decide to go with his friend down to Tijuana for some *cervezas*,

the last pathetic Padres game, or the portrayal of youthful male sexuality in the Mexican movie *Y Tú Mamá También*, while they listen to Los Lobos on the CD player. After they pass through San Ysidro, they’ll cross the border and head for Revolución, where a vendor, who speaks English because he has lived on the

Indian — succotash. . . Mississippi. . . Our tongue is not something slow and mucous. . . Our tongue sticks out; it is a dog’s tongue, an organ of curiosity and science. . . Nativists who want to declare English the official language of the United States do not understand the omnivorous appetite of the language they wish to protect. Those Americans who would build a fence around American English to forestall the Trojan burrito from a frightened tongue, a shrinking little oyster tongue. . .”

President Bush himself speaks a mishmash (perhaps in more ways than one), which is why if you check out the website www.pochocom.com, you will find that Bush has been nominated for Pocho of the Year. All languages absorb and mutate. Where would Spanish be without the Moorish *Ojalá*, *I wish*, *I hope*, *If Allah will*?

Though this linguisti-

cally complex area we live in is fraught with difficulties, it is also rich with possibility. Children sing “Feliz Navidad” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”; poets declaim verses in two languages. My friend and office mate, Francisco Bustos, lives in Playas de Tijuana but is a professor of English in the United States. His fluency in two languages dances *cumbias* around my poor, dull tongue. Francisco once told me that when he was in high school and wanted not just to learn English but the culture as well, he read all of Hemingway’s novels. He is also a fiction writer, and his prose, like his conversation, dazzles in two languages, so when he switches to Spanish in the middle of a conversation, or in the middle of a paragraph, I know it’s not because he is at a loss for words; rather, his selection of words is an act of attention, an ability to mine two languages for the most precise form of

SHE sautés some nopales (cactus strips) with onion in olive oil. I bake a brie from Trader Joe’s.

so John leaves his house on Via Caliente and heads south on I-5, passing through San Diego, stopping to pick up his friend Luis in Chula Vista, where the two of them might grab a burrito at Roberto’s, which will cause John to drive a little *loco* because it’s hard to steer and pour salsa at the same time. They might discuss

other side, or is listening to language tapes called *Ingles Sin Barreras*, will call out to John, “Hey, amigo, come on in, take a look. I have the best prices in town.”

In his new book, *Brown*, Richard Rodríguez reminds us that American English was never pure. “Even before our rebellion against England, our tongue tasted of

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expression. Academics call it “code switching” when a speaker interweaves two languages.

Richard Skiba, in an article entitled “Code Switching as Countenance of Language Interference,” from *The Internet TESL Journal* (a monthly web magazine for ESL teachers), suggests that people alternate between two languages for a number of reasons. Sometimes, according to the article, the switching will be done to “compensate” for a deficiency. However, code switching is also seen as a bilingual tool used to create exclusion, rapport, or to convey an attitude. “Where monolingual speakers can communicate these attitudes by means of variation in the level of formality in their speech, bilingual speakers can convey the same by code switching.”

If we were speaking in Darwinian terms, we might say Francisco has developed an adaptive strategy that will ensure his success in the border region. My neighbors have two children who are also on their way to becoming bilingual, but their progress is more complex, more circuitous than a monolingual child’s. Their English words have Spanish accents. Or English words get tangled in the net of their Spanish phrases. But one day, they will be well prepared to slide into that adaptive niche. My neighbors’ children might be a metaphor for living on the border of a country. One language for the father, another for the mother. Or the truth might be other: an integrated use of both languages, not unlike Francisco’s — *una mexcla*.

I don’t speak Spanish as well as I’d like to. Though I have pursued Spanish in classes — in Guadalajara, Taxco, Barcelona — fluency eludes me. And where once I hoped language would be a bridge, it is only a bridge so far. I have a good friend in Ensenada named Norma Muñoz. When we get together in Ensenada, we speak primarily Spanish. Her tolerance for my frequent pronoun and verb

errors, as well as my poor pronunciation, comes from two things. She was once a speech therapist, and so she learned to teach by listening. And she believes that when you are in Mexico,

you should speak Spanish, if you can. When we get together, sometimes after months of not seeing one another, there is such eagerness to relate our experiences that what we seem to

speak is the pleasure of one another’s company, rather than English or Spanish. We also make small gifts to one another that are like cultural exchanges. She sautés some *nopales* (cactus strips)

with onion in olive oil. I bake a brie from Trader Joe’s. She gives me some homemade mole and a recipe; I make Trader Joe’s pizza. Our communication is also strengthened by our many

shared interests, our shared geography, and after ten years, a certain amount of shared history. I am cheered by the fact that though the bridge of my Spanish carries us only so far, desire,

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intention, and the things we share carry us the rest of the way.

When I was young I used to think that all schoolchildren went to visit Spanish missions or places like Old Town that refer to the layered history of San Diego. We are often blinded by the familiar, and I was slow in realizing the unique area to which I belong. It wasn't until I went to the East Coast to visit relatives that I discovered what a different sense of belonging children have who went to visit Pilgrim villages, *Mayflower* replicas, or Washington, D.C. The Mexican author Elena Poniatowska writes about finally feeling a part of Mexico. In order to write the testimonial novel *Here's to You, Jesusa*, once a week for over ten years Poniatowska visited Jesusa, a woman in her 80s who lived in a poor neighborhood in Mexico City. By vicariously experiencing almost a century of Mexico's history

through her acquaintance with Jesusa, Poniatowska at last achieved a deep sense of belonging. "What was growing, although it may have been there for years, was my Mexican being, my becoming Mexican; feeling Mexico inside me, the same one that was inside Jesusa. I wasn't the eight-year-old girl who had arrived on a refugee ship, the *Marqués de Comilla*. . . Now Mexico was inside me. . . My grandparents and my great-grandparents always repeated a phrase in English that they thought was poetic: 'I don't belong.' Maybe it was their way of distinguishing themselves from the rabble, not being like the rest. One night, before sleep overcame me, after identifying strongly with Jesusa. . . I could finally say to myself in a quiet voice: '*Yo si pertenezco*,' 'I do belong.' "

Southern California is not Mexico (anymore). Yet to see more clearly the distinctness of the region to

which we belong, we have only to look at the assimilation process that people from Wisconsin, or Vermont, or New Jersey, or Idaho have to go through. You hear it in the way they wrap their mouths around their new street names or their new friends' names. You see it in the tentative way they approach cultural events with Spanish words in their titles. You see it in the way they marvel at the architecture; sure, we have the same Golden Arches, but we also have graceful and utilitarian Spanish architecture. You see it in the way they are eager to try the new cuisine. We once took a French foreign-exchange student to a Mexican restaurant. Before we could stop him — he was very hungry — he chomped down several jalapeños and carrots thinking they were cruditées or raw vegetables.

For a long time we have heard how close chimpanzee DNA is to human DNA.

What we haven't heard as much about is how genetically similar we humans are, irrespective of race. In an article called "*Ciencias: the case against raza*," from the magazine *El Andar*, Camille Mojica Rey, Ph.D., writes about relatively recent scientific discoveries. "The data collected by Craig Venter and government-funded scientists shows, once and for all, that there is more genetic variation within racial groups than between them. Any two people chosen at random from around the world are just as likely to be genetically similar as two people chosen at random from the same racial group living in the United States. 'There are no genes that define ethnic groups,' says Eric Lander, director of the Whitehead Institute for Genome Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts." While this information in no way justifies something like the Racial Privacy Act — because it is vital to collect

racial data for the purpose of monitoring civil rights, as well as for health and education purposes — this scientific discovery is good news. It points to the living experiment that Southern Californians have been conducting, that shared experience, shared language, and shared geography may ultimately be more important than shared genes.

A colleague and friend of mine, Andrew Rempt, is fond of saying that we are all black females, because in the womb, we are initially female and because the largest proportion of genetic material we possess comes from Africa. Culture, then, becomes the interesting variation. David Mura, a third-generation Japanese-American, grew up in Minnesota and seldom saw his own features reflected in the population around him. His book *Turning Japanese* relates the shock he felt when he got off the plane in Tokyo, surrounded at last by peo-

ple who looked similar to him yet possessed an absolutely foreign language and culture. (Mura only had a few Japanese lessons before he left the United States.) In an article called "The Legacy of Conquest and Discovery: Meditations on Ethnicity, Race, and American Politics," from the book *Borderless Borders*, the Mexican-American author Gerald Torres shares this experience: "One spring day when I was home from college, [my mother] told me, with great prescience, 'Gerald, you are white in ways that you don't even know.' " This is a refrain I often hear from Mexican-American students who adamantly claim the culture of Mickey Mouse, Elvis Presley, Ford, Jack's Secret Sauce, Hemingway, and so on. Likewise, all of us who live along the border are Mexican in ways we don't even know — after all, we have eaten from the Trojan burrito. ■

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CHAPTER 18

At the passage to the cockpit he stopped abruptly and anchored himself to the curtain rod, to keep from teetering while he thought through the quandary that gripped him.

Even certain that Cynthia'd paid off Katoulis and sent him on his mission, Hickey'd only guessed that the mark was Pravinshandra. Almost as likely, it could



View of Rocky Mountains from a plane

be the Bitch. So he ought to send Leo to shadow Laurel. Except that he might as well ask the old guy to swim the English Channel

and sink a few U-boats on the way. His partner, at times, could be shrewd enough to compensate for age and slow hands. But

Donny was a genius. Hickey staggered back along the corridor to his seat, stared at the black universe, and thought how this

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show could end like one of those operas Madeline dragged him to, with bodies flopped all over the stage — the Bitch and Leo murdered, Cynthia a suicide, himself gone berserk with rage in pursuit of Katoulis, guaranteeing his own swift

demise.

If he could orchestrate things so that only one person had to die, besides Katoulis, Hickey's choice would be the Master. He could only think of three humans who might deserve extinction more than a mur-

dering rapist charlatan. He could forget Denver, leave the Master to his deserts, make a U-turn, go home, and cover the Bitch himself. Not likely, from a mile in the air, with a pilot who surely wouldn't disobey orders, risking court-mar-

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tial, for the sake of one girl, when there were whole continents dying. Maybe at Lowry he could phone Colonel Creaser, arrange for return passage, but it would cost him most of today.

The best he could do was give the Bitch up to fate, hope that if she took the five-millimeter slug — Donny's favorite ammunition — between the eyebrows, he could salvage a little of Cynthia's future by getting her to cut a deal that allowed them to fry Katoulis. Meanwhile, he'd fill and light his pipe, open red ledger number three, and lose himself reading.

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to stop her but missed her altogether. She was only blamed because her mother and god-mother, even Madame T, mistook her lunge to save Ophelia.”

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they are elephants or onions. Ask yourself, if Venus was innocent, why did her mother and father send her away?”

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up there on the train and learned the truth.

He never told Venus or Madame Esmé, or anybody except me, and that almost nine years later. Last summer, after the Bitch killed him, he confided in me, when he couldn’t protect me any longer and he

saw I would have to fight her on my own, to the death. Even Saint Ophelia never told me that Venus had murdered her. She never meant Venus harm. Her mission is to bless and protect me.

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for Venus. In a fit of passion, anyone can murder, he maintains, and he believes that Venus had already paid far too dearly. He kept seeking a route to peace between Venus and Madame Esmé, which earned him Venus's hatred.

The war escalated with Venus's claims that the madame was losing her sense, entering her second childhood. Meanwhile, Venus would order the Bitch to take me swimming in the ocean after reports of a fierce riptide or dare us to scale the most treacherous cliffs, and each attempt I survived left Venus more terrified of me. By my ninth year she rarely touched me except by grasping my shoulders, holding me at arm's length. While she used to gaze tenderly at me or, after the vision, stare distressed and bewildered, as though I carried the black plague, now she couldn't look at me

Myrtle had a sister, a black-haired, lavender-eyed doll with knockers that landed a job every time a studio cast harem-girl types.

without her eyes blinking twice as often as they should and her mouth constricting, wormlike. Only the Bitch got her tender glances.

Hickey had filled the rear of the cabin with smoke from his pipe, attempting to counter his sleepiness with nicotine. Once he'd staggered up front and bummed a mug of lukewarm coffee from the copilot. The Marines, having killed their bottle, performed a cacophony of snores as though rehearsing for the din of battle. Besides all that to keep him awake, he'd got jolted by teasers from Cynthia's story, like her listing of Venus's victims — Will Lashlee, Otherworld's semifamous poet, and Mr. Murphy, who could be the realtor, Laurel's boss. The plane clattered and sent eerie, quivering

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sounds coursing around its shell, like the music people got out of a saw, and Hickey's mind kept flashing images from 11 years ago when he should've killed Donny Katoulis. Except he'd been a — what? A sap. Coward. On top of the rest, there was a feeling like his guts had got knotted in

barbed wire from worrying about Madeline. Still, two mostly sleepless nights had caught up. His eyes kept snapping closed, his chin whacking his breastbone. He skimmed the next few pages, on the lookout for stuff that mattered, especially the kind that might convince him that the Mas-

ter, or Venus, anyway not the Bitch, had to be Donny's target. Or stuff that would help him choose between the two plans that had started congealing — basically the same except that plan X had him exterminating Katoulis *before* the murder. Plan Y incorporated a slight delay. He read more accounts of attempted murder. The Bitch had an MO of conspiring with wildlife in her

wicked deeds. She tugged little Cynthia by the arm through waist-high water to where she couldn't miss stepping on a stingray, whose tail shot up and jabbed its tail spike into her butt, at about the same location where she'd gotten branded nine years later. The Bitch led her to a similar assault by a jellyfish. Another time she almost got Cynthia to pet a rabid wild dog that lived in the

cemetery. The night of Cynthia's first bloody flow, she was home alone with the Bitch, who ordered her to lie down, tore the panties off her and stuffed her with a dishrag, so deep it ripped her flesh and infected her, causing weeks of a high-grade fever. Enough, Hickey thought. He'd earned a respite. He staggered up front past the Marines — two of whom had forsaken their seats for the floor in

between and laid with arms and legs sprawled over each other — and asked the copilot for one of the blankets he'd noticed earlier piled behind the seat. The blanket was wool, from a sheet that ate brambles and thumbtacks, Hickey mused. Between scratching and analyzing Cynthia's tale, he drifted into sleep. He couldn't exactly remember the dreams, but when he woke to the plane falling like a bomb through an air pocket, the dread and shame stayed with him, like before whenever his dreams recalled that he should've killed Donny Katoulis. Eleven years ago. Four cops — Mouse, Smollet, Arturo, and Hickey — were playing poker at Mouse's place, Hickey for the first time that year. Mouse answered the phone. A minute later he slammed it down, then furiously guz-

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Katoulis backhanded Myrtle a couple times, pounded his head against the wall, and requested the sister's whereabouts. At which point Myrtle got in a lucky kick, gaining time to draw the stiletto he carried. When Katoulis blindly flew at him, Myrtle, going for the kill, missing by a foot, sliced a lamb-chop-sized hunk off Donny's left bicep. For half a minute the shooter glared at his arm, then checked to see nobody stood close by — the club's entire population, bouncers included, had migrated to cower against the far wall, rather than cross Katoulis. Myrtle stood clutching the knife in one hand, steadying that hand with the other, but even so, trembling like a bush leaguer pinch-hitting against Walter Johnson, while Donny leaned a little closer and flashed his toothy grin.

"You got an hour to live, big brother," he drawled.

Myrtle used the first five minutes calling Mouse, who wasted the next few minutes relaying the story. By the time Hickey and his drunken pals had decided this was the chance of a lifetime to exterminate Katoulis, a half hour had passed. Finally Mouse phoned Myrtle and told him the plan. All he had to do was let Donny find him a mile down La Cienaga in the Chi Chi Club and run out the back door into the alley, hoping to God Katoulis wouldn't kill him inside, in front of witnesses.

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took positions along the alley and waited there most of two hours. They had cut cards and Hickey'd won the honor, a spot behind a stack of milk and vegetable crates directly across the alley from the back door of the Chi Chi Club. Mouse was 20 or so feet down the alley on Hickey's right; Arturo about the same distance up the alley to Hickey's left, behind a broken sec-

tion of slat fence. Smollet crouched at the corner of the building, hidden by what looked like half a bus bench somebody had leaned there. According to the plan, whichever of them had a clear shot when Katoulis first showed his piece was to aerate the boy's head, preferably with one or two shots, making it look more professional, less like a gang of premeditating drunks. If the first cop missed or Donny didn't fall, the others would finish him.

A suitable plan, except that when Katoulis ran out he didn't show his gun. In the doorway he'd made a lunge for Myrtle and caught

him by the neck. Myrtle had tripped over something and fallen into the alley. Katoulis kicked him in the face and the belly but wouldn't draw his damned piece. Hickey should've blasted him anyway — what'd it matter if they had to lift the gun out from under Donny's jacket? — but he wasn't thinking fast enough, he couldn't adjust. Something froze him. Instead of blasting the punk, he bounded out of hiding and barked like a rookie at Katoulis.

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against his window, he stared outside. The only clouds were small wispy ones that dimmed but didn't block the view. Below them lay nothing but endless Rocky Mountains, blinding white cut by lines made of angles and shadows, like a miraculous jigsaw puzzle Hickey had pieced together. Dawn over the Rockies made everything below seem trivial and everything past feel as if it happened in another age that didn't matter anymore because you were starting a new one. The same old lie that dawn always tells, Hickey thought, as he picked up the ledger book to finish Cynthia's story. ■

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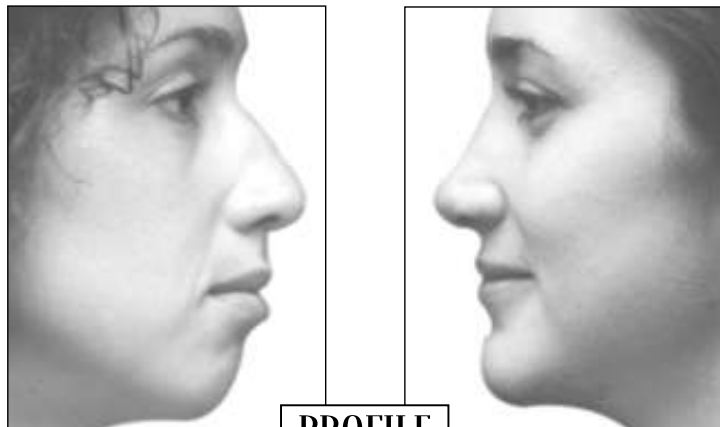
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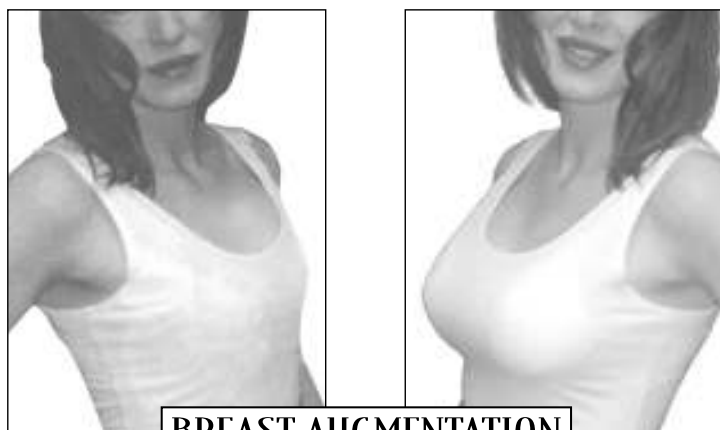
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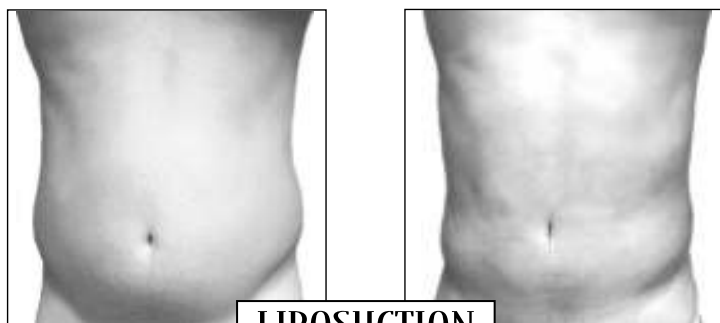
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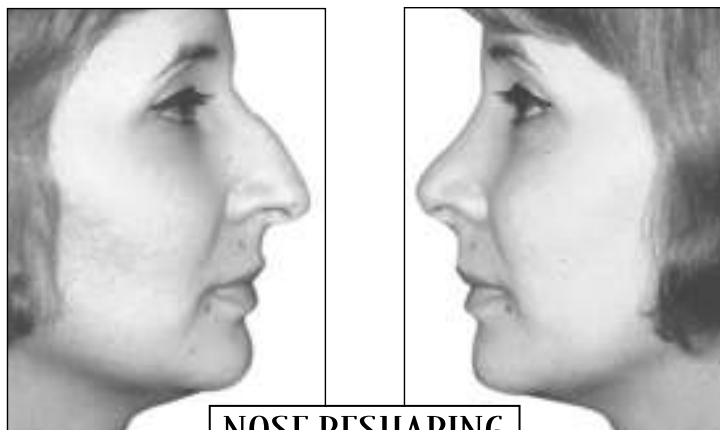
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that person, You have to be realistic. That is the way soldiers and sailors and Marines talk. If you've ever worked on construction or on road building or on things like that or worked with plumbers or pipe fitters and the like, you would be aware that working men talk like that, too, when they're alone amongst themselves. I'd say the bad language lends an air of authenticity to the story.

Name Withheld

You Bettcha!

What is it with you people? What do you have against the East County? I live in the East County. Every week I get the *Reader* and I check out the listings of the nightclubs to check on what bands are playing where. This week (February 6) you completely left out the East County clubs. Every week it seems you either leave out the East County or you cut it short to "fit in" to your copy.

I have a suggestion. How about putting the East County first and the North County last and cutting them out for a change? What's fair is fair. Think the North County would squawk? You betcha! Expand this section if you have to, but don't be so prejudiced.

Scott Ziobron
Alpine

Rhino Returns

Usually the "Of Note!" in the music section features artists of interest for various reasons. I was disappointed that Rhino Bucket was sorely overlooked. This hard-rock outfit was at the top of the charts (with a song on the *Wayne's World* soundtrack) about a decade ago. Since then, their drummer had an operation, quit the band, the band broke up, got back together, got their old drummer back, and is playing this weekend in San Diego. They used to be a Rock 102.1 staple locally.

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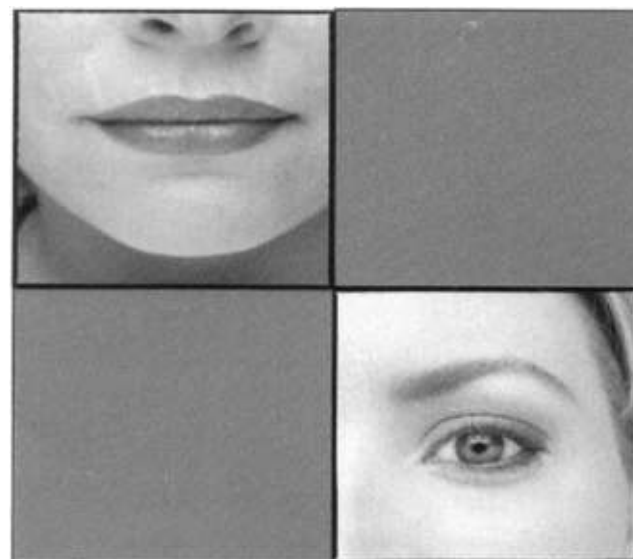
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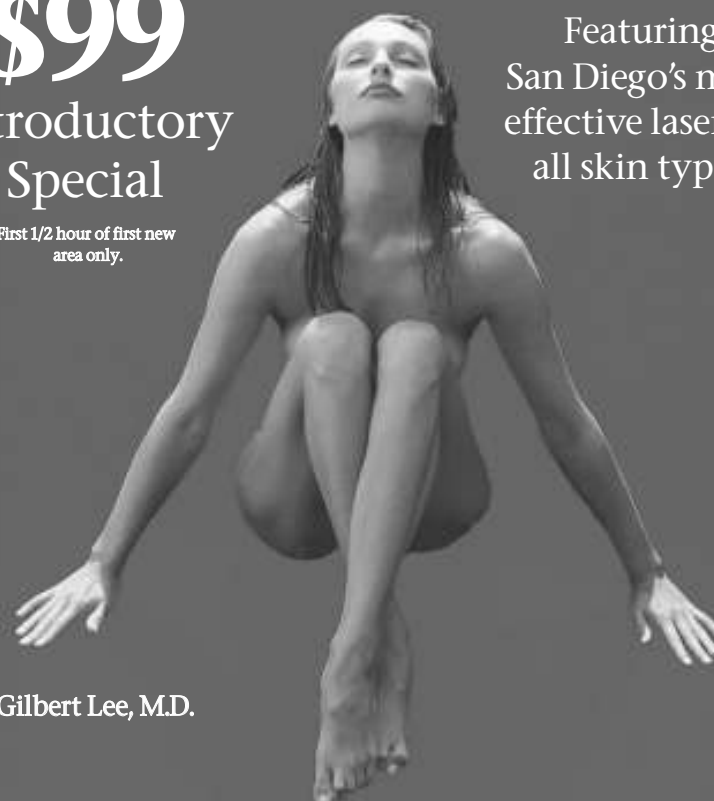
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Memory Aches

Israel Creation Debate

You hear it a lot when injustice is the subject: Never forget this. Never forget that.

"We must remember the suffering of my people," Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel said when he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, "as we must remember that of the Ethiopians, the Cambodians, the boat people, Palestinians, the Mesquite Indians, the Argentinean *desaparecidos* — the list seems endless."

Unfortunately, says Dagmar Barnouw, a professor of German and comparative literature at USC, "memory stories" are counter-productive when peace is the goal.

Barnouw, who lives in Del Mar, hears the Bush administration invoke memories of "that 'holy' Second World War" to justify invasion of Iraq. "But, of course," says Barnouw, "that war has now been shown to have been not all that 'holy.' Wars cannot be — and they are not — 'holy.' World War II wasn't mainly — not even remotely — about relieving Jewish suffering."

Likewise, Barnouw hears Islamic extremists use old memories to validate their position. "The Holocaust as a discourse — as a way of talking about something, in this case persecution — has become very potent for many groups."

The approach isn't new. The Zionists voiced "old memories of persecution, especially the Nazi persecution," when Israel was created in 1948. "They made certain demands, based on those memories, to justify their actions." This led to "a fundamental problem with the way that Israel was conceived" — and, says Barnouw, "Arendt foresaw that problematic situation."

"Arendt" is Hannah Arendt (1906–1975), the philosopher and political journalist. "Arendt brought

equal rights for Palestinians to the foreground very aggressively," says Barnouw, who will lecture this weekend about her and Arendt's intellectual colleague, Judah Magnes.

Magnes (1877–1948), a rabbi and Jewish community leader, was an essential person in Arendt's life. Barnouw describes Arendt's genius as one for "synthesizing and organizing" information that she gathered from others; and Magnes was one who provided her with political information.

Though the lecture is characterized as being about a debate between them, that's misleading: Arendt and Magnes were in agreement about the Middle East. "Magnes was against separatism in Palestine," says Barnouw. "'We have to take down the fences,' he said." Born in San Francisco, Magnes lived for years in New York before emigrating to Palestine in 1922. "The first chancellor of Hebrew University, he pleaded in his inauguration speech for better understanding between Jews and Arabs. In his view, Palestine should be neither Jewish nor Arab. He saw it as a place where everyone would have equal rights. In 1925, he founded an intellectual movement to forward this view. He argued for a modern self-perception of Jews based on the future, on surprises, contingencies, and accidents, not the old, emotionally charged memory stories. He wanted Jews to change with the times and to reshape their thinking."

Barnouw's lecture is part of an annual series named for Maurice Friedman, who says he will be in the audience on Sunday. A professor emeritus of religious studies, philosophy, and comparative literature at SDSU, Friedman is one of the foremost authorities on the religious philosopher Martin Buber (1878–1965).

Friedman, who lives in Solana Beach, was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1921, the son of Russian Jewish immigrants. It was his mother who first met Buber in Israel in 1950, and she who arranged an introduction for her



Hannah Arendt

son. The two men began their 14-year friendship the following year, when Buber came to lecture in the United States.

During the Second World War, Friedman had been a conscientious objector. For his alternative service he was assigned to New Hampshire to cut trees felled by a hurricane, then to California to fight fires, and finally to Pennsylvania to be an attendant in an institution "for the feeble-minded, as they called them in those days."

"I didn't believe in war as a means to solving anything," he says. "But in Pennsylvania we faced issues of violence, because of how the institution was run. At one point, I was knocked out by another worker while trying to stop him from hitting a patient."

In the 1950s, Friedman was chair of the American Friends of Likud, the Israeli political party. Today, however, he believes more in "dialogue" than political action. True to Buber's philosophy of "I and Thou" rather than the depersonalizing "I and It," Friedman avoids situations "in which we cease to see each other as individuals

and only as partisans of certain causes."

And so he directs a Jewish-Arab dialogue group in San Diego.

"Actually there are about ten such groups here. We had our meeting just last Sunday, and the speaker was a member of a longtime Zionist family who runs a karate school in Coronado."

The meeting went well, says Friedman. "I never let the discussion devolve into diatribe or fisticuffs, which it all too often does. The seeds of destruction have been sown for generations, but we do what we can."

— Jeanne Schinto

The Maurice Friedman Lecture in Modern Jewish Thought by Dagmar Barnouw: "Like All Other Nations? Judah Magnes & Hannah Arendt Debate the Creation of Israel" Sunday, February 23, 7 p.m. Temple Solel 552 South El Camino Real, Encinitas Free Info: 619-594-5338



Judah Magnes



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“**Las Misiones Antiguas**/The Spanish Mission of Baja California” provide the subject when author Edward W. Vernon discusses his book at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 21, at the Tijuana Cultural Center. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

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The Otojal 5K Run — with divisions for men, women, and children — is slated for Sunday, February 23. The racing begins at 8 a.m. at the Unidad Deportiva CREA, in the Zona Río. Registration is \$5 U.S. For further information (in Spanish), call 011-52-664-683-1985. (TIJUANA)

The Matadors include Rafael de Follos, Paco Aviña, José Rodríguez, and Paco Ortego for the bullfights planned on Sunday, February 23, beginning at 4 p.m. at Cortijo San José. Call 011-52-664-630-1825 for tickets and information. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

“**La Academia**,” described as “the newest musical reality show in México, with 14 singers in action” may be seen on Sunday, February 23, at 8 p.m., at Palenque Tijuana (on Boulevard Insurgentes). Tickets range from \$30 to \$60, available by dialing 01-52-664-624-1013. (TIJUANA)

“**The Novena Sinfonia de Beethoven**” may be heard when Mónica Abrego, Guadalupe Paz, Manuel Paz, and Salvador Padilla perform with the Orquesta Filarmónica, led by Armando Pesqueira, on Monday and Tuesday, February 24 and 25. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. each night at the Tijuana Cultural Center (located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Tickets are \$25 U.S. For information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

“**A Vision from Baja California South**” will be shared when Eligio

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“**Ritmo y Sabor**” (Rhythm and Flavor) is the theme for the 85th annual carnival, running February 27-March 4 on the streets of downtown Ensenada. This “party for the people” features a wide variety of entertainment and activities — many of them free of charge — including live music, dancing, street parties, children’s activities, and carnival rides. The entertainment, rides, and food booths are located along Ruiz Avenue, between Avenida Adolfo Lopez Mateos and Calle Septima.

Carnaval kings, both for kids and adults, will be crowned during opening ceremonies at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 28. Parades are slated for Saturday, March 1, at 2 p.m.; Sunday, March 2, at noon; and on Tuesday, March 4, at 2 p.m. The parades start on Avenida Adolfo Lope Mateos (known as First Street) and progress along Costero Boulevard between Avenida Macheros and Avenida de las Rocas.

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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.

Shackleton’s Antarctic Adventure documents Sir Ernest Shackleton’s ill-fated 1914 expedition, in which the *Endurance* was eventually swallowed by the ice, but the entire 27-man crew survived. The film screens at the CECUT Omnimax Monday through Friday at 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m., and at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Also screening at various times: *The Ocean Oasis* and *Mystery of the Mayas*.

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OUTDOORS

Ocean Water Temperatures, of late in the high 50s Fahrenheit, are finally on the upswing this month as the

daylight hours lengthen and the sun arcs higher overhead in the sky each day. It will take about five months of spring and summer sunshine before the ocean’s enormous mass and large heat capacity fully respond to the input of solar energy. A maximum water temperature in the low to mid-70s is expected by August or September.

Ceanothus, or wild lilac, begins its annual blooming cycle this month. A blue-flowering variety is starting to bloom on certain hillsides facing north, away from the sun’s drying influence. Depending on local rainfall, nearly every chaparral-covered natural canyon slope in or near San Diego may exhibit blue- or white-flowering specimens by March. The peak of the ceanothus bloom will work its way eastward, reaching Ramona and Alpine in March and the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna Mountains by April or May.

Manzanita Shrubs are starting to bloom this month in the foothill areas of the Cleveland National Forest. The various manzanitas, characterized by smooth, reddish bark and tough, leathery leaves, bear myriad tiny white to pinkish-white, urn-shaped blossoms. Large (decades-old) manzanitas can be seen around Julian and in parts of the Cuyamaca Mountains. Along the coast a similar, but less attractive manzanita thrives — mission manzanita.

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Explore Del Dios and search for Western and Clark’s grebes, osprey, blue-gray gnatcatchers, Canada geese, and Cassin’s kingbirds with Audubon Society birders on Saturday, February 22, 8 a.m. to noon. To join the group, park in the parking area across from Hernandez’ Hide-away (19320 Lake Drive). Bring a scope and expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Free. For information, call 619-692-3246. (ESCONDIDO)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, February 22, at 10 a.m., starting from the park’s visitors’ center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Rediscover Downtown during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Saturday, February 22. The outing starts at 10 a.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Call 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207 for details. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Eagles, Hawks, Falcons, and Owls, 19 species of raptors can be found in the skies around Ramona. The Wildlife Research Institute offers its tenth annual Hawkwatch, a chance to learn from naturalists about the interesting birds. Every weekend

through March 2, biologists will be available to help spot and identify the species.

The next event is Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, meeting at Highland Valley Road and Highland Valley Court, one mile west of Ramona, off Highway 67. Bring binoculars and a camera; wear comfortable hiking shoes. Free. 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

Got Sense? Suzy Wilbur charms with her Snake Sense program on Saturday, February 22, at 1 p.m., at Lake Jennings Park (10108 Bass Road). She’ll discuss local snakes and their benefits and bring live snakes. Call 858-694-3049 for details. (LAKE SIDE)

Enjoy a Campfire when the staff at Kumeyaay Campground presents a campfire program at the amphitheater at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. Find the campground at Two Father Junípero Serra Trail; non-campers should use the day-use parking lot. For information, call 619-668-2748. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Journey into the Past when Heather leads a moderate hike to Sikes Adobe and presents regional history stories of the Mule Hill area on Saturday, February 22, in San Dieguito River Park, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. To make the required reservations, call 858-6474-2275 x31. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

A Bird Walk for Beginners is planned by birder Wayne Harmon along Tecolote Creek on February 22. Participants will look for red-tailed and Cooper’s hawks, Cassin’s kingbirds, and common yellowthroats. The outing starts at 9 a.m. at

Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9961. These outings take place on the fourth Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view the migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge when the series hosted by the Chula Vista Nature Center continues on Saturday, February 22, at 8:30 a.m. Free. To make the required reservations and obtain directions, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Support Your Local Wildlife Helpers! Wildlife Assist volunteers rescue wild animals in trouble. Two orientations are planned on Saturday, February 22, beginning at 2 p.m. Get the information at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street) and at the Tijuana Estuary visitors’ center (301 Caspian Way). Free. For information, dial 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO, IMPERIAL BEACH)

Birds and Biodiversity, biologist and birding expert Claude Edwards leads a naturalist walk focusing on birds and the other fauna and flora at Cabrillo National Monument on Saturday, February 22, 9:30 to 11 a.m. The entrance fee is \$5 per automobile or \$3 per walk-in, bicycle, or motorcycle. The monument is located at 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive. For information, call 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Hike the Rim Trail at the western edge of Mission Trails Regional Park with the Canyoneers on Sunday, February 23, 9 a.m. to noon. Expect

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See the Rare Vernal Pools and possibly some wildflowers when Diana Gordon leads a walk on Sunday, February 23, at 9 a.m. To reach the trailhead, take Carmel Valley to El Camino Real and head south; at the intersection with Carmel Mountain Road, proceed straight on what has become Carmel Mountain Road. Go up the hill several blocks to East Ocean Air Drive; turn left and park at Fairport and Shorepointe. Wear hiking boots and bring water. 858-484-3219. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

The Waning Crescent Moon and Venus stand rather close to each other (6° apart) in the eastern sky at dawn, Thursday, February 27. Since both objects are very bright, they will remain easily visible to the naked eye — assuming the sky is clear — until 20 or 30 minutes before sunrise.

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Explore Your Park! The Anza-Borrego Foundation hosts hikes each weekend in March. The destinations are Whale Peak on Saturday, March 1, and Oriflamme Canyon on Sunday, March 2. Future weekends promise treks to Palo Verde Canyon, the Vallecito-Fish Creek Basin, Rockhouse Canyon, Vallecito Ranch, the Lucky 5 Ranch, and the slot canyons and caves of the Carrizo Badlands.

The fees range from \$15 to \$30, depending upon the adventure you select. Reservations are requested by February 27. For space availability and more information, call 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)


DANCE

“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 Haudenschield, 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)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Classical and Contemporary Repertoire may be enjoyed when City Ballet of San Diego presents "Ovations!" February 21-23 at the City Heights Performance Annex. The program includes excerpts from *Paquita* and *Diana and Acteon*, along with *Gaite Parisienne*, set to music by Jacques Offenbach.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Find the annex at 3795 Fairmount Avenue. Tickets are \$25 general; on Friday, patrons under 30 pay \$10; guests residing in the 92114 or 92105 area codes are offered half-price tickets. For information, call 619-641-6123 or 858-272-8663. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Contradance, Joseph Tulane calls and the Old Twine String Band spins the tunes for the contradance on Friday, February 21, 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)

Born in Pazardzhik, Thrace, Tsvetanka Varimezova majored in Bulgarian accordion and tambura in high school, married Bulgarian *gajda*

player Ivan Varimezov, sang with Le Mystere de Voix Bulgares, and now leads the UCLA Balkan Women's Chorus at UCLA.

Varimezova leads a Bulgarian singing workshop on Saturday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the Folk Dance Center. There's dancing to live music by the Varimezovs 8 to 10 p.m. and request dancing from 10 p.m. to midnight. Fees: \$7 for singing workshop, \$7 for party, \$12 for both. Find the center at 4569 30th Street. For information, call 858-638-1810. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Stompin' at the Aubergine, Cafe-Savoy.com debuts its new weekly Sunday night swing venue on February 23. Swing dancing takes place at Aubergine (500 Fourth Avenue, at Island); doors open at 7 p.m., with an introductory swing lesson at 7:15 p.m., and dancing to swing music spun by San Francisco DJ Jesse Miner from 8 p.m. until midnight. Admission is \$7; dressy attire required. For information, call 858-395-6060. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including February 25, at Tio Lio's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons start at 6:30 p.m., with open dancing to recorded tunes from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

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

Why's It Called the Savoy Lindy? Learn to dance the Savoy Lindy — so-named because of its roots in the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem, New York City — when Jim and Margie lead a swing dance workshop on Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (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)

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

FILM

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 Carrillo's motion picture roles.

The fun begins on Thursday, February 20, in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane) and on Thursday, February 27, at the Carlsbad Senior Center (799 Pine Avenue). Both programs commence at 7 p.m., and admission is free. For more information, call 760-931-8587. (LA COSTA, CARLSBAD)

How About a Tale of Friendship, Survival, and Transcendence? See *They Come at Night*, in which two women of different cultures "become bound to each other by circumstances beyond either's control" when it screens for the Film Forum on Monday, February 24, at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Director Lindy Laub will be present for discussion following the film. Admission is free. 619-236-5800. In English and Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

The Tantalizing Homage to Artistic Intuition *Half Past Autumn: The Life and Works of Gordon Parks* screens

on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). His photographic essays ranged from social commentary to Paris high fashion. UCSD ethnic studies professor Jane Rhodes leads the ensuing discussion. Call 619-236-5800 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

"Classic Couples" populate the films highlighted during the Carlsbad Library's film series this month. Leonard Maltin calls *Adam's Rib* "one of the greatest comedies about the battle of the sexes"; enjoy this classic Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn film on Wednesday, February 26, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Films on Black Labor are being screened in celebration of Black History Month at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Take a tour of 20th-Century civil rights and labor history in *A. Phillip Randolph: For Jobs and Freedom*, screening on Wednesday, February 26, at 6 p.m. Randolph led the 1963 March on Washington and believed that economic rights were the key to advancing civil rights.

Poet Sherehe Rozé 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)

The Meeting of the Two Worlds film series at the San Diego Museum of Art continues with *Que Viva Mexico* — described as "Eisenstein's grand unfinished folly on the history of Mexico" — on Wednesday, February 26, 7 p.m. The film was reconstructed and released in 1979 by his protégé, Grigori Alexandrov. Tickets are \$7 for nonmembers. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Celebration of Shorts" is promised on Thursday, February 27, at 7 p.m., at the Jack Dodge Center (335 Sixth Avenue). The event, hosted by the San Diego Film Foundation, includes *Syndicate*, *Mr. Lou in Love*, *Beauteous: Giovanna*, *How's My Hair?*, *Call Me Crazy*, *Prey*, *Personals*, *Cat Ciao*, *Soledad*, and *Promises Kept*. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. For information, call 619-299-4818. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Videos Documenting the Life Stories of certain City Heights residents may be seen on Thursday, February 27, at the Weingart/City Heights Library. The videos feature narratives of residents' lived experiences as immigrants, refugees, and community members of the City Heights neighborhood, created during an artist-in-residence community program.

Ten videos will be screened, including that of Somali émigré Abdisalam Farah, who lived with his family in the Thika refugee camp in Nairobi, Kenya, for one year before coming to S.D. in 1992; and Laotian refugee Sam Vorachack, who fled Laos by swimming across the Mekong River into Thailand; and more.

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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* 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 environments 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 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

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 February 20 and 23, at the San Diego Museum of Art. Talks begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday and are included in regular museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

What They've Done, What They'll Do, get the skinny when Jim Neri from Friends of Windansea speaks for the Surfrider Foundation on Thursday, February 20, at 7 p.m., at the Forum Hall (above the Wells Fargo Bank at University Towne Centre, 4315 La Jolla Village Drive). Free. 858-792-9940. (LA JOLLA)

"Human Rights Since September 11: (Un)Balancing Liberty and Security" is the subject for a panel discussion scheduled for Thursday, February 20, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. Panelists include law professor Marjorie Cohn

and attorney Randall Hamud, who recently published an article in the *Daily Journal* entitled "Diary of a Terrorist Lawyer."

Free. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Find the Institute at the University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. For information, call 619-260-7808. (LINDA VISTA)

Can We Create Our Lives or does life create us? How does fate collide with destiny and catch us in between? Find out when Jungian analyst and author James Hollis speaks for the Friends of Jung on Friday, February 21. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. at Alliant University (6160 Cornerstone Court East). Admission is \$25 for nonmembers. Dial 858-587-4651 for information. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Adventure Photographer Karl Grobl presents a "Guatemala and Honduras — Travels Among the Ancient and Modern Maya" for the Sierra Club on Friday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). Call 619-299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Public Arts of San Diego" are the subject for the slide-illustrated lecture planned by Damon Hitchcock on Friday, February 21. This "Third Fridays at ACI" event starts at 6 p.m. at the Arts College International (840 G Street). Free. For information, call 619-231-3900. (EAST VILLAGE)

"The Plight of the Endangered Arroyo Toad and Other Amphibians in the Rivers of Northern Baja California" will be discussed when Robert Lovich, Sal Zimmitti, Clark Mahrdt, and Gustavo Daremann speak on Friday, February 21, at noon, at the Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"The Author as Designer and Illustrator: Creating the Whole Book" is the topic when Barbara Hodgson speaks on Friday, February 21, at 3 p.m., in the Seuss Room at UCSD's Geisel Library. The Vancouver resident is the author of three novels including *The Tattooed Map*, *The Sensualist*, and *Hippolyte's Island* and co-founder of Byzantium Books. Free. 858-534-2533. (LA JOLLA)

Art Therapy is the subject when art therapy instructor and author Ellen Speert speaks for the Docent Guest Lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, February 21, at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"For This Mortuary He Has to Pay: Capitalism in Crisis" is the topic for a film screening and "workshop for the alternative society" slated for Friday, February 21. Two prominent critics of capitalism will speak: Kojin Karatani presents "On Transcritique," and Eric Cazdyn will focus on "Crisis and Preemptive Desire." Cazdyn's 40-minute film *Sky's Limit* will be shown. Events begin at 2 p.m. in

3155 Literature Building, at UCSD. Free. 858-452-1868. (LA JOLLA)

Make Sushi Rolls when Kazuko Pintang leads this class at the Japanese Friendship Garden on Saturday, February 22, at 10:30 a.m. To make the required reservations and learn the materials list, call 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Opposing Oppression and Exploitation, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom stands for the equality of all people. Molly Morgan will speak about the group's national and international work and the requirements for establishing local branches. The meeting is slated for Saturday, February 22, at 11 a.m., in the Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

"Art Deco Jewelry: The Ethnic Connection" will be divulged when Darlene Davies speaks for the Ethnic Textile Council of San Diego at the Mingei International Museum on Saturday, February 22, 10:30 a.m. Davies is art and culture editor at *San Diego Ranch and Cove* magazine. Tickets: \$10. 619-294-8556. (BALBOA PARK)

Whaddaya Really Know About Birds? Audubon birding authority Herb Young presents a field seminar on gull identification in Southern California from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 22

and 23, at the Buena Vista Nature Center. The fee is \$25, and advance registration is required.

Well-known San Diego ornithologist Claude Edwards presents a program on bird feathers — their adaptations, structure, function, and beauty — at the center on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. Free. Find the center at 2202 South Coast Highway. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Beautify Your Yard and Garden after the San Diego Master Composters lead a workshop on Saturday, February 22, at 8 a.m., at the San Diego Zoo. Participants will learn to improve the soil and use compost. Free. To register, call 760-436-7986. (BALBOA PARK)

Savoring Salvias, Nan Sterman of Plan Soup and editor of *San Diego Home and Garden* considers "A Rainbow of Salvias" on Saturday, February 22, at 9 a.m., at Dig Gardening Boutique (Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle). The fee is \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. 858-481-3478. (DEL MAR)

Hey, It's BIGRA Day at the Family History Center! The British Isles Genealogical Research Association hosts this event at the LDS Church Family History Center on Saturday, February 22, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be lectures, films, demonstrations, consultations, and tours. Free. The center is located at 4195 Camino del Rio South. For information, call 619-469-1677. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Adaptation? Hollywood script consultant Jeff Kitchen will divulge "Secrets of Great Screenwriting" from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23, at the California Western School of Law (350 Cedar Street, at Third Avenue). Kitchen will offer tools for crafting scripts for features, shorts, and television. The fee is \$140 in advance, or \$165 at the door. For registration, call 760-594-0722. (DOWNTOWN)

Trace the Origins of the relationship between wolves and humans when Pat Tucker and Bruce Weide present "What Happened to the Wolf? The Dog Creation Story" on Saturday, February 22, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. A wolf named Koani and a dog called Indy will be on hand for close-up comparisons. Programs begin at 4 and 7 p.m. The fee is

\$8 for nonmembers. Call 619-255-0203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Is Evolution Inadequate to explain the history and diversity of life? Biologist Wesley R. Elsberry will discuss the "intelligent design" thesis when the Association for Rational Inquiry meets on Sunday, February 23. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). The requested donation is \$5. Dial 619-421-5844 for information. (HILLCREST)

"Like All Other Nations?" Judah Magnes and Hannah Arendt debate the creation of Israel on Sunday, February 23, at 7 p.m. at Temple Solel (552 South El Camino Real). Admission to this "Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies" talk is free. 619-594-5338. (ENCINITAS)

Heroic Individuals Through History have awakened their society's consciences to the point of laws being changed. Two 20th-Century examples: Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished South African playwright, director, and actor Athol Fugard will focus on an

earlier individual when he presents "A Catholic Antigone: An Episode in the Life of Hildegard of Bingen" on Monday, February 24.

The lecture starts at 8 p.m. at the La Jolla Playhouse, Mandel Weiss Forum, on the UCSD campus. Admission is free; parking is \$3. For information, call 858-452-0285. (LA JOLLA)

"The Importance of Restoration" is the subject when San Dieguito River Park biologist Dave Hekel speaks for the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club on Monday, February 24. The meeting commences at 2 p.m. in the upstairs seminar room of the Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). 760-741-0829. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Back to Basics, the North San Diego County Genealogical Society offers a beginning genealogy course taught by Margaret Read. The class meets for six consecutive Monday evenings, beginning on February 24, at 7 p.m., at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For the requested reservations, call 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"Don't Shoot the Messenger and Other Success Tips for Today from

the Bard of Yesterday" will be on offer when Thomas Leech, author of *Say It Like Shakespeare*, speaks for the San Diego Shakespeare Society. Local actors will present a Shakespeare showcase, and Leech will sign books.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 24, at Westminster Presbyterian Church (3598 Talbot Street, at Canon Street). The requested donation is \$5. For information, call 619-255-1401 or 619-223-3193. (LA JOLLA)

Nature Photographer Robert Turner presents an informal discussion on his photographs featured in the current exhibit "Rare Places in a Rare Light" on Monday, February 24, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Admission is \$8 general. To reserve a spot, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Islamic Religious Roots extend back 1400 years. Learn all about "Political Islam" when Vojin Joksimovich addresses the North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council of San Diego on Monday, February 24. The program begins at 10:05 a.m. in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635. (SOLANA BEACH)

"State and Colonial Censuses" are the subject when genealogist Judy Michaels speaks for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, February 25, at 10 a.m., in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-453-8469. (CARLSBAD)

Find Out What Local Book Artists are up to when Elaine Antoniuk presents a slide-illustrated lecture and exhibit of artists' books on Tuesday,

February 25, at the Escondido Municipal Gallery. There's a reception at 6 p.m., with the program at 6:30. Free. Find the gallery at 142 West Grand Avenue; 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

Premium Databases! Get an "Introduction to the Library's Online Resources" when the San Diego Public Library hosts this class on Tuesday, February 25, at 2:30 p.m., in the computer lab. Find the library at 820 E Street. Free. To make the required reservations, call 619-238-6621. Basic Internet experience is recommended. (DOWNTOWN)

Winter Camping, learn the proper techniques and precautions for camping in winter conditions when REI hosts this clinic on Tuesday, February 25, at 7 p.m. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

Experience the Altered State that comes in the midst of the creative flow when author, humorist, and creativity coach Jill Badonsky leads an "Intoxicated Writing Workshop" beginning on Tuesday, February 25, at 7 p.m., at the 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street). The fee is \$15. To register, dial 760-414-1949. (ENCINITAS)

Arrangements in the Sogetsu School style will be demonstrated by Kiroko Szechinski when Ikebana International meets on Wednesday, February 26, at 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-223-8879. Free. (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 with a look at "War, Genocide, and Totalitarianism on a Global Scale in the First Half of the 20th Century" presented by Patrick Patterson on Wednesday, February 26. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. at the UCSD Institute of the Americas Copley International Conference Center. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

Slash College Costs when Ron Caruthers divulges "little-known ways of getting money for college," regardless of income and the student's grades, on Wednesday, February 26, at 7 p.m., at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. (LA COSTA)

Caruthers repeats the program on Thursday, February 27, at 7 p.m., at the Scripps Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Free. To make the reservations required for either date, call 619-736-9005. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"The Souls of Black Folk: Centennial Celebration" is the subject when psychologist and educator Joseph L. White speaks for Black History Month events on Wednesday, February 26, at 2 p.m., in the Price Center Theatre at UCSD. White is referred to as "the godfather of black psychology." Free. For information, call 858-534-3492. (LA JOLLA)

Gallery Walk-Through, curator Toby Kamps leads a tour of "Ellsworth Kelly: Red Green Blue" on Thursday, February 27, at 6 p.m., at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Kamps will discuss Kelly's creative process and explain the significance

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of the works in the history of postwar abstract art. The talk is included in regular museum admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Got Housing? Home mortgage rates haven't been this low since the 1960s, and the people at the San Diego Community Housing Works want to help you "achieve the dream of home ownership." They're offering a home buying education seminar on Thursday, February 27, at 6 p.m., at 4089 Fairmount Avenue. Free. To sign up, call 619-282-6647. (SAN DIEGO)

"Just War Theory: Are All Wars Bad?" The Reverend Peter M. McGuine of the Dioceses of San Diego and the Reverend Tommy King of the Order of Franciscan Missionaries ponder the question on Thursday, February 27, at noon, in room 3515 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). For more information, call 760-757-2121. (OCEANSIDE)

"Why Are Some Countries Rich and Other Countries Poor?" Economist Douglass C. North, co-recipient of the 1993 Nobel Prize in economics, will share his thoughts on the subject on Thursday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m., in room 240 of the Arts Building at CSU San Marcos. He'll also sign and discuss his new book, *Understanding the Process of Economic Change*.

Free. The campus is found at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Dial 760-750-4366 for more details. (SAN MARCOS)

Writing Across Boundaries, it's nearly time for the eighth annual Writer's Symposium by the Sea hosted by Point Loma Nazarene University. Events begin with a talk by Jody Hassett on Monday, March 3, at 10 a.m. in Brown Chapel. Hassett currently covers culture, education, and religion for ABC's *World News Tonight*. Free.

In Crill Performance Hall on Tuesday, March 4, Chris Willman, who's been a senior writer for *Entertainment Weekly* for the last eight years, speaks at 9 a.m. He's followed by author and cellist Mark Salzman at 1 p.m. His most recent novel is *Lying Awake*. Tickets to these talks are \$10 each.

The Joy Luck Club writer Amy Tan is the featured speaker on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall. Tan's other books include *The Kitchen God's Wife* and *The Bonesetter's Daughter*. Admission is \$15.

For space availability and registration, call 619-849-2695. Find the campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

IN PERSON

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)

Help Our Homeless Youth, there's a comedy show benefiting the Store-front emergency shelter planned on Thursday, February 20, at 8 p.m., at the Comedy Store (916 Pearl Street). Performers include Cris Clobber, Lamont Ferguson, America, Gulden, and others. Tickets are \$10; you must be 21 to attend. For reservations, call 858-454-9176. (LA JOLLA)

Slightly Twisted Open Mike — poets, musicians, comics — all are welcome to share their works at the 101 Artists' Colony on Thursday, February 20, at 7 p.m. For information, call 760-414-1949. The event is hosted by Jill Badonsky. The requested donation is \$5. Find the colony at 25 East E Street. (ENCINITAS)

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 21 and 22, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 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)

The Richness of African Culture and Heritage will be celebrated in a program with music, dance, and story planned on Friday, February 21, at 7 p.m., in room 220 at Grossmont College. The program includes performances by the Teye Sa Thiosanne African Drum and Dance Company, Jali Morikeba Kouyate, and the Black Storytellers of San Diego. Admission is free. For information, call 619-422-7053. The campus is located at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

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

Up for a "Suspenseful Novel of Rescue and Redemption set in India and Central Asia"? Aimee Liu follows *Cloud Mountain* with *Flash House*, which she'll sign and discuss on Friday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. For further details, call 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Rousing, Rollicking, Banjo-Beating, Piano-Pounding...the Mickey Finn Show returns for Dixieland performances February 21-23 at Sycuan Casino and Resort (5469 Dehesa Road). Fred Finn is joined by new

partner Cathy Reilly for these "zany shows," beginning at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$20, available by calling 619-445-6002 x1139. (DEHESA)

The Struggles and Tribulations of African-American opera singer Marian Anderson are chronicled in Pam Muñoz Ryan's new biography, *When Marian Sang*. Meet the author when she signs and discusses her book on Friday, February 21, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

A 17th-Century Martial Arts Legend is said to be transformed into a martial arts ballet when "Voice of the Dragon: Once Upon a Time in Chinese America" is presented on Friday, February 21, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. It's a heroic story of the betrayal of the Shaolin Temple by a renegade nun who allies with Manchu Imperial forces to destroy the temple.

Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Tickets range from \$25 to \$40, available by calling 800-988-4253 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (ESCONDIDO)

Was Alfafa Really Murdered over \$50? Who killed TV's Superman? Find out when Billy Ingram signs and discusses *TV Party! Television's Untold Tales* on Saturday, February 22, at 2 p.m., at the Barnes and

Noble store in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Losing My Mind...One Story at a Time" is the theme when the wonderful storyteller Bill Harley entertains the Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, February 22. Harley's appearances include guitar, songs, stories, and his "slightly off-center mind." Harley has appeared at the National Storytellers Festival a number of times and can be heard on NPR's *All Things Considered*.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Manchester Conference Center on the campus of the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). The program is suitable for adults and children over 12. Tickets are \$7. For reservations, call 619-260-4585. (LINDA VISTA)

The Fallbrook Americana Music Series continues with Cleary Bluegrass and the Tom Corbett Band with Bill Knopf on Saturday, February 22. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for those under 17. For information, call 760-723-7255. (FALLBROOK)

Through Painstaking Research and Mapping, Harry Crosby traced historic land journeys in his new book, *Gateway to Alta California: The Expedition to San Diego, 1769*. Crosby will share tales of his research when he speaks and signs books on Saturday, February 22, at 11 a.m., at the

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LOCAL EVENTS

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There Are Concerts planned by the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir on Saturday, February 22, at 7 p.m., at the College Avenue Baptist Church (4747 College Avenue; 619-582-7222) and on Sunday, February 23, at 5 p.m., at the New Hope Friendship Baptist Church (2205 Harrison Avenue). Free. Call 619-234-5506 or 619-697-6246 for information. (COLLEGE AREA, SAN DIEGO)

Murder and Mayhem, author David Rosi shares his new novel *One Good Deed* on Saturday, February 22, at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (9938 Mission Gorge Road).



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Busy on Saturday? Rossi will visit the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at 1040 North El Camino Real on Sunday, February 23, at 12:30 p.m. Free. Call 760-943-6400 for details. (ENCINITAS)

Whale Day 2003 is being celebrated with a “socially conscious concert” on Saturday, February 22, at 8 p.m., at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Clan Dyken and the Band W will perform for this all-age event. Tickets are \$16 for adults, free for those under 16. For information, call 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

Audiences Large and Small enjoy concerts by Robin and Linda Williams, with their latest creations to folk country classics and tunes of bygone days. The duo performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Dieguito United Methodist

Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Tickets are \$15. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (ENCINITAS)

“Thanks for the Memories: A USO Tribute” is on offer during the annual variety show and dinner party hosted by the San Diego Choraleers adult mixed chorus, the Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, and Radar and the Blips. The show begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, in the auditorium at Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). Tickets for adults are \$10, \$5 for those 6 to 11, and free for those under 5 and include dessert. Call 858-277-0849 for information. (SAN CARLOS)

Three Judges from Vancouver, B.C., will be on hand for the Last Sunday Poetry Slam on February 23, at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). Nationally touring poet Rachel Flood and friends entertain between rounds. The first round is open to the first 18 in line. Sign-ups start at 7 p.m., with slamming around 7:30 p.m. The requested donation is \$2. 619-299-GRND. (HILLCREST)

“Confessions of a Word Lover” may be heard on Sunday, February 23, when wordsmith and punster Richard Lederer speaks in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane), at 2 p.m. Tickets to this library fundraiser are \$5. For information, call 760-434-2881. (LA COSTA)

Hailing from Zimbabwe, musician and composer Thomas Mapfumo — known for musical innovation and political commentary via his music — will lecture and perform on Sunday, February 23, at 4 p.m., at UCSD’s Price Center Theatre. The title for this lecture/concert is “Flow-

ing With the Sound: From Tradition to Postmodernity in African and African-American Music.” Free. Call 858-822-0265 or 858-627-0838 for information. (LA JOLLA)

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

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

Radio Host and Author Dirk Sutro signs and discusses *San Diego Architecture: Missions to Modern* on Sunday, February 23, 2 to 4 p.m., at Architectural Salvage (1971 India Street). Free. 619-696-1313. (LITTLE ITALY)

With Many Accomplishments to his credit, the Reverend George Walker Smith started “in the rich soil of Alabama oppression.” He’ll sign and discuss his book *Conscience of the Community* on Sunday, February 23, at 2 p.m., in the Wangenheim Room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

Comfy and Cozy, the Poetsperformance round-robin open reading takes place at Red’s Espresso Cafe on Sunday, February 23, 4 to 6 p.m. You’re invited to bring your own work or read from that of your favorite authors. Find Red’s at 1017 Rosecrans; 619-523-5540. Free. (POINT LOMA)

“Dragon’s Mouth,” described as a “drama quartet” by J.B. Priestly fea-

turing Barbara Elliott, Rosina Reynolds, Jonathan Dunn Rankin, and Marc Overton will be presented by the Carlsbad Playreaders on Monday, February 24. The reading starts at 7:30 p.m. at the North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). The requested donation is \$7. For tickets and information, call 760-729-3383. (SOLANA BEACH)

Author Robert Crais signs *The Last Detective* at Warwick’s Bookstore on Tuesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Hello, Carol! Head to Current Affairs Bookstore on Wednesday, February 26, when Carol Channing discusses and signs her memoir *Just Lucky I Guess* at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 2536 University Avenue and by calling 619-795-9899. Free. (NORTH PARK)

Swedish Playwright August Strindberg’s work *The Father* is being presented by an all-African-American cast directed by David Patch on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m., at the City Heights Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). For information, call 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

There’s a Benefit Concert planned for Todd Galli, who’s fighting Duchenes muscular dystrophy, on Wednesday, February 26, at 7 p.m. There will be Celtic, bluegrass, folk, and blues music, as well as a magic show and silent auction. Tickets are \$5. The event takes place at the Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center, 3557 Monroe Street. For information, call 760-434-1726 x2515. (CARLSBAD)

Combining Asian and Western Classical Music and modern jazz, pianist/keyboardist Keiko Matsui takes

the stage at the East County Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$21 and \$26. Find the center at 210 East Main Street and by dialing 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Local Romance Writer Sylvia Mendoza will discuss and sign her book *Waves of Passion* when the romance reading group meets at Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center on Wednesday, February 26, 7 p.m. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

What Happened to the Kumeyaay Indians when the Spanish invaded Southern California? Find out when author Margaret Wyman discusses her book *Mission: The Birth of California, the Death of a Nation* at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, at Barnes and Noble (10755 Westview Parkway). For information, call 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

“School of Heart Knocks,” five writers share spoken word, storytelling, and in-performance poetry with props, gesture, and movement on Wednesday, February 26. Events begin at 7:30 p.m. at the 101 Artists’ Colony (25 East E Street). \$5. Dial 760-414-1949 for details. (ENCINITAS)

Life After the Great Depression for Betty Byrd’s grandmother Brya is chronicled in the author’s book *Trinity’s Daughter*. Meet Byrd when she signs books at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (9938 Mission Gorge Road; 619-562-6791). Free. (SANTEE)

Author John Lescroart will discuss and sign *The First Law* on Thursday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Acoustic Wizardry is promised when mandolin virtuoso Chris Thile (from Nickel Creek) and multi-instrumentalist extraordinaire Mike Marshall (with stints in Psychograss, the Anger/Marshall Band, and the David Grisman Quintet) perform “from Bach to bluegrass and back again” on Thursday, February 27, at 7 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets are \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. For tickets, call 877-597-1468. (ENCINITAS)

Classical Indian Music will be performed by sitar virtuoso Kartik Seshadri and Arup Chattopadhyay on tabla on Thursday, February 27, at 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. “This traditional, improvisational, and spiritual recital will begin with an *alap* section, progressing to the *chor*, which then evolves to the *gat*, the fixed composition of the raga. Each raga is improvised based on the spirituality and feelings of the artists.” Admission is \$8 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

A Lecture and Signing is promised when Steve Smith, author of *Warbird Watcher’s Guide to the Southern California Skies*, visits Bay Books on Thursday, February 27, at 5 p.m. Bay Books, 1029 Orange Avenue, 619-435-0070. Free. (CORONADO)

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then locked herself
in a refrigerator.

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— Six months earlier, after thirty years
teaching piano, she had watched

her mother slowly die of throat cancer.
Watched her *want* to die ...

What once had given Mary life
in the end didn’t want it.

Awake, her mother screamed for help to die.
— She felt

GUILTY ... She knew that *all* men in these situations felt
innocent —; helpless —; yet guilty.

*

Christ knew the Secret. Betrayal
is necessary; as is woe for the betrayer.
The solution, Mary realized at last,
must be brought out of my own body,

Wiping away our sins, Christ stained us with his blood —;
to offer yourself, yet need *betrayal*, by *Judas*, before
SHOULDERING

THE GUILT OF THE WORLD —;
...Give me the courage not to need Judas.

*

When Judas writes the history of solitude,
let him record



that to the friend who opened
the refrigerator, it seemed

death fought; before giving in.
— Frank Bidart

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ber 456-838-6754. (MISSION BAY)

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40-mile rides commences at
9:15 a.m. at Hourglass Park (at Black
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Drive). There will be riding in Poway
and near Miramar Lake, and a lunch
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SPECIAL

Wineries from Baja and California
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dishes when ElderHelp of San Diego
hosts its sixth annual “Wine and
Dine” event on Friday, February 21.
The party runs from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at
the Manchester Grand Hyatt on the
Sand Diego Bay. The fee is \$75. For
reservations, call 619-284-9281 x50.
(DOWNTOWN)

“The Joy of Orchids” is the theme
for the Palomar Orchid Society’s an-
nual show, slated for February 22 and
23 at the Women’s Club of Carlsbad
(3320 Monroe Street). Show hours
are noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday,
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admis-
sion is \$3. For more information, call
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bet will present a two-hour *Cham*
dance on Saturday, February 22, at
2 p.m., at the Shi-ho Gallery (2002
Jimmy Durante Boulevard).

Cham performances and cere-
monies feature sacred masked
dances, sacred music, healing chants,
and multicolored costumes. Bring
something to sit on, as the perfor-
mance will be outdoors, followed by
a blessing and viewing of sacred arti-
facts. Donations benefit the
monastery. Questions? Call 858-259-
0787 answers. (DEL MAR)

Pampered Pooches, the Silver Bay
Kennel Club of San Diego’s AKC All-
Breed Dog Shows are set for Saturday
and Sunday, February 22 and 23,
from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Del Mar
Fairgrounds. Over 2200 dogs are ex-
pected to compete *each day*. It’s ter-
rific fun to watch. No unentered dogs
are allowed on the show grounds.
Admission for (human) spectators is
free. Call 619-588-0507 for informa-
tion. (DEL MAR)

**The “Season’s Largest Drum Cir-
cle”** is expected to form on Satur-
day, February 22, from noon to
3:30 p.m., at the Hilltop Center (331
East Elder Street). Paulo Mattioli will
present a preview of his upcoming
workshop. Musicians of all ages and
skills are welcomed. Admission is
free, although donations are appre-
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Bring your own ethnic flutes, drums,
and other rhythm instruments.
(FALLBROOK)

**Celebrate the One-Year Anniver-
sary** of 9 Muses during the event
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beginning at 10 a.m. Artists will be
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Sandy Selby will introduce Kidsprints
tiles. Find the shop at 703 Felspar
Street (one block north of the Crys-
tal Pier). For information, call
858-581-6505. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Cats and Dogs will be offered for
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SPORTS

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Fun in Terrain presents a Winter
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at Buena Vista Park on Saturday,
February 22. Orienteering is the
sport of using a map and compass to
navigate to various control points.
The group offers bicycling orienteer-
ing, foot orienteering, an adventure
run, and terrathlon.

Registration for each event begins
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1 p.m. Courses close at 3 p.m. In-
struction is available prior to each
event. Fees range from \$8 to \$20, de-
pending upon the event; compasses
rent for \$3. Find the park at the An-
tigua and Shadowridge Drives (just
west of the intersection of South Mel-
rose and Shadowridge). For further
information, call 760-598-2630. (VISTA)

Icy in San Diego? The San Diego Gulls
host the Fresno Falcons on Saturday,
February 22, at 7 p.m., and the Bak-
ersfield Condors on Sunday, Febru-
ary 23, at 5 p.m., 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)

Where the *!#& Is Elfin Forest?
Find out when the Knickerbiker bi-
cyclists head out on a ride on Sat-
urday, February 22. The 45-miler
for experts starts at 9 a.m. in the
Wherehouse parking lot (at Del Mar
Heights Road and El Camino
Real) and includes Del Dios High-
way and Elfin Forest. For further
information, dial 858-456-7949.
(DEL MAR)

Surf’s Up for High School, the 2003
ISF High School Surf Team State
Championships are slated for Satur-
day and Sunday, February 22 and 23,
at the Oceanside Harbor jetties.
Competition runs 6:30 a.m. to
4:30 p.m. both days. For further in-
formation, dial 760-931-1450.
(OCEANSIDE)

Fitness and Fun, the Pardee Torrey
Pines 5k run/walk “Race for Knowl-
edge” and children’s one-mile, half-
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races are set for Sunday, Febru-
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READING

Great God A'Mighty: The Dixie Hummingbirds and the Rise of Soul Gospel Music



Jerry Zolten

Oxford University Press, 2003; 364 pages; \$30

FROM THE DUST JACKET: From the Jim Crow world of 1920s Greenville, South Carolina, to Greenwich Village's Café Society in the '40s, to their 1974 Grammy-winning collaboration on "Loves Me Like a Rock," the Dixie Hummingbirds have been one of gospel's most durable and inspiring groups. Now, J. Jerome Zolten tells the Hummingbirds' fascinating story and with it the story of a changing music industry and a changing

nation. When James Davis and his high school friends started singing together in a rural South Carolina church they could not have foreseen the road that was about to unfold before them. They began a ten-year jaunt of "wildcatting," traveling from town to town, working local radio stations, schools, and churches, struggling to make a name for themselves. By 1939 the a cappella

singers were recording their four-part harmony spirituals on the prestigious Decca label. By 1942 they had moved north to Philadelphia and then New York where, backed by Lester Young's band, they regularly brought the house down at the city's first integrated nightclub, Café Society. From there the group rode a wave of popularity that would propel them to nationwide tours, major record contracts, collaborations with Stevie Wonder and Paul Simon, and a career still vibrant today as they approach their 75th anniversary. Drawing generously on interviews with Hank Ballard, Otis Williams, and other artists who worked with the Hummingbirds, as well as with members James Davis, Ira Tucker, Howard Carroll, and many others, *The Dixie Hummingbirds* brings vividly to life the growth of a gospel group and of gospel music itself.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: The Dixie Hummingbirds, along with the Swan Silvertones and the Soul Stirrers, were the foremost popularizers of the a cappella style of gospel music that brought the spiritual music of traditional African-American communities to a wide — and primarily white — audience in the 1950s. In this excellent history, Jerry Zolten, an assistant professor of American Studies at Penn State, Altoona, carefully and lovingly details the almost 75-year history of the Hummingbirds, from their start in the Depression to their induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2000. He deftly explores how the group's history itself embodies numerous American ironies: that an "unintended result" of segregation "was the flowering of a distinctly African-American homegrown culture" that included gospel music; that the Depression and the mass migration of African-Americans from the South "created a nationwide market for black entertainers of all kinds" that allowed the Hummingbirds their initial financial success. Zolten interestingly points out that the group, known for its hard-driving vocal sound, won its only Grammy award for their own version of "Loves Me Like a Rock" by Paul Simon, whose original version had fea-

tured the Hummingbirds and brought them to a new rock-oriented audience. Adding to the book's success are Zolten's numerous interviews with founding members James Davis and Ira Tucker, as well as their many collaborators, which add personal depth to the book's amazing wealth of detail and dates. This is a fine exploration of an important style and era in the history of American popular music and culture.

From *Library Journal*: Making extensive use of interviews, Zolten charts the rise of soul gospel music by capturing the verve and fervor of gospel greats, the Dixie Hummingbirds, during the last 50 years. After chronicling their founding in 1928 and early concerts in South Carolina, he continues with the addition of the silver-throated Ira Tucker and their move in 1942 to Philadelphia then New York City. There, they landed a stint at the influential, antiracist Café Society, which led to national exposure. Using the Hummingbirds as an example of how African-American religious music has changed during the last half century, Zolten also charts their transition from spiritual group to soul-drenched gospelists punctuated by the electric guitar of Howard Carroll to what they are today. Throughout, the author places the Dixie Hummingbirds in their social and musical contexts, discussing how pre-World War II racism and then the Civil Rights Movement influenced the group and notes their impact on doo-wop and Motown. This intriguing, fast-moving history is highly recommended for anyone interested in music, social history, gospel, or the American experience.

From *Booklist*: As far as public visibility goes, the Dixie Hummingbirds hit their apogee backing Paul Simon on his 1974 hit "Loves Me Like a Rock." Gospel fans know that the group started way before that, as an a cappella aggregation in the '30s. They eventually signed with Decca, a major mainstream label, at a time when most black musicians were relegated to smaller "race" labels with inferior distribution and commercial reach. The 'Birds' story, you see, is also the story of black entertainment slowly entering the

Call 619-685-3536 for further information. (CARLSBAD)

You Are Cordially Invited to the Windmill Bridal Faire, set for Sunday, February 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Windmill (890 Palomar Airport Road). Organizers promise fashion shows, engagement portraits, cake tastings, location ideas, flowers, and more. \$5. For further information, call 760-967-8889. (CARLSBAD)

Stamp Collectors Are Invited to the monthly San Diego Stamp Fair slated for Sunday, February 23, with many stamp and cover dealers offering their wares from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440

Kearny Mesa Road). Admission is free. Dial 619-469-0337 for details. (KEARNY MESA)

The Three-Part Installation *Bird Hub* by artist Daniel Wheeler is on view through Wednesday, March 5, at the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center. With the *Bird Hub*, Wheeler aimed to create an artistic scene similar to what could be described as an airport with birds perceived as the "airplanes." The project consists of three stations: the "Terminal," the "Tower," and the "Perch" (found on the MiraCosta College campus). For information and directions, call 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

FOR KIDS

Comic Ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Comic, Magic Ventriloquism* through Sunday, February 23, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Pepper's Favorites*, performed by the Phoebeke Puppets February 26-March 2.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Make a Magic Wand and listen to *Milo's Hat Trick* by Jon Agee during the story time events planned on Saturday, February 22, at 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. The events are for those four to ten years old. (MIRA MESA)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, plant a flower bulb to take home and watch sprout and bloom during the events planned on Saturday, February 22, at 1 p.m. The planting is included in regular museum admission (\$4).

The museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for

children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, minicity, and renovated children's marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

Sticks, Straw, or Brick? Help The Three Little Pigs decide when the San Diego Actors Theatre present "Children's Classics" on Saturday, February 22, at 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes *Rapunzel*, poetry, and songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Arts and Activities, kids three and older are invited to the crafts and activity program planned on Saturday, February 22, at 10 a.m., at the shade structure at Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Use Nature's Clues to find what secrets abound in a variety of plant and animal habitats when David Meier leads a children's scavenger hunt in the Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve on Saturday, February 22. The exploratory mission starts at 9 a.m.

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)

Theater Arts Workshops for children four to nine years old are conducted by the San Diego Actors Theatre on the fourth Saturday of every month, including February 22, at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino Del Mar). Workshops run from noon to 1 p.m. \$10. To make the required reservations, call 858-268-4494. (DEL MAR)

What's It Like to Be a Whale Baby?

Find out during the class for those three and four years old planned on Saturday, February 22, at 9:30 a.m., at the Birch Aquarium-Museum. Kids will explore the relationship between mother and calf, what the babies eat, and how fast they grow through video, stories, crafts, and role playing.

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

The Discovery Series hosted by the La Jolla Chamber Music Society continues when Welsh cellist Thomas Carroll and pianist Richard Joo perform on Sunday, February 23, at 3 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$7.50 for students 6 to 18. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

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American pop-cultural mainstream. It is rather surprising, however, to learn that the group collaborated with Hank Ballard, composer of “The Twist” and singer of the salacious R&B workouts “Work with Me Annie” and “Annie Had a Baby.” On the other hand, the line between sacred gospel and profane R&B has been thin, as the careers of Dinah Washington, Sam Cooke, and Al Green, among others, attest.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Jerry Zolten, on the morning that we talked, told me, “It’s more important where I was raised than where I was born. I was born in 1945 in Clearwater, Florida. But I have no real memory of Clearwater. I was raised outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in a little town called McKeesport, with wonderful music and radio stations all around.”

About the year that he was born, Professor Zolten said, “Nineteen forty-five was a great year because those of us who came into the world about then got to watch the whole rock-and-roll, rhythm-and-blues thing unfold before our very eyes. I’m grateful for that opportunity.”

Mr. Zolten came to black gospel music by listening to the radio. “In Pittsburgh,” he said, “there was no such thing as underground radio as there would be in the 1960s. So we had to kind of invent our own underground radio, although I don’t think we were consciously going for that. In Pittsburgh it was a station called WAMO on the far end of the radio dial, a station with a weak signal. It actually came out of Homestead, Pennsylvania, the home of the great Homestead steel strikes. It was an all-black station; all the disc jockeys — or almost all of them — were black, and most of the listenership was black. We — and when I say ‘we’ I mean myself and my high school buddies — were just in love with that station. It was a real badge of honor to say that we listened to WAMO. We really responded to the music. It was very real and we were drawn to it.”

I asked about race relations in McKeesport when Mr. Zolten was a teenager. “I ran into problems as a kid,” he said. “I still remem-

ber being held against the wall by a cop who was upset that I was out with black friends in a public restaurant. The cop, interestingly enough, said he was just trying to protect me. He was afraid that it might incite violence on the part of others.”

We returned then to talk of music, and Mr. Zolten said, “If you tuned in to the pop stations of the day — I’m talking about the late 1950s and the first years of the 1960s — that were courting the teenage market, you’d see that rock and roll was going through somewhat of an insipid period. The first great wave of doo-wop and rhythm-and-blues had died out, and the British Invasion had not yet begun. What you heard were basically manufactured pop stars, the Frankie Avalons, the Fabians, who, you know, were selected because they sort of had Elvis’s looks, even if they didn’t have his sound. There were lots of other kinds of singers, too. But they didn’t have the punch and rawness and novelty of the ones who had come before. It was a much more contrived pop-music sound. So when we listened to WAMO we were hearing a wonderful alternative to all that. One of the things I marvel at in retrospect is that the disc jockey never really said who we were hearing; we never knew the name of the artist. Nor did we know when the record was recorded. There was one disc jockey in particular who was feeding the taste of young whites living in the area. His name was Porky Chedwick [Chedwick was one of the first white DJs on the East Coast to play, on radio, black artists only]. He was one of the great early pioneers of this. He was dipping back to records that had been hits within the African-American market for years back but had never been heard outside of that market. So, for all we kids knew, it was fresh, brand new.

“I remember finding one of these records. It was like a great mystery, trying to figure out who the heck the artist was. It might have been five years out of date. One in particular I remember was a tune by Professor Longhair of New Orleans, Roy Byrd, called ‘Bald Head.’ It was a favorite on that radio station. But Porky would never say who it was. He just played the record. We tracked it down after years of looking.”

“What was one of the first songs with which you fell in love?” “That flies in the face of everything I’ve said, because the very first record I bought was one of the Chipmunk records. One of the first records that I really fell in love with was probably Willie Mae Thornton’s ‘Hound Dog.’ I still love the guitar solo in that record; it still gives me chills.”

Mr. Zolten graduated in 1963 from McKeesport High School. “The school has a little hall of fame, and they recently honored one of our 1935 graduates, Art Rupe, who left McKeesport and founded Specialty Records in Los Angeles. Specialty gave us everybody from Little Richard to Sam Cooke. So maybe there was something in the water in McKeesport. I don’t know. Van Dyke Parks, who collaborated with the Beach Boys, also comes out of McKeesport.”

About college, Professor Zolten said, “It’s sort of embarrassing, but I did my whole stint from undergraduate work to graduate work all at Penn State, where I teach. That’s just the way it came down. I got an undergraduate degree in English. And then after my undergraduate degree I played music — guitar — in a band.

“So I was out there making music. And there’s a professor here — he’s one of the people I dedicated the book to, Gerald M. Phillips — he was a free-speecher, the sort of professor that a lot of kids who were questioning social values gathered around. He was quite a brilliant man. When I left school he said, ‘If you ever want to pursue a degree in communication, let me know.’ When all my band group mates got drafted to go to Vietnam, I decided to take

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Wild Winter Weather, learn how specific weather conditions arise, and find out about barometers, weather vanes, and other instruments used by meteorologists when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts this class for those in grades two and three on Sunday, February 23, at 9:30 a.m. The fee is \$25. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

The Power of Youth, this bilingual youth theater, poetry, and music event starts at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Donations accepted. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS

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

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district’s 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*.

Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, the museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTÉE)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, this historic home

sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts

and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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him up on it. I ended up getting both my master's and Ph.D. in communication; what I've done is bend the discipline to be about music as communication."

"What was your dissertation subject?"

"I was fascinated with the language that evolved around people who were labeled hippies. There were all these 'in' words. I compared these with the jazz lingo that evolved in the 1920s and 1930s and 1940s."

Mr. Zolten is an assistant professor of communication arts and sciences and American studies at Penn State. He lives in Warriors Mark, Pennsylvania. I asked him about his town's name.

He answered, saying, "This is gorgeous, sunny, mountainous country. I can't think of any terrain in California that it would quite resemble, but we have lots of mountains and valleys. Back in the earliest days, there were Native Americans living throughout this part of Pennsylvania, including where I live now. The story I'd always heard was that there was a little stand of trees and you could still see the hatchet marks, the tomahawk marks, and it got the name 'warrior's mark.' There are a lot of other places around here that have the same Indian or Native American flavor. This is a wonderful place to find Indian artifacts, arrowheads, that kind of thing."

I said that I was such an ignoramus, when I thought of "Pennsylvania," I always imagined the state as almost entirely populated by thousands of John Updike and John O'Hara characters and Quakers who looked like the fellow on the oatmeal box. That Native Americans had originally lived there, I confessed, never occurred to me.

"Well, they're here too. We've got it all. We're a pretty interesting place."

I asked Professor Zolten what classes he taught at Penn State.

"I teach a class I call, 'The Cultural Roots of Rock and Roll.' That's to snag them. We cover a period from the turn of the [20th] Century up to the middle 1960s, and we get into all these genres of African-American music and the interface with white American music,

and how it all led up to this thing that we started calling rock and roll. It's brand new for almost everyone in the room. There are a lot of young college-age folks out there who had taken this up on their own, who are utterly fascinated with America's cultural musical roots. But most find it to be a totally new adventure, uncharted territory."

Recordings by African-Americans once were spoken of as "race records." Could Professor Zolten explain this to me?

"Sure. The term 'race' was sort of an invention of the corporate record world, back in the earliest days. In fact, prior to 1920, most records were the general show tune, popular tune kind of thing, spoken word, and vaudeville routines. Then around 1920 the Okeh Record Company took a chance on an African-American blues singer, Mamie Smith. She made, in essence, the first recording by a black artist with the idea of marketing it to black record buyers. There had been other recordings by black artists before that, but they were for a general market, a market not unlike the folk music market. So when Mamie Smith came along and sold quite well, this opened the door for a new market, and most existing record labels began directing material by black artists to black record buyers, and I don't know who came up with the term, but 'race' was the term."

"It's an interesting term."

"It is. And back then it was not taken as an insult by the performers who saw these recordings as progress; an odd progress, but progress. But that would soon change as the ludicrousness of identifying a market by the color of the artist's skin became more and more absurd."

"The records would say 'race' right on the label. In fact, it would say 'race record.' As a fanatic record collector, which I am, you have to learn the code. For example, Columbia Records had a five-digit serial number system, and records that began with 1 to 4 were race records. You just knew that. The Okeh Company had a four-digit system, and anything in the 8000 series was a race record. And it would say that on the label. Later in the 1930s, labels

like Decca had a 'sepia' series."

"How do you explain to a general audience who the Dixie Hummingbirds are?"

"Basically the Dixie Hummingbirds were a group of guys who, in their preteens and high school days, put it together that you could make an honorable living singing. They came along in the 1920s, when suddenly it was possible for a young African-American singing group to get a little attention outside of their own community, thanks to records and radio. So the seed got planted back then in the Carolinas, in Spartanburg and Greenville. James Davis is the man who carried it forward and nurtured it and blew on it, and, amazingly, he's alive and well today. At this point in time, I think he's just enjoying the fact that he made this thing happen and kept it going all those years."

"If you were going to describe the group's sound, what would you say?"

"Early on, in the earliest days, before records and before radio, there were so many different ways to do the music because the performers were stuck in place and time. And there was no way they could hear each other or somebody over in the next community, how they were doing it. Then with the emergence of records — and especially these Alabama gospel groups, like the famous Blue Jay singers — new ways of forming harmony and putting things together tended to get out there and give other groups in other parts of the country the idea that maybe they could make it as singers."

"The Hummingbirds were self-taught; they didn't really have anybody teaching them; they just echoed what was around them, and at that time it was the spiritual tradition. The idea of writing something original wouldn't really occur to them. The form was kind of fixed — the lead voice up front, the other voices holding down the fort, and the bass providing the bottom. But they would figure out chords and arrangements and, of course, Greenville-Spartanburg, they almost had a school of music there in the form of Mr. Woodruff's house, where all the guys would meet, and some of the older singers would train younger ones. So it was purely spir-

sent the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-

1915, with "some classics and a concept car."


Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. For more information, call 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, the contributions of local res-


idents whose front-line combat, nursing corps bravery, assembly-line labor, and hometown victory gardens are honored in "Lemon Grove in World War II." Parachutes, flags, uniforms, medals, draft cards, censored letters, ration books, war bride wedding gowns, and much more are included in the exhibit, on display through Thursday, July 31.

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itual and, of course, purely a cappella for a lot of reasons — economics, meaning nobody could afford piano lessons, nor could one travel easily with the piano if you wanted to go out on the road with it.”

“Were guitars used at this time?”

“A little bit here and there. I think you’d probably find a guitar in a country church. There were guitar evangelists — people like Blind Willie Johnson — who were playing very sophisticated guitar, but for some reason that kind of guitar playing didn’t find its way into quartet singing.”

“Could you tell me what the Hummingbird sound is like now?”

“They still do it all. It’s remarkable. They’ll sit down and form a little tight circle and sing an a cappella version of a tune like ‘Beaming from Heaven’ that just gives you chills. And then they’ll break into their classics from the Peacock years of the 1950s with the electric guitar and the soulful rhythm and feel. They’re going through some changes now. The book ends on what will happen next. Unfortunately, one of the very important members of the group passed away last month. And their brilliant guitar player is sidetracked for the moment. He’s dealing with arthritic hands, so he hasn’t been able to go out on the road. Ira Tucker is fashioning a group using past members of the Dixie Hummingbirds and the farm team, the sons of the ’Birds. He’s also got his grandson playing drums. Ira’s singing is terrific. He’s strong as you’d want. I don’t know if he’s as strong as he ever was, but he can still do it. He can sing it mellow, he can shout it out. So I’m happy to say that the tradition, for the moment, is continuing in that way, and they’ve been playing here and there.”

I asked about the professor’s research for this book. “Well,” he said, “obviously, there were the face-to-face interviews. But to back those up, one of the tools that was helpful to me were African-American newspapers. I was so thrilled with stuff I was finding in these papers that one of the projects that I’d like to undertake is a collection of writings from the African-American press about African-American music.

“My record collection was invaluable. I was ultimately able to hear almost every single recording the Dixie Hummingbirds ever made, not to mention recordings by many other groups I write and talk about. I feel lucky to be alive at a time when we’ve got this sonic record. It’s really a godsend. In conjunction with the recordings themselves I relied on several definitive discographies. There’s a great volume called *Blues and Gospel Records*. This book and others like it are British publications. As it is with American roots music, the British, the Japanese, the Europeans are way ahead of us on getting their act together about cataloging this stuff.

“There’s also a postwar discography, a British publication, that I used called *Gospel Records 1943–1969: A Black Music Discography*. That was a huge help.

“And here’s a funny thing — I’m wondering when somebody is going to write about this, if they haven’t already. eBay has been an incredible source. I can’t tell you how much I relied on eBay. What did I get on eBay? I found things like the funeral program for the great lead singer of the Five Blind Boys who died in the 1950s. I actually have the booklet from his funeral with biographies of the Blind Boys and the groups that came to tribute him. eBay was also a terrific source of original photographs.”

“Don’t you think it’s interesting that so many people who don’t care anything about Jesus love this music?”

“Well, yes. I’ve puzzled over it, I’ve talked to so many people about it, and I’m afraid I fall into that category. But again it keeps coming back to this spirituality that connects us all, if we are in a situation that allows it to come out. There are a lot of different kinds of music that can deliver that. But there is something emo-

tional about a gospel performance that just pulls everyone together in a way that nothing else I’ve ever heard can do.”

I asked Professor Zolten what gospel music does for him.

“It’s what keeps me sane. I’ve been fortunate in that, prior to the early 1980s, I was just another person on the outside, listening to the records and collecting the 78s, but it was in that period of the early 1980s that I met, by chance, the Fairfield Four, who at that time had been retired for 30 years. They were bored and looking to get back into singing. So we formed a kind of partnership. What that meant for me is I got to go out and take them everywhere and travel with them and spend time at their homes. To have five guys singing, live in a van, as you travel down the highway is an exquisite experience. I’d see them go into these concert halls and absolutely rivet the crowds. That’s given me a real special look at it. So I’ve been very lucky in that regard. And it was my involvement with the Fairfield Four that led me to the Dixie Hummingbirds.”

“What do you recommend to people who want to buy a Dixie Hummingbirds CD; what would they buy?”

“Right now the ideal project doesn’t exist. The ideal thing would be something that documents their evolution from the 1938 Decca recordings through all those years up to something contemporary. But there’s nothing like that out there. If you’re interested in their oldest recorded sound, I would recommend the Document CD, which is called *Dixie Hummingbirds Complete Recorded Works 1939–1949 in Chronological Order*. If you’re interested in the trailblazing soul gospel sound, I’d recommend any of the MCA releases from the Peacock vault. That’s where you’ll hear the collective best hits from the 1950s, where you get that electric guitar soulful sound. If you’re interested in the ’Birds today, their 70th Anniversary album on the House of Blues label is good [*Music in the Air — A 70th Anniversary Celebration*]. You can’t go wrong with any of their collected works. It’s all fascinating. There are moments of great brilliance in any gathering of material from those periods.”

— Judith Moore

original Lemon Grove Fruit Growers Association between 1893 and 1900.

The museum’s continuing, core exhibits are “The Story of Lemon Grove” and “The Parson’s Study.” Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, a new retrospective exhibit called “Reaching for the Stars: The Fleet’s First 30 Years” documents the history of the Fleet. Each decade of the past 30 years is highlighted through graphics, photographs, and artifacts taking visitors on a visual journey of the center’s accomplishments. The

exhibit is on view through summer.

Over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display through Sunday, June 22. The exhibit revolves around themes of wind, weather and turbulence, mathematics, and motion and

illusion.

Ongoing exhibitions include “Technovation,” “About Faces,” “Smoke and Mirrors,” and “Skyscapes II.” The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and re-

trieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, “Motorcycles in the Park” runs through Friday, March 7. Over 100

motorcycles are on exhibit, including “vintage beauties, racing champs, wildly modified street bikes,” and more. This year’s show includes a salute to Harley-Davidson, in celebration of its 100th year.

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the museum’s permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, the museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, the business of fashion in the movie industry provides the focus for “Popcorn Venus,” on exhibit through Monday, April 21. Hollywood served up glamour to the style-hungry masses, who, with the onset of the Depression, were looking for an escape from their everyday lives. Through designer drawings, photographs, costumes, and artifacts, the exhibition demonstrates how Hollywood could turn the average woman into a “popcorn Venus.”

A history of the motion picture industry in San Diego and the evolution of the city’s image during a century of movie making is charted in “Filming San Diego: Hollywood’s Backlot.” From the earliest silent films through the recent movies *Traffic* and *Almost Famous*, directors and producers have long been attracted to the county’s diverse topography and conducive climate. The exhibit includes a video history of the silent film industry, trivia, and costumes worn by James Cagney, Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, and others. This show closes on Monday, June 9, 2003.

How the Pacific Coast Highway (a.k.a. Highway 101) opened scenic and recreational opportunities and created a spine of development and urbanization is revealed in “Coast Road: 1900-1950,” on display through Sunday, March 16. The exhibit features hundreds of photographic images, as well as artwork, artifacts, and ephemera paying tribute to Highway 101 and providing insight into the route’s impact on development.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego’s waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including

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Tucked into the fresh-scented folds of a high-desert canyon north of Interstate 8, Pepperwood Spring begins as a network of tiny rivulets issuing from damp pockets of sand. The rivulets conjoin, gather force, and divide again into several streams trickling through a darkened, three-dimensional maze of heaped boulders. Emerging into light, the

separate strands meld again. The reunited stream of water halfheartedly cascades over rounded boulders, spreads thin, and finally sinks from sight into porous sand.

The area around Pepperwood Spring is dotted with scores of fragrant pepperwood (a.k.a. California bay) trees. These small trees are commonplace in the coast ranges of central and Northern California, and they exist in isolated colonies surrounding certain springs and streams in San Diego County. When crushed and sniffed, pepperwood leaves give off an odor that is pleasant but, if overdone, the cause of a headache. Pepperwood Spring is also remarkable for its extreme isolation. No sign of civilization can be seen amid the boulder-studded canyon walls surrounding it. Mountain lion and coyote tracks in the sandy soil outnumber those of rubber-soled humans.

The eight-mile round-trip hike to and from Pepperwood Spring starts from Cottonwood Campground, in the Bureau of Land Management’s McCain Valley area. Take along a compass, if only to maintain your general course north across the boulder-strewn landscape.

To get to McCain Valley from San Diego, follow Interstate 8 east for about one hour to the Boulevard exit. Go right toward the community of Boulevard, then head left (east) on Old Highway 80. Go 2 miles to McCain Valley Road, then follow it 12.7 miles north to Cottonwood Campground. The trail begins at a small parking turnout near Cottonwood Campground’s far east end.

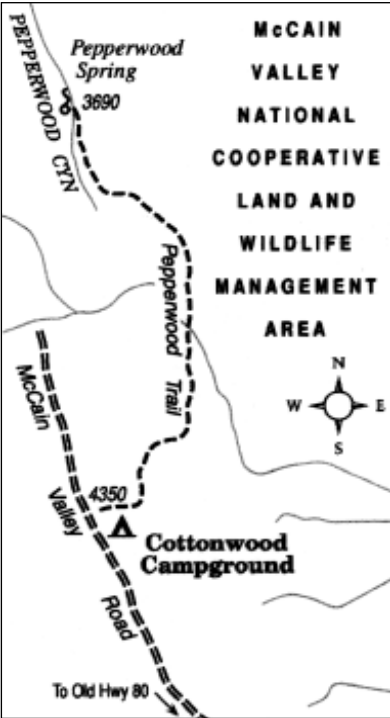
Follow the obviously trodden trail, at first east then generally north. The trail is marked intermittently by barely legible or



Willow thicket at Pepperwood Springs

illegible signs. Be sure to avoid taking any side trails that branch either east or west. At about 3.3 miles from the start, the trail bends northwest and starts descending into the canyon containing Pepperwood Spring. Before long, the now-obscure trail passes through a heavily eroded area, curves north, and starts dropping in earnest through shrub-like pepperwoods and clumpy chaparral vegetation. From the foot of the trail, some 4 miles from Cottonwood Campground, the boulder maze mentioned above can be found a short way up the little stream cascading over the rocks.

If you visit Pepperwood Spring this year, do so soon. It could run dry before long.



exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, Ecuadorian cultures were among the

first in the Americas to discover the mixture of clay, water, and fire that led to the invention of ceramics. Take a closer look at “Ecuadorian Pottery Traditions” in the exhibit, featuring more than 100 pieces, plus photography of the potters of the process. Both decorative and utilitarian pottery are highlighted in this show closing on Sunday, May 4, 2003.

Working in conjunction with Amnesty International, the Survivors of Torture, and the International and San Diego Friends of Tibet, the museum has re-opened and expanded “Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance.” The new component focuses on the reality of torture in the world

today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. The collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some of them extremely rare, primarily used from the 1400s up to the early 1800s. All of the pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Ongoing.

Hand-carved animals, vibrant ceramics and textiles, masks, and imaginative human images are showcased in the “Hecho en México,” continuing through February. The exhibition boasts more than 900 pieces of handcrafted Mexican folk

art from the museum’s permanent collection, described as “the largest of its kind outside of Mexico.” In fact, the Mexican government donated over 500 pieces of folk art to the museum in 1952, and many of these pieces have not been on display since the 1960s.

The permanent anthropology exhibit “Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution” features five galleries filled with “more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine).” The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human

evolution. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equipment are collected here. Among the pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric locomotives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and cabooses, a U.S. Army kitchen car used on troop trains during World War II and Korea, and a variety of passenger cars.

The museum also offers train adventures through San Diego’s backcountry. Miller Creek trains depart every Saturday and Sunday from the Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find the Campo Depot off Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. For information, call 619-595-3030 or 619-478-9937. (CAMPO)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber “salt box” family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Food for Thought

This prayer begs, “Deign to make us drunk by thy power.”

The Orlando Consort, under the auspices of the San Diego Early Music Society, brought their delightful anthology of medieval and Renaissance “food music” to town. The program, almost exactly reproducing that of their admirable 2001 CD, *Food, Wine & Song* (on Harmonia Mundi, with an elegant illustrated book), was based on three interestingly varied structural principles. First, there was the connection with food and drink in the texts of these vocal compositions. Then, there was the roughly chronological arrangement, starting with a 13th-century monophonic *conductus* from the school of Notre Dame de Paris, ending with a late-16th-century German drinking song, and covering along the way a wide variety of the types of secular vocal music in that 350-year period. Overlying the chronology, the group also offered *seriatim* a survey of the major centers of musical culture in the period: high-medieval France; late-medieval England; the early and high Renaissance in Florence, Burgundy, and the Iberian peninsula; and late-Renaissance Germany. Thus, without any academicism, and never losing their sense of entertainment, the group provided a more-or-less systematic (though necessarily selective) introduction to the whole field.

In any case, the chief pleasure of the program was not any instruction it might offer, but the loveliness and vivacity of the singing — the same qualities fans of early music have encountered over the years in the Orlando’s recordings of Léonin and Perotin, Machaut, Philippe de Vitry, Ockeghem, Loyset Compère, and others. (Some people even like their horrible crossover ventures, but let’s not go into that.) The suavity of their sound (notably of the stellar Robert Harre-Jones, the best English countertenor since Alfred Deller) is incomparable. Their singing has a mesmerizing lyrical flow, with exquisite modulations of timbre and volume. They tailor their vocal production and their interpretive manner to the demands of each particular style, ranging from the ethereal purity of the chapel or abbey to the raucous lewdness of street songs. In strophic compositions and in repeated refrains, they vary dynamics and tempos according to the meanings of the text and the mu-

sical shape of the whole work. They are meticulous in following correct historical pronunciation, in more than half a dozen languages.

The four male singers have vivid individual personalities and voices of very different colors, which when appropriate they choose to emphasize; but at other times they can blend into a unified expressive utterance so seamless that it seems to be com-

ing from a single consciousness. They are also — in between numbers, and sometimes even during the numbers — funny and charming. No one ever goes away from one of their concerts without a smile of happiness at the artistic and human experience. And this program, whose earthy concerns naturally evoked high spirits in both audience and performers, was especially full of fun.

Humor, in fact, was the deepest theme of the program. Understand a culture’s sense of humor, and you get a profound sense of what the people are like: what is valuable to them, and how their minds work. In medieval Europe (and medieval habits of thought and feeling extended well into what we call the Renaissance), one of the chief mental characteristics was the ability to accept without discomfort belief systems that contradict each other. This characteristic, pervading the culture, is reflected at many levels. A revealing example of it — extraordinarily strange to modern tastes — is the structure of the 13th-century motet. In this form, two, three, or four totally divergent texts are sung simultaneously, each with its own melody. There need not be any intended joke, but often enough, if you can penetrate to the meaning of the words, you will find a humorous commentary on the contradictory nature of human values.

Such is the case with the anonymous motet from the Montpellier Codex that the Orlando Consort performed early on, in their French section. There are four independent texts. Two are about romantic love: one hopeful, one gloomy. The third is a picture of what constitutes a good time: a warm hearth in a cold month, salt meat and fat capons, good wines, games, singing, and peaceful merry-making. The fourth (underlying them all in the musical structure) is a declara-



Orlando Consort

The Orlando Consort: “Music and Feasting in Medieval and Early Renaissance Europe” St. James by-the-Sea (San Diego Early Music Society)

tion that French wines are the best. And what is all this except a covert criticism of high-flown amorous sentiments, from the more concrete point of view of the belly and the down-to-earth comforts of the flesh?

The poetic and musical use of food and drink need not carry satirical implications. The program began with a Latin *conductus* about Saint Francis, in which the saint’s cultivation of vineyard, fig tree, and grain is entirely a metaphor for his spiritual teaching about the cleansing of sins. The Gospel parables about sowing fields and planting vines (and herding sheep) are simply given a new, Franciscan context. The object is the soul, not the stomach.

But given the popular medieval attitude toward religion (it was so integral a part of life that all human attitudes, even the most irreligious, converged on it), it was natural that many of the items on the Orlando’s program brought faith and appetite together in a way later puritanical attitudes have found disturbing. The English “Boar’s Head Carol” accompanies an innocent and heartfelt celebration of Christmas. The singers extol the birth of Christ from the Virgin Mary, with gratitude for the salvation He has brought. But they do not forget that the boar they have brought to the Christmas feast will be good to eat! (Nor would the medieval penchant for analogies ignore the rather grotesque fact that both the boar and Christ have died for the benefit of the Christian community.)

Similarly, Juan del Encina’s Renaissance *vil-lancico* evoking the merry-making of Carnival (“*parémonos oy bien anchos, embutamos estos pan-chos, rrecalquemos el pellejo*” — “let’s fatten ourselves well today, let’s fill up these paunches, let’s cram our hides”) presupposes the pious fast that will take over when Carnival is done (“*que mañana ayunaremos*”). The ancient pagan holiday, reveling in the gross joys of eating and drinking, must inevitably give way to the Christian period of penitence and self-denial. Still, both activities are fundamental components of life, and both deserve the dedication of the whole self.

The humorous element is more explicitly to the fore in Loyset Compère’s delectable *Sile fragor*. The chapel singers (perhaps in a monastery) offer to the Mother of God the prayers contained in their singing. The quiet church, isolated from the bustle of the world, is filled with the sweetness of their song. Nevertheless, along with their sincere religious dedication, the singers are aware of the excellence of their performance; and once the service is ended, it is only suitable for them to go out and fill up on wine. As the author of these verses need not remind anybody, wine in the holiest moment of Catholic ritual is transformed into the blood of Christ; but bodily thirst also has its prerogatives, and the wine that can satisfy it is “the fountain on which Bacchus himself is enthroned.” In just a few lines, the text has moved from the son of Mary to the son of Semele, without the slightest sense of blasphemy; nor do the

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poet and the composer hesitate to end this delicately parodic Latin motet with a fervent “Amen, amen.”

Delicacy goes by the board in the brilliantly witty *Ave color vini clari* (here presented in the late-15th-century four-voice setting by Juan Ponce). This was originally a student song (Ponce composed it as a young man while studying at Salamanca University), its irreverent text in the manner of the exuberant young clerics who wandered from university to university in the 12th and 13th Centuries. The vigorous medieval Latin verse employs unmistakable phrases from the traditional poetry in honor of the Virgin Mary, now converted into an encomium of wine: “Hail, color of clear wine, hail, taste without peer...o how blessed a creature was brought forth by the pure vine...o happy the mouth that thou shalt rinse, o blessed lips...” A Christian prayer begs for mercy, intercession, salvation. This prayer begs, “Deign to make us drunk by thy power.” A Christian prayer may praise the devout and condemn the devil, who tries to tempt them into evil ways. This prayer shifts the value terms: “Let us praise wine together, and exalt drinkers; on nondrinkers we shall bring confusion unto all eternity.” To which the congregation of the bibulous reply, “Amen.” And to enhance the humor, the music of Ponce’s

motet in honor of wine is composed in the luminous, heavenly style perfected in Renaissance polyphony — and it is completely sober throughout.

Were the poet and the composer of this parody unbelievers, heretics, Protestants, (shhh) atheists? Not likely. They lived in an age when it was still possible for piety and mockery to join hands in the soul and engage in a friendly dance. A hundred years later, Europe would be a very different place.

The other main subject of jokes in these songs is, as one would expect, sex. Sexual humor is of course universal, but to medieval and Renaissance sensibilities such humor could carry surprisingly wide-ranging meanings. The Orlando’s program included two 15th-century Florentine Carnival songs (composed by men, it hardly needs saying), the quite vulgar import of which is that women enjoy and cherish men’s penises. We are far from the football locker room, however, for the poets (Lorenzo di Filippo Strozzi and Jacopo da Bientina) have with sly art substituted articles of food for the male organs: in *Canto de’ cardoni* the cardoon (a thistly vegetable on a stalk), and in *Canto di donne maestre di far cacio* molded cheeses.

The cleverness is in the detailed, almost clinical way the songs spell out the qualities of cardoons and the process of cheese-making, while at the same time making clear what they are really talking about. “The cardoon should be in size a span or a little more, for na-

ture cannot digest anything so big and hard, even though we always like the big mouthfuls.” “When the milk is curdled in the pail, you must pull it out with both hands, squeeze it, knead it, and make it beautiful, mold it, and when it is dry put it in the basket.” All this is truly obscene, and truly funny. But there’s more to it than that. Sex is pleasurable, and talking about sex is amusing; but sex is also the essential nourishment of the race, the principle of fertility by which new life is made. To equate sex organs with food and sexual intercourse with the expert craft of food preparation is to locate obscenity among the great natural powers that make the crops grow, the herds reproduce, and human beings persist in their zest for living. Here we have the dirty joke raised to the cosmic level.

The *joie de vivre* of the Italian Carnival songs, focused on sex, was expressed more generally, and with great richness, in numerous other pieces on the Orlando’s program. Everywhere in these songs there is a fullness, a ripeness, a density of experience, joy, fun, *things*. To be alive is to be extremely alive. The picnic number from Adam de la Halle’s late-13th-century pastoral comedy, *Le jeu de Robin et Marion*, is replete with dancing, singing, piping, flowers, and love-making (“How good and lovely is our life!”). *La plus grant chière* depicts the “biggest party ever” in Cambrai, with playing and singing so loud that they could supposedly be heard over a hundred miles away.

A really astounding 16th-

century German *quodlibet* by Matthias Greiter piles up with unbridled fecundity, considerable poetic license, and a touch of ribaldry the different types of eggs (“hens’ eggs, goose eggs, ducks’ eggs, crabs’ eggs, pigeons’ eggs, nest eggs, herdsmen’s eggs, cuckoos’ eggs, peacocks’ eggs, hares’ eggs, ostrich eggs, calves’ eggs, long eggs, and a big pair of eggs belonging to our farmer, haven’t you seen them?”), along with an equally stuffed list of different ways of preparing the things. This rambunctious, Rabelaisian composition is basically about nothing (Greiter also composed a *quodlibet* about spoons) — but, as Dryden said of Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, here is God’s plenty!

Finally, at the zenith of carnality and the nadir of spirituality, the singers at St. James by-the-Sea presented Ludwig Senfl’s *Lied* about getting drunk (*Von edler Art spiebig in Bart*), in which the excess of swinishness — the wine entering the drinker’s belly in whole bucketfuls and exiting in incontinent barfing — is so overwhelming that it attains a kind of grandeur. “And even if I were to go mad from it, I would set to and vomit on purpose, in such a way that I would deserve the highest reward.”

The Orlando Consort, which had earlier sung a love-longing *ballade* of Guillaume de Machaut (*Nes qu’on porroit les estoilles nombrer*, from *Le voir dit*) with such tender eloquence that it brought tears to one’s eyes, knew just what to do with this supersaturated

tribute to debauchery. As they performed it, they gradually got plastered themselves, their perfect diction blurring, their flawless pitch slipping sideways, their impeccable rhythmic discipline turning to mush, their sheet music getting away from them, and one of them — tenor Charles Daniels — eventually winding up on the floor. One had to pinch oneself to remember that this is one of the most refined and gifted early-music vocal groups in the business. But the audience had learned its lesson about contradictory human nature, and forgave them. ■

Events that are underlined occur after February 27.

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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)

Recorder Players are invited to join the San Diego County Recorder Society for instruction and playing on Friday, February 21, at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. Recorder basics begin at 6:30 p.m., with a guest conductor leading the group from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Find the center at 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). For information, call 760-726-8699. The first visit is free. (TIERRASANTA)

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 Bonyng and directed by John Copley — at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 21; at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 23, and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26. Tickets range from \$20 to \$140. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. For reservations, dial 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

The Pipe Organ Concert Series at the First Church of Christ Scientist continues when Boston organist Erik Huenneke performs on Friday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. Find the church at 8262 Allison Avenue (at Palm); 619-442-8201. Free. (LA MESA)

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Introduction to Classical Music, this “educational concert” is slated for Saturday, February 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). The program features young students (7 to 17) from the Fairbanks School of Performing Arts. Admission is free. For information, call 858-259-2503. (DEL MAR)

The Discovery Series hosted by the La Jolla Chamber Music Society continues when Welsh cellist Thomas Carroll and pianist Richard Joo perform on Sunday, February 23, at 3 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$7.50 for students 6 to 18. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate Handel's Birthday when baroque music is performed on Sunday, February 23, at 2 p.m., for the lawn program at the House of Pacific Relations International Cottages. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Selections by Mozart, Schubert, Rossini, Strauss, Vaughan Williams, and others may be heard when the United States Air Force Pacific Coast Winds perform on Sunday, Febru-

ary 23, at 7 p.m., in Linder Hall at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. Child care is available by reservation. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Mozart “Viola Quintet” and Schubert’s “Cello Quintet” are on the program when the Festival Strings Quintet performs on Sunday, February 23, at 2:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, February 23, at 2 p.m. Call 619-702-8138 for information on the free concert. (BALBOA PARK)

Vocal and Instrumental Winners
of the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus's 44th annual Young Artists Competition present the Winners' Showcase Concert on Sunday, February 23, at 2 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Admission is free. For information, call 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Classical Vocal Duets and Solos
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promised when the women of Trio Vivace perform for the mini-concert planned at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at noon on Monday, February 24. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Magnificent Music and Sly Comedy are on tap when the San Diego Opera Ensemble presents a 90-minute abridged version of Mozart's *Così fan tutte* on Monday, February 24. This "Carlsbad Gets Opera" performance — in English — starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Tickets are \$8 general, \$6 for students and seniors. Call 760-434-2904 for information. (CARLSBAD)

The Chamber Music Series at the San Diego Museum of Art continues with a concert by pianist Katherine Chi on Tuesday, February 25, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18 general. For information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

“Ambassadors of a New Sound,” it’s one of the ways the members describe the Harmonic Brass Quintet, a group that creates “bridges between styles, epochs, and cultures.” The Harmonic Brass Quintet plans a concert on Tuesday, February 25, at 7 p.m., at the King of Kings Lutheran Church (2993 MacDonald). Tickets are \$8 general, \$5 for children and military. For information, call 760-757-2525. (OCEANSIDE)

Combining Asian and Western Classical Music and modern jazz, pianist/keyboardist Keiko Matsui takes the stage at the East County Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$21 and \$26. Find the center at 210 East Main Street and by dialing 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Bone Alphabet" by Brian Ferneyhough may be heard when red fish blue fish, UCSD's resident percussion ensemble, performs in concert on Wednesday, February 26, at 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium. The program includes "Music for Mallet Instruments, Voices, and Organ" by Steve Reich, John Cage's "Inlets," and "Plieades" by Iannis Xenakis. Tickets are \$5 general. Call 858-534-4830 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Listen to the Art, Jacquelyne Silver will be “Exploring Technique” on Thursday, February 27, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Silver makes her musical interpretations at the piano while slides of artworks featured in “Painting Women: Fragonard to Bougeureau.” Admission is \$15 for nonmembers. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

Opera at the Party! The Carlsbad Gets Opera series concludes with “a sparkling onstage celebration of musical parties” on Thursday, February 27, at Schulman Auditorium (found at the Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane). The San Diego Opera Ensemble will perform rousing choruses and glittering scenes from *La Traviata*, *La Bohème*, *Die Fledermaus*, and other operas.

Tickets are \$8 general, \$6 for students and seniors. To make the suggested reservations, call 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

Classical Indian Music will be performed by sitar virtuoso Kartik Seshadri and Arup Chattopadhyay on tabla on Thursday, February 27, at 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. "This traditional, improvisational, and spiritual recital will begin with an *alap* section, progressing to the *jor*, which then evolves to the *gat*, the fixed composition of the *raga*. Each *raga* is improvised based on the spirituality and feelings of the artists." Admission is \$8 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

“Ceramic in Its Own (W)rite: The Word Made Clay” opens at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library with a reception on Friday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. Works expanding clay to a “poetic form” using an interpretation of the book format are included. The parameters were that “ceramic surfaces should reflect a narrative perspective with the written word incorporated.” The juror was Richard Shaw.

The exhibit concludes on Saturday, March 29. Find the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at 1008 Wall Street. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Wednesday until 8:30 p.m. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“Throw the Switch!” This exhibition of contemporary works in photography, painting, drawing, and sculpture by Paula Cronan, Barbara Holmes, Robert Machado, Claire Putney, and Tim Reece opens with a

reception on Friday, February 21, at 7 p.m., at the Farm art space. The show continues through Saturday, March 8.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 3 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment. Find the Farm at 1946 Broadway and by dialing 619-595-0677. (GOLDEN HILL)

San Diego Artist Theresa Vandenberg Donche has work on exhibit through Friday, March 28, at the Frame Maker Gallery (3102 Reynard Way; 619-260-2600). Meet the artist during a reception planned on Friday, February 21, at 6 p.m. (HILLCREST)

“On Nature,” an exhibit of new mixed-media work by Stacie Birky Greene, continues through Saturday, March 1, at the IAE Gallery. The art is said to “communicate an unusual perspective on nature through a combination of photography, painting, encaustic, and assemblage techniques.”

Meet Greene during a reception slated for Friday, February 21, at 6 p.m. The Institute for Arts Education Gallery is located on the second floor at 828 G Street (at Ninth Avenue). Free. 619-232-4086. (DOWNTOWN)

“Meditations from the Edge of the Abyss” are on offer when Geff Moon and Michael Clift exhibit their work at the Joseph David Gallery. Meet the duo during a reception slated for Friday, February 21, at 6 p.m. The gallery is located at 760 Eighth Avenue; 619-702-6290. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. (DOWNTOWN)

Working with Colored Glass and Metal, “Living Color: Cherrie La Porte and Baron Tynan” includes a reception on Friday, February 21, at 6 p.m., at the Nofufi Garden Gallery. This exhibit of large-format art continues through February. Find Nofufi at 90-C North Coast Highway 101; 760-635-0556. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. (ENCINITAS)

Oil Paintings by Faye Atchison go on exhibit at the Playa Gallery with a reception on Friday, February 21, at 7 p.m. The show concludes on Monday, March 17. The gallery is located at 2940 Adams Avenue. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For further details, dial 619-339-1136. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

The Children’s Art Exhibit on view through Friday, February 28, at the Del Mar Art Center features work by students from Mission Estancia Elementary School. You’re invited to a reception on Wednesday, February 26, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery at 1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

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,” 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 Teráan, 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. 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.

Few Westerners have explored Guizhou, the last province opened to tourism by the People’s Republic of China. Guest curator Phila McDaniel was the first American to escort a group from America to this “mysterious and terraced land”; she’s made 49 visits to China. “Silver and Silk — Textiles and Jewelry of Guizhou, China” is an exhibition of intricately embroidered, handwoven textiles, and silver headdresses, necklaces, and bracelets. View these artifacts through Sunday, March 16.

The 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, La Jolla, rectangular “figure/ground” canvases consisting of precisely shaped and balanced forms in one or two colors set against a strongly contrasting “ground” color are on offer in “Ellsworth Kelly: Red Green Blue.” The project explores the processes by which the artist distilled his lines, forms, and colors “from recollections of real-world sources,” delineating the interest and approaches that came to define his inventive and prolific career. The show — boasting 48 works: 10 major, large-scale paintings and 37 related sketches, collage

studies, and photographs — concludes on Sunday, April 13. Kelly has made a new work, *Red Green Blue, 2002*, for this exhibit.

Through their annual contributions, the museum’s premiere membership groups provide significant funds for the acquisition of new works for the permanent collection. The museum has added over 60 paintings, sculptures, photographs, and installations to its collection in this manner. This year’s possibilities — on view in “Collector’s XVIII” through Sunday, April 13 — include a sculpture made of electric fire logs by Helen Altman, a “codex” work on paper from Enrique Chagoya’s “Enlightened Savage” series, a recent painting by San Diego-based artist Manny Farber, a seminal 1982 photograph by Barbara Kruger, a new sculptural work by Paul McCarthy, and photographs by Larry Sultan.

Los Angeles-based sculptor Peter Shelton has unveiled his newest work, *ghandiG*, cast in bronze and standing nearly 30 feet high. The work’s elongated appendages and truncated torso exemplify the playful anthropomorphic qualities of Shelton’s organic creations. The piece, inspired in part by the physique and clothing of Indian statesman Mahatma Gandhi, will remain in the museum’s plaza for at least two years.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, the ongoing tribute to midcareer photographers who live and work in California continues with “American Noir: The Photographs of James Fee.” Large color photographs from Peleliu Island by Fee *films* are paired with small, black-and-white snapshots made by Russell Fee (the artist’s father) in 1944 in “The Peleliu Project.” Works from Fee’s “America Series” are included in the exhibition, images addressing the legacy of World War II, examining “the dark side of America’s postwar optimism and prosperity.” The show closes on Sunday, March 23.

Photographs and cinematic montages by Russian photographer Alexander Rodchenko are said to have played a substantial role in establishing the visual language of modern art in the 20th Century. “Alexander Rodchenko: Modern Photography, Photomontage, and Film,” concluding on Sunday, March 23, includes vintage photographic publications, cinematic montages created with filmmaker Dziga Vertov, and portraits by Rodchenko’s contemporaries.

Images by a noted frontier photographer are on offer in “Edward Curtis: The Shadow Catcher.” The exhibit features orotones including *An Oasis in the Badlands* and *Signal Fire to the Mountain God*. Curtis (1868-1952) spent his career documenting the lives, beauty, and religious ceremonies of over 80 Native American tribes. View the exhibit through Sunday, March 23.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, late-period watercolors of eight artists selected from the extensive collection of E. Gene Crain are currently on view. “Paintings from the E. Gene Crain Collection” includes selections by Judi Betts, Rex Brandt, Keith Crown, Phil Dike, Joan Irving, Barse Miller, Millard Sheets, and Robert E. Wood and continues through Sunday, March 23. The collection presents a look at the history of California regionalism, represented by 50 watercolor paintings from the ’60s, ’70s, and ’80s.

The museum hosts “An Evening with Gene Crain” on Thursday, February 20, at 7 p.m. (tickets are \$5 for nonmembers). Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, significant works by the current generation of Mexican artists are included in “Axis Mexico: Common Objects and Cosmopolitan Actions,” on view through Sunday, March 9. Nineteen artists are included in the show, including Francis Alÿs, Sylvia Gruner, Monica Castillo, Rubén Ortiz Torres, Eduardo Aboroa, and Daniela Rossell, working in a variety of 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.

A selection of 60 contemporary prints executed during the first few years of the pioneering Tamarind Lithography Workshop in Los Angeles is offered in “The Magician and the Mechanic: Tamarind Lithography Workshop, the Early Years.” The nonprofit organization was founded by artist June Wayne in 1960 to stimulate and preserve the art of the lithograph. The prints on display — by artists including Josef Albers, Louise Nevelson, Sam Francis, Rufino Tamayo, and Richard Diebenkorn — are drawn from the museum’s collection with additional works loaned by other institutions. See the show through Sunday, May 4.

Jean-Honoré Fragonard’s masterwork *A Young Girl Reading* (circa 1776) serves as the focal point of “Painting Women: From Fragonard to Bouguereau,” a gallery installation of 12 paintings of women from the museum’s collection. On loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Fragonard’s painting presents an image of bravura brushwork and rich color that embodies the painting aesthetics of his time, particularly in how they were applied to the depiction of women. Enjoy these women through Sunday, May 4.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, originally created for court occasions, diplomatic gifts, and political purposes, sculptures by the 16th-Century sculptor Giambologna were admired for their high quality and incredible detail. An exhibition of bronze sculptures by Giambologna and the artisans and artists who worked in his studio is currently on exhibit. “Giambologna: Sculpture by the Master and His Followers” includes approximately 70 works, with a diverse range of subjects such as animals, historical, and mythological figures. The exhibition closes on Sunday, March 30.

The museum’s permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Sidney Kingsley's *Detective Story* follows four hours at the precinct. Victims and victimizers wander through, the latter in handcuffs. Cops trade war stories and regard the bristling scene with disinterest. They've seen it all. They can even sense when a perp will try to escape.

For outsiders, the scene is so thick with realism at first it's hard to tell what's important, what might matter down the line. One of the many excellent features of Lamb's Players fine production: Mike Buckley's lighting almost tells the story by itself. Buckley's set — an upstairs floor of the precinct, grimy parquet linoleum, various rooms, NYC skyline above — calls for different kinds of illumination. And Buckley almost never lights the whole stage. As in film noir, he casts rooms in shadows and soft penumbra. At times he'll shoot light straight down, like a single-bulb suspect's interrogation-grilling. At others he beams light from the floor, an upward diagonal, tracing actors' giant silhouettes on the walls. In always subtle ways he frames key points of scenes. Throughout, shadows rove around like dark clouds. The station is a portrait in layers of gray. Detective McLeod, the subject of the play's title, however, only be-

lieves in black and white.

David Cochran Heath, a Lamb's mainstay for decades, makes McLeod a loose cannon. He can literally "smell" evil. As he crusades for goodness, McLeod abuses suspects (the way his father abused his mother) and refuses to compromise. His "immaculate" wife Mary is his only haven of purity. At first his tenacity shines like a gallant knight's armor — so much that

you almost dismiss what others say: that he wants to be "judge and jury," that he can't "let go" of anything, that he's become the criminals he despises. But as McLeod pushes his contentious idealism, reality decides to push back.

Detective Story opened on Broadway March 3, 1949, a month after Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*. Though both have been influential, in many ways Kingsley's had a greater impact. His taut, minute-by-minute melodrama did for police stations what Hecht and MacArthur's *Front Page* did for journalism. *Detective Story* takes place not at the crime scene, but at the home of investigation — and finds drama aplenty. In a program note, director Robert Smyth says, "This was arguably the first authentic picture of the routine life of a police station."

Smyth and a 21-member cast turn the Lamb's stage into Precinct 21, in 1949. The cops wear vests, white shirts with sleeves rolled past their wrists, revolvers in shoulder hol-

sters, and pomaded hair with precise parts. Jeanne Reith's terrific costumes graft the period onto the stage. And an uncredited sound design puts NYC just beyond the walls.

To single out one actor would be unfair to the ensemble, each of whom contributes. One merits special attention, though. Theaters used to treat the minutes before opening curtain as an important transition from the real to the imaginary. House lights dim, then dim again, as the audience prepares for a play. Nowadays that transition gets upstaged by the announcement, delivered in person or on tape, that people should turn off cell phones and unwrap cellophane before the curtain goes up. For Lamb's, Doren Elias — who plays the gruff, deeply human detective Brody — solves the problem. He makes the announcement, but not in a smiley, ingratiating, please-check-our-season-brochure manner. He's already *in character*, and his stern, sober voice sets the tone for one of Lamb's best shows in years.

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first prize at Edinburgh's 2000 Fringe Festival. A prestigious honor, but the Cassius Carter Centre Stage has no award-winner.

The play is a hall of mirrors. We're in the posh home, rich with gold and black treasures, of a "diplomat," country unspecified. Fireworks crackle outside. Four women come together: the diplomat's increasingly brittle wife (Micheleine, who owns an estimated 200 to 300 handbags), her best friend Genevieve, dour photojournalist Kathryn, and Gilma, a translator adept at misinterpretation. They wait for the man, Julio, to have his picture taken. He, we learn, is actually a besieged general/dictator. Those aren't fireworks down the street — and they're getting closer, accompanied by seismic detonations. The phone rings, rings off. Given the growing turmoil, the quartet might have better luck waiting, near a leafless tree, for Godot.

Splendour looks, and looks again, at simple scenes from different perspectives. Characters articulate their inner thoughts, like stage directions. What they say



Gordana Rashovich, Chelsey Rives in *Splendour*

doesn't jibe with what you see (the wife refers to ham; you see oranges). After a while, the play becomes an intricate latticework of contradicting perceptions.

Among other things, *Splendour* concerns the high cost of keeping up appearances. Something's wrong outside. But the wife, white lies emanating from beneath a stiff upper lip, won't acknowledge trouble. Slowly the situation comes into focus. But even the conclusion affords multiple possibilities: her refusal to leave is either courageous and dignified or

a blind, stupid loyalty to appearances.

The play weaves backward and forward, within and without (in a word, the playwright deconstructs the event). The Globe production, however, keeps everything on one level. Directed by Karen Carpenter, the actors speak in a strident din — like banner headlines — with no attempt to distinguish between internal monologues and spoken dialogue, truth or veneer, or even, in many cases, whose perspective frames a scene. And throughout the inter-

missionless hour and fifty minutes, the major impression remains how hard *Splendour* is to do. After a while, you restage, in your mind, this complex, potentially intriguing drama. Why make it so generic? That hasn't helped actors specify roles. And why not differentiate time and space? Play internal speeches in a different key, use different lighting codes, musical motifs, for past and present, even for each speaker, and... ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show.

Beehive celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as 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, THROUGH MARCH 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Billy Crystal and His Special Guest David Steinberg

As a comedy fundraiser for the La Jolla Playhouse's New Play Development Program, Billy Crystal gives a rare concert appearance, joined by comedian David Steinberg. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, AT 8:00 P.M.

Cabaret

Sean Murray returns to the North Coast Rep, directing the Joe Masteroff, Fred Ebb, and John Kander musical about decadent Germany during the rise of the Nazis. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, THROUGH APRIL 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy

Mystery Cafe's interactive dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Chalk It Up to Murder

H.I.T. Productions presents a dinner theater-mystery: life in Cactus Gulch is pretty much normal, of late, "but things change." SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Detective Story

Reviewed this issue. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 16; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

The Dining Room

Patio Playhouse stages A.R. Gurney Jr.'s series of vignettes about a fading institution: the East Coast dining room, where decisions got made and lives were altered. Jay Mower directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, THROUGH MARCH 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. NOTE: PATIO PLAYHOUSE OFFERS A DINNER/THEATER PACKAGE WITH BISTRO 221.

Dragon's Mouth

North Coast Repertory Theatre and Carlsbad Playreaders present a reading of J.B. Priestley and Jacquetta Hawkes's "drama quartet" about four "privileged" people quarantined on a yacht. Barbara Elliott directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, AT 7:30 P.M.

Echoes

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An English Music Hall
La Jolla Stage Company stages this “gaudy, bawdy, and a little bit naughty” old-time music hall revue. Turn-of-the-century songs include “Don’t Go Out Without Your Hat Pin” and “Nobody Loves a Fairy When She’s Forty.” Wayne Tibbets directed.

THE STAGE AT THE LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, 5661 BIRD ROCK AVENUE, LA JOLLA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Fatal Attraction
Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Bernard Slade’s thriller. Blair’s getting a divorce. Her husband’s coming to their beach house. Murder’s also on the way. Raylene Wall directed.

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Fault Line One-Acts
The Fault Line Players present one-act plays, including a revised version of Ted Falagan’s *Annotated Exploits of Margaret*.

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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.

ACTOR’S ASYLUM, THROUGH MARCH 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-716-3865.

Grassroots Greeks
6th @ Penn’s former “Seven Weeks of Greeks” has become so popular it’s a regular series. And what a great idea! To acquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There’s some movement, a sug-

gestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word, and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn’t take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance.

Next reading: *Lysistrata*, Monday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Worth a try.
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Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde
Beginning in April 1895, Oscar Wilde was tried three times, allegedly for his promiscuity but also for his radical art. In his writing, Wilde contended that society is a “tissue of lies” and cannot function without them. To preserve that tissue, the trials demolished him (“after the Wilde trials,” says NYU professor Marvin Taylor, “people began identifying themselves as a specific type of person based on their attraction to people of the same sex.... It created the modern homosexual as a social subject”). As played by stylish, engaging Farhang Pernoon in *Diversions*’s fine production, Wilde is as much a hero as a sad and needy showman. David Weiner’s set (lit with grace and subtlety by Jennifer Setlow) enhances this double view: it’s at once a courtroom and a Victorian music hall (Liam M. O’Brien’s excellent costumes complete the image with white-tie British finery). Moises Kaufman’s repetitive script — intertextuality from journalism, reminiscences, biographies, and occasional historical inaccuracies — could play havoc with non sequitur cues. Director Rosina Reynolds deserves credit — nay, a commendation! — for melding nine actors of varying abilities into a rapid-fire ensemble.

Worth a try.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Guest in the House
The Lamplighters Community Theatre stages Hagar Wilde and Dale Eunson’s drama about the havoc a “sweet-faced cousin” creates for a family. Lois Corbett directed.

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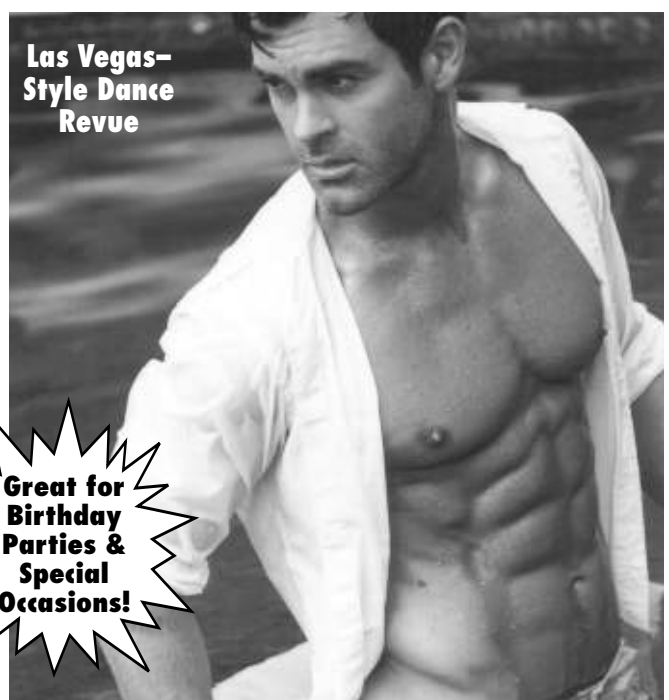
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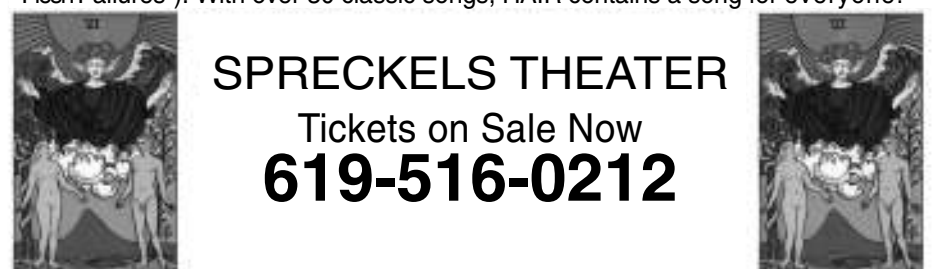



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The Laramie Project

SDSU presents Moises Kaufman and the Tectonic Theatre Project's investigation of Matthew Shepard's death outside Laramie, Wyoming, and the responses of the community and the nation. C.J. Keith directed. DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, THROUGH MARCH 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Livin' Fat

Community Actors Theatre presents Judi Ann Mason's award-winning comedy about a poor family, the bag of money they found, and the second thoughts they have about keeping it. Jennie Hamilton directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 9; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

The Music Man

The Welk Resort Theatre offers the popular heartland musical about fast-talking Harold Hill, trouble in River City, and a modest tuba player in a band with 76 trombones. Lewis Wilkenfeld directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 29; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if

done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

Nuevo California

The San Diego Rep's "binational mystery with music" is outsized, funny, flawed, contentious, and something every San Diegan should see. 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, so why not tear down the rusted, 2000-mile steel wall between them and create Nuevo California? The new Pope — an ignited John Cam-

pion — envisions unity. An assassin's bullet takes him down (suspects are legion, from the Vatican mafia to druglords, to presidents; the Pope's clarity threatened them all). Barnardo Solano and Allan Havis's play is, at once, a whodunit, a love story, serial news event, a verbal hybrid, eclectic sociology. The first act setup is an imaginative glimpse into the region 25 years from now. Act Two, however, has at least four different plays, and their through-lines cross and tangle. 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 dune of sand, the wall, a flimsy menace, in the rear. But while the play, and sometimes the production, bumps into itself, its best feature is its very existence. In San Diego theater, we have to snippet out local relevance from plays set elsewhere. Based on over 200 interviews, *Nuevo California* holds a mirror up to us, today, and asks one of the region's toughest questions: "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?"

Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 2; TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All

Ellen Burstyn performs solo in an adaptation of Allan Gurganus's epic novel. And she amazes. 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 perspective. Lucy Marsdon tells her husband's war stories and "my peace ones," and tells all: about her Jekyll/Hyde marriage-battlefield (there was more than one kind of slavery in the South), a desensitized Civil War, and about white and black women, "trained to act batty-brained," who must create themselves from scratch. The 875-page book is a grand, Rabelaisian read. Adapter Martin Tahse, however, has yet to condense it into a workable monologue. His set pieces re-create the book's highlights (Sherman scorches the Captain's mother; how the Captain died) — and Burstyn makes them unforgettable. The long, antsy narrative flits about, not always aware of the difference between minor detail and emphatic point (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. Designers appear determined to help the audience get through burdensome material, so much that the production is as antsy as the script. The "helping" effects — slides, braying sounds, nervous lighting (and a tardy followspot) — annoy. The play isn't up to Burstyn's talent, as yet, but she shines nonetheless.

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 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.

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Possible Side Effects

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Scott Raynor, drummer with blink-182 from 1993 to '99, and Unwritten Law's current drummer, Wade Yeoman, both donate their

"We...go to Soma, where we jam with them on the sidestage," said Raynor. "Wade plays drums, and I'll play guitar. Victor sings." They and Soma provide the instruments. It's tough to put together a band though.

"We never got enough kids to take the van," said Raynor. "Most kids on the

ashtray than ask people for a cigarette. But people still look at you like you're a bum."

Victor said he worked in the California Conservation Corps in Lake Tahoe and came down here last year for a CCC job offer. "I had a job to work for the Julian fire center. I came down here and waited, but they never picked me up [to work]. I figured if they couldn't even pick me up, I wouldn't want to depend on them if I ever had to fight a fire. I'd be a burnt biscuit."

Victor says he generally behaves himself.

"I drink a little, but I don't drink in the city because I become an idiot when I drink.... There is a girl in town I'd like to start a band with. Her name is Trouble. She sings on the street. I'd like to get this going in a month."

Stand Up for Kids is a national outreach program headquartered in San Diego. Its local day center provides sleeping bags, clothing, food, and counseling for its clients but does not provide overnight sleeping quarters. For more info, contact www.standupforkids.org.

Unwritten Law, Hornswaggled, Causeway, F.O.N., Raynor's new band



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VICTOR LOOKS FOR A GIRL NAMED "TROUBLE"

Grimby, and Mother Mae I appear at Soma 7:30 p.m. tomorrow; \$10 admission. Proceeds benefit Stand Up for Kids.

— Ken Leighton

"When was the last time you heard a new song in a movie or a commercial? They always want to use the song everyone knows already," says Chris Thile,

one of the three members of Grammy-winning Nickel Creek, born in Oceanside 22 years ago today. Thile is back in town next week, co-headlining a two-man mandolinifest. From his home in Nashville, he was explaining why his "newgrass" band Nickel Creek turned down a lucrative offer to do a TV spot for "a major hotel chain."

"They wanted us to sing a version of a Rolling Stones song. None of us have ever really listened to the Rolling Stones."

Thile formed Nickel Creek when he was 8 with fellow preteen bluegrass phenoms Sean and Sara Watkins of Vista. Thile's family moved to Kentucky when he was 14, but Nickel Creek continued. "It just meant more airplanes."

I asked why his father Scott left Nickel Creek in 2000 just as the band was taking off.

"He didn't want to spend all his time with just one son. He didn't think it was fair to the rest of the family."

Meanwhile, 91X is one of just four alternative stations in the U.S. to be playing "Spit

on a Stranger," Nickel Creek's unlikely cover of a decade-old song by Pavement. "I'm a big Pavement fan."

How can two mandolin players fill up a theater of 450?

"We did it at the Boulder Theater [in Colorado]. That holds 800. We sold it out. I



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THILE DOESN'T LISTEN TO ROLLING STONES

saw my first concert at the La Paloma. It was Doc Watson. I was five or six."

Thile and Mike Marshall appear February 27, 7 p.m. at

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time to Stand Up for Kids, a volunteer program for homeless youth. Every Monday a van is available to take young people from the Stand Up for Kids outpost near downtown to Soma, where Raynor and Yeoman spend the afternoon jamming with homeless musicians.

Victor, 21, has been on the streets since he arrived here eight months ago. He is currently the only musician who has accepted the outreach of two successful musicians.

street are reluctant to trust adults."

But the Soma sessions have helped Victor.

"One time Wade said, 'Just scream,' " recalls Victor. "I had a good day that day because I got it all out."

Victor says he usually sleeps outside, on the steps of the rescue mission. "There are too many people inside."

Victor laments, "For three months no pretty girls have come up to me.... I'd rather go in the mall and get cigarette butts out of the

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— Ken Leighton

Last summer Heavy Trevy put around distasteful flyers (dogs going at it and bearing the faces of *Go Loco* hosts Rick Savage and Scott Riggs). The Poway-bred band was upset their music was not getting played on the 92/1 locals show.

The Scene told the band they had to leave one night when they distributed flyers there.

"The overall opinion in the band community is they fucked themselves. You can't do that. If you talk shit about 92/1, why would they or any other station want to hook them up?" said Hornswaggled member Jeff Hamilton last summer following the incident.

Go Loco went off the air

last month, and the new *Local 94/9* debuted February 2. To help launch the show, members of Unwritten Law, Convoy, the Dragons, Reeve Oliver, Bad Credit, Switchfoot, Agent 51, Lovelight Shine, Mix Mob, and No Knife were invited to FM-94/9's Mission Valley studios for the debut show. Guerra interviewed band members and played their music, including Heavy Trevy's.

Host Al Guerra said Heavy Trevy was there because "they ran up the stairs with a bunch of other people." He also said it was 94/9's music director Mike Halloran's idea to play Heavy Trevy.

Halloran said he decided to play the band that night



LOCAL BANDS INVADE 94/9

because "they made an effort to come down, so we supported them."

One current 92/1 DJ, who did not want to be identified,

said, "You should ask Heavy Trevy if Al doesn't play their music, would they do the same thing to him that they did to Rick and Scott."

Heavy Trevy singer Brandon Gillum said last week, "That is all behind us now."

Scene co-owner Sean Brandes said his club has not booked them since that summertime flyer incident, but it's not because Heavy Trevy is 86'd.

"That night we told them we didn't appreciate that. But the reason they haven't played is not because they are banned, it's because they claim they can sell out the place, and then they only bring 20 people."

— Ken Leighton

Local band 3against1 got the star treatment when they played *Access Hollywood's* Super Bowl party at Stu Segall's production studio in Clairemont Mesa, but that included being dissed by aging hair-metal band L.A. Guns, according to singer Mark Weiss.

"We were supposed to go on third, but L.A. Guns took our spot," says Weiss. "We also heard they didn't want

anybody going on after them, because they were supposed to headline."

Four bands were booked to play that night, with 3against1 scheduled to play



3AGAINST1 HAS BAD HAIR BAND DAY

third. People paid anywhere from \$150 to \$400 to attend the party, which was to be hosted by Carmen Electra. But the show got off to a rocky start because Electra and 3against1 got stuck at a press junket downtown.

"We were supposed to arrive in a limo right after [Carmen Electra] and then walk the red carpet behind her," says Weiss. "The limos were running really late. Carmen was supposed to be at the party by eight. A stretch Escalade came up, so [we] all jumped in the limo with Carmen."

"Seeing Carmen Electra lifted some spirits," says freelance photographer Denzil Cintron. "There were

some stars, but they hung out in the VIP room, where nobody could go. I heard Ja-Rule was supposed to be there, and Puddle of Mudd, but I didn't see them."

Weiss says L.A. Guns insisted on taking their slot because they didn't want to play when the place was emptying out.

"They were breaking their gear down slowly, and they had one of their drum carpets up where the drum sets were, and we started setting our stuff up there," says Weiss. "And some guy came out of nowhere, and he's, like, 'Get your shit off our carpet; that's our drum carpet!'"

3against1 plays Blind Melons on Friday, March 14.

— Russell Bauder

Grenade, the new, free, all-glossy, 32-page SoCal mag, comes out the first week of March and will then come out every three months after that, said Sean Hoy (formerly with *Revolt in Style*). Mike Henderson, manager of Brick by Brick, is Hoy's copublisher.

They say the new mag will be heavy on photos, light on words. "There was too much editorial [with *Revolt*], and there was too much confusion. They couldn't figure out if it was about good-looking ladies or if it wanted to be more mellow."

Hoy said the costs of the first issue were covered by ad



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— Ken Leighton

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without consulting the guy you've been on the air with for five years. But that's what he did. It was a real chump move."

Scot Tempesta — "Scooter" of the Scooter and Sully radio team — was summing up his feelings on how he was told by Bob "Sully" Sullivan that their radio team was over.

"I think he knew after our last show on Saturday [February 8 on KOGO], but he didn't say a word to me. With Sully everything is about him. I don't begrudge him for leaving, just for not giving me a heads up."

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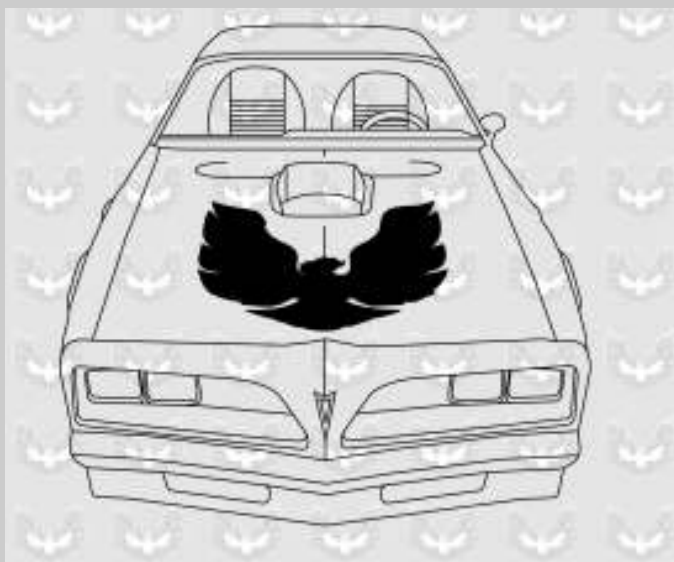
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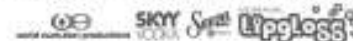
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show began five years ago on KCEO and then moved to three other AM stations: KOGO, KSDO, and XTRA. "And then there was the one week they tried us out on afternoons at KGB. It was a complete disaster."

The AM stations aired them as freewheeling, high-energy talk show hosts. In 2000 the team aired a weekly music-and-interview segment on their KSDO morning show that gave local bands and personalities like d.fRost, Anya Marina, and the Mix Mob some air time. That music segment was nixed by their Clear Channel superiors.

"They told us it didn't fit their demographic," said Tempesta.

Tempesta still works at KOGO as producer of the Stacy Taylor talk show. Sully now teams up with Greg "Woody" Wood on the Planet/103.7 as "Woody and Sully."

"They play seven really crappy songs an hour," said Tempesta about the Planet. "Those songs were boring 20

years ago."

Clearly not everyone agrees. The Planet significantly beat its classic rock competitor KGB from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (KGB trounces the Planet before 10 a.m. with Dave, Shelly, and Chainsaw). Some insiders say the move by Planet program director Todd Little to bring in the Woody-and-Sully duo is a case of wasting money by fixing something that is not broken. Little did not respond to a request for comment.

— Ken Leighton

"Are you sure you want strangers in your living room?"

John and Kim Hornbacher, both physical therapists and guitar players, host "living room concerts," after attending one in Orange County.

"We serve tea and juice, muffins, but no alcohol."

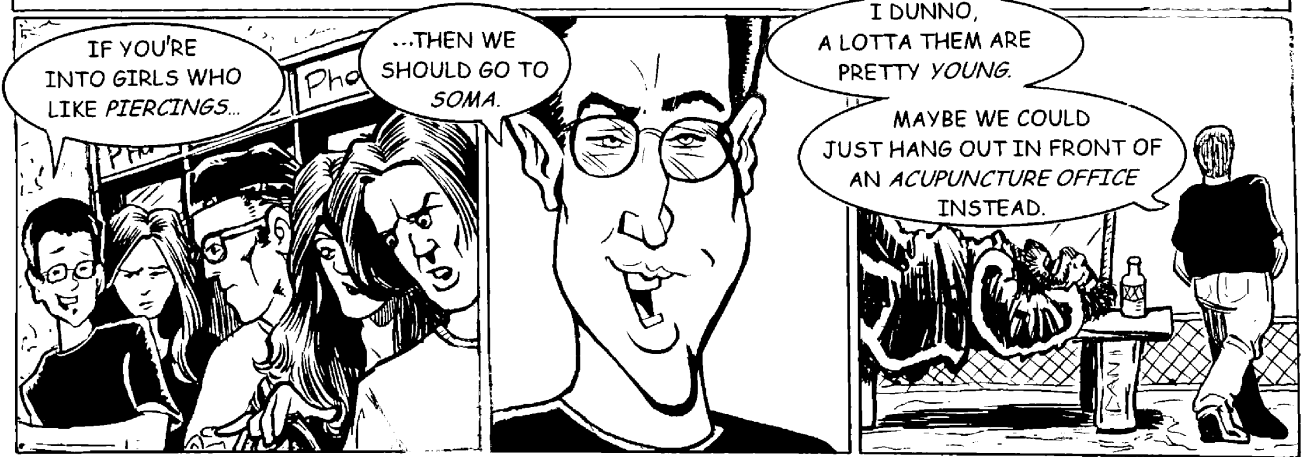
John tells me, "I bought a guitar for \$12,000 and called the maker in Orange County.... He invited me up to see a concert in his living room. I told him I would love to do those at my home in Vista. He helped me get it started."

I ask John what artists have played.

"Mark O'Connor, the world's greatest fiddler. He usually charges \$30,000 just to show up. He basically

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played for free. He was having pain, and I was working on his shoulder and asked him to play. We had Juber before [Laurence Juber, who played in Paul McCartney's band Wings]. He wanted \$750, and we guaranteed him that. We sold out the show [85 seats], and with his CD sales, he left with two grand."

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kitchen is like a balcony and holds another 15. The artist will play for an hour, take a 45-minute break to sell CDs and meet the people, and then play for another hour. The farthest seat is only 20 feet away."

The Hornbachers have had Muriel Anderson, who has won many guitar competitions, play their living room, along with Canadian folksinger David Francey and Indian musician Harry Manx, who plays a 20-string instrument called a *mohanveena*.

Juber sold out the February 21 show and a guitar workshop, but he added a second show on February 22. Call 760-941-3253 or e-mail hornbacherconcerts.com for details.

— Josh Board

The following online auctions of San Diego music memorabilia took place at eBay.com between December 25 and January 15.

There was a minimum bid of \$9.99 for a VHS concert recording of unclear origin featuring blink-182 and Unwritten Law. "This is the rarest of the rare," according to its seller, "a live concert from 1997, a year before both these bands broke out and made it big." Six bids were entered, and the video sold for \$20.53.

Slightly Stoopid's self-titled 1996 CD on Skunk Records had a \$47 opening bid requirement. After four bids, the CD sold for \$61. Ten days later, another copy of the same CD sold for \$50. The photo sleeve for a

"splash-shaped" 7" vinyl record featuring five songs by the Locust and two by Arab on Radar shows an eviscerated rubber baby doll with blood splatters dripping behind twin band logos. The disc sold for \$5.50. "For this record," said the San Francisco-based seller, "they put it out on four different thick colored vinyls, each to represent a bodily fluid color, all in the shape of a liquid splotch. This one is white." One assumes the other vinyl color editions to have been yellow, red, and, um, brown.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Kamy is 21 years old, and she plays bass in the Desolation Angels, an Oceanside-based band that plays rock, punk, blues, and country at the same time. The band has been together for about a year. Her music influences include the band the Swinging Utters, and also Matt Freeman, the bassist of Rancid.

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Other band members, their instruments, and how they make ends meet:

Matt Lynch: guitar; works shipping and receiving at Office Depot
Nicholas Lynch (Matt's brother): guitar and vocals; works as an artist and does construction
Rob Garr: drums; works construction
Jim Rice: vocals; unemployed, just moved from Springfield, Illinois, and is the newest member of the band

I ask Kamy how she makes a living.

"I work at a hospital as a surgical technician and as a barber."

Are you a student?

"No, but I went to trade school for two years and Cal State San Marcos for one year."

What is your ultimate goal in life?

"Not to have to work at an outside job, to use the band to support myself. But I don't want to become famous. Fame takes from the music, makes you lose touch with what you wanted in the first place."

What can people expect at one of your concerts?

"The concerts are fun, entertaining, high energy, and interactive. The band talks to the audience.... I try to keep it bluesy and jazzy."

What do you wear when you perform?

"Clothes that make me look cute [like] nice dresses, skirts, and tight jeans."

What is it like being a woman in a male-dominated field?

"There are many girl bassists in boy bands, like Sonic Youth, White Zombie, and Smashing Pumpkins."

What is your audience like?

"Most of the crowds are 21 and over.... Anybody that comes to the show, even if they are at

the bar, they will appreciate some stuff we play."

Tell me about your CD.

"We recorded our self-titled album on a ten-track recorder, a mixer, and a few microphones. It has 13 songs, and it sounds good. It took two weeks start to finish to record....

Nicholas mixed it and mastered it. I am not sure about reproduction; we don't have money to send it somewhere, but we've been...selling

the CD at shows. The CD was recorded at our practice space, on North Melrose Drive in Vista. We all split the costs."

Where does your band perform?

"The Strand Bar and Grill, Doheny Saloon, the Epicenter, Boomerang's Bar, Pounders, Brick by Brick, Dream Street, Rusty Surf Ranch in Santa Monica, and at two [private] parties."

What bands do you like to play with?

"Hill Street Strangers, Don't Have Jack, Thee Corsairs, and Red Eye Gravy."

For more information, visit www.desolationangels.us.

Jesse Appelhans plays drums and fire bells in Upsilon Acrux, a five-piece instrumental group that plays technical and experimental rock. They practice at his house in Vista. He is 26 years old, and he works as a cook and a busboy at Applebee's restaurant in Oceanside. Upsilon has been together for about six years, and the current incarnation has played together for about two years.

Other band members, their instruments, and how they make ends meet:

Paul Lai: guitar; sells instruments, effects, and amplifiers on eBay

Erik Kiersnowski: bass and baritone guitar; works security at the Beverly Hills Hilton

Derek Bruns: drums and fire bells; works at Vista Paint

Nick Lejeys: keyboards; works a computer job

I ask Jesse how he would describe his band.

"The sound is like a classical composer with traditional rock instruments with an aggressive mindset. We're 'maximist' — the opposite of min-



Jesse



Kamy

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imalist composers like Philip Glass and Tony Conrad."

What are fire bells?

"We play bells [big red school fire bells] from fire alarm systems that are in different keys and pitches. The bells are a way to have percussion melodies. There are five bells between Derek and I."

What is your opinion on the San Diego music scene?

"There are more people at shows than in the past five years. People are more open-minded towards newer forms of music."

Do you make any money with Upsilon Acrux?

"All the money that Upsilon makes goes into touring and recording."

Where have you toured?

"We have toured the West Coast and have traveled as far east as Texas."

What keeps your band together?

"Musical like-mindedness."

Tell me about Paul, Upsilon's guitarist.

"He has been playing guitar for ten years, and he is into nontraditional methods of playing.... He combines tapping and lots of effect boxes.... He is close-minded about played-out ideas and mediocre songwriting. If it's a cliché, Upsilon won't do it!"

What's clichéd to you?

"The typical metal sound, punk riffs, free jazz sound, and experimental bands. The point of the band is somewhere along the line to create some original music — not 100 percent original because that would be impossible. Twenty percent of Upsilon's material is original; it is being creative

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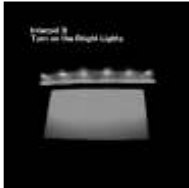
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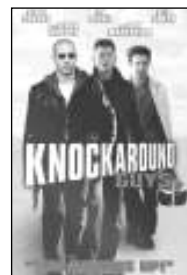
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without losing technical ability as a musician. Tarantula Hawk — they are an example of another San Diego group doing creative music.”

Tell me about the rest of Upsilon.

“Erik plays bass and baritone guitar, and he is classically trained. He played in Godzik Pink, and they put out a couple albums on 5RC, a subsidiary of Kill Rock Stars. Nick has played keyboards for about four or five years. He plays Moog and Korg analog synthesizers. Derek has played drums for about four years, and he also plays guitar. He played in [the band] A Possible Link to Klaus with Erik and Nick.”

Where does your band play?

“At the Casbah, Scolari’s Office, and the Roseary Room.”

What kind of music do you listen to?

“I listen to everything except mainstream music with the exception of classic rock. I’m not into adult contemporary rock like U2, Dave Matthews, David Gray, and Michelle Branch.”

What are your fans like?

“In the past they were nerdy progressive rock kids. Now we have some women at our shows.”

Jesse tells me he wears T-shirts when he plays, and sometimes shorts.

Have you had radio support?

“We played live at KXLU Marymount College [in Los Angeles], KCR at SDSU, and at Stanford radio, and also at UCSE.”

What are your plans for the future?

“There is a lot of potential for our music right now for minor commercial success. We plan on doing extensive touring in the next year and a half to bring our music to the rest of the country.”

Have you released any CDs?

“We have released three albums: *In the Acrux of the Upsilon King* [Accretions], *The Last Pirates of Upsilon* [Win Records], and *Last Train Out* [Hactivist Media].”

What bands do you like to perform with?

“We like the Flying Ludenbachers, Friends of the Mountains, Saccharine Trust, and Hella.”

Tell me about the new material.

“We were recorded by Rafter Roberts at Singing Serpent Studios in San Diego. We are shopping it around to different labels. We want international distribution, and a few labels in Los Angeles are interested. San Diego’s Three One G label did not want to release it, and our past labels don’t have international distribution. We have been playing the new stuff live for the past year and a half. It was recorded on two-inch reel-to-reel tape using a 24-track analog board. First we set up for a good room sound and then run through the songs and try not to do too many overdubs. Some-



Jesse at the Casbah

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WU

times we doubletrack guitar or keyboard if it sounds thin.”

Where do you practice?

“We practice at my house in Vista. Our practice space is a 20- by 25-foot room connected to my house. I pay for the space, they [the rest of Upsilon] say they’re going to pay but never do.”

What gives your band credibility?

“All the music is really hard to play.... We play the music we play without a broad fan base.... Music proficiency with creativity gives us credibility. I like death metal and I like jazz, but I would never play death metal or jazz because it has already been done over and over again. We are Upsilon Acrux, and nobody sounds like Upsilon Acrux.”

For info call Paul or Erik at 213-975-9213.

Mario Gomez is in his late 20s and is the lead singer for the Makeout Boys. The band has played together for about one year. Some of the members played in Multiple Stab Wounds and Johnny Blade & the Wetbacks. Mario sells movies and video games online and to video stores. In the past, he has worked security at Club Xanth, Club Luminal, the Empire Club, and the old Soma. He likes to strum the guitar, watch movies, play drums, and go on tour with Marky Ramone.

Other band members, their instruments, and how they make ends meet:
Sam: drums; works as a carpenter
Nathan: guitar; makes guitars at Taylor Guitars
Rick: bass; makes video games at Midway

I ask Mario how he comes to go on tour with Marky Ramone.

“We’re good friends. I’m Marky’s sidekick. I was invited by Mark to go on tour for a week and a half. I sang on some of the songs.”

What kind of music do you listen to?

“Johnny Cash, Nebula, the Rolling Stones, the Toilet Boys, rock ‘n’ roll.”

Where has your band performed?

“Brick by Brick with the Angry Samoans, Scolari’s, Ken Club, California Club, and the Whisky A Go Go.”

“What is a Makeout Boys concert like?”

“Just a good time; we don’t do anything better, worse, or different — it’s not groundbreaking. We give back what was lost, the magic and fire of rock ‘n’ roll. Nobody goes to big concerts except Limp Bizkit and Sum 41.... We want to feel good to be alive, not horrible about being raped and abused like Staind.”

What do you wear to perform?

“T-shirt and jeans until people start giving us clothes.”

Tell me about your record.

“Makeout Boys’ *Teenage Thrills* on Mutual One Records should be out in April. It will be distributed in Germany and the U.S.... The first batch released will have three singles, ‘Switchblade Sisters,’ ‘Makeout Queen,’ and ‘Feels Good.’ I’ll pass them out for free. It’s just like being

a drug dealer — give them just a little and next time they’ll pay.”

Where did you record?

“Jeff at Double Time Studios recorded it onto analog reel-to-reel tape. It was mixed and mastered. We recorded every weekend for a month; it took a week or two solid to make; we did it Ramones style. It was paid [for] by Mutual One.”

Have you had any radio support?

“We haven’t really tried, except 91X played ‘Switchblade Sisters’ on the local show.”

What are the songs about?

“The songs have movie themes and woman themes — personal stuff like ‘60s and ‘70s porn movie fantasies.”

Where do you practice?

“We practice at Greenfield Studio in El Cajon. We all pay together. That’s the lifestyle of a rocker: you pay for everything until someone says, ‘We’ll pay,’ and then you owe them.”

Do you have management?

“We don’t have management yet. I book the shows.... In late June or early July, we’ll do a month tour with Texas Terri in Europe.”

Why do you play music?

“When you really can’t get laid, music is the next best thing.... It’s like doing it with every girl that’s enjoying the show.”

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Cocteau had announced the “death of jazz” as early as 1920.

Betsy Jolas, the Franco-American composer, is busy finishing a motet at her home and studio near the Parc des Buttes Chaumont in the northeast of Paris, a 15-minute cab ride from the Gare du Nord rail station. Not too many contemporary composers are at work these days polishing off a motet, a polyphonic unaccompanied choral form that developed between the Middle Ages and the Baroque. The motet began in the Roman Catholic Church and was sung in Latin, shifting over time into vernacular expression, taking on the form of the madrigal. Bach's remarkable motets written for double chorus and eight solo voices were to set the standard for the German Baroque motet.

Betsy Jolas's motet will not sound like a Bach motet, nor, at first listening, like any of the Renaissance models she fell in love with as a teenager in New York during the Second World War — Schutz, Josquin des Prés, and Roland de Lassus — which she performed with the Dessooff Chorus. In fact, the motet will sound very late 20th Century and atonal, but if you listen carefully, you will find more than traces of the Renaissance masters inside her post-serial sound structures.

Mme. Jolas is a worker. While preparing to introduce her to an audience in Berlin a couple of years ago, I discovered she had written well over a hundred compositions: for chorus, orchestra, solo performer — what have you. She was busy with a concerto for voice and orchestra during our four months together at the American Academy: awaking early, making her own coffee specially as she liked it, in her rooms, then coming downstairs while the rest of us were finishing breakfast to join us and chat a while, the important part of her day already behind her.

I don't know where this industrious 76-year-old granny gets all her beans. Probably in large measure from her remarkable parents, Eugene and Marie Jolas of *transition* magazine fame. But perhaps at least a soupçon of it comes from her composition in-

structor at the Paris Conservatory, where she studied on her return from New York after the war. Darius Milhaud (1892–1974) was one of the most prolific composers of the 20th Century, and it would take plenty of ink to list his operas and ballets, his

orchestral, chamber, and vocal works, not to mention his works for piano and writings on music. On top of all that he was a celebrated pedagogue, teaching not only in Paris, but for years at Mills College in Oakland, in Northern California. All of this, incidentally, while being crippled much of his life with arthritis.

Milhaud is often grouped with five other French composers — Poulenc, Durey, Tailleferre, Auric, and Honegger (the last with whom Jolas had hoped to study) — who were referred to as “Les Six,” and, in general, reacting against the excesses of Ger-

man Romanticism and a cloying “Debussy-ism” that had become the fashion in Paris. Milhaud, in particular, was interested in weaving into his highly melodic, often polytonal music elements of cabaret, dance hall, circus, and jazz. He would certainly have been acquainted with Erik Satie's forays into this area, but this mixture

of the “low” or popular with high-brow art music is a commonplace of the Modernist project, be it painting (Picasso) or literature (Joyce, Eliot, et al.).

Milhaud is probably best known for his *La Création du Monde* (1923), originally conceived as an orchestral ballet score to a text by Blaise Cendrars and Jean Cocteau (the former, along with Mickey Mantle and Sonny Liston, among my all-time heroes). The ballet score is one of the earliest instances of European art music incorporating large blocks of the African-American jazz idiom into an orchestral framework. The Milhaud piece remains very listenable, 80 years after its premiere, but hearing it again, the principal jazz motif

that comes in about a quarter of the way through the piece is unmistakably that of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Is this a shocking revelation that I've stumbled onto? Gershwin's *Rhapsody* dates from 1924 and is well documented as to its origin. So who's filching whom? Milhaud, in 1921, only recently back from Brazil, where he had fallen hard for the local tango and other Euro-Latin American hybridizations, first heard jazz at a taxi-dance hall in London, probably Billy Arnold and his band from New York. In that same year, Milhaud produced a “shimmy,” entitled *Caramel Mou*, that premiered, *cum* dancer, on an “avant-garde evening in Paris.”

Bearing in mind that Satie and Debussy (*Golliwog's Cake-Walk*, 1906–08), not to mention Stravinsky and John Alden Carpenter, had visited jazz as a serious source for revitalizing art music years before, but it wasn't until Milhaud visited New York in 1922 that his ideas for his *Création* took shape and began to evolve. While in New York, Milhaud was taken by two very different kinds of jazz: one being Leo Reisman's sophisticated Hotel Brunswick Orchestra (the “hotel society” sound) with all of the harmonic textures and timbral possibilities of a tight, carefully charted jazz unit; the other being the New Orleans Dixieland-style jazz, more immediate, strident, and raw. The latter sound Milhaud would have encountered on his trips uptown to Harlem. It's remarkable how many fancy European artists and intellectuals (not to mention their white American counterparts) were logging serious time in Harlem in the 1920s.

The ballet of *La Création du Monde* was performed by Les Ballets Suédois, along with Diaghilev's Les Ballet Russes, the most innovative dance company of its era. The stage set was designed by Fernand Léger, who had at first insisted on having sewn inflatable skins (meant to represent flowers, trees, and animals), which, at the moment of “creation,” were to be blown up and set aloft like balloons. Unfortunately, this extravagant plan came to naught when it was discovered that the gas whooshing out of the inflated skins would drown out the sound of the orchestra.

The *Création* was meant to be a celebration of African folklore and jazz. It was scored for 17 solo instruments, the same mix as an orchestra Milhaud heard in Harlem: 2 fl, 2 cl, ob, ban, hn, 2 tbn, pf, perc, two vn, vc, db, and sax. The timbral novelty of “saxophone and muted trumpet, flutter tonguing and glissandi, syncopated rhythms and blues, and the use of piano and strings (possibly in imitation of banjos) to reinforce the rhythm sections.” The piece created a scandal when it premiered in Paris in October of 1923, making Milhaud an immediate celebrity, just as the riots at the premiere of Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* had made that composer a sudden celebrity a decade earlier.

But what of Milhaud scooping Gershwin? Well, it seems that, according to a learned source, “The fugal section in Milhaud's *Création* that follows the languorous introduction is often cited as typical of the

work's timbre and figure, the blue notes in the oboe melody near the end and the equivocation between flat raised third in both horn and oboe...” directly mirroring the Gershwin idiom, already extant, and known to Milhaud from the early '20s. It seems that the composer-pianist Jean Wiéner, who has documented the time, presumably in a memoir, was hanging out at the Café Gaya in Paris and often playing Gershwin to an audience consisting, at various times, of Diaghilev, Misia Sert, Satie, René Clair, Jane Buthori, Maurice Chevalier, Milhaud, Poulenc, Picasso, Léger, and others of influence and note.

In fact, Milhaud credits Gershwin and his musical idiom in a lecture the French composer delivered at the Sorbonne in May of 1924, entitled “*Les Ressources Nouvelles de la Musique Jazz (Jazz Band et Instruments Mécaniques)*.” However, by 1926, during his second visit to America, Milhaud announced to the press that his romance with jazz was over. (Cocteau had announced the “death of jazz” as early as 1920.) Withal, *La Création du Monde* ranks with Weill's *Threepenny Opera* (1928) as one of the last century's triumphant successes in marrying the European art music of the time with jazz and popular music. ■

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"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with the Denny Zeitlin Trio: Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

FRIDAY

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [502]: 4th & B, Friday, February 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"Steve Poltz's B-day Party" [815] with the Rugburns [263], Vertibird [169], and Reeve Oliver: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 21, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Trans Am [376], Har Mar Superstar, and Oneida: The Casbah, Friday, February 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Melissa Ferrick [278] and Xavier Rud: Brick by Brick, Friday, February 21, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

SATURDAY

"Brazil Carnaval 2003": 4th & B, Saturday, February 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Julieta Venegas [600] and Emaue [467]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 22, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Kottonmouth Kings [129]: Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday,

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

With his sexual stage antics and explicit lyrics, Har Mar Superstar tries to come across as an R&B loverman like Marvin Gaye. Except that Har Mar is a somewhat pudgy white guy wearing just briefs and, sometimes, a cape. On top of that, he dishes out lots of ridiculously self-aggrandizing stage banter like, "Let's give it up for me! I rule!" This has gained him a big following in his native Minneapolis. Now he's working on taking over the whole country.

My friend Corndog is originally from Minneapolis, and she remembers Har Mar Superstar as one Sean Tillman, who used to

play in a noisy band called Calvin Krime. Later on, he started calling himself Sean Na Na and played folky indie pop. He was good, but when he started the Har Mar Superstar act as a side project, it quickly eclipsed his Sean Na Na career. Corndog, who isn't one to say something like this lightly, says Har Mar's popularity is a matter of racism: "It's for white people to laugh at and feel superior to hip-hop and black culture," she says.

I think she's right, but Har Mar is hardly the only white performer to make a career out of co-opting black culture — the minstrel singer is a figure as old as American popular music. Har Mar's contribution to this tradition is a sort of "Full Monty" effect — it's supposed to be funny when a pudgy guy tries to look sexy. But all questions of race or body image aside, there's one unforgivable problem with Har



HAR MAR SUPERSTAR

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Cat Power and A.M. Vibe [137]: The Casbah, Saturday, February 22, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

The Average White Band [533] and the Urban Gypsies: Belly Up Tavern,

Sunday, February 23, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Pretenders [436] and the All Mighty Senators: 4th & B, Sunday, February 23, and Monday, February 24, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Pere Ubu and Kill Me Tomorrow [152]: The Casbah,

Monday, February 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

The Derek Trucks Band, Tony Furtado, and the American Gypsies: Brick by Brick, Tuesday, February 25, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Keiko Matsui [650]: East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Dark Star Orchestra: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 26, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

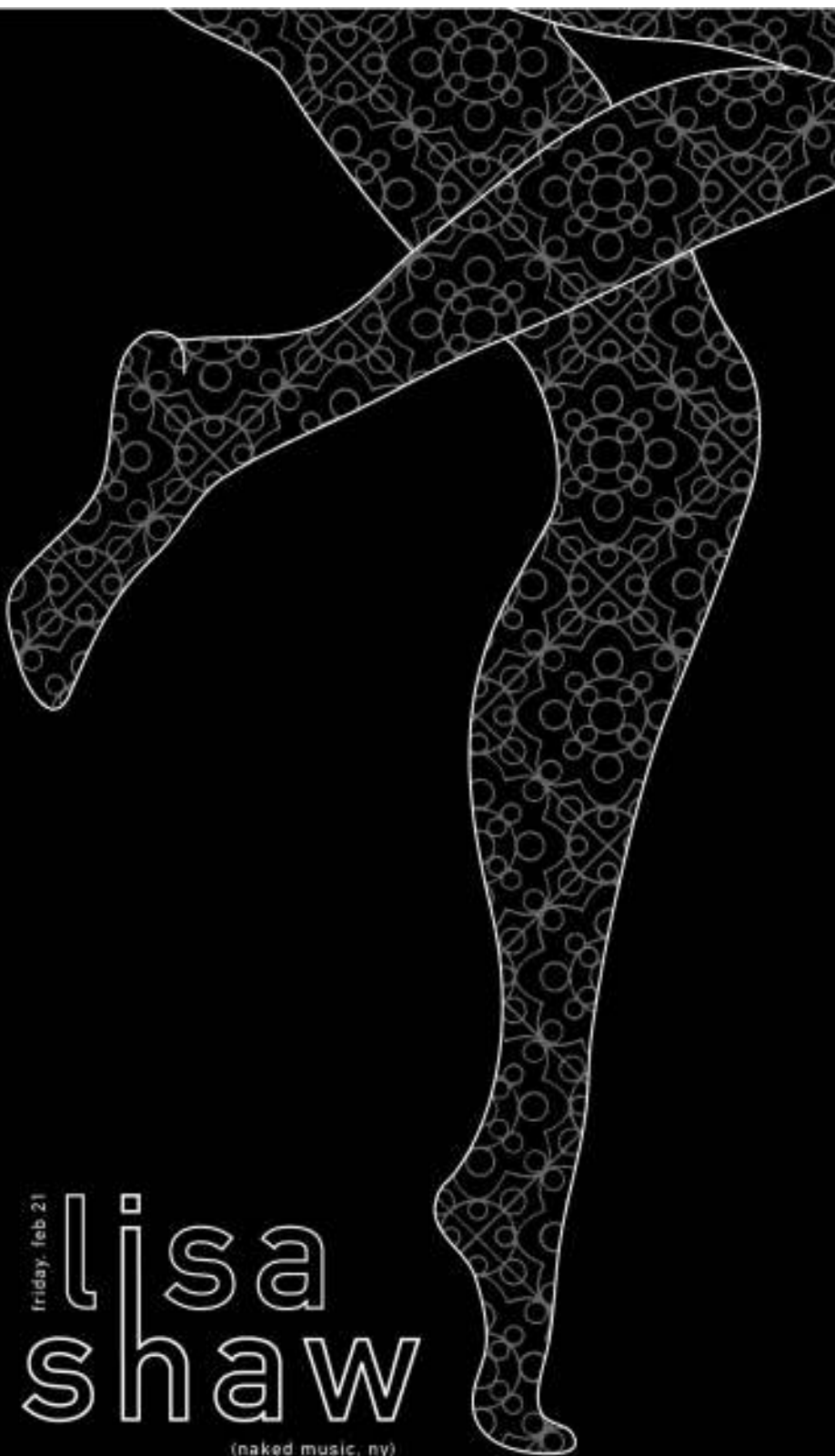
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Kinky: Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday,
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ALTERNATIVE


- The Academy:** Epicentre
A.M. Vibe [137]: The Casbah
The American Gypsies: Brick By Brick
The Angel City Outcasts: Epicentre
The Anonymous: Epicentre
Anton: Dream Street
The Apples: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Atomic Crowd: The Casbah
Aware: Blind Melons
Bartender's Bible: The Casbah
Bedhead Blonde [197]: Blind Melons
Ben Kweller: Epicentre
Brendan Benson & the Well-Fed Boys: Epicentre
C.I.A.: Casa Picante
Career Soldiers: Epicentre
Cat Power: The Casbah
Causeway: Soma
Centro-Matic: Epicentre
Chevelle: The Scene
Conformacide: Epicentre
Channing Cope: The Casbah
The Cypher: Hot Monkey Love Cafe
The Damn Dirty Apes: Winstons
The Dark Star Orchestra: Belly Up Tavern
Dreaming of Tanks: The Casbah
Dying Fetus: Brick By Brick
Early Times: Soma
Earthless: The Kensington Club
Erotomania: Casa Picante
F.O.N.: Soma
Melissa Ferrick [278]: Brick By Brick
Fifth: Dream Street
For Days: Epicentre
40 Foot Echo: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Matt Fowler Band: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Free*Stars: The Casbah
G-Spot: Blind Melons
Gone with Mark: Epicentre
The Good China [273]: Blind Melons
Grimby: Soma
Happy Hour: Soma
Har Mar Superstar: The Casbah
Hate Eternal: Brick By Brick
Heavy Trevy & the Not So Fat Kids: Brick By Brick
The Hill Street Stranglers: Brick By Brick
Hornswaggled: Soma
Hot Like A Robot: The Scene
Interpol: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Into Eternity: Brick By Brick
Jack Tripper Solution: Dream Street

- Jennifer's Tigers:** The Casbah
Joint Response: Blind Melons
Kataklysm: Brick By Brick
Kill Me Tomorrow [152]: The Casbah
The Kottonmouth Kings [129]: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Kyle from the "D": Epicentre
Ladwig: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Latigo: Dream Street
Layover in Atlantis: Blind Melons
Lotus: Surf N'Saddle
Maquiladora [139]: The Casbah
Anya Marina [118]: Brick By Brick
Momentum: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Mother Mae I: Soma
Mower: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Murderous Red Glare: The Casbah
No Way Out: The Scene
Nowheresville: Soma
Reeve Oliver: Belly Up Tavern
One Track Mind: Soma
The Opposition: Epicentre

- Pere Ubu:** The Casbah
The Phunk Junkeez [287]: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Pivit: Soma
Public Transportation: Dream Street
Pulse Ultra: The Scene
R.O.R.: Epicentre
Remedy Motel: Brick By Brick
Retrograde Motion: Epicentre
Riot House: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Xavier Rud: Brick By Brick

- The Rugburns** [263]: Belly Up Tavern
Scaramanga: The Casbah
Showface: Dream Street
Silver Sunshine: The Kensington Club
Soulz in Syzygy: Winstons
Spare Change: The Scene
Spiker-Konesky: Epicentre
Stormshadow: Blind Melons
Straitaway: Soma
30 Seconds to Mars: The Scene
Trainwreck: Epicentre

- Trans Am** [376]: The Casbah
2 Cent: Blind Melons
Undefeated: Dream Street
Unwritten Law [261]: Soma
Verb: Blind Melons
Vertibird [169]: Belly Up Tavern
Wanted Dead: Brick By Brick
The Warlocks [399]: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Warsaw: Blind Melons
Wither: 'Canes Bar and Grill
ZZYZX: The Casbah



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ROCK

Absinthe: Bayou Bar & Grill
Agave: Tiki House
The All Mighty Senators: 4th & B
The Atomic Punks: Canes Bar and Grill
The Average White Band /533/: Belly Up Tavern
The Baja Bugs: California Club
Big Head Todd & the Monsters /502/: 4th & B
The Big Rig Deluxe: California Club, Patrick's Irish Pub
Blare Bitch Project: Brick By Brick
Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill
Boxxx: Brick By Brick
Buford: Winstons
C.O.I.: Surf N' Saddle, Blind Melons
Calexico: The Casbah
Champagne Kiss: The Casbah
Counterfit: The Scene
DJ Aero: Cannibal Bar
DJ IISmooth: Neimans Bar and Grill
DJ Ish: Neimans Bar and Grill
DJ Jose: Chuey's Numero Uno
DJ Kingsley: Cannibal Bar
DJ Matty A.: Cannibal Bar
DJ Peril: Cannibal Bar
DJ Phillip: Neimans Bar and Grill
Drivemoredrive: Dream Street
El Jardin: Neimans Bar and Grill
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Ellis /525/: Tio Leo's Lounge
Emaue /467/: Belly Up Tavern
The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
Trevor Ferguson: The Casbah
Flipside: The Scene
Four Easy Pieces: The Kraken
Full Effect: Cannibal Bar
Tony Furtado: Brick By Brick
G-Roy: Cannibal Bar
The Global Funk Council: Winstons
The Grinders: Black Sheep Inn
Hera's Olive /461/: Dick's Last Resort
The Hitmen: Dirk's Niteclub
Hot Rod Circuit: The Scene
Hot Rod Lincoln /547/: Tio Leo's Lounge
Alfred Howard: Dream Street
Inciting Riots /516/: Casa Picante
Invisible Enemies: Dream Street
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The Real McKenzies [558]: The Scene
Reason to Believe: Dream Street

Redhanded: The Kraken
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The Janet Ricci Band: The Metaphor
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Rise Against: The Scene
Roadkill: Sham Rocks Shack

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The Rockin' Aces: Dick's Last Resort

Rookie Card: California Club
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Eve Selis [410]: Cannibal Bar
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The Stepping Stones: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Stereotypes: California Club

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The Derek Trucks Band: Brick By Brick

Tsunami Bomb: The Scene

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Lounge

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 Blind Melons
Whitestarr: Belly Up Tavern
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Zone 4 /499: Winstons

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel
Channel Surfer: Dream Street
Carol Curtis: Martini's
Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant
The Disco Pimps: Fifth Qtr.
Diva Soul: Jimmy Love's
80z Allstars: Fifth Qtr.
John Garcia: Martini's
Paul Greg: Martini's
Patrick Hill: Martini's
Island Breeze: Humphrey's
Kraze: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
The Legends: Viejas Casino
Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
Makai: Humphrey's, Viejas Casino,
 Humphrey's
The New Breed Band: The Alley
NRG: Jimmy Love's
The Orbitz: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]:
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Linda Roth: Martini's
Superfunk Fantasy: Henry's Pub
Sylvia Lorraine: Martini's
Julieta Venegas /600/: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Frank Alves: Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina
Joe Azarello: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar
The B-Side Players /649/: Fifth Qtr.
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
Bastista: Trattatoria La Strada
Black Mambo: Cannibal Bar
Blue Largo /636/: Coyote Bar and Grill
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
Lee Brown Perspective /686/: Fifth Qtr.

John Cain /703/: Hotel del Coronado

Calima: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Bob Campbell: Dizzy's

Mike Cea: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.

The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill

Dave Curtis: Dizzy's

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Dijah Marie: The Calypso Cafe

The Encinitas Jazz Project: Jammers Java

E.S.P.: Dizzy's

Fattburger: Humphrey's

Aubrey Fay: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Barnaby Finch & Funk Jazz: Dizzy's

5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House

Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge

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Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Jazz Allstars: Jimmy Love's

Art Johnson /631/: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet /695/: Coyote Bar and Grill

Brian Koehler: Miracles Cafe, Tomiko Bar & Grill

Lady Dottie: Bayou Bar & Grill

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Mitch Manker: Dizzy's

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mr. Boogie Woogie: Dizzy's

Mystery Train: Fifth Qtr.

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Gary Nieves: Dizzy's

Lisa Otey: Dizzy's

Sue Palmer /641/: The Calypso Cafe, Dizzy's

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar, Sevilla

Quiet Storm /682/: Humphrey's

Calvin Romance: Humphrey's

Rick Ross: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., Moray's Lounge

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The Vanguard Players: Bayou Bar & Grill

Lynn Willard: Dizzy's

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Gumboyaya: Coyote Bar and Grill

Ikah Love: Cannibal Bar

Universal Saints: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)

Irie Dingo: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Psydecar /740/: Belly Up Tavern, Winstons

Semisi & Fulabula /747/: The Calypso Cafe, The Beach House

The Soul Survivaz: Winstons

Star Shak: Henry's Pub

T-Irie Dread: Blind Melons

Vegitation: Blind Melons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Cold Beer: Fannie's

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- The Blues Brokers:** Patrick's II, The Kraken
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Mississippi Mud: Patrick's II
Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors /910/: The Calypso Cafe

- The Mike Reilly Band /978/:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
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Runnin' Blue: The Calypso Cafe
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The Scavengers: On The Rocks
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The Small Town Heroes: The Gordon Biersch Brewery
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The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's
Sweet Blue Onion: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe
Theo & the Zydeco Patrol /929/: Fifth Qtr.
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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.

Bottoms Up: Fridays, good vibes, house, breaks, drum & bass, trance, and hip-hop. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tivolis, corner of Sixth Avenue and Island Street, Gaslamp, 619-232-6754.

Brown Sugar: Fridays, good vibes and urban music with DJ Myxxlplx. 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 Stiffy 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.

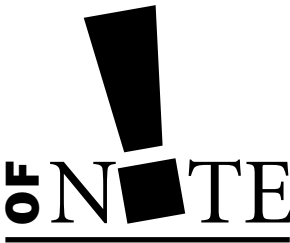
Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. Thursday, February 13, *Valentine's Day jam*. Sunday, February 16, *Presidents' Day jam*. High school and college students admitted. 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.

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,



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BY DAVE GOOD

The power trio is perhaps rock's most overused architecture, dead until punk revived it in the '90s. Essentially a guitarist (or pianist) with a rhythm section of bass and drums, the power trio is an extension of the jazz combos of the '50s and '60s, except that in jazz, all three performers (and not just the lead guitarist) get to overplay.

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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 noise with DJs Bryan Pollard, Franck H-Bomb, and Grendel Prime; 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2233. Information, 619-465-5827.

Verb: Sundays, house, breaks, and hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop. Friday and Saturday, *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, 5 *O'Clock Shadow*, jazz, swing, blues. 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, *Super Unledded* and *Whitestarr*. Friday, 9:15 pm, *the Rugburns*, *Vertibird*, and Reeve Oliver. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Julita Venegas* and *Emaue*. Sunday, 7 pm, *the Average*

White Band, rock, and *Urban Gypsies*. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *the Dark Star Orchestra*.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Local Tourist*, classic rock.


The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *Calima*, jazz, Flamenco.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Saturday, *Irie Dingo*, reggae.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Sue Palmer* and *Dijah Marie*. Friday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae. Saturday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*. Sunday, *Merily & Friends*, blues. Monday, *Richard Samuels*, blues. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, blues. Wednesday, *Runnin' Blue*.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *the McNallys*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Ventilators*, rock, blues. Friday, 6 pm



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to 10 pm, *Bordertown*, rock, blues, folk. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Gumboyya*, New Orleans funk and blues. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet*. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Blue Largo*, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Johnny “B” Blues*.

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. Saturday, *the Stepping Stones*, folk.

Jammers Java, 218 A North El Camino Real (in the Wiegand Plaza next to JMC Theaters), Encinitas. 760-942-JAVA. Saturday, *the Encinitas Jazz Project*.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Four Easy Pieces*, rock. Friday, *Redhanded*. Saturday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Saturday, *Mike Cea*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Matt Fowler Band* and *Momentum*. Tuesday, *Riot House* and *Matt Fowler Band*.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, *the Lee Taylor Band*. Saturday, *the Janet Ricci Band*, rock. Wednesday, open mike hosted by *Ed Eastwood*.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 pm, to 10:30 pm, *Satish*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Brian Koehler*, jazz.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Lowery*, folk.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 pm to 9:15 pm, *the Cradit Union*, swing. Friday, *DJ Ish* and *DJ Phillip*. Saturday, reggae, rock, and hip-hop. Sunday, *El Jardin*, salsa

rock en español. Wednesday, 9:30 pm, *DJ IISmooth*.

Patrick’s Irish Pub, 13314 Poway Road, Poway. 858-486-0764. Friday, 9 pm, *Big Rig Deluxe*, rock. Saturday, 9 pm, *Celticana*, folk.

Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina, 5256 South Mission Road, Bonsall. 760-945-1250. Friday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *Frank Alves*, contemporary jazz.

Surf N’ Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, *C.O.I.*, rock. Saturday, *Lotus*, alternative.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Ben Powell*, blues, jazz. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Brian Koehler*, acoustic.

Zip & Zack’s Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Friday and Saturday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly.

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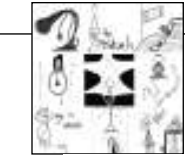
Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Bedhead Blonde* and *COI*, alternative. Friday, *Vegetation*, reggae, with *G-Spot*. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Waveless Dave & the No Boreds*, 9:30 pm, *Rad Bones*, Warsaw, and *Honey Bucket*. Sunday, 3 pm to 6 pm, *T-Irie Dread*, reggae. Wednesday, *Inthevisualz*, *Joint Response* and *Aware*, alternative.

’Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Interpol* and *the Warlocks*. Friday, *the Atomic Punks*, RDG, and *Pyromania*. Saturday, *the Kottonmouth Kings*, *the Phunk Junkees*, and *Mower*. Wednesday, *Wither*, *Ladwig*, *40 Foot Echo*, and *the Apples*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, 9 pm, *Eve Selis*, rock. Saturday, 10 pm, *Black Mambo*, Latin jazz.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Reason* to Believe, *Alfred Howard*, *Jah Judah*, *Samba Supersonic*, and *Drivemoredrive*. Friday, *Latigo*, *Undeafated*, *Jack Tripper Solution*, and



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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

Album Name: *Cogs in Wheels* (2002)

Artist: The Residuals

Label: Microscopic Records

Songs: 1) Heart of the Car Part 2) Continental Drift 3) Pats Throwing Snails 4) Conanin’s Revenge 5) Jack Mormon Girl 6) Norman Rockwell/Curb Cut 7) Becoming 8) Guatalupe 9) Feeling Photosynthesis 10) At the Track 11) If I Were Only 80 Years Old 12) Haul Boy Hall

Price/Where Available: Off the Record, 3849 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest (\$5)

Band Members: Ian Coleman (vocals, guitar), Craig Gaines (vocals, guitar), Chad Anglin (bass), Jesse Felton (drums)

Extra Info: The Residuals claim to be the tallest four-piece band in the world — with a combined height of 24 and a half feet.

Website: no website

The Residuals’ first full-length release, *Cogs in Wheels*, consists of 12 tracks of mostly uninspired

sound. Production quality is low, and a majority of the album comes across as a gritty fusion of intonations. Most

Fifth. Saturday, *Invisible Enemies*, *Slumber*, and *Shedd*. Tuesday, *Channel Surfer*. Wednesday, *Public Transportation*, *Anton*, and *Showface*.

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. 858-539-8650. Wednesday through Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Sunday through Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Larry Fogle*, piano and vocals.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, Agave, rock. Saturday, *the Boogiemens*, R&B. Sunday, Chris Kelly’s open acoustic night.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Latanya Lockett Band*, blues. Friday, *the Global Funk Council*, *Yo Flaco* with *Electrovibe*, rock. Saturday, *Zone 4*, *the Damn Dirty Apes*, acid jazz, and *Psydecar*, reggae, funk. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, blues, with *Organix* and *Sa-Da-Tay Allstars*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Soulz* in *Syzygy*, rock. Wednesday, *Zone 4*, *Buford*, and *the Soul Survivaz*.

of the vocals are drowned out by the instrumentals. The percussion, remaining steady throughout, is the sole component that brings everything together. There are the occasional high points in the melodies of certain songs, such as “Pats Throwing Snails” and “Jack Mormon Girl,” where the guitars take over and there is minimal squealing from lead vocalist Ian Coleman, who sounds as though he is in a constant struggle to be heard.

The seventh track, “Becoming,” is the highlight of the album, in which the Residuals seem to develop an incredible amount of artistic maturity within a matter of seconds. After a brief guitar solo, Coleman sings, “*Take one step closer to who I’m becoming/ take one step closer to who I’ve become.*” However, the band’s newfound



The Residuals

musical sophistication is ephemeral, and the band soon returns to toying with sound, which might be fun for them, but less so for the listener.

If this statuesque four-some shifted their focus away from the guitars and various methods of distortion, their talent could evolve into something lasting.

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Breakfast in Baja

Last month, we sent whale-watchers to a fine Friday dinner in Ensenada before they headed off in search of Moby, Señora, and Junior Dick. Leaving Saturday “free for exploration,” just like any cruise, we’ll now start the trip back home in grand style, with a look at some of the best (and worst) breakfasts and brunches in northern Baja. Keeping the metaphor intact, we’ll start with Ensenada and work our way north. But one thing you need to know about the whole area between Tijuana and Ensenada: Bring cash — dollars, pesos, either or both. Very few businesses — not even motels! — accept credit cards, and ATMs are restocked so haphazardly that I “broke the bank” at three different machines with my extravagant withdrawals (of \$70, \$90, and \$110). Note: To phone Baja from the U.S., remember to begin with prefix 011-52.

Acámbaro, Avenida Iturbide 580 (near Guadalupe Cathedral, between Juárez and Calle 6), Ensenada; 646-176-52-35. Friendly, family-run restaurant specializing in dishes of central Mexico. Three meals served daily, breakfast served until 1:00 p.m. All meals inexpensive.

Acámbaro is a small, clean, attractive Ensenada restaurant, with an open, short-order kitchen that’s ideally suited for casual meals a cut above taqueria fare. It’s run by a sweet middle-aged couple and their English-speaking son. Breakfasts occupy half the menu, with lots of *huevos* cooked in various classic fashions — rancheros, Mexicanos, scrambled or fried with bacon or imitation-Danola ham, plus gringo favorites like hotcakes. The table *tostones*, the ubiquitous fried tortilla chips, are remarkably thin and greaseless for a town where usually they’re quite the opposite, and they come with a couple of interesting salsas. My favorite breakfast at Acámbaro is an order of its superb *chilaquiles con queso y crema*: perfectly crisped tortilla pieces (neither mushy nor chewy) swathed in vibrant green tomatillo sauce, Mexican sour cream, and puffs of light-textured cheese (*queso fresco*). They’re served with great, lardy refried beans. But if you’re homesick already, the hotcakes are short-order gringo normal, fluffy and pleasing, served with a “lite” imitation-maple syrup of some obscure *Yanqui* brand. Coffee is touched with cinnamon and it’s free (including refills) with breakfast; other beverages (such as the very sweet *champurrado*, cornflour-thickened hot chocolate) cost a bit.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Preparing Sunday brunch at La Fonda

Few streets in Ensenada have street signs, and Acámbaro (pronounced ah-KAHM-buh-ro, if you need to ask someone) is well off the downtown tourist drag. The easiest way to find it is to start at the landmark Guadalupe Cathedral at Floresta and Sixth, then go three blocks south and turn right. It’s mid-block, on the south side of the street, in what looks like a brightly painted private home. For a few pesos (five is the going rate, about 50 cents), a guy on the street will watch (or wash, extra) your car against thieves — cheap insurance, believe me!

La Baguette, Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas 1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero), opposite Sanborns, between Castillo and Blancarte, Ensenada; 646-178-28-14. Quick Continental breakfast and desserts, inexpensive. Open daily, daytimes.

For Starbucks addicts who take their coffee straight, this bakery is a good stop for a quick Continental breakfast and quite possibly the best french coffee in Ensenada — dark-roast drip. You’ll find this “French bakery” two longish blocks south from the landmark Hotel Santo Tomás. The pastries are indeed French-influenced but made with Mexican

ingredients and methods; hence, the croissants are closer to heavy brioches than to their flaky French models. Selections include cheesecakes, chocolate cakes, some donuts, all manner of pastry and “pay,” a.k.a. pie. (No eclairs or tarts the morning I visited, but they may show up later in the day.)

La Fonda, Km. 59, Baja Highway 1 (Alisios exit from toll road), 661-628-73-52. Mexican and American breakfast dishes; lavish Sunday brunch buffet. For patio seating with ocean view, arrive early. Dinner choices change nightly, featuring seafood and meats aged in-house.

Bilingual chalkboard menus, and most staffers speak some English. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9:00 a.m. Breakfasts about 45 pesos (under \$5), dinners about 120 pesos for fish, 180 pesos for meats. Cash only.

In its many ads in the Baja weekly *Gringo Gazette*, La Fonda (which means “The Inn,” no relation to Henry, Jane, or Bridget) boasts of “the best breakfasts in Baja” — and they may be telling the truth. It’s hard to imagine a better breakfast anywhere, of any cuisine, with any more charming ambiance.

GUIDE NAOMI WISE

About halfway between Ensenada and Rosarito Beach, La Fonda hotel was once a Hollywood hideaway, where movie stars laid claim to its various playfully named “theme” rooms. The rate last November was a rather steep \$75 per night, cash payable to a concierge who speaks no English (or at least pretends not to). A sign by her desk reads, “Some TV sets work. Some don’t. If yours doesn’t — Solly Cholley.” But the room price would have bought us a delicious plunge into faded glamour, along with an early-morning wake-up call as hammering and sawing construction workers gave the building and grounds a long-overdue overhaul. The hotel is rumored to be up for sale; let’s hope the new owners keep the kitchen staff unchanged.

You certainly don’t have to stay overnight to eat at La Fonda, and eating there is sheer joy — especially breakfast. In fair weather, you can sit in a cane chair with thick seat cushions, shaded by a *palapa* (a straw table umbrella), admiring the same panoramic ocean view once enjoyed by Rita Hayworth and Orson Welles (in his slim, handsome *Lady From Shanghai* period). Today, the crowd that shows up at breakfast may look more like extras from *The Trip* or *Dude, Where’s My Surfboard*?

When we arrived, early on a weekday morning, we found a lengthy chalkboard menu of classic Mexican dishes plus North American favorites (french toast, pancakes, etc.) done with creative touches. At under five dollars, including coffee, they’re half the price of many hotel breakfasts in the neighborhood and surely twice as good.

Our trio of pancakes, served with banana and coconut syrup, were large, thin, and very light. Topped with a heap of sliced banana, they were surrounded by a moat of coconut-flavored margarine. You get honey, maple-flavored syrup, and jam to dress them with, along with pots of Darigold butter. Our other choice, *chile verde*, had hunks of moist, tender pork shoulder in a thick, flavorful sauce of fresh tomatillos and green chile strips. There was enough on the plate to feed two, even before the kitchen added the customary pair of eggs (done “your way”), sautéed potatoes cut like french fries, and irresistible lardy refried beans topped with cheese. The flour tortillas are made by a sparkle-eyed lady whom we met on our way out, and the table salsa is fresh and bright, with tomatoes, onions, serrano chiles, and lots of fresh, pungent cilantro. (The cilantro in Baja seems to be a subspecies with

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more punch than the San Diego version.) The endless refills of coffee come with sweetened condensed milk.

On Sundays, a huge number of the daily choices are laid out before you in a buffet brunch — all you can eat (and more), including eggs cooked to order and a menu’s worth of Mexican *comidas*. Many of the dishes are stews and hold up much better on a buffet line than typical American brunch dishes.

(As for the dinners, the menu evidently changes nightly —we saw one employee in the garden, hosing off the previous night’s chalkboard — and runs to seafood and gringo favorites, including beautiful-looking steaks and roasts aged on the premises in glass-walled cases.)

On our way into the restaurant, hobbling over a newly spread path of elegant crushed rock (with all the comfort and stability underfoot of high-mountain scree), we passed a couple of splendid roosters — one mature and one adolescent, both of the Rock family with red combs, lustrous black and rust bodies, and iridescent green and black tails. When we were about halfway through our meal, they made their way to the terrace and settled near our feet at the precise moment when we realized we’d never be able to finish the feast. (“Listen heah, boy, it’s all a matter of timin’,” you could imagine the older one telling the kid.) They strutted

around politely, awaiting hand-outs without asking for them. As soon as we were done eating and dropping bits of food for them, they moved on regally to the next table.

La Palapa de José, Km. 58, Baja Highway 1 (Alisio exit from toll road). Caters to low-budget RV and tent-camper vacationers in adjacent “resort.” The menu is split between ordinary gringo food (BBQ ribs, steaks, etc.) and Mexican. English menu; English-speaking staff. Not expensive, but much higher than normal for the area. Visa and MasterCard okay. Breakfasts \$6–\$7.

La Palapa is just one kilometer north of La Fonda, and its back yard is a half-mile stretch of sandy beach where you can pitch a tent (\$2/day) or park an RV (\$15/day). A brick wall separates the campground and La Palapa from the other restaurants and lodgings in the cluster. While it rivals La Fonda in the quantity of ads it places in the weekly *Gringo Gazette*, La Palapa’s breakfasts are of a different (and lower) order, costing more for lesser quality. On our two Mexican breakfast dishes, only the rice and tortillas had any flavor. The *machaca con huevos* were greasy, the cactus pads in the *nopalitos con huevos* were comatose, the salsa was half-dead, and the watery beans were refried with canola or some equally bland oleaginous substance. The best thing La Palapa has going for it is that it accepts credit cards.

Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Juárez, Rosarito; 661-612-1111. The fabled old hotel’s all-you-can-eat hotel brunch buffet offers omelet and carving stations; steam tables holding Mexican, gringo, and international foods; Sundays only, 7:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m., about \$10 per person plus tip and tax (coming to \$28 for two, all told; extra for fresh-cooked items). Visa and MasterCard accepted. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for small extra charge.

The Rosarito Beach Hotel used to be the main Baja hang-out for the shiniest Hollywood stars. (La Fonda was more of their secret hideaway.) Today, the huge hotel’s Sunday brunch buffet has become a ritual: It’s where all the well-heeled gringos in town for the weekend seem to congregate for a final meal before heading back to the border. It’s a good opportunity to exchange tourist gossip in the lobby. “I’ve been coming here for years,” said a handsome, silver-haired Mexican-American from Silicon Valley. “I’m paying \$140 per night, and I’m shocked how it’s deteriorated. I guess they have fewer people coming since 9/11 because of the border-crossing hassle, so they’re letting things slide.”

To reach the brunch buffet, you go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk right in, get a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins. The choices,

when we visited, included stale-tasting *chilaquiles* with red sauce; scrambled eggs with chorizo or hot dogs; ham and small wieners; grilled quail (which tasted rather rancid); doughy tamales; rice and hash browns and frijoles (not too bad, with some sweetness and creaminess); French toast and hotcakes; and a big pot of menudo in case you’ve got a hangover that needs curing. Another table holds sweets and breads. You can get eggs or omelets freshly made for a \$1 tip at the manned cook station at the end of the buffet.

Next, find an empty table and plunk yourself down. (We parked next to a table of Rosarito’s Finest.) Sooner or later, a waiter will arrive to serve you orange juice (not fresh-squeezed, probably plastic bottled) and endless cups of pretty good coffee. Overall, the food is typical buffet fare — a genre that I generally dislike — with scrambles wilting in hot trays, entrées withering, meats drying out. The flavors of the “Mexican” dishes are frankly gringo-Mex. But going to brunch does give you an excuse for checking out this magnificent, historic building and the public areas of the grounds.

Mercado Sobre Ruedas, behind the Ejido Mazatlán strip mall (marked by large yellow sign), Juárez and Calle de Mayo, Rosarito. This huge flea market materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon),

complete with dozens of food booths. Rock-bottom prices (most dishes under \$3), vast selection of authentic local specialties. Many vendors speak some English. Cash only.

If the hotel’s Sunday brunch seems too rich for you, head about a mile north up Juárez, and eat your fill for pennies (or pesos) at the Sunday *Mercado Sobre Ruedas* (“market on wheels”), a huge flea market on the side streets behind the Ejido Mazatlán strip mall. Look for the mall’s yellow sign, find a parking place somewhere, somehow, and get ready for an al fresco feast. Ten pesos (one dollar) or less will buy you any of a host of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*, as opposed to young *cordero*) to *birria de chivo estilo Jalisco* (Jalisco-style goat stew) to hotcakes with syrup and Sno-cones. Speaking of which, you’ll surely be relieved to know that all ice for human consumption in Mexico must now be made from purified water — a sensible law that should take the terror and the *turista* two-step out of sips on the trip.

“Mexican hamburgers —

eight pesos — they’re really good!” called a pretty lady in almost accentless English, flipping mysterious disks of dough on a griddle. The solution to the riddle: Hidden inside the dough pockets are fillings of ground beef, cheese, or *chicharrones* (fried pork skin). The lady splits open the “sandwich” and dresses it (if you like) with shredded cabbage and fresh, lively *pico de gallo* salsa. (If you’re going to do it, do it all the way.) Delicious.

There are stands offering fish tacos, shrimp tacos, chorizo tacos, carne asada tacos, tripe tacos — and a whole stand of pig parts, raw and cooked, including the feet and the grinning head (minus the Rabelaisian apple in the mouth). The market also offers kiddie books, kiddie clothes, power tools, gas caps, hubcaps, underwear, tennies, and a huge variety of raw veggies, poultry, and fish — all of it new merchandise except the gas caps and hubcaps. But best of all is the food — savory and uncompromised, it’s cooked for local tastes, *puro mexicano*. And isn’t that the best part of travel? ■



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Jerry drives us down toward Donovan state prison. I’m thinking, man, what would it be like to be brought in here and shut away forever?

Jerry’s my buddy from Minnesota. He’s done prison visiting before. But this is a different prison visit. We’ve just come to eat. Not inside, but in the nonsecure area outside. I’d heard it was pretty good chow.

We ask a guard at the Su Casa visitors’ center where the cafeteria is. It’s in the administration building, he says. We park not far from the first gray, slit-windowed cell blocks, enter, and head past the barber’s shop to a door with a sign above.

“Donovan’s Café,” it says.

Through the doors we face two rooms filled with prison guards and office staff. The corrections officers dress in swamp green uniforms, some with lemon-squeezer hats, some clinking with extra-large keys by the dozen at their belts. Real live turnkeys. Lots of women who look like office staff sit around one big table. An elderly rabbi with a tiny skullcap — yarmulke — pinned to what hair he has left chats with some tough-looking corrections officers.

But we’re here to eat. Menu’s on the wall. I’m looking at “bacon omelet, \$3.75, with hash browns and toast.” Or the Early Riser. It’s one egg, cheese, and sausage, bacon, or ham on toast, bread, or English muffin (\$2.25). The kind of solid Midwest food you’d expect corrections officers to eat. Or a

pancake special (three pancakes, two strips of bacon, two eggs) for \$3.25. These are good deals.

“Uh-uh,” says Jerry. “Breakfast stopped at 10:30, see?” Man’s right. So we look at lunch. Burgers mostly. A one-third-pound hamburger costs \$2.25, a bacon cheeseburger is three bucks, patty melt (one-third pound meat, two slices of cheese, onions, on grilled bread) is \$3.50, and a Captain Burger (one-third pound meat, bacon, cheese, onions, on french roll with fries) goes for \$4.50. They even have a breaded fish burger for \$2.95. Way out here in the boonies, that sounds like a bargain.

Ara Tombouljian, the guy taking our orders, says they have a couple of dozen specials they rotate, all \$4.65, from fish and chips (with salad) to hot roast beef to beef or veggie lasagna (with salad and bread).

Today it’s barbecued beef ribs with rice, salad, and bread. Who can resist that? I order it and a large coffee (85 cents). Jerry orders a double bacon burger for \$4.75, plus a 99-cent bag of chips and a large Pepsi (65 cents).

The spoons and forks are solid metal, but knives are wimpy little white plastic affairs. Obvious reasons, I guess.

We sit down, and Myra, Ara’s assistant, brings over our food on big white china dishes. That’s when all the lights go out. There are a few laughs, but it doesn’t seem a big deal. “They’re probably repairing the electric fence,” says Ara.

We start eating in the gloom. And here’s the surprise: without even starting on my ribs, I’m to-

tally seduced by Ara’s yellow-colored rice. It tastes nutmeggy, lemony, interesting. “What’s in this?” I say. “Our family runs this place,” says Ara. “We are Lebanese-Armenian-American. So we like our food with spices. Today’s rice has cinnamon, nutmeg, curry, oregano, and chicken bouillon. That makes it the yellow color.”

So now I’ve separated my two beef ribs with the puny plastic knife and gouge into that, and *mama mia*. Face is a mess, but what a barbecue sauce! Sweet, dark, tangy. “Now that didn’t come out of a can,” I say. “It’s our secret,” says Ara. “The only sauce I’ve tasted that might be better is at Dave & Buster’s in Mission Valley.”

But this is not what the inmates are getting, right?

“Right. We can’t even touch their food. It’s all state food and goes direct. We’re not allowed to handle it. I haven’t seen or eaten an inmate’s meal in all the 15 years we’ve been operating here.”

Then just as Myra reaches for the Coke cooler cabinet, *bing!* The lights go on. Everybody cheers. “She’s got the magic touch,” says Ara.

Jerry mutters that the meat patties in his double bacon burger are a bit dry, but I squelch on, happy as a clam. Plus my salad has a big slurp of

bleu cheese dressing, and the old-fashioned white bread slices have a pat of butter each, so I’m a happy camper.

“This is good, filling chow,” I say.

“It’s a pity,” says Ara. “I get so many calls from people wanting reservations for Donovan’s — the *other* Donovan’s, the steak house. I tell them they’d be welcome to come out to the prison, if only the public had access.”

Jerry and I look at each other. The public doesn’t...Whoops.

But any sense we’re having fun drains ten minutes later. Outside, on Otay Mesa Road, we spot a bunch of people holding handmade signs. “I LOVE YOU, RUBEN!” “DON’T GIVE UP.” “KEEP THE FAITH.” “WE LOVE YOU.”

A grandmother, standing with her family, says they are waiting for a sheriff’s wagon to pass by. “My grandson is being transferred today,” she says. “He’s coming to Donovan to serve 110 years. For murder.”

She fights the emotions down. “We’re just hoping he’ll see us,” she says. “Because he didn’t do it. We will fight till we get him out.”

Oh, man. Real Life 101. “God,” says Jerry, as we drive off. We don’t talk till Chula Vista. ■

The Place: Donovan’s Café, at R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility, Rock Mountain, 480 Alta Road, Otay Mesa. (Call the prison’s public affairs office at 619-661-6500 to ask if it’s possible to visit.)

Type of Food: American

Prices: Early Riser breakfast (one egg, cheese, and sausage, bacon, or ham on toast, bread, or English muffin), \$2.25; pancake special (three cakes, two bacon, two eggs), \$3.25; one-third-pound hamburger, \$2.25; bacon cheeseburger, \$3.00; patty melt (one-third pound meat, two slices cheese, onions, grilled bread), \$3.50; Captain Burger (one-third pound meat, bacon, cheese, onions, on French roll with fries), \$4.50; fish burger, \$2.95; tuna salad, \$4.50; daily specials (\$4.65) include BBQ beef ribs with rice, salad, bread; top sirloin steak with fries, salad; fried shrimp, same sides

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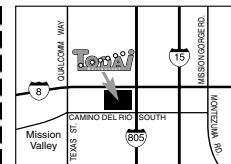
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"They're not saying, 'I normally get ripped off at restaurants.'"

A few years ago, WineSellar & Brasserie owner Gary Parker sat down with his staff — among them, buyer David Derby — to discuss restaurant wine prices. This was during the last great glowing burst of the wine boom, when prices were still spiraling upward without any visible effect on retail demand. But retail and restaurant are not the same thing, thanks in part to the hefty markup that a wine almost always receives once it lands on a wine list. Explains Derby, "We wanted to increase the number of wines — red wines, specifically — that were available to the customer for under \$100" on the list. "We realize that that's a huge threshold. Because most of the Cabernets that were coming out of California were starting to be around \$75 retail, they were going on the list for \$150."

A further complication came from the WineSellar & Brasserie's status as both a restaurant and a wine shop — in particular, a wine shop that carried a lot of older wines. "Take the '82 Chateau La Lagune. We were selling it in the shop for I think \$125." On the wine list, it was something like \$250. People were saying, 'Look, you're entitled to a profit, but \$125? I could buy this on Wednesday in the shop, and you would happily accommodate me in the restaurant on Friday with a \$25 corkage fee.' " A restaurant might reasonably object to someone buying a current-release wine that appeared both in the shop and on the list, then sneaking it in under list price via corkage. But it would be foolhardy to allow customers to bring in an aged collectible like the '82 La Lagune only if it was purchased somewhere else. You'd be driving your best customers away.

So, in order to keep volume up and customers happy, Parker and company took a bold

step. Last August, they merged the establishment's three categories of inventory — retail, restaurant, and auction items — onto one list. Then they made the restaurant price 20 percent over retail. The '82 La Lagune — its retail price having risen to \$150 over the past few years — now appears on the list for \$180. A trophy like the '82 Lafite Rothschild goes for \$500 in the shop and \$600 in the restaurant, fully \$400 less than if it had been priced at the traditional two-times-retail. A '93 Kathryn Kennedy Cabernet

Sauvignon retailing at \$79 comes in under \$100 on the list, at \$94.80. A Spanish gem like the '96 Ramirez de Genuza retails at \$55 and lists for \$66. And '99 Vieux Donjon, a solid \$30 Rhone, sells at a mere \$36. (Prices taken from www.winesellar.com.)

Derby has found the response so far interesting, if a bit frustrating. "What's interesting is that most people, if they normally bought a \$60 bottle, they still buy a \$60 bottle. The only difference is that, from a retail standpoint, they're now getting a \$50 bottle instead of a \$30 bottle." Usually, "They end up drinking better wine" for the same money. The frustrating part is that the shift has not yet attracted crowds of new diners eager to enjoy the bargains. "They're not saying, 'I normally get ripped off at restaurants. I normally buy bottles between \$75 and \$125. I think I'll go to the Brasserie and get the same thing for \$60.' " The change has been made, now it's a matter of folks taking notice.

Meanwhile, over on the coast at Cuvee, chef-owner Chuck Samuelson is making changes of his own. Samuelson found that Cuvee's policy of charging an \$8 corkage fee for barely marked up bottles on its list was requiring too much explanation. "A customer would tell a friend about

the policy, and the first question out of their mouth would be, 'You mean I've got to pay corkage for bottles I buy off the list?' I just had a sense that we weren't getting through to people about what we were trying to do, which was just to be the best-priced wine list in town, with great wines at every price point. Not to charge as much as we could, but as little as we had to."

So in January, Samuelson reorganized. He did away with the in-house corkage fee and came out with a roughly 60-bottle regular list. Nothing over \$25, and everything available by the glass at one-quarter bottle price. "It's the same pricing structure, but now the 'corkage' is included in the price instead of added on. Also, you can pick any three wines and put together a flight of three half-glasses for \$9." The price cap helps keep things user-friendly; customers know the parameters going in. Wines over \$25 — most of them still under \$50 — are featured on a reserve list, which stands at about 50 bottles now and may swell to around 80.

"There's a lot of jockeying to get on the regular list now," says Samuelson, in part because everything is available by the glass, which is often a wine's ticket to volume sales. "I've actually been able to negotiate some pretty good deals. I've had salespeople bring me a wine that's typically \$18 to \$20 wholesale, and that's too thin a margin to put on the regular list. I still want to make what used to be our corkage fee of \$8, so the most I'm willing to pay is \$16 to \$17. I've had reps in here calling the winery and saying, 'If you'll send him down six bottles, get the price down a buck a bottle; he'll put it on the by-the-glass list.' "

Wholesalers have also been supportive of Samuelson's broad by-the-glass offering. "One

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Cuvee wine list

of my biggest wholesalers told me that to facilitate this, they would guarantee every bottle. We gas all our open bottles every night, so they have a good, long shelf-life, but any bottle that goes past its prime, they'll replace." Having bottles open also means that "any of my staff can taste anything at any time if they're unsure about it. And the other thing I encourage my customers to do is offer the customers a taste. They can say, 'You're thinking of that wine? You might want to try this one. I'll bring a taste of both, and you can decide which one you like.' "

Response has been outstanding. "It used to be nice to see a bottle on every table. Now, it's pretty much unusual not to see at least two bottles. People say, 'At this price, we'll have a white and a red and think about another one.' "

Unlike the WineSellar, you won't find many verticals and older vintages on Cuvee's list. "Given the aggressive price points we're doing, it's important for me to look at our list like a retail list. In retail, you need to turn your product. We turn over the dollar value of our inventory probably every 20 days — we try to turn it over before we have to pay for it. So far, it's working very well." ■

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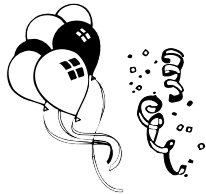
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Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

BUBBY'S GELATO 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

JUANITA'S TACO SHOP ESTILO TEPATITLAN 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalupe. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

KEALANI'S 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noontime crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grins." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

LA BONNE BOUFFE 471 Encinitas Boulevard, Town and Country Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3081. Boeuf Bourguignon, rack of lamb, frog's legs (when available), duck in peppercorn sauce, and Dover sole in lemon-butter sauce are the staples of this French provincial restaurant. Diners are à la carte. Charming room and sensitive wine list. Dinner Tuesday

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NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — *E.W.*

ROXY NATURAL FOODS RESTAURANT 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

ST. GERMAIN'S CAFE 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

ST. TROPEZ 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

WHEN IN ROME 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

CHIEU-ANH VIETNAMESE CUISINE 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chieu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're thrilling, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles. Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's ideal for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy. Reservations essential. Dinner Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

EL TAQUITO MARISCOS 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), Escondido, 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get breakfast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates, or create your own assortment of Baja-style mini-tacos (of *asado*, *cabeza*, *pastor*, *carnitas*, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering gargantuan cocktails, soups, salads, *antojitos*, and hot and cold platters featuring shrimp, *langostinos*, *tilapia*, snapper, crab, etc. They're beautifully seasoned, if a tad overcooked. Try the lively *levanta muerta* ("raise the dead") seafood soup and rise again. Open daily, breakfast until late. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (5/01)*

GOLDEN EGG OMELET HOUSE 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasure-house is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knickknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

LUNGREN BROTHER'S PIZZA AND KARAOKE 29,000 Lilac Road, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 760-749-2346. It's all so cozy here that you don't care that this restaurant was once the cooler room of a turkey farm. The combo of spaghetti with eggplant parmigiana (around \$6) is excellent, generous, and includes garlic bread and soup or salad. Wash it down with the house's gutsy red wine. Other specialties include meatball sandwiches, lasagna with spaghetti, and mini pizzas. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

MADRAS CAFE 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India.

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GOLD COAST

BESTA WAN PIZZA HOUSE 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/01)*

J. TAYLOR'S 1540 Camino del Mar, L'Auberge Del Mar Hotel, Del Mar, 858-259-1515. Excellent value, good service, relaxing atmosphere. "Small plates" dinner offers well-prepared bargain-priced five-course meal at moderate cost. Otherwise expensive. — *E.W. (6/00)*

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *capucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Diners expensive. — *E.W.*

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WILD NOTE CAFE 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located in the Cedros Design District next to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, grilled meats, and burgers in a casual atmosphere. Friendly, attentive service. Live music at dinner, Sunday jazz brunches, Wednesday wine tastings. Lunch and dinner six days, lunch only on Mondays. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

COME ON IN! 1030 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Delightful 30-seat restaurant in mini-mall serves excellent Euro-bistro food. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The dinners are best bets with first-rate soups, pasta dishes, fresh fish. Try the daily fresh fish or gnocchi in Bolognese sauce. Or select nightly soup plus salad. Open all day Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W. (1/00)*

CUVEE 5656 La Jolla Boulevard (at Bird Rock Avenue), La Jolla, 858-551-4090. Also at 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. Seasonal but rather underseasoned California-Mediterranean cuisine designed to accompany an interesting wine list priced at low retail plus \$8 "corkage" per bottle; same corkage for BYO. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. Dining rooms are pleasant but quite noisy. Reservations are urged; a few tables on heated garden patio are available to

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DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. This landmark coffee shop is noted for its breakfasts, served from opening to closing. The buttermilk pancakes, varieties of waffles made from scratch, and egg combinations are all generous and well prepared. One of the few places where you can still get hot oatmeal or cream of wheat, Harry's also serves freshly squeezed orange juice and entire carafes of freshly ground Kona coffee, as well as specialty coffee drinks. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

OCEAN KITCHEN 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

PIATTI RISTORANTE 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

ROPONGI 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (*tapas*) to expensive. — *E.W. (12/99)*

SHABU SHABU JIN SANG 7614 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-4545. *Shabu shabu* is a style of Japanese cuisine in which the ingredients are cooked in boiling water and then dipped into sauces. The liquid becomes a soup, which you drink last. This gorgeous restaurant offers an excellent selection of *shabu shabu* entrées, electric cookers, patient servers, and an exotic appetizer list. Food is low calorie, low fat. Portions small, but aesthetic. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

IKEA RESTAURANT & CAFE 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

PAMPAS ARGENTINE GRILL 8690 Aero Drive at Montgomery Field, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. Argentine favorites, steaks, parrillada or mixed grill, empanadas, Italian-style Argentine items, fish, and chicken provide a wide range of choices. Lively atmosphere and good service. Since the grill is very hot, order all items cooked medium or rare, else the beef, listed as organic without hormones or pesticides, arrives overcooked. Open lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (8/00)*

TODAI 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Cal-based chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and has spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, *teppanyaki*, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before serving, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — *N.W. (10/02)*

TOFU HOUSE 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-576-6433. Also at 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-4406. This stylish little pair of eateries is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom), with raw egg drop you drop yourself, and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

TROPICAL STAR 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

THE AUSTRALIAN PUB 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with

pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; week-ends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

COSTA BRAVA 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty *tapas* and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

THE FISHERY 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish market, half casual fish menu, it offers fine fish and chips, salads, and fish sandwiches. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

FRENCH GOURMET 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

GRINGO'S 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

KARINYA THAI RESTAURANT 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. The impressive menu boasts 80 items, of which 21 are appetizers. There's also a room with floor seating. Best bets here are firecracker shrimp, spicy fish cakes, stuffed chicken wings, and any item from the list of house specialties. Stunning presentation and excellent preparation. On weekends arrive early to avoid waiting for tables. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M. (8/02)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ANTIQUE ROW CAFE 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

KENSINGTON GRILL 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. They feature nightly prix fixe specials ("Meatloaf Mondays," etc.) just like Mom did in the 1950s. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue (near 30th Street), North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner Saturdays. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and sea-

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RIB MASTERS EXPRESS 4297 Market Street (at 43rd Street), Chollas View, 619-262-7993. They split Hermie's Market to create this Chicago-style BBQ, New Orleans-style Southern food joint. It started off short on facilities (like no tables), but long on great food. This is the baby of Tony Seales, the San Diego pro heavyweight boxer. Tony's originally from Chicago. He knows ribs, and he invented his own BBQ sauce recipe; even his employees don't know the formula. But try it on cheap deals like the BBQ chicken sandwich. Add other great deals like collard greens, red beans and rice, jambalaya, spicy spaghetti, sweet potato pie, macaroni and cheese, and that oh-so-delicious peach cobbler. Then, of course, there's the ribs themselves. Everything available "to go." Lunch to early dinner, seven days. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/02)

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JIMMY'S 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on butter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

SALA THAI 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, College Area, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. A delightful, gastronomically satisfying experience. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

SHAM ROCKS SHACK BAR & GRILL 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

TOSHI SUSHI 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing,

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which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

VILLAGE GARDEN RESTAURANT AND BAKERY 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It’s bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight “signature” “big game” burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you’re gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

FAR EAST

KOUNTRY KITCHEN 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen’s still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who’s up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

PAIPA’S OASIS Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The “Joe and the Volcano”-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa’s. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel ‘n’ eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you’ve gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

THE ABBEY CAFE 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you’re feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna New Orleans style (half a pound of fish) if you’re more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

BERTRAND AT MISTER A’S 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), 12th floor, Banker’s Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug’s airy, open renovation of this formerly “ancient regime” eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Fabrice Poigin’s modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including “ripe” first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive, but not bank-breaking. — N.W. (12/01)

BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF INDIA 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest Cinemas complex, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. Don’t miss the elegant food, the lovely setting, the attentive service. The North Indian cuisine served here is subtle and sophisticated, not spicy. Inexpensive all-you-can-eat buffet lunch served daily. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

CALIFORNIA CUISINE 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This Hillcrest restaurant has been around forever and has a durable reputation and an established clientele. Perhaps the flawless waitstaff working their sleek, calm dining room is the reason why. The menu is sensible, but the preparations uneven. The appetizers are interesting, but don’t live up to their promise. It is California Cuisine’s classic entrées that endure despite their menu’s excessive range. I recommend the New York steak or lamb loin, accompanied by one of their clever salads. If you appreciate life’s finer things, California Cuisine is a place for a good meal. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (5/99)

CHEZ ODETTE 3614 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to a drop-in French bistro in town, even if Odette (yes, she’s real) comes from Belgium. Her place is small, slick, and smells of fresh French bread. She and her husband are usually slaving away in

the kitchen preparing for the constant banquets they seem to cater. She has cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor Jerry Brown, and Linda Ronstadt. For you, she’ll cook great breakfast omelets (the *Provençal*, with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and onions, or the smoked salmon are two good ones). They come with sautéed potatoes with the perfect tang of garlic. Lunchtime, the *salade niçoise* (with tuna, anchovies, olives, and potatoes on lettuce) is the real thing, and so is the quiche Lorraine. But be like the French: have your main meal in the middle of the day. Weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne’s pastries are created with strict French techniques with flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the *souks* of Morocco. The white cakes are true food for angels — ethereal and not excessively sweet, vibrant with flavors of fresh ripe fruits — and some of the chocolate cakes (e.g., the “Caribe”) follow suit, while others are rich and dense. Not your piece of cake? There are also tarts, cookies, chocolates, ice cream dishes, puddings, breakfast pastries, and fine teas and coffees, along with Krasne’s own lines of honeys, jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn — plus a truly lovely assortment of international craft objects. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend brunch until late, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. — N.W. (5/02)

THE GATHERING 902 Washington Street (at Goldfinch Street), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

HOB NOB HILL 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker’s Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter, but it’s been under new management since the turn of the century. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You’re thinking “business class,” but don’t be fooled. We’re talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It’s across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, “We cater to seniors.” While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

LAUREL RESTAURANT & BAR 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), uptown, 619-239-2222. Chef Jason Shafer is maintaining the flavors of Southern France that made Laurel’s reputation as a sophisticated eatery, but he isn’t simply carrying on — look for spritely innovations and frequent specials that take advantage of seasonal foods. Also look for a duck confit that changes its environs — surrounded now by white beans, now by flageolets, or chard, or escarole. The restaurant is doing many things right: locally-grown vegetables are thoughtfully employed, the wine list is especially deep and broad in the Rhône department, and the chef is capable of intelligent inventiveness. Five-course prix fixe (appetizer, risotto, fish, meat, dessert, plus three glasses of house-selected wine) is available, and on Fridays, you can get lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair elevator in back. Expensive to very expensive. — A.M. (9/02)

MIXX RESTAURANT 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. A meal here resembles an informal dinner party at the home of a good, well-traveled cook.

Fitly, the dining room resembles a bohemian living room on steroids, with moody decor, rump-sprung Nau-gahyde banquettes, and witty paintings on the walls. The menu is an international hodgepodge of whatever chef-owner Deborah Helm and/or chef de cuisine Zhee Zhee Aguirre fancies cooking: touristic Fisherman’s Wharf crab-and-artichoke fondu in hollowed sourdough may cohabit with haute-Mex cremini mushroom quesadillas, “Indonesian” battered shrimp, or duck ragout with pasta sheets. Desserts (by Danielle Helm) carry through the “loving hands at home” theme — the most popular is a gooey peanut butter pie. A mainly California wine list is easy on both palate and wallet, with ample selections by the glass. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

PARALLEL 33 741 Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It’s not just “fusion food.” Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she’s doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/99)

SAVOR 3687 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-3663. This cute, converted cottage offers seasonal comfort food with a Mediterranean accent, including an excellent revisionist bouillabaisse (saucy rather than soupy). Seafoods are delivered fresh daily (except Sundays) and are well-treated by this kitchen. Meat dishes, if sometimes over-simple in preparation, arrive in huge portions. Weekend brunches on the front patio overlooking the street are wildly popular with the local crowd. Dining room has tight-packed tables and an open kitchen, and can be very noisy. Wheelchair lift to left of staircase. Open for brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (2/02)

TRATTORIA POSITANO 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — E.W. (5/99)

DOWNTOWN

BAYOU BAR AND GRILL 329 Market Street (at Third Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-696-8747. Bayou has the most expansive (and expensive) Louisiana-style menu in the Gaslamp. Their best dishes are terrific — for instance, their red beans and rice (the washday treat) is the area’s sole authentic version, meaty and with a rich, deep heat. Eggplant dishes shine, too, as do seafood pastas and a huge pork chop with dressing. Alas, though, too many dishes are faux-Paul Prudhomme, with incoherent spicing and, at times, too much cayenne added too late in the cooking to cozy up to other flavors. Desserts are frankly, fabulously revisionist, including pecan pie and bread pudding half as heavy and twice as good as their Creole models. Reservations advisable. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/01)

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadway (at 10th Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they’re not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they’re still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

CAFE 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-8282. Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard’O in Rancho Bernardo) presides at this “find,” a small, civilized

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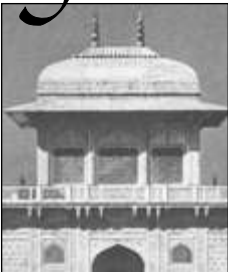
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DOBSON'S 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/98)

FEEDING THE HOMELESS Parking lot at 13th and Broadway, downtown. (Founders, St. Stephens Church of God in Christ, 5825 Imperial Avenue, 619-262-2671.) You may have to swallow your pride, but the food that St. Stephens and other churches hand out — which members cook in their own homes and pay for from their own pockets — is easy to swallow. Companionship's good too. Usually 200 or more people arrive weeknights, especially towards the end of the month, so lines are long, but street-side sermons keep you thinking, spontaneous outbursts of song may even get you clapping your hands, and the food is usually great. Chicken, stuffing, veggies, bagels, macaroni, fruit salad, cookies, bread, no questions asked. Weekdays 7 p.m.; weekends 3 p.m. Location may be shifting. Check with St. Stephens. Free. — E.B. (10/02)

GEN LAI SEN HAKKA SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

LA CASITA 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — E.B. (11/00)

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NAPA VALLEY GRILLE 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate, and the moist, rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (3/00)

OSTERIA PANEVINO 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — E.W. (4/00)

SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737. Noted cookbook author Su-Mei Yu prepares casual Thai food — noodle dishes, soups, *saté*

(grilled chicken, beef, pork) — to eat in or take out. There's gorgeous artwork to look at as you wait or chew. Open seven days, continuous service lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

SIXTH AVENUE BISTRO 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kiel-basa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/01)

STAR OF THE SEA 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chic setting with a romantic view, the seafood is fresh off the boat, and so are chef Brian Johnson's superb flavor combinations. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef's tasting menu and its optional matching wine flight. A la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good, large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy; reservations urged. Dinner nightly. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

STRIP CLUB 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a

notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Diners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

VIDA CART Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BAY BEACH CAFE Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus sal-

ads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sauté items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

ISLAND PASTA 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant has somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. The spaghetti pesto sauce is rich, too, with basil, pine nuts, and cheese, but all the standard Italian pasta and pizza dishes are reliable. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions and olives over spaghetti. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

L'ESCALE Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with

black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/03)

RHINOCEROS 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show diners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (7/01)

SOUTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER CAFETERIA 500 Third Avenue (at C Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-4599. Hey, this is a courthouse. You expect the cafeteria in its basement to be brown and anonymous. You know you'll be munching with worried groups of litigants and moms with custody-dispute kids. But here, it's all worth it. This cafeteria is one of best-kept county secrets. For years, concession-holder Ben Riddell has kept his prices stable and his portions big. Lunches like roast pork or meat loaf or roast turkey or chicken pot pie or lemon chicken are the comfort food that folks coming here need. Breakfast and lunch only, Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

SPIRO'S GYROS Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado,

619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

TANGO GRILLE ARGENTINE STEAK HOUSE 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. *Play gaucha* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

TIN FISH Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you



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Lost in La Mancha. Johnny-on-the-spot documentarists Keith Fulton and Louis Pepe trace the crash-and-burn trajectory of Terry Gilliam's *The Man Who Killed Don Quixote*. (They had performed the same service for the completed flight of his *Twelve Monkeys*.) A testament to his runaway ambition, this behind-the-scenes peek at the Creative Process offers much of interest to the filmmaker's champions and detractors alike. The latter, toward whose camp I tend to gravitate, at approximately the speed of an anvil dropped off the Leaning Tower of Pisa, will not be softened by the parallels drawn between Gilliam and his eponymous hero ("a man charging at windmills"), nor by the parallels drawn between Gilliam and Orson Welles, a grandiose maverick who likewise ran aground on an attempted adaptation of Cervantes (a few tantalizing black-and-white clips are entered in evidence), and who in truth made a habit of running aground throughout his later career. (If I am softened by

anything, it would be by Gilliam's demonstrated skills as a draftsman in the storyboard illustrations: how much lighter, these, than his glutted screen images.) Gilliam's version of

the novel evidently was never meant to be a straight adaptation, but rather a sort of *Connecticut Yankee in*

King Arthur's Court in which a modern-day ad man, played by a stringy-haired Johnny Depp, would somehow join forces with the self-anointed knight-errant. Perhaps to his detractors more plainly than to his champions, it will seem utter folly to have put the director of *Brazil* and *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen*, nicknamed "Captain Chaos," in charge of an underbudgeted production on a shooting schedule (in Spain) that allowed no margin for error: "Terry," admits his photographer Nicola Pecorini, "has the tendency of overloading everything." Even so, it is stunning how quickly things fall apart: F-16 jets on training maneuvers spoil the first day's shoot; a hailstorm spoils the second and beyond; and Jean Rochefort, after studying English for six months to do



He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not

the Quixote role, requires constant medical attention for what at first is suspected to be a psychosomatic malady and ultimately is diagnosed to be a double-herniated disk. Sometimes the absurdity is such as to make you ponder the possibility that the whole project is make-believe and that what you are watching is only a "mockumentary" in the vein of *Burn, Hollywood, Burn*. Even the least sym-

pathetic of viewers, however, can take no pleasure from the look on Gilliam's face as the realization sets in that this ten-year quest will not be going forward. Or anyway not yet. A printed coda advises us of Gilliam's intention, with new investors, to buy back the rights to the script from the insurance company that inherited it. Don't hold your breath.

Dark Blue. Inflammatory cop

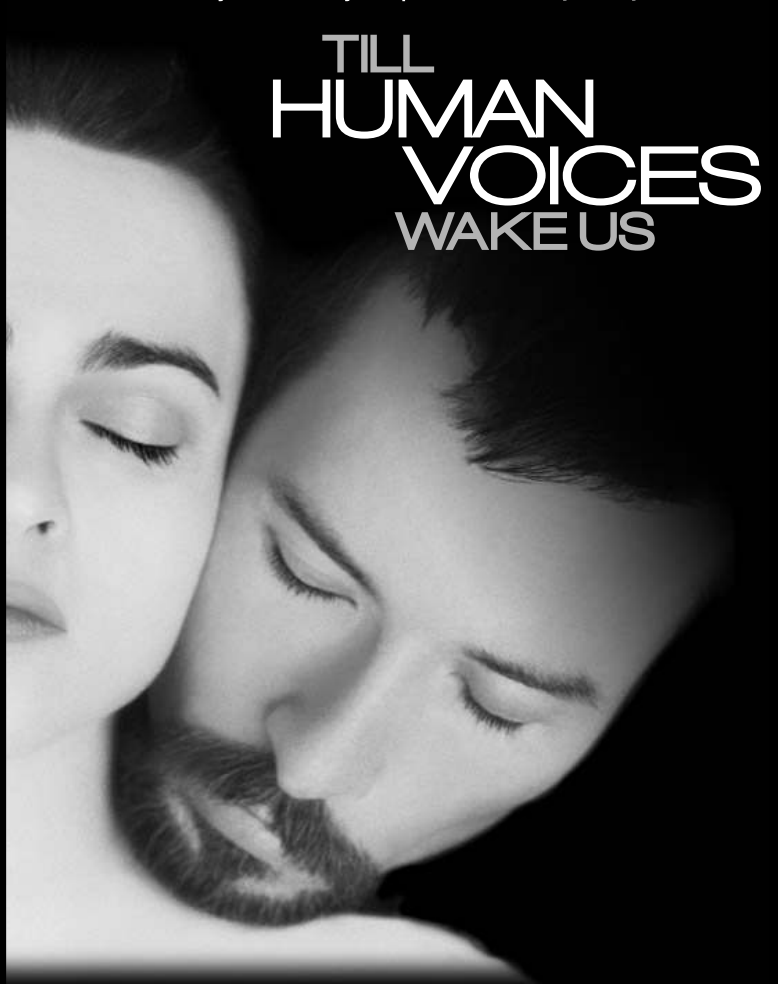
drama set against a backdrop of the well-documented racism in the LAPD. It begins, indelicately enough, with the infamous Rodney King tape, and the bulk of the action takes place while awaiting the verdict in the Simi Valley trial of the arresting officers. (The conclusion of the action takes place during the consequent riots.) Because the story is by the original novelist of *L.A. Confidential*, James

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Ellroy, and the screenplay is by the writer of *Training Day*, David Ayer, the rottenness in the department rises above the casual and clubby use of euphemisms like “monkeyshines” and “gorillas,” and all the way up to fabricated evidence, perjury, robbery, and murder (always in the interest of getting the bad guys, if not necessarily the *right* bad guys): rises, in other words, past the ears and the eyebrows. However imbalanced, however loaded, all of this is, and however improbable and facile the climactic public confession (someone pleads with the confessor to stop embarrassing himself, but the embarrassment has already spread to the spectator), the movie catches you up in its ham-fisted fervor, and director Ron Shelton has nicely mapped out the concentrated final ambush as well as the sprawling riots. And Kurt Russell is excellent (as could be expected) as a third-generation trigger-happy cop, a logical descendant of his Wyatt Earp in *Tombstone*. His commitment to his character, in contrast to that of the more “serious” actors of *L.A. Confidential* (Spacey, Crowe, Pearce), will not permit him any wiggle room for self-judgment and self-backstabbing.

He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not. Audrey Tatou, the jug-eared *gamine* of *Amélie*, the new Geneviève Bujold, appears to have here a role to bring out all of her demented pertness: an over-the-moon loon patiently waiting for her adored cardiologist to dump his pregnant wife and give his heart to her alone. We soon begin to see that there is much more going on in her mind than in reality, and she seems to be heading round the bend too early in the movie: the pace seems rushed. (Where can we go from here?)

But then we see why: the course is only about half as long as we thought it was. And when the heroine turns on the gas and lies down on the kitchen floor after just three-quarters of an hour, the movie goes abruptly into high-speed rewind all the way back to the beginning, and proceeds to cover the same ground again from the point of view of the cardiologist (Samuel Le Bihan). It is at that point that things really get interesting: we did not know, quite precisely, the half of it. But a movie — the first feature of Laetitia Colombani — that waits till the halfway point to become interesting is only half a movie. The fault is not in the structure; it’s in the embellishment. Then again, half a movie is more of a movie than most.

Max. Into an old, dark, dank, dripping, abandoned train depot, hung with German Expressionist art, barges someone who promptly throws up. “George!” calls out the debonair host. “So glad you like it!” You know right there that this is not going to be a very good movie. (Menno Meyjes, writer and first-time director.) “George” turns out to be the painter George Grosz (pronounced “gross”), and his host turns out to be the one-armed Jewish art dealer and would-have-been artist, Max Rothman (John Cusack), who will befriend a bedraggled and angry young man by the name of Adolf Hitler (“You’re an awfully hard man to like, Hitler, but I’m going to try”), and will even bestow a benign label onto his visionary artwork: “Future-kitsch.” It is not inconceivable that a Portrait of the Young Hitler as an Artist could have had a certain wrong-end-of-the-telescope curiosity, though it would have demanded a stronger Hitler than that

of the London-born Australian actor Noah Taylor (*The Year My Voice Broke, Flirting, Shine*), whose speech is sprinkled with alien colloquialisms such as “chaps” and “lads,” and whose gargling oratorical style barely comes up to the eloquence of Donald Duck.

Daredevil. Pretty flimsy even for a comic book. The gotta-have-a-gimmick superhero has been blinded in a childhood run-in with some biohazardous substance (in a quarter-hour prologue), and his handicap causes him to develop his remaining senses to the point where he can swing around the skyscrapers like Spider-Man, dodge projectiles of every size and speed, fence with felons using some sort of switchblade walking stick, and color-coordinate this weapon with a capeless Batsuit in a lovely shade of raw liver. To say that this character is less credible than a humanoid extraterrestrial with X-ray vision, the ability to fly, and the strength to stop a meteor, is saying a lot. And Ben Affleck, sometimes acceptable as Just a Guy (*Chasing Amy, Good Will Hunting*), lacks the depth for even a two-dimensional Paper Hamlet. (Director Mark Steven Johnson verifies the Marvel Comics provenance of the character by every now and then tilting the camera this way or that.) The love interest, literally a passing thing, is an actress called Jennifer Garner, one of the new legion of Kick-Ass Chicks. Outside of a bit part in *Catch Me If You Can* and the unavoidable promo spots for her *Alias* TV series, I had never really seen her before. I had heard she’s hot stuff, but what I saw were the sucked-in cheeks, the swollen lips, the sullen, sunken eyes of a *Vogue* cover girl. I do not see myself adding *Alias* to my

weekly routine. ■

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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.

★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Adaptation — The reteaming of the writer and the director of *Being John Malkovich*, Charlie Kaufman and Spike Jonze, has produced no less madness but much more method. Or anyhow more meaning. Kaufman, playing fast and loose with the truth, evidently set out in reality (though it doesn’t seem his sort of project) to do a screen adaptation of Susan Orlean’s nonfiction best-seller, *The Orchid Thief* (“It’s that sprawling *New Yorker* shit”), and ended up by writing himself and his creative torments into the script (“That’s what I need to do: tie all of history together”). More precisely, what he wrote into the script was a fatter, balder, lonelier version of himself (Nicolas Cage, in a characterization of unsparing physical detail), together with an identical twin brother who is also a screenwriter, albeit a happy-go-lucky hack: not so much a separate entity as an alternative self or a divisive inner voice. In short, Kaufman found a way to make a movie out of a mess, or vice versa. The surviving movie is still very much a mess: two movies in one, with attendant disruptions of momentum and shifts in tone. Susan Orlean remains in place as a central figure (played by Meryl Streep, whose director on *The River Wild*, Curtis Hanson, plays her husband), in tormented pursuit of her own story, that of a toothless redneck orchid cultivator (Chris Cooper, in his best role so far, and fully up to it). The movie has much to say, and much of it quite funny, about such large subjects as the

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solitary struggles of the writer in front of the blank page (how soon can he take a break for a muffin, and what kind of muffin?), the tug-of-war between artistic integrity and commercial compromise, the hidden depths of people beneath their opaque surfaces. All of this, including the funniness, is not achieved without a mighty sense of strain. And no amount of winking self-awareness, postmodern irony, and impish impudence (Susan Orlean turns into a drug-trafficking homicidal adulteress) can lessen the disappointment of the climactic swerve into thriller-dillerdom. 2002.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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: 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



Dark Blue

movie, and an especially preachy, stagy, and fakey one at that. 2002.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 2/20)

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.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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.

★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

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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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 — Reviewed this issue. With Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner, Michael Clarke Duncan, and Colin Farrell; written and 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; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Dark Blue — Reviewed this issue. With Kurt Russell, Ving Rhames, Brendan Gleeson, and Scott Speedman; directed by Ron Shelton. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/21)

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; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

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; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Frida — Belated contribution to Frida-mania. The same-named 1984 film by Paul Leduc, while timelier, was too low-profile to

discourage additional spotlight-seekers and altar-worshippers. So now we have a new chiselled Frida Kahlo (Salma Hayek), an almost Manneristically elongated one, to grace the cover of the paperback reprint of Hayden Herrera’s definitive biography, and to obstruct our view of the real woman. The movie unmistakably works a kind of magic (not to say “magic realism”) in the transformation of so fascinating a life, so lavishly re-created and so lusciously photographed, into something so dull and ordinary. Certainly we might have expected some visual pyrotechnics from director Julie Taymor, who had shaken up Shakespeare in *Titus*. And for sure, Taymor pulls out all the stops for the grisly trolley accident that crippled the artist in her youth (though she’s dancing a tango before you know it). And her voyage to New York — otherwise known as the Invasion of Gringolandia —

will be done as an animated collage of paper cutouts, with her muralist husband, Diego Rivera, scaling the Empire State Building as King Kong. For the rest, this is a surprisingly pedestrian “biopic,” in the subgenre of Tormented Artist, endlessly relating the marital infidelities and blow-ups (“My goddam sister! You’re an animal!”), and casting only passing glances at the oh-by-the-way paintings. Taymor, in effect, is like the socialite who attends a gallery opening only in order to gossip about the artist, and who can barely spare a moment for what’s on the walls. The artwork is important to her, just as Kahlo’s circle of friends is important to her, only to the extent that it confers a reputation. The movie counts on the cachet of the characters to compensate for the triteness and repetitiveness of the incidents. With Alfred Molina, Geoffrey Rush, Ashley Judd, Antonio Banderas, and

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Gangs of New York — Martin Scorsese’s long-delayed, and just plain long, survey of Irish gangs in lower Manhattan during the time of the Civil War, Boss Tweed, and all that, beginning and ending in major blood baths, with minor blood rinses and sloshes in between. (It’s not hard to see why the internecine discord in the New York melting pot was thought unsuitable for post-9/11 entertainment: “It wasn’t a city, really,” the lowborn narrator grandly philosophizes. “It was more a furnace where *someday* a city might be forged.”) The wonder of it is that it’s not more compelling. Indisputably, it has a lot going for it. It gives Scorsese, for a start, a new avenue down which to pursue his lifelong interest in thugs, specifically thugs of a different ethnicity (but same church), with such colorful group identities as the Dead Rabbits, the Plug-Uglies, the Slaughterhousers, the Little Forty Thieves, the Broadway Twisters, etc. It has history; it has sets; it has costumes (the Mad Hatter look was in vogue); it has flavorfully antique language; and it has a daring portrayal by Daniel Day-Lewis of a one-eyed underworld kingpin known as “The Butcher,” who looks and acts like someone who would tie Pearl White to a train track and twirl the tip of his mustache while doing it. (Leonardo DiCaprio shrivels alongside him, in spite of his pumped-up new physique.) Yet in all these things the film has more a feeling of musty research than of pulsing life, and as a tale of revenge it seems static and monotonous. And please don’t bring up *Hamlet* for precedent: the Prince of Denmark was not an eyewitness to his father’s murder, and he at least had the presence of mind to hash over his hesitation, and for all the flavor of the language here (from a trio of heavyweight screenwriters, Jay Cocks, Steven Zaillian, Kenneth Lonergan), it isn’t Shakespeare by a long shot. With Cameron Diaz, Jim Broadbent, Henry Thomas, John C. Reilly, Brendan Gleeson, Liam Neeson. 2002.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Gods and Generals — Reviewed next issue. With Stephen Lang, Jeff Daniels, and Robert Duvall; written and directed by Ronald F. Maxwell.

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The Guru — Daisy von Scherler Mayer’s comedy about an Indian dancer (Jimi Mityr) in search of stardom in America; with Heather Graham and Marisa Tomei. (LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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Final Destination 2

girls’ lavatory, the haunt of a ghost called Moaning Myrtle: “Harry, if you die down there, you’re welcome to share my toilet.” Symbol-hunters, go to it! (The potty, the hole, the lizard, the moans, *la mort*....) But do not neglect, while you are at it, the Master Race motif of the Aryan-blond “pure-bloods” seeking to purge their school of the mongrelized “muggle-borns.” At a little past two and a half hours, the film is unforgivably overlong and overstuffed. Yet one is bound to agree with some of the obliging blurbists that this one is “better than the first,” regardless of the relative heat or chill of one’s enthusiasm. “There is a plot,” as pointed out by the computer-generated Dobby, a sort of Jar Jar Binks Jr., “a plot to make most terrible things happen.” Right. So much for plot. (More of it, at any rate, than in the first one, and less preamble.) Viewed, however, as a seam-bursting compilation of state-of-the-art special effects — the flying car, the crash-landing of same in the Whomping Willow, the errant owl, the Blue Pixies, the Eight-Legged Freaks, etc., etc. — the film can be faulted only for its lack of let-up and its absence of judgment: faults so common these days as to have become norms. And as far as faults go, none goes farther than the upchucking of half-foot slugs by the poor little Weasley boy, a more “realistic” effect than you could possibly want. (Pass the chamber pot, please.) Still, that giant basilisk, its eyes pecked out by a reconstituted phoenix, is good enough to overcome the jaw-slackening monotony of it all, even to overcome the carbon-copy *Alien* moment of the hero nose to nose with the

mucus-dripping monster. Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Kenneth Branagh, and (the late) Richard Harris; directed by Chris Columbus. 2002.

★ (VOGUE)

He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not — Reviewed this issue. With Audrey Tatou, Samuel Le Bihan, and Isabelle Carre; written and directed by Laetitia Colombani.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/21)

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.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 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)

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 Jungle Book 2 — The reunion of Papa Bear and Man-Cub (“You can take the boy out of the jungle, but you can’t take the jungle out of the boy”) for a reprise or two of the Oscar-nominated song (1967), “The Bare Necessities.” Tail-chasing animated sequel that ends up pretty much back where it started. The Big Bad Tiger looks and moves well, but the teeth and claws are just for show. With the voices of Haley Joel Osment, John Goodman, Mae Whitman, and Tony Jay; directed by Steve Trenbirth. 2003.

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Just Married — Myopic, borderline xenophobic romantic comedy about a couple of blissfully self-obsessed young Americans — Ashton Kutcher, a name that sticks in your teeth if not in your memory, and Brittany Murphy and her upturned

boyhood; and the commitment he brings to the subject is plain to see. One respectfully wants to suggest, however, that it is only through our cultural puritanism that this will be seen as a finer job of filmmaking than *The Ninth Gate* (to name the director’s most recent), and that his inerasable early experiences have no doubt informed all of Polanski’s best work, albeit less literally. Or in other words, more artfully. With Thomas Kretschmann, Emilia Fox, Frank Finlay. 2002.
★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; 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



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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 Evelyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury, Laura Monaghan, and Davil Gulpilil. 2002.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 2/20)

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

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3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Far from Heaven (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; **Frida** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; **He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:45, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:55, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 4:55, 7:45, 10:10; **The Quiet American** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Klondike Annie, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 7 p.m.; **Belle of the Nineties**, Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.; **Monty Python’s Life of Brian**, 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** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 3:00, 7:00; Sun. 3:00; Mon. 11:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 3:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Sun. 10:30

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON
Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:30; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 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, 10:40; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:35, 10:20; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:40; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:45, 10:10; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 7:00; **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, 4:00) 6:50, 7:40, 10:00, 10:35; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:05, 2:35, 4:30, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG)

Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:30); **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:45) 7:10, 10:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 3:25) 7:05; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:10, 2:10, 2:40, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:25; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:15) 7:10, 9:45; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:50) 7:25, 10:05; Sat. (12:45, 3:50) 9:50; Sun.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:25, 10:05

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, 2:10, 2:40, 4:35, 5:05, 7:00, 7:30, 9:05, 9:25, 9:55; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 5:05); **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 7:15; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 7:00; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:40, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05; **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. (12:30, 2:40, 4:50) 7:00; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:25, 5:15) 8:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **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) 7:30, 10:00

LA MESA
Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 3:00) 7:15, 10:10; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 1:00, 3:55) 4:45, 7:30, 8:10, 10:00, 10:40; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 3:40) 7:20, 9:55; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:20, 3:30) 4:05, 7:50, 8:30, 10:30; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri. (11:30, 1:40, 3:45) 7:00, 9:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20) 4:20, 7:40, 10:15

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15, 5:40) 8:10; **Adaptation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30, 5:55) 8:25; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:50) 8:20; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:05) 7:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20); Mon.-Thu. (12:05); **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:25) 5:50, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 4:15) 7:45; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:55) 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:55, 5:50) 8:45; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 5:15, 8:15, 10:30;

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 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; 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



Old School

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

Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:30) 8:00; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:35) 8:15; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:35) 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 5:45)

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Daredevil; **Just Married**; **Shanghai Knights**; **Kangaroo Jack**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 2:15, 6:30, 10:45; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 4:15, 8:30; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; **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.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennergy Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Dark Blue; **Gods and Generals**; **Old School**; **The Life of David Gale**; **Gangs of New York**; **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**; **Chicago**; **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. (11:55, 3:35) 7:20, 10:05; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 2:45, 4:50, 5:15) 7:15, 7:40, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:35; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:05, 9:55; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:45) 10:25; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 4:35) 9:30; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:35, 5:10) 7:55, 10:30; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 12:30, 2:10, 2:30, 4:10, 4:55) 7:10, 9:30; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:25, 4:40); **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:40) 6:55, 10:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05) 6:45; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:55, 2:40, 3:05, 5:00, 5:25) 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:10) 7:00, 9:50

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)
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NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Shanghai Knights; **The Recruit**

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 7:45; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:25) 5:10, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 5:10, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 8:00; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:35) 8:00; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:30) 7:40; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:55, 5:55) 8:10; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:20) 7:45; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:45, 3:30) 5:25, 7:20, 9:10; Sun. (12:00, 1:45, 3:30) 5:25, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 4:45) 6:30, 8:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 5:10; Mon.-Thu. (3:50, 5:55); **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:25) 7:45; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:25) 7:40

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sat. 11:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. 11:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri. 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Old School** (R) Fri. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30;

Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 5:05, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-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.-Thu. (1:20, 2:00, 3:40, 4:45, 5:55) 7:30, 8:10, 9:55; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:35, 10:10; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:35) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 7:30; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-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.-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.-Thu. (1:55, 3:50, 5:40) 7:30, 9:10; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30); **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 5:25, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:30, 5:30) 7:30, 10:10; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-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.-Thu. (2:25, 5:10) 7:40, 10:00

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 2:45, 7:30; **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; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 4:50) 7:45, 10:25; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Sat. 7:30; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:35, 4:05) 6:55, 9:35; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30) 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; Tue.-Wed. 11:30, 12:30,

2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; Thu. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30) 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:05; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:45) 9:15; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:35) 6:55; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:15); **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 7:00; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:10, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:40, 4:20) 7:05, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 11:30, 1:10, 2:55, 4:40, 12:45, 2:25) 6:30, 8:10, 9:45; Wed.-Thu. (11:05, 11:30, 1:10, 2:55, 4:40, 12:45, 2:25) 6:30, 9:45; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15) 7:25; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:55, 4:45) 7:40, 10:25; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:00) 8:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:45; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:40, 10:20; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; Sat. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 9:55; Sun.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Daredevil (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 4:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 4:15; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 3:30, 8:15; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 7:00

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Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 4:15) 7:20, 10:25; Sun. (1:10, 4:15) 7:20; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 8:00,

— not anyone in the film nor anyone in the audience — can believe his eyes. 1963.

★★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/20)

Shanghai Knights — Sequel to *Shanghai Noon*, reteaming Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson, directed by David Dobkin. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Startup.com — Video vérité by Chris Hegedus and Jehane Noujaim (with a diluted watery image in its transfer to film), on the rise and fall of an Internet company called “GovWorks.com,” founded by a couple of buddies from high school: “We help government *work*.” The camera, as in Hegedus’s *The War Room*, is an unintrusive onlooker, but for a few intimate interviews. The subject, on the other hand, is not inherently as interesting as in *The War Room* (Clinton’s first presidential campaign), and the issues, the drama, and their resolutions remain a little elusive. 2001.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/21, 10 P.M.; 2/22, 2 P.M.; 2/23, 9 P.M.)

Talk to Her — Almodóvar in awe, all over again, of the opposite sex. (Michael Cunningham’s novel, *The Hours*, can be

10:30; Sun. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 8:00; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 4:50) 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (1:05, 4:50) 7:35; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 4:10) 7:10, 9:55; Sun. (1:20, 4:10) 7:10; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:10, 5:30) 7:45, 9:45; Sun. (12:40, 3:10, 5:30) 7:45; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10; Sun. (1:00, 4:20) 7:15; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:05, 5:15) 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (12:50, 3:05, 5:15) 7:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 4:30) 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (1:30, 4:30) 7:25

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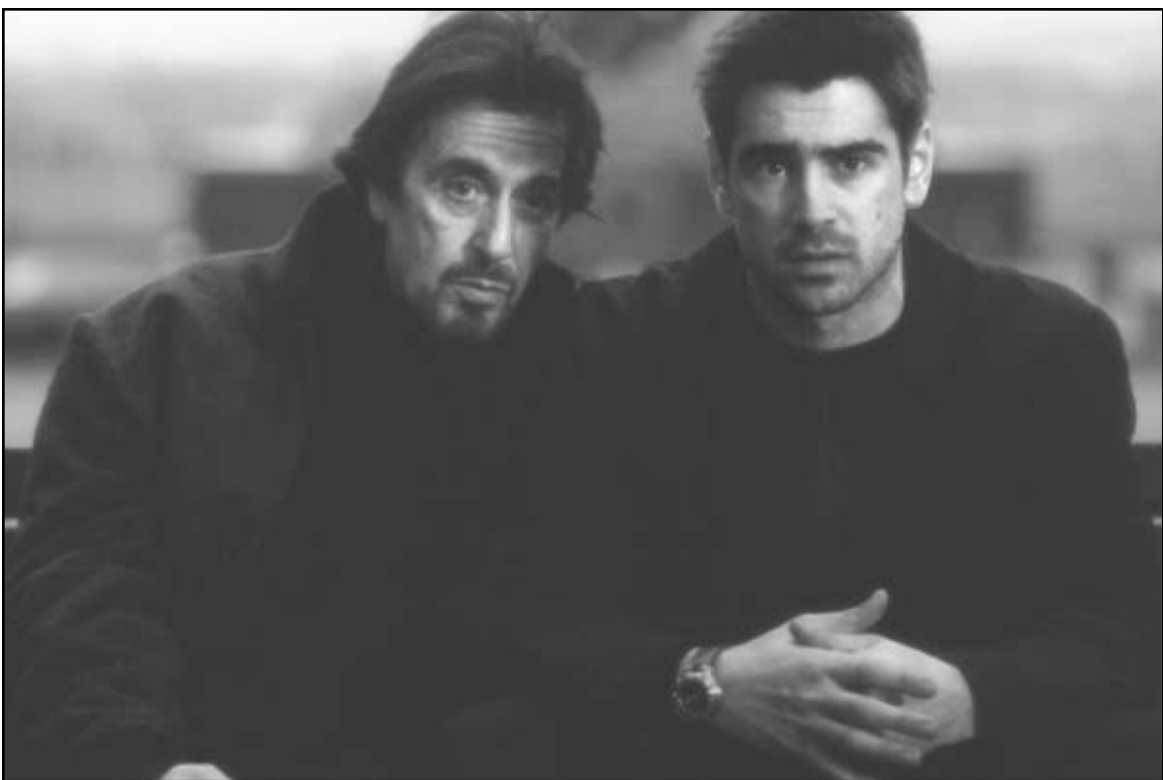
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spied at one point as bedside reading, and we might well speculate that Almodóvar would have *killed* to be the filmmaker who brought it to the screen.) The first half, delineating the central quartet of a male nurse, a bald journalist, a lady bullfighter, 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.
★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

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)



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Umbrellas of Cherbourg — All of the dialogue is wistfully, tunelessly sung (music by Michel Legrand), and the cheerful colors come from Candy Land. These aggressive stylistic devices soon tire themselves out, straining to overcome the pessimism which

gloomily shadows the storyline; but they maintain respectable levels of taste and intelligence throughout. With Catherine Deneuve; directed by Jacques Demy. 1964.
★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/24 THROUGH 27)

Yojimbo — Akira Kurosawa's bloody-minded political parable about the struggle for supremacy in a godforsaken 17th-century rural village. The feudists on both sides are uniformly petty, pea-brained, and baboonish (the only thing protecting them from one another is their cowardice), and justice is done when an unemployed samurai wanders into their midst and capriciously slaughters them all. Toshiro Mifune, scratching and swaggering to a great musical score, enjoys himself enormously as the nihilistic samurai who is endowed with an unsportsmanly superiority in the art of swordfighting. 1962.
★★★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/20)

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CHILD CARE WORKER needed for overnight position for residential treatment center in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Fax resume attention Matt at 619-656-1429 or call Crystal at 619-397-6956.

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CLASSROOM AIDES. Work with developmentally disabled children in a nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista, Lakeside. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1pm. \$8.14+/hour to start, depending on experience. EOE. www.vistahill.org. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax resume: 619-281-0164. Apply, weekdays, 9am-4pm; Stein Education Center, Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

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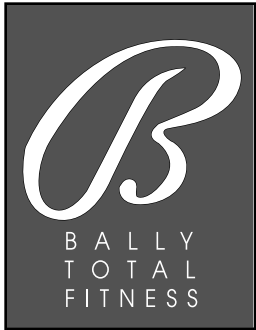
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Robert McGregor
Pizza Maker
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Hana. It's in Maui. I was there on vacation over Christmas with my wife. It's a small town in Maui, and there's nobody there, and that's why it's really nice.



Becky Saad
Mom/Student
Pacific Beach

It's in Portugal; it was a beautiful, tiny little town — Castro Daire. We were traveling during the Cabrillo Festival; we got to meet the president. It was just a little village, and we walked all around the little hills — it took forever! They greeted us with dancing and a big celebration. It was very cool.



Chris Loyd
Business Owner
Mission Hills

Elizabethtown, Indiana. It's where my grandmother was born and where my grandmother still lives in a small house; she grew up with an out-house. It's just a little farm town, and there's probably just a couple thousand people that still live there, at the most.



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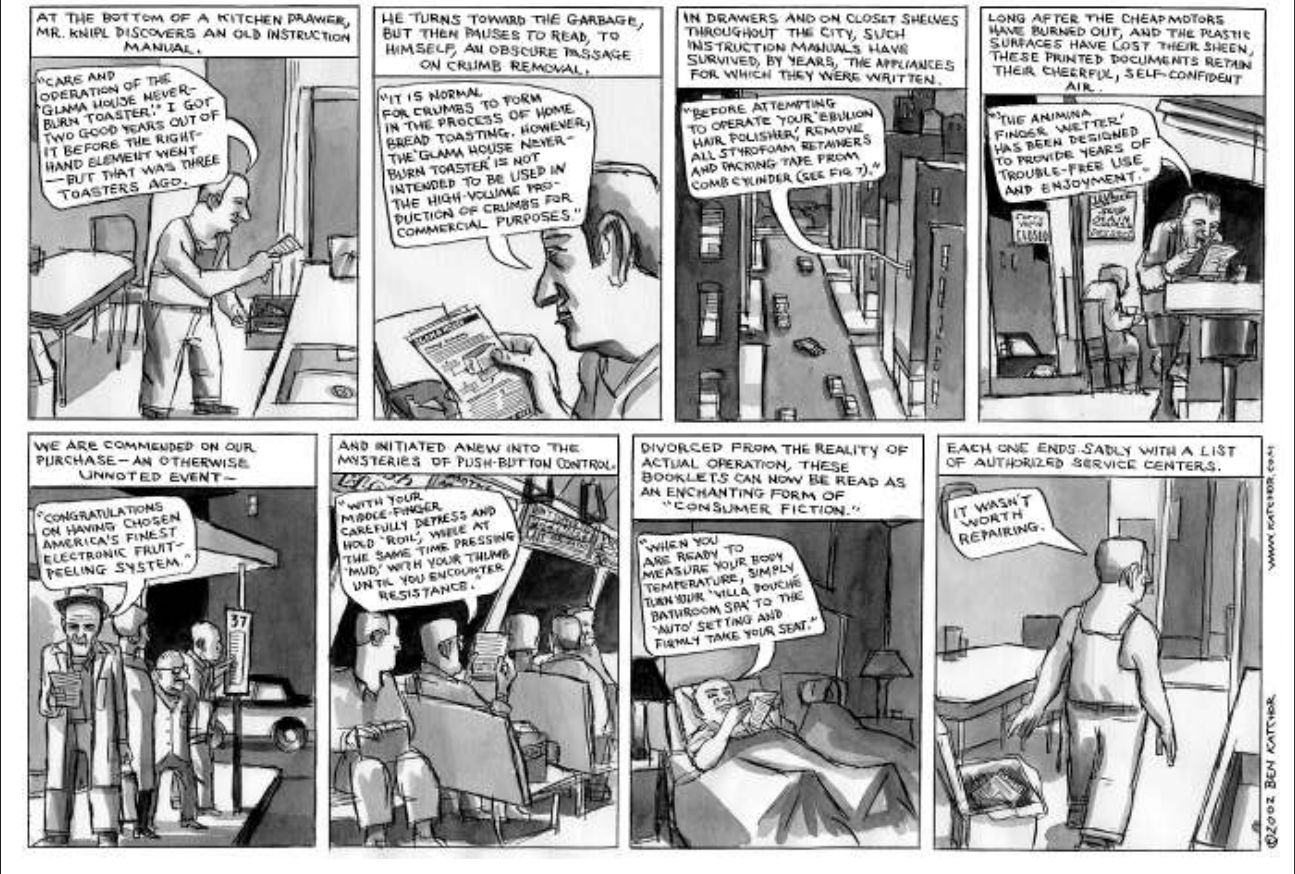
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 - 11. Embrace

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- 13. Art Ross Trophy org.
- 19. Part of a cliff
- 21. Z preceder
- 25. “____ to Be You”
- 26. Norse goddess of love
- 27. Meticulous to a fault
- 29. Sore loser’s reaction
- 31. Gas station product
- 33. So far
- 34. In ____ (unborn)
- 35. Awake
- 37. Mil. figures
- 39. Place to hear “Here!”
- 41. Hyundai alternative
- 42. Respectful address to the Pope, with “your”
- 48. Thumbs-up write-up
- 50. Squealer
- 52. Make jubilant
- 54. Vice follower
- 56. Giant ____
- 57. Negative type
- 58. In unison
- 60. Discharge
- 61. Old music halls
- 62. Cable network
- 63. Denials
- 64. Time-card abbr.

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. 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.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 2/13/03.

Of the 80 entrants, 75 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Lyndall Spangler, *San Diego*
- 2. Mike Gunwarld, *San Diego*
- 3. Jonathan Whelan, *San Diego*
- 4. Dave Furness, *San Diego*
- 5. Cindy Snook, *la mesa*

NOTICES

COUNSELING/DREAM STUDY. Curious, or unsettled by your dreams? Jungian dream study can help with life issues, transitions, relationships. \$35/session. Paul Hartsuyker, MFT-15896. 619-269-8939.

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DEPRESSED? ANXIOUS? Relationship/career problems? There is help from someone you can really talk to. Clinical psychologist. Flexible fee/insurance. Eva Lee, Ph.D. PSY-8261. 619-297-7377.

FEMALE GROUP MEMBER NEEDED for mixed process/support group. Relationship difficulties, intimacy, self-esteem, childhood issues. Wednesday evenings, UTC area. Susan Jorgensen, MFCC MN-22281. 858-622-0632.

GAY/BISEXUAL MEN. Supportive individual therapy. Depression, anxiety, confusion, addictions, spiritual/religious issues. Married, closeted welcome.

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INNER CHILD-INNER PARENT course. New 12-week course beginning Thursday evenings. Includes Thought Field Therapy healing for phobia, anxieties, traumas. Call for free preview. Individual, couples, and family counseling. Sharon Goodlove, TFT Diagnostician. Glenn Goodlove, LCSW-1450, Goodlove Counseling Center, 858-569-8975. www.goodlove-online.com.

THERAPY/COUNSELING. Experienced with many issues. Located in Mission Valley. Sliding fee scale and some insurance welcome. Se habla espanol. MFC-32937. Therapy Connection; 619-293-3741.

WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT GROUP has openings. Ongoing, supportive, insightful. Individual/couples counseling also available. Mary Obata MFT intern (IMF-37700); Supervisor, Pilar Placone, Ph.D. (MFC-29210). www.sandiegotherapists.com/obata.html. 619-220-4680.

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ADDICTION PROBLEMS? Women for Sobriety is a non-12-step self-help program meeting Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. www.womenforsobriety.org or 858-549-3533.

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL works for human rights. Meetings: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front (opposite UCSD Medical Center). Information, 858-576-3811.

ARE YOU 65 YEARS or older? Have you or someone you know been diagnosed with breast cancer in the last 4 months?

You may be eligible for a bone density scan at no cost. 858-822-1001.

ATTORNEYS offer free legal advice. Mission Valley Public Library, Saturday, March 15, 10am-2pm. All areas of law represented. 858-573-5007.

AURA HEALINGS. Tuesday healing night, 7-9pm, 2141 El Camino Real, Oceanside. Aura healings and chakra balancing. Earth and Sky Church, 760-631-7900.

BHAGAVAD-GITA classes by a Vedic scholar, 8:30-9:15pm, following an international vegetarian feast, Monday-Thursday. Hare Krishna Temple, 1030 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-9389.

BISEXUAL? GAY? LESBIAN? Unsure? Friendly group meets monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm, for discussion, support, social interaction. Community Church, 115 Thorn, Hillcrest. 858-259-8019.

CANNABIS PATIENTS ACT (Association Cannabis Therapeutics), nonprofit, seeks patients, spaces to grow, healing, living in accordance Proposition 215 local guidelines. Cards soon. Om Bhanghi, edzpepp@yahoo.com or 619-819-6421.

CIRCLE OF LOVE, Goddess devotion group. Healing. Hypnomeditation, relationship cleansing and closure. Loneliness relief through unity of souls. Becoming one. Clearing Chakras. Psychic development. 858-642-1946.

CONCERNED UNITED Birthparents, Inc., welcomes birthparents, adoptees, and adoptive parents to our monthly support group meetings. Information, www.CUBirthparents.org or CUB, 619-685-7673.

CREATE A POSITIVE future for San Diego. Mentor a child before or after school. Call Mentor San Diego, where the future begins, to volunteer, 858-831-0434.

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS. Do you have problems with debt, overspending, credit card use? There is a 12-step program that can help you! Call today, 619-525-3065.

DIABETICS STUDY. Established diagnostic test company seeking diabetics to participate in a research study to develop improved blood glucose monitor. Earn \$40 per visit. 858-535-2030.

DIVORCED FATHERS want justice in Family Court? Join COPS (Coalition of Parents Support). Information, www.copss.org or call 619-465-COPS.

DONATE that automobile, boat, RV, etc., to Ronald McDonald House Charities, San Diego, for tax deduction and possibly a partial cash payment. Call toll-free, 866-244-8464.

DR. PHIL FANS. Want to get together to discuss his shows and books? E-mail me at sgj33_@hotmail.com.

ESCONDIDO ARTS PARTNERSHIP presents Elaine Antoniak from the San Diego Book Arts: introduction to the creative work of book artists in this area with a slide presentation and exhibit of artists’ books. February 25, at the Escondido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue in Escondido. A reception will be held at 6:00 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:30. All are welcome to this free event. For more information, call the Escondido Arts Partnership, 760-640-4101.

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GROUP MEDITATION, free. Each week a different emphasis. Saturdays, 7-8pm, East West Yoga Center, 1356 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. www.eastwestyoga.com or 619-687-7747.

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MOVIE BUFFS. Interested in watching a movie every 2 weeks and discussing it afterwards (like book clubs)? Please call 619-464-1447 or 619-934-2602.

NATIVE AMERICAN Council Progress Incorporated, nonprofit, seeks trailer, mobile home, motor home, members, all races/ages. Persons interested travel, teachers, sacred sites. ohgoat4@yahoo.com 619-819-6421.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, Inc. Adult and family activities. Information, 619-338-1708.

PATHWORK DISCUSSIONS. Blending spirit and psychology. Free. Del Mar, Thursday, 3/20, “Opening your Heart,” call 858-259-1880. Mission Hills, Tuesday, 3/18, “The Power of the Word,” call 858-793-7251.

PMS STUDY. Nonsmoking women, ages 20-45, not on medication or birth control pills, with regular menstrual cycles needed for UCSD study using nonmedication Sleep and Light Treatment. 8 overnight hospital stays required over 6 months. Possible payment to \$500. 619-543-7393.

PORTRAIT SAN DIEGO needs your opinion to help improve local culture, culmination in art exhibit. E-mail, bryanlohr@gmail.com or call Bryan, 858-414-0832.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/codependency. Fridays, 7pm, Celebrate Recovery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444.

SAN DIEGO CHRONIC Fatigue Syndrome/Fibromyalgia Support Group meets 4th Saturday of each month, 2-4pm, San Diego Rehab Institute, 6645 Alvarado Road. Free. More information, 619-463-5299.

SEX AND/OR relationship problems? Out of control? You’re not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, 12-step fellowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or call 619-685-7211.

SPEAKING CIRCLIS. Free peer group for tender beginners. Let’s learn to share ourselves in groups. Please call to receive audio tape. Jim, 858-454-2623.

STRESSED? NEW LIFE! Dial hope (recorded message changed daily, Sunday’s sermon), 858-277-8060. Sunday service: 10am. Welcome. Linda Vista Presbyterian Church, 2130 Ulric Street, San Diego.

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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WANTED. KZ1000, any year, cheap. 619-322-8101.

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AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies, \$280. John, days, 619-441-3109 or evenings, 619-260-8010.

AIRLINE TICKET, 1 way anywhere Southwest flies coast to coast, fully transferable, good for immediate travel, expires October 2003, \$200. 760-317-2986 or 619-284-6799.

AIRLINE TICKETS, 2 roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies, includes drink tickets, expire 3/24/03, \$275 each. Call 760-431-2040.

AIRLINE TICKETS, 4 one way on Southwest, use 2 for roundtrip, transferable, last minute reservations OK, \$165 each or \$325 for 2. 619-464-3111.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies, \$300. Bill, 619-795-1166.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip on Southwest, with drink coupons, valid through June 2003, only \$325. 858-268-8230 or 619-254-0363.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies, \$300. 619-865-2609.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies, \$280. John, days, 619-441-3109 or evenings, 619-260-8010.

AIRLINE TICKETS, 4 roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies, expires 9/03, \$325 each, with drink coupons, will sell individually. 858-273-9043.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies, \$330. 858-699-1123.

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PERSONALS

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CHRIST: "Being in state of" (Christed pathway), not man's name. No cosmic advanced society wants your ignorance nor violence (called "evil") in the cosmos. Aton.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY to my mom Nikki, my family and all of my friends. I will always love you. Love always, Lisa Renee.

HI DARNELL. We met at Grossmont Theatres. Talked about Friday after next. Shook hands, exchanged smiles. You said daughter is your better half. Let's talk more.

SEND IRAQ back to Iran with Saddam. US been there, done that. Need UN out of US.

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From this page, click on "Matches."

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WHAT DID 3 cent say to 2 cent junk mail a newcent. Abolish junk mail said e-mail for USPS. PO Box 84052, San Diego 92138.

WHAT IF WE MADE a stink for peace? What if we all wore pink for peace? What is the missing link for peace?

MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

BUNCO. Ready to play? Women only monthly game. Escondido area. (3/5) **☎**69369

FRIENDSHIP. Military (marine) wife seeking other military wives for company (30-40). Music (not country), movies, walks, window shopping, relaxing, wine. Let's keep each other company. (2/26) **☎**69297

FRIENDSHIP: Black/Hispanic female searching for other black females for roller skating, plays, concerts, happy hours, clubs, shopping, movies, travel. Only serious and nonflakes respond. (2/26) **☎**69344

FRIENDSHIP. Females only, ages 21-35. Let's have fun clubbing and hanging out at the beach. I'm 25, female, fun! Fun! Girls only! (3/5) **☎**69366

FRIENDSHIP. Single female, 45, seeking fun, single people to go out/socialize with. Movies, meals, athletics. Being single shouldn't be a drag while we look. (3/5) **☎**69368

FRIENDSHIP. New friends wanted for jams in North County. Seeking musically inclined people. 45 years, male, likes to get loud. Seeking percussion oriented for bombast. (3/5) **☎**69384

FRIENDSHIP: Female seeks female walking partner close to El Cajon/Lemon Grove. I live by Parkway Plaza. Light walking, also enjoy shopping, restaurants/movies. Platonic. (3/5) **☎**69401

SKATEBOARDING. Girls that skate are hot. Let's to to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, train leaves March 5th. (3/5) **☎**69367

TWO BEAUTIFUL, YOUNG Filipina women, 31 and 32 years old seeking pen pals. We are single with no children. (3/5) **☎**69370

ARTICULATE DRUNK, WELL dressed, loves dive bars and reading, excellent vocabulary, hates "god," looking for funny, intelligent, attractive guy, under 35. (2/26) **☎**50470

ASIAN LADY SEEKING affectionate, romantic, funny, educated, nice looking, fit, healthy gentleman, nonsmoker. I'm 51, nice looking professional. Let's ski, dance, travel. Friendship, possible relationship. (2/26) **☎**50461

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

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

I'M EVERYTHING A GOOD MAN is looking for, trust me. Spending time with my kids, amusement parks, sporting events, movies. Seeking humor and good morals. (3/5) **☎**50478

WANTED: Very, very attractive, sexy, well dressed, kind, affluent, white male, 48+. Desired by sweet, sensual, spiritual, exotic black beauty, 20s, seeking fun and romance! (3/5) **☎**50494

TALL, SLENDER REDHEAD, seeks a gentle reintroduction to dating after being widowed. I don't know what's next, but am ready to find out slowly. Gentley. (3/5) **☎**50484

VERY LIKEABLE, PRETTY, blonde, 40s, young attitude seeks active, positive, funny, attractive, healthy man, 48-58, emotionally/financially secure, for evenings out, trying new restaurants, dancing. (3/5) **☎**50508

SEEKING ORDINARY PRINCE for ordinary princess. Nonsmoker, 45-55, 5'11"+, who enjoys travel, movies, PBS. Family oriented, affectionate, romantic, ready to settle down. (2/26) **☎**50459

LET'S DANCE! Slender, healthy, energetic, blonde, blue-eyed Scandinavian, 50+. You: Available, brave hearted, kind, truthful, humorous, fit, financially stable. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco. 40-60. (3/5) **☎**50475

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. (3/5) **☎**50499

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, green eyes, 54, would like to meet male, 55+, nonsmoker, honest, sincere, financially secure, active, Pisces, Taurus, long-term relationship. (3/5) **☎**50492

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

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

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

ACTIVE, THIN, YOGA enthusiast. Enjoys gardening, reading, Sunday brunch and animals. Interested in educated, active man who likes to travel and putter around the house. (3/5) **☎**50495

SEXY HARLEY GIRL, 37, 5'8", seeking tall gentleman rogue, 40-49, for weekend rides, pool, good eats. Friends first possible long-term relationship. No drugs. (3/5) **☎**50485

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

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

FOXY, LIBERAL DEMOCRAT; adventurous, attractive, independent, compassionate/passionate; no games. Share nature, theatre, travel. 5'6", 130lbs. You: 50+, real. Nonsmoking/drugs. E-mailers, phone number please. (3/5) **☎**50486

CALIFORNIA GIRL, 35, active, attractive, creative, peacenik, seeks easygoing, balanced, educated modern man with a sense of humor for hiking, dining, films and comedy clubs. (3/5) **☎**50477

EXOTIC HAWAIIAN BEAUTY queen. Integrity, model, artist, author, dancer, athletic, never married. You: never married, quality, military a plus, 37-60. (2/26) **☎**50444

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

CUTE AND FUN, SWEET and sassy, no drama, no baggage, 31 brunette with pretty green eyes, loves to laugh. Seeking funny guy, 32-37. (3/5) **☎**50479

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

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

PENTECOSTAL BLACK WOMAN, 55, seeking friendship with easygoing, born-again man, between 50-65, for movies, dinner, beach walks and good communication. (3/5) **☎**50503

HEY BIG BOY! I need a big single man to take walks/exercise? With a plus-size lady. Are you my man? (3/5) **☎**50482

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, nice figure, pleasing personality. Seeking 55+, tall, unencumbered, romantic, outgoing, cuddly teddy bear type for a monogamous relationship. (2/26) **☎**50433

TALL, GORGEOUS DANCER, business owner. World adventure traveler. Outgoing, spiritual, healthy. Into animals, na-

ture, culture. Want honest communication, committed relationship. Ocean, fun, youthful 40s. (3/5) **☎**50512

EUROPEAN, COSMOPOLITAN, attractive, sexy, athletic, health-conscious, interested in a masculine gentleman, 45-60, who desires to share the wonderful things that life has to offer. (3/5) **☎**50474

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CAPTURE MY HEART! Intelligent, honest, sensual, 54, 5'2", curvy; long blonde/blue, seeks confident, strong, successful, degreed, over 5'8" special man for our best relationship! (3/5) **☎**50498

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

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

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CHRISTIAN FEMALE, 49, North County, with morals, honest, good heart, seeks black male with same characteristics, who likes movies, dining out, working out. No games. (3/5) **☎**50489

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SPIRITUAL, BEAUTIFUL, outgoing, Religious Science, blonde, 33, thin, prosperous, nonsmoker, never wants kids, desires relationship with same, 37 years

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PETITE, BLUE EYED brunette, 42, pretty, romantic, passionate, kindhearted, loves to laugh. You: tall, attractive, honest, 37-48, with a touch of class. (3/5) ☎50510

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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

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

ATTRACTIVE, CHARMING cat lover from the Midwest, 42, seeks adventurous, creative and confident woman with open heart and mind to share love of music and travel. (3/5) ☎69391

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LATIN BEAUTY, TRIM, youthful, fun loving, sought by successful white male, 49, tall, trim, attractive, dependable, loyal, understanding, for fun, travel, romance, life. (3/5) ☎69376

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

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

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

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

LOTS TO OFFER, professional, balanced, unencumbered, athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 52, homeowner, spontaneous, Midwest values, educated. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with

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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

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

NATIVE AMERICAN/EUROPEAN, long hair, kind heart with bad boy looks, 39, liberal, good body, humorous, enjoys humor, personal growth. Seeking intelligent, communicative girl, 21-40. (3/5) ☎69392

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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

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

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

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WORLDLY, WISE, WITTY, winner. 6', travelled, spiritual, growing, ever curious, centered, talented, professional. You're same, unencumbered, tall, trim, midlife ready for life's better half. (2/26) ☎69307

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CARLSBAD, ADVENTUROUS, attractive, Caucasian, 41, 5'10", I enjoy long walks, sightseeing, traveling, parks, beach, good food, movies. Seeking a female 29-45, kids OK. (3/5) ☎69355

FUN, INTROSPECTIVE, spiritual, masculine, sculpted physique, average face, 50, 5'10", 170lbs., brown/blue. Seeking feminine, approximately proportionate lass; discussions, road trips, wine, dining, et al. (3/5) ☎69383

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HARDWORKING, EAST COAST, Jewish guy. Seeking Jewish woman with family values. Loves travel, enjoys spontaneous adventure, getaways. I'm seeking a lover, a friend. (3/5) 📞69352

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

SWEETEN MY DAZE! 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

HOPING TO MEET an attractive, articulate woman that likes to sail. (2/26) 📞69340

LARGE WHITE FEMALE, 40-57, voluptuous, attractive, sexy, wanted by attractive black artist, for hot, passionate, lifetime commitment/marriage. I will love you always. (3/5) 📞69385

LONGHAIRED, computer hippie seeks college educated, sweet, petite, childless, vivacious, creative, unique lady, 30-45. Loves animals, music, concerts, sushi, photography, travelling, movies. Let's explore! (3/5) 📞69359

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

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

ATTRACTIVE, BLOND, slender, 21-31, comes from good family, sincere, kind, no drugs/children, open minded to dating handsome Afro American man, nonsmoker, nondrinker, Christian Scientist. (3/5) 📞69365

34, TALL, PROFESSIONAL, confident, romantic, fun, open-minded, values, conversationalists! Enjoys going out, running, hiking, tennis, acting, theater. Seeking communicative, emotionally healthy, fit, college graduate. (3/5) 📞69399

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

SENSE OF HUMOR, spiritual, passionate, 52, 5'8", 170lbs., brown/blue. Coffee-houses, psychology, stimulating conversation, Eastern philosophy, walks, nature, music, books, Bill W. Seeking friendship/relationship. (3/5) 📞69390

MALE, 48, SINCERE, well traveled, no dependents, like the beach, dogs, bike riding, good films, watching sunsets, laughs, seeking nice Irish, British or Australian female. (3/5) 📞69374

HANDSOME, YOUNG DOCTOR, 39, outgoing, athletic, secure, affectionate, seeks beautiful, classy, warm, intelligent, 22-34, slender, caring, honest, fun loving, cheerful. Theater, music, travel, meaningful relationship. (3/5) 📞69396

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

NICE BUT LONELY, 53, 5'6", guy looking for nice but lonely woman to start a meaningful and satisfying relationship together. Simple ad, simple request. (3/5) 📞69362

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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

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. (3/5) 📞69351

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HEALTHY, GOOD LOOKING, good character, good personality, financially secure, successful business professional, 50, seeks pretty, vivacious, fit, trim, kid-free woman, 35-45, with same qualities. (3/5) 📞69381

HANDSOME, PASSIONATE, 36, fit, humorous, family oriented, nonsmoker, steady job. Loyal, fun loving. Enjoy exercising, movies, dancing, Vegas. Seeking attractive white female, 25-35, similar interests. (3/5) 📞69378

SMART WOMEN KNOW know what to look for in a person. Loving, sensible, positive, conscious, thoughtful, considerate, truthful, understanding, good morals, caring listener, communicative. I'm 48. (2/26) 📞69298

I'M YOUNG, FUN, handsome and well traveled. I speak French and know how to treat a woman with love and indulgence. I'll make you smile. (3/5) 📞69363

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

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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

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CAN YOU APPRECIATE A nice guy? 36, African American, employed, own place, handsome, looking for attractive, significant other. Race open. (2/26) 📞69308

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

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

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

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

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

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

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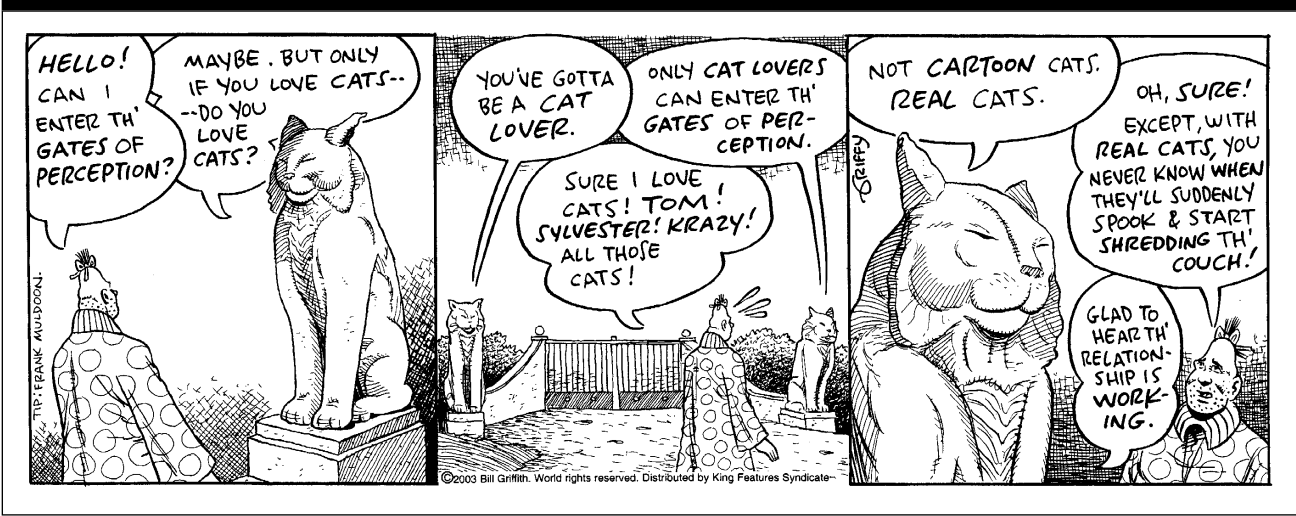
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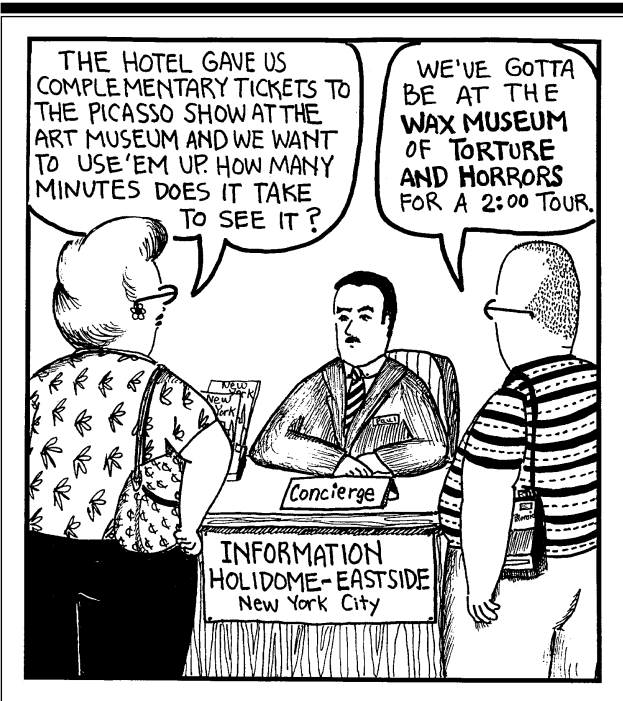
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CHULA VISTA/RANCH DEL REY. 4 bedroom, 3 bath on quiet cul-de-sac. Shows like model. Spacious family room and yard, perfect for entertaining. Available 3/1. \$2400/month, gardener included. 619-742-0205.

CHULA VISTA. \$675, spacious 1 bedroom downstairs with patio. Cozy, quiet, secluded. Walk to all shopping. 32-unit security complex. 619-422-5855.

CHULA VISTA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, landscaped view, gardener, pets, garage, dishwasher, refrigerator, hardwood/floor, freeway close. Remodeled kitchen/bathroom/windows/floors/fencing/lighting. \$1675. Dan, 858-829-2021. Wendy, 619-206-8046.

CHULA VISTA. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Separate dining room. Approximately 1000 square feet. Squeaky clean and ready now! 266 Landis Avenue. By appointment, agent, 619-585-7035.

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. 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.

CHULA VISTA. New studios, 1 bedroom apartments from \$550-\$750. 2 bedrooms, \$895-\$1250. 3 bedrooms, \$1250-\$1650. Pets OK. Quiet neighborhood. Fee. www.rentwave.com. Toll free. 1-888-575-3179.

CHULA VISTA. \$695/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/EASTLAKE. \$1650. Spotless and large 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo. 2 car garage. Laundry hookups in unit. Large patio. Available now. 858-735-0776.

CHULA VISTA. \$875. Newer upscale 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom with gated parking. Laundry. No pets. 452 F Street. Manager, 619-426-5487.

CHULA VISTA. \$875. 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. \$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. \$825. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint. Pool. Close to all. 619-476-0409.

CHULA VISTA. \$1650. 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/RANCHO DEL REY. \$1900. 3 bedrooms, plus loft, 2.5 baths, 5-year old house. Undeveloped canyon view. 2-car Garage. Available about 3/1. Harriet, agent, 888-322-8722.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE. \$1650/New 2 master bedroom. All appliances, garage, pool, jacuzzi. Harriet, agent, 888-322-8722.

CHULA VISTA. \$875. 2 bedroom house. New paint, fenced yard, carpet. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

CHULA VISTA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$750. \$500 deposit. Laundry. Parking. 583 Park Way. 619-243-4000 x0.

CHULA VISTA. \$1575/month plus deposit. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, bonus room. Remodeled kitchen and baths. Patio, great yard, must see! Hilltop area. 619-420-7732.

CHULA VISTA. \$575 plus deposit. Large, private studio, near downtown. Includes water, gas, trash. New bath, carpet, stove, refrigerator and microwave. Patio, very private. 619-420-7732.

CITY HEIGHTS. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool/spa setting. Fresh paint. Lots of storage. On-site parking garage, laundry room. \$700. 2412 Fairmount Avenue. 619-269-4807.

CITY HEIGHTS. Move-in special! 1 bedroom 1 bath, gated building, new paint/ carpeting, secure parking. \$325/security, \$650/rent. 4058 51st Street. Se habla Espanol. 619-280-8167.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1695. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on corner lot. New carpet, washer/ dryer included. 2 car garage. Covered patio. Huge yard with additional parking. Agent, 619-234-9553.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$675. 1 bedroom duplex, small, cute, quiet, yard, off-street parking. Near all. No pets. 4037 Menlo Avenue. 619-275-2648.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$535. Studio, utilities included, parking, on-site laundry room. Quiet, charming unit with view of the park. 2501 Tuberosa. 619-280-8681.

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. \$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. 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. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse, large living room, 2-story. Washer/dryer included. Section 8 OK. \$1075. Agent, Chris, 619-668-4494.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath fourplex. Oven/refrigerator. New inside. Section 8 welcome. 619-668-4494.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1350. 3 bedroom house. New paint, fenced yard, new slate floor. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

CITY HEIGHTS. Menlo Village. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Central air/hear, underground parking, bussing, newly remodeled in and out, laundry, gated, walk to shopping. 4222 Menlo. Ray Murphy, 619-563-7845; 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. Senior or disabled complex. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled building and apartments, gated, laundry, parking, bussing, walk to shopping. Contact Ray Murphy, 619-563-7845; 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. Refurbished 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725. \$500 deposit. Laundry, parking, newly remodeled building. 4142 44th Street. 619-243-4000 x0.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$1075. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stackable washer/dryer. Fully equipped kitchens. Vaulted ceilings, select units. Patios/balconies. Assigned covered carport. Lap pool. Jacuzzi. Tennis courts. Fitness center. Cats only! Near beaches/freeways. Canyon Ridge Apartments, 3187 Cowley Way, 619-276-1400. www.sdreader.com/rent/2021.

CLAIREMONT/NORTHWEST. \$1675. Big 3 bedroom, 3 bath house. Washer/dryer. Refrigerator. Fireplace. Huge master bedroom. Closets. Near Genesee/52. 4962 Ensign. No pets. 858-539-0044.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$300 off first month's rent on select units! 1 bed-rooms from \$875-\$1095. Low \$500 deposit! Ocean/bay views. Air conditioning. Ceiling fans. Microwave. Dishwashers. Walk-in closets. 3 pools. Spa. Sauna. New fitness center. Clubhouse. Volleyball. Laundry. Storage. Elevators. Villa Monair, 3730 Southview Drive. 858-272-2070. www.sdreader.com/rent/2056.

CLAIREMONT. \$875 and up. 1 bedrooms. 2 bedrooms, from \$1050 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and homey? Our lovely complex is peaceful and quiet day and night! Walking to all your needs. Patios and courtyard. Garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1028.

CLAIREMONT. Free rent first month! 1 bedroom starting at \$820. 2 bedroom, 1 bath starting at \$970. Courtyard setting. Bay/canyon views. Dishwasher, disposal, microwave, garage available. Gym, pool, recreation room, spa, tennis, playground. Small pets welcome. Harbor Ridge Apartments, 3303 Clairemont Drive #1. 888-400-6315. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1070.

CLAIREMONT. From \$895. 1 bedrooms. From \$1040, 2 bedrooms. First month free! Newly renovated units. Relax and enjoy spectacular canyon/bay view locations. Pets OK. Shared Olympic pool, tennis courts, gym. 5 laundry rooms. Deposits. Coral Bay Apartments. 1-888-500-0471. For photo plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1031.

CLAIREMONT. Furnished studios. From \$350/week. From \$950/month to month. Corporate housing available. Microwave, mini-refrigerator, laundry, heated pool, spa, daily continental breakfast. Great central location. Weekly maid service, includes all utilities, linens. Garden surroundings. Parking. No pets. 5415 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Call toll free, 1-800-562-2217. www.sdreader.com/rent/2035.

CLAIREMONT. \$1795/month. Remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, near everything. Pergo flooring, large walk-in closet, washer/dryer, giant fenced yard, gardener included. 858-361-3284.

CLAIREMONT. Newly renovated duplex. Appliances, dishwasher, washer/dryer hookups, fenced backyard, garage. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$1400. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1000. No pets. Steve, 858-663-4757.

CLAIREMONT. \$1595. Huge 3 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful community. Dishwasher, laundry rooms, large yard, parking and more! 6010 Mt. Aguilar. 858-270-5500.

CLAIREMONT/BAY PARK. \$1335. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Garage, fenced yard, remodeled house, with all appliances, including dishwasher, washer/dryer. No pets. 619-275-3672; 619-275-3073.

CLAIREMONT. \$1410. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 1-car garage. No pets. New carpet/appliances. Quiet, huge fenced yard. 4744 Norwalk Avenue. Agents, 858-453-6115.

CLAIREMONT/BAY PARK. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, spacious units, balcony, pool, laundry, new carpet, new appliances, new countertops, refinished cabinets. 2556 Chicago. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

CLAIREMONT. \$1595. 3 bedroom unfurnished home, on quiet cul-de-sac. Fireplace, large yard with gardener, garage, RV parking. No pets. All Service Property Management. 858-565-6420.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath with view of bay. Pool. Laundry. Off-street parking. Cat OK. 2920 Clairemont Drive. 619-276-5937.

CLAIREMONT. \$800. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment. Vertical blinds. Pool. Balcony. Laundry. Off-street parking. 7322 Mesa College Drive. Available 2/6. 858-279-6299.

CLAIREMONT/BAY HO. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upgraded condo. Custom kitchen and bath. Pool, jacuzzi, carport. No pets. Available March 1. 858-677-0235.

CLAIREMONT. \$2200. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with garage. All new appliances. Pet OK. 5314 Chandler Drive. 619-640-7530.

CLAIREMONT. Foxrun. Spacious trilevel townhouse. 2 master bedrooms. Den. Fireplace. Double garage. Appliances. Pool/spa. No smoking/pets. Near all freeways. \$1625. Lease. Call 858-279-7004.

CLAIREMONT MESA. \$1325. 2 bed, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, dishwasher, laundry hookups. Community pool, parking. 5170 Clairemont Mesa. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Stove. Refrigerator. Fenced yard. No pets. Near all. Available now. \$900. 858-459-6860.

CLAIREMONT NORTHWEST. \$1675. Big 3 bedroom, 3 bath house. Washer/dryer. Refrigerator. Fireplace. Huge master bedroom. Closets. Near Genesee/52. 4962 Ensign. No pets. 858-539-0044.

CLAIREMONT. \$1800. 2-bedroom, 1-bath home available in March. Tastefully upgraded with 2-car garage. Huge yard. All appliances included. Quiet area. Close to all. 4810 Cobb Drive off Genesee Avenue. Orion Property Group, 619-749-6545.

CLAIREMONT. Move-in special! Centrally located. Studios from \$695; 1 bedrooms from \$795. 2 swimming pools, central heating, patios and balconies, laundry facilities. 5 minutes away from 805, 163 and 15 freeways. Cats are welcome. Padre Garden Apartments, 5063 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Call 858-278-5510.

COLLEGE AREA. \$99 deposit upon approved credit! Studios, 1, 2 bedrooms from \$725. Central air conditioning/heat. Patio/balcony. Dishwasher. Cable hookup. Laundry on site. Reserved covered parking. Elevator. Courtyards. 2 pools/saunas. Basketball/tennis courts. New fitness center. Barbecues. Villa Del Sol, 5474 Reservoir Drive. 1-888-862-2284. www.sdreader.com/rent/2048.

COLLEGE AREA. \$995+. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. 2-car parking in garage. Gated. Near golf course/park. Side by side washer/dryer hookups. Dishwasher. Refrigerator. Central air conditioning. Near all. No smoking. 619-285-3822.

COLLEGE AREA. \$805 move-in special! \$200 deposit! Spacious 1 bedroom. Parking. Secured entry. Free business center. Fitness center. Spa. Sauna. Pool. 3 laundry rooms. Air conditioning. Refrigerator. Ceiling fan. Storage. Range. Near buses, stores, restaurants and freeway. Model open! Tuscany Place, 4860 Rolando Court. Cat friendly. Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. 619-286-7080.

COLLEGE AREA. From \$795. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Qualified credit required. Quiet, gated garden community. Includes parking. Intercom entry. Water paid. Pool. 2 laundry rooms. Near college, shopping, restaurants and bus. 6/12-month lease. No pets. Corinthian Apartments, 4981 Catocin Drive. Please call 619-286-0441. www.sdreader.com/rent/2019.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$2195. Extraordinary 4 bedroom, 2 bath house on canyon. 1650 feet. Beautifully remodeled. New hardwood, tile, carpets, paint, appliances. Available 2/28/2003. 619-280-8343.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1400 and up. Huge 3 bedroom apartment, upper corner unit. Appliances, newly refurbished. Laundry facilities. Off street parking. Near all. Available now. 858-455-5956.

COLLEGE AREA/El Cerrito. 2 bedroom, 1 bath plus bonus, garage, appliances, large yard, canyon view, cul-de-sac, gardener paid. Pet? 4312 60th Street. \$1500. 619-286-3257.

COLLEGE AREA. Top floor 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1700. Downstairs, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$700. Light bright, hardwood floors. Plenty of parking. Andrew, 619-501-3760.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1195/deposit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath 2-story townhouse. Large unit. Patio, fireplace, pool, hot tub, dishwasher, laundry. Available now. Alvarado Road. 858-967-4653.

COLLEGE AREA. Large, 4 bedroom, 3 bath house, hardwood floors. Yard. Pets considered. Laundry facilities. 6162 Mary Lane. \$2300/month. 760-603-0057.

COLLEGE AREA. \$895-\$1125. 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartments near campus. Available now! 5865-5869 El Cajon Boulevard. Agent, 619-286-1503. x121.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$800. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Hardwood floors. Gated parking. Water/gardener included. Cat OK. Available 3/2. 4563 Altadena Avenue (rear 4565). 858-272-1050.

COLLEGE AREA. \$725. Small 1 bedroom unit, quiet small complex. New flooring. Private entrance. Quiet pet OK. Side enclosed yard. Ground floor. Available 3/1. 858-922-6313.

COLLEGE AREA. \$995. Large 2 bedroom duplex with garage, laundry. Hardwood floors. Great location, walk everywhere. Really cute! 619-295-6771; 619-889-6771.

COLLEGE AREA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2-car garage. 1740 square feet. Air conditioning, pool, tennis courts. \$1700. Shields Realty, 619-479-3120.

COLLEGE AREA. 1 bedrooms from \$750. Air conditioning, heating, pool. Gated access. Assigned parking. Two laundry rooms. Close to bus, stores, freeway, and more! Aztec Pacific Apartments, 6663 Montezuma Rd. Please call 619-286-2611. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. www.pacificliving.com. Photos and floor plans, visit website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1042.

COLLEGE AREA/LA MESA. \$1550. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath house. Good neighborhood. Hardwood floors, clean, 1 bedroom has private entrance. 619-840-4142; 619-697-0580.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1650. 3 bedroom house. Light and bright. New paint and carpet, fenced yard with view of Chollas Park. Quiet/private. 619-461-2585.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1650. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice well maintained house on quiet, attractive street. 2-car garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator. No pets. Drive by 5704 Adelaide, then call 619-322-5498. Please do not disturb tenants. Available 3/1.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. From \$825. Remodeled large 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large kitchen. New appliances! Ceiling fan. Courtyard. Cable ready. New carpet! Laundry. Gated community. Pool. Controlled access. Cats OK. Pacific Pines Village, 4355 46th Street. 619-282-1191. www.pacificliving.com. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2001.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1950/month. Remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage, cul-de-sac, hardwood floors, central air/hear, fireplace. No pets/smoking. 619-851-7845.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. Awesome 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car garage in great complex. Washer/dryer hookups, huge walk-in closets, fireplace, microwave, dishwasher, large linen cabinets, balcony, backyard area, pool and spa. Cats OK. Just minutes to everything. Special at \$1850. Available now! Talmadge Canyon Park, 619-284-5285.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$850. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Dishwasher, ceiling fan, security gated, quiet, laundry, parking. 4544 Altadena Avenue. 619-265-7886; 619-281-1506.

COLLEGE AREA. \$725, large 1 bedroom apartment. Security gated, quiet, clean. Laundry. Parking. Ceiling fan. New carpet and paint. 4420 Estrella Avenue. 619-253-2290; 619-281-2063.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1400. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. Single-car garage, washer/dryer hook-ups, stove, refrigerator, fireplace. No smoking/pets. 5450 Siesta Drive. 619-516-3689.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath light, bright upgraded home. Oak floors, maple kitchen, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer. New tile baths. Fenced yard. Garage. www.askcherylann.com, 619-276-1950.

COLLEGE AREA. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Nice neighborhood. 1-car garage. Low deposit. Section 8 OK. Available now. \$1295. 619-668-4494.

COLLEGE AREA. \$820. Spacious 1 bedroom. Gated community, air conditioning. Large walk-in closet. Pool. Laundry. Off-street parking. Windsong Apartments, 4601 63rd. 619-229-9248.

COLLEGE. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, beautifully remodeled, all new everything, dining room, air conditioning, laundry, near all. 6735 Amherst Street. 619-698-6911.

COLLEGE. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, dining, hardwood floors, fenced yard, landscaper, pet negotiable. 4778 Aragon Drive. 619-698-6911.

COLLEGE/ROLANDO. \$775-\$950. 1 and 2 bedrooms, currently being renovated. Under new management. Tomic Apartments, 4902-4912 67th Street. Agent, 619-461-1564.

COLLEGE/TALMADGE. Charming 3 bedroom house. Quiet neighborhood, large fenced yard, garage, washer/dryer hookups, hardwood floors. \$1650. 4664 51st. Available. Uptown Property Management, 619-297-7368.

CORONADO. Take a walk on the Boardwalk since home is just a block away at Coronado Apartments. 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath one block from ferry landing, secured parking. 24-hour laundry facility. Call for rates. 619-427-6960.

CORTEZ HILL. \$675. Lovely downtown studio. Close to everything. Utilities included! On-site laundry. Sorry, no pets. 1302 8th Avenue at A Street. 619-233-5330.

CROWN POINT. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath upstairs, garage, fantastic bay view, newer carpet, dishwasher, no pets. 1770 La Playa. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

CROWN POINT. \$950/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Partial utilities included. Close to the bay. Great area. No pets. 4060 Kendall Street #B. Available now. K & R Properties. 858-490-1600.

CROWN POINT. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$895. 2 bedroom, 2 bath starting at \$1185. Call 619-987-5700.

CROWN POINT. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Starting at \$825. Call 619-838-4700.

CROWN POINT/PACIFIC BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage available. 2 blocks to bay. Parking. Coin laundry. 4077 Lamont. Move in bonus! 858-488-1263. pbpapa@hotmail.com.

DEL CERRO. \$1095. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Pool. Near shops and freeway. 5757 College Avenue. 619-286-1777.

DEL CERRO. \$1450. Plush, fully remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 full bath condo near SDSU. 2 patios, washer/dryer, refrigerator. 7380 Park Ridge Boulevard #D. Colin. 619-954-9566.

DEL MAR. \$1850. Beautiful Triple Crown upstairs corner unit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large balconies, fireplace, attached garage, pool, spa. Available now. 858-350-6360.

DEL MAR. \$1800. Beautiful, bright, quiet 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-story townhouse, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator, neutral colors. Pool, spa, tennis. 858-232-5788.

DEL MAR. \$2850. 5 bedroom, 2 bath, house. 180 degree ocean view. 3 car garage. New carpet. Gardener included. Call for information, agent, 858-597-6100 x322.

DEL MAR. \$1100. Studio in duplex (downstairs rear). Quiet, clean, laundry, tiled, yard, 2 blocks from beach. Available 3/1. No pets/smoking. 346 9th. 626-483-8552.

DEL MAR. \$1600. Secluded upper triplex. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1 car. No pets. 900 square feet. 1191-B Solana Drive. Available 3/1. Agent, 858-755-1139; www.scuba-rentals.com.

DEL MAR. \$1600. Deluxe loft in triplex. 1 bath. 2 car. No pets. 1000 square feet. View. 1191-C Solana Drive. Available 3/1. Agent, 858-755-1139; www.scuba-rentals.com.

DEL MAR. \$2000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Tennis and pool. Balcony. Fireplace. Washer/dryer in unit. Parking. 246 Dolphin Cove Court. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

DEL MAR. \$2150. Lease. Ocean view, treehouse, 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, fireplace, steps to village/beach. Pool, tennis. 858-756-1053.

DEL MAR. \$1300-\$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. One block to beach at 4th Street. Laundry, parking, pool, well maintained. 425 Stratford Court. Call Manager, 858-793-5651.

DEL MAR. \$1800-February discount! 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Tiled kitchen and bath, maple floors, washer/dryer, dishwasher, side-by-side refrigerator, pool/spa. 858-481-4345.

DEL MAR. Guest house/studio in quiet, beautiful setting. Partial kitchen. Nonsmoking. Available March 1. \$1350/month including utilities. Call Michael, 1pm-8pm, 858-793-8410.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Fireplace, pool, spa, new washer/dryer, new carpet, dishwasher, 2-car garage. No smoking. 858-245-5717.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. A passion for living... 1, 2, 3 bedrooms from \$1199 with carport. Designer wood in entry ways, kitchen. 9' ceilings, crown molding. Wood burning fireplaces. Full size washer and dryer. Garages with extra storage in select units. Carmel Point, 3834 Elijah Court. 858-481-6512. www.sdreader.com/rent/1096.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. From \$1250. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Most with ocean views; short/long term. Some pets OK. 13754 Mango Drive #129. 390 Stratford Court #6. 615 Stratford Court #4, #15. 519 Stratford Court #A. 327 10th Street. 667-A Hoska Drive. Free rental/buying information by e-mail. Pictures at www.sandiegorealtor.com. Prudential California Realty. Kevin Burke, 858-755-8580, x1.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Call for details. Pricing starting at \$1129 for immediate move-in. Studios, lofts, 1 and 2 bedrooms. Dishwasher. Patio/balcony. Pool. Jacuzzi. Fitness center. Laundry. Garages available. Blocks to beach. Near freeway, transportation. Cat OK. Esprit Del Sol, 873 Stevens Avenue. Please call, 858-481-1155. www.sdreader.com/rent/1038.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Coastal living! Live west of I-5 from as low as \$1145. Spacious 1, 2 or 3 bedroom floor plans. Swimming pool, tennis court and fitness center. Close to beaches, entertainment and shopping. Small pets welcome! Solana Highlands, 701 South Nardo. www.hgfenton.com, 1-877-443-4030. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1057.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath stand alone, with spectacular whitewater ocean view, carport, large view deck, close to beach. Appliances. No pets. \$1900 lease. 626-447-6371.

DOWNTOWN MARINA. \$1850. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath, patio, quiet, security building, appliances, water, gas, cable, parking included. Well maintained complex, pool, spa, gym. 619-294-8094.

DOWNTOWN, TREO. \$1750. New condo. 1 bedroom plus den. Fireplace, ninth floor, city views, pool, gym, underground parking, appliances. Available now. wings4mary@aol.com, 505-670-1510.

DOWNTOWN, NORTH. \$850. Downstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Large private fenced patio/yard area. Coin laundry. Entry intercom. Parking. 215 West Grape. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

DOWNTOWN, EAST. \$600, \$600 deposit. Sunny, 1 bedroom apartment. Upstairs, small pet ok. 544 25th Street. 619-295-1643.

DOWNTOWN, SOUTH HARBOR. \$695. Newly remodeled, studio sized 1 bedroom in Victorian building, 10' ceilings, berber carpet, secured building/parking. 2026 Kearney Avenue. For appointment, 619-549-9355.

DOWNTOWN. 7th and C. Work/live. Trolley Lofts. Oak floors, heating, air conditioning, laundry room, underground parking available. Low turnover allows us to keep rents low. Sunny. 619-702-7222.

DOWNTOWN. Little Italy. New lofts available. 2 story spaces. European kitchens, some with wood floors or polished concrete. Washers/dryers included. Pet friendly. \$1000-\$2000. Call Trey for an appointment at 619-233-4118, or visit us at www.sdllofts.com. For other availability

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DOWNTOWN. Park Row condo. Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath, large patio, pool, clubhouse, secure complex and parking. Pet possible. \$1550 plus security. 619-233-3702 or 760-434-9080.

DOWNTOWN. \$550-\$750. Studio and 1 bedroom on El Cortez Hill. Furnished. Utilities included. 1541 8th Avenue. No pets. Call resident manager, 619-233-4821.

DOWNTOWN. \$350. In the heart of the Gaslamp, single rooms with shared bathroom and kitchen. No smoking/pets. Includes utilities and cable TV. 843 4th Avenue, Windsor Hotel. 619-234-4165.

DOWNTOWN. Studio with kitchenette and full bathroom, no smoking or pets. \$600-\$800/month, includes utilities. 728 Market Street at 7th. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639.

DOWNTOWN. \$1550. Brand new, sixth floor, east view with balcony, large 1 bedroom with appliances, including refrigerator, washer/dryer, fireplace, lots of closet space. Security building. Pool, spa, underground parking. 858-780-1214.

DOWNTOWN. \$2200. Brand new unit, Treo and Kettner. Ocean/bay view, city lights, sunsets. Washer/dryer, pool, spa. No pets/smoking. Available now. 858-864-3517; 858-347-2027.

DOWNTOWN. \$1250. Loft available in beautiful historic building, part of the Gaslamp. 800 square feet, full kitchen full bath. Small pets OK. 619-544-4488.

DOWNTOWN. \$2750. Breathtaking bay all glass views. Luxury high-rise 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New kitchen, marble, wood floors, gym, jacuzzi. Doorman, parking. Furniture available. 619-297-7644.

DOWNTOWN. Residential. Single rooms from \$140/week plus deposit. Clean, quiet, secure, kitchenettes, shared bath. Near City College. Utilities/cable paid. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.hotelmed-sd.com

DOWNTOWN. \$1395. Park Row, 1 bedroom plus large loft, 1100 square feet, great complex, top floor, large patio, quiet location. 619-542-2418.

DOWNTOWN. \$2000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Incredible views. 2 balconies. 2-secured parking. Washer/dryer. All amenities, central heat and air. Gym, pool, spa, sauna, steam room. Walk to Gaslamp. E-mail KXPR@pacbell.net, roomster@cox.net. 858-583-9476.

DOWNTOWN. Live/work lofts. 744 G Street at 8th Avenue, near Gaslamp. Beautiful courtyard, no smoking or pets. From \$950. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639.

DOWNTOWN. Huge loft in big, old warehouse, high ceilings, windows. 1061 J Street. \$1800/month. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639.

DOWNTOWN. New studios \$450 plus, 1 bedroom apartments from \$550-\$750. 2 bedrooms, \$895-\$1250. 3 bedrooms, \$1250-\$1650. Pets OK, Section 8. Quiet neighborhood. Fee. www.rentwave.com. 1-888-575-3179.

DOWNTOWN. \$1000. Sunny 1 bedroom available for March, great area. Dog

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DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Porto Siena luxury condo, top floor, views, upgraded, large master bedroom plus den. 1-1/2 bathrooms, all appliances, security, parking. \$1700/month. 619-296-8555.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, air conditioning, dishwasher, first floor, assigned parking. Gated complex. Downtown views. 1233 22nd Street. Rochelle. 858-490-6543.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. Studios and 1 bedrooms. Move-in specials! From \$750-\$850. Available in February. Controlled access building. Cats OK. Laundry facilities. Most utilities paid. Apartments include ceiling fan, gas stove, microwave and refrigerator. Walk to City College, Gaslamp District. Call 619-235-9018 for more information, or view online at www.pacificliving.com.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$850. Unique loft in historic building, approximately 612 square feet with 15' ceilings, central heat/air, dishwasher, on-site laundry, elevators, roof-top deck. Underground parking available. Sorry, no dogs. 619-239-3999.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$950 up. Large 1-bedroom apartment with office space, hardwood floors, 12-foot ceilings, decorator colors, remodeled kitchen. Historical building. Off-street parking available. View of Downtown. Cat OK. 619-231-8723.

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DOWNTOWN/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. From \$625. Quiet studio and 1 bedroom, newly remodeled, gated entry. Some with view. 470 20th Street. 858-344-8922.

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DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. Seeking long-term residents. Studio for \$795, 1 bedroom \$995. 1 downstairs cozy. 1 upstairs bright. New carpet/fresh paint. Between Balboa Park and Downtown. 619-277-4934.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$925. 1 bedroom apartment. Utilities included. Laundry on site. Pets welcome. Parking available. 1616 9th Avenue. Available 3/8. 619-237-7611.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet, \$115/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Safe and secure. 619-235-6820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Market Street. \$1400. Need to break my lease. \$1000 off first month's rent. Secure parking. New studio loft, bright, incredible view. 858-353-1593.

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DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. From \$635. Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrigerator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Residential hotel with laundry. Near trolley/bus lines, blocks from harbor. On-site manager. Villa Caterina, 1654 Columbia Street. 619-232-3400.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 600-700 square foot luxury lofts with city/bay views, concrete floors, washer/dryer. \$1250-\$1650. Also, \$1095 and \$1500, studio. www.sdurbanliving.com. Call 619-255-0526.

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DOWNTOWN/MARINA DISTRICT. Up to 1 month free! From \$1405. New 1 bedroom apartments, 2, 3 bedroom townhomes, premier lofts. Gated garage parking. Rooftop sun, barbecue deck. Business, computer center. Exercise facility. Tile floors. Washer/dryer. Granite countertops. Berber carpet. High speed Internet. 101 Market Street, 1-888-204-4310. www.sdreader.com/rent/2026.

EAST SAN DIEGO. \$695. 1 bedroom. Newly remodeled end unit. On-site laundry, parking. 4179-1/2 Central Avenue. See Bill at 4173. 619-284-0611.

EAST SAN DIEGO. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. New paint, stove, refrigerator. No pets. Near tennis court. 4538 Norwood. Contact manager, 619-284-6108.

EAST SAN DIEGO/CITY HEIGHTS. \$625. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Patio, stove, refrigerator, carpet, blinds. 650 square feet. Gated entry. 1 assigned parking. Laundry on site. No pets. Available now. 4336 Estrella. Agent, 619-298-7724.

EAST SAN DIEGO. \$895. Deposit \$600, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, laundry on-site, off-street parking, stove, refrigerator. No pets. 3814 Marlborough #5. 619-666-5294.

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Ceiling fan, microwave, dishwasher, vertical blinds. Barbecue area. Carport available. 275 Ballantyne. Manager, 619-442-5618; owner, 619-448-9062.

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EL CAJON. \$800. Large deluxe, 2 bedroom. Amenities, pool, park like ground. Parking. 743 South Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon. Near town, shops and bus. 619-579-0174.

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EL CAJON. Small complex. Quiet living. Studio, \$600. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$675. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$795. www.thejohncollinscompany.com. Please call 619-850-9722.

EL CAJON. Quiet community with a sparkling pool. Gas cooking and heat. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, starting at \$800. No pets. www.thejohncollinscompany.com. Please call 619-990-5900.

EL CAJON. \$775. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet and vinyl, walk-in closet. Large yard, pool, off-street parking. 619-447-1880.

EL CAJON. \$695-\$725. \$100 off move-in special! Clean 1-bedroom apartments located in gated community with on-site laundry, air conditioning, off-street parking and pool. 452 and 506 Emerald Avenue. Agent, 619-579-0413.

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EL CAJON. \$845. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet. Gas stove, refrigerator included. 463 North First Street. www.sunriseliving.com, call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

EL CAJON. \$625/\$725. 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Laundry on site. Pool, recreation room, off-street parking, air conditioning. 619-442-9919.

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EL CAJON. \$1395. 3 bedroom with pool. Dining room, patio, gardener paid. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

EL CAJON. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2-story condominium, balcony, fireplace, garage, laundry. Pool, spa, fenced yard. 728 N. Mollison. 619-698-6911.

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ENCINITAS. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet, clean complex. Dishwasher, berber carpet, on-site laundry, garage. Close to shopping and YMCA. 185 Saxony Road. 760-613-1350.

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ENCINITAS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1235. Balcony, vaulted ceilings, skylights. Bright and airy. Garden setting. 1-1/2 blocks to beach. Close and easy access to shopping, freeway, Coaster. No pets. 1237 North Vulcan. 760-929-1950.

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ENCINITAS. \$1200. Condo. Senior housing. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1-car. No pets/smoking. 936 square feet. 366 Orwell Lane. Available now. Agent, 858-755-1139; www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. \$2200. House. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car. No pets. Yard with gazebo. 1700 square feet. 401 Pescado Place. Available soon. Agent, 858-755-1139; www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 1900 square feet, 2-car garage, family room with fireplace. Master bedroom with large walkin, 2 patios. 2419 Summerhill Drive. 858-481-9418.

ENCINITAS. \$1800. 3/4 bedroom, 2 bath duplex (with optional studio with bath, \$2300), newly remodeled, washer/dryer hookups, large yard, year lease. Nonsmoking. 760-943-1406; 760-815-1407.

ENCINITAS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, secluded hideaway, spa, garden area, large home office. \$2200, includes all utilities, gardener and spa maintenance. Available 3/1. 760-809-2471.

ENCINITAS. \$1485. Double master bedrooms, 2 bath condo. Walk-in closets, fireplace, indoor laundry, air, garage. 1 mile to beach. New paint and carpet. 760-451-1650.

ENCINITAS. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath near Moonlight Beach. Duplex style. Laundry. 205 Third. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

ENCINITAS. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Ocean view. Enclosed porch. Big kitchen. Good storage in laundry room. Off-street parking. Yard. Gardener. 760-944-3515.

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FASHION VALLEY. City Scene condo. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, dishwasher, balcony with canyon view, gym, pool, jacuzzi, garage. \$1750 plus de-

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FASHION VALLEY. \$825 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom apartment. No pets. At 1330 Eureka Street #38. 619-298-5820.

FASHION VALLEY. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large unit in great condo. Hotel Circle. 619-542-2418.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$850. Dogs welcome! 1 bedroom. remodeled, tile, carpet, appliances, ceiling fan, and more. Private patio, reserved parking, dog run. Laundry. Close to downtown and major freeways. Available March. 1005 33rd Street. 619-275-5757.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. New carpet, new tiled kitchen and bath. Lots of sunlight. Remodeled kitchen and bath. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$650. Upstairs, classic studio in restored Victorian building. Hardwood floors. Newly tiled in kitchen and bath. Clawfoot tub. Lots of windows. Cable included. No pets. 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1695. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Huge dining and living. Washer/dryer, large rear yard, security system. Cat OK. 1145 22nd Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom studio. \$600/\$500 deposit. Old Victorian. Some view. Ground. Two rooms, closet, shower. Water/gas paid. No pets. Credit check. Nonsmoker. 619-696-8030.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$1200. Unique 2-story 2 bedroom, 2 bath house on shared canyon lot. View, deck. 619-236-0008.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1495. Fabulous Victorian. Huge, bright 3 bedroom house. 1800 square feet. Fireplace, sun room, backyard, large kitchen, laundry, 2 porches, built-ins. 619-291-7433.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom house. Ceramic tile throughout, updated kitchen and bath, fenced yard, garage. Dog OK. \$950. Sandra D. Simpson. 619-231-6960.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$1500. Completely refurbished 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath duplex, solar water, washer/dryer. 1347 Grove Street. 619-249-7304.

site laundry. 2631 A Street. www.sunriseliving.com, call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

GOLDEN HILL. \$895. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath casita. new kitchen, wood floors. Laundry on site. Nice neighborhood. Available March 1. No pets. 619-857-3706.

GOLDEN HILL. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1 bath garden courtyard apartment. Freshly painted, newer appliances, cabinets, fixtures. Carpet cleaned, move-in ready! \$950/month. Call for more information/apointment. Agent, 619-233-3910.

GOLDEN HILL. \$799. Totally renovated 1 bedroom Spanish house. Yard. Gleaming oak floors. New tile bath with pedestal sink. 2659 B Street (rear). Agent, 619-236-1186.

GOLDEN HILL. 2 bedroom for \$875 and 4 bedroom for \$1295. Gated complex. Quiet neighborhood. On-site laundry. Underground parking. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. For appointment, 619-291-5555. www.utopiamanagement.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1125. Spanish charm. Upstairs 2 bedroom plus den. Interior wood staircase. High coved ceilings. Oak floors. New Berber carpeting/paint. Security gates. Laundry. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. 1 bedroom. Gated complex on quiet cul-de-sac. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, balcony, underground parking, laundry, some units with view. No pets. 619-235-0563.

GOLDEN HILL. \$700, \$850, \$1150. Studios, 1 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms. Completely renovated in and out. New kitchens, bathrooms, appliances. Air conditioning, ceiling fans, dishwashers. Laundry on site, gated property, off-street parking. Storage (cheap) available nearby. Pets. 2874 B Street. 858-453-4510.

HILLCREST \$1025. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, cottage in beautiful garden setting. Hardwood floors, new appliances/paint, on-site laundry. No smoking. Cat negotiable. Available now. 1734-1/2 Upas. 619-742-0488.

HILLCREST, \$860, 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment situated in clean, gated complex. Laundry room onsite. Walk to San Diego Zoo and Balboa Park. 3634 Park Blvd, #3640-1/2. Agent, 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST. From \$795. Studios apartment homes in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated to capture your distinguished taste and style. Controlled access buildings. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated, efficient management team. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Nightingale apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. \$1500. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-car garage, fireplace, washer/dryer, lots of storage. Bright and sunny. Recent construction. Very private. Quiet neighborhood, 2 blocks north of Mercy Hospital. 4209 Fifth Avenue. Stephanie, 619-234-9882.

HILLCREST. \$750-\$850. 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. University Heights. Fireplace. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Security gate. Newly refurbished. No pets. 4224 Florida. www.palmtreerealty.net. 619-276-7835.

HILLCREST. \$1400. Extra large, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Quiet street. Hardwood floors. Remodeled kitchen with dishwasher. Large yard. On-site laundry. 619-280-2658.

HILLCREST. \$775. Studio apartment. Quiet, charming building. No dogs. Large closet. Laundry. Gated building. Newer carpet/paint. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com Tom/Mark, 619-232-1665.

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. \$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. \$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. \$895. 1 bedroom in gorgeous 1920's community! Hardwood floors, custom paint and curtains, laun-

dry, 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. \$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. \$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. \$1100 rent. \$500 Deposit. 2 bedroom apartment with balcony. No pets. At 4030 Front Street #12. Agent, 619-299-8515.

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. \$1495. With garage, fireplace, redwood deck patio, and sun porch. On best street in Hillcrest. Drive by 1237 Pennsylvania Avenue (in rear). Cal 619-447-6556.

HILLCREST. \$1950. 1200-square-foot house. Completely remodeled. "Loft like" interior, vaulted ceiling, skylights, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, fireplace, garage, garden setting. Close to all. 1264 Pennsylvania. 619-291-1017.

HILLCREST. \$1150. Spacious, quiet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, tiled kitchen, appliances, garage. Nonsmoking. Available 3/7. 4048 Alabama. Manager, 619-269-5237.

HILLCREST. \$1045. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, gated, unfurnished apartment, upstairs, stove, refrigerator, laundry facilities. Close to Uptown shopping district. No pets. 619-296-9393.

HILLCREST. \$750. Completely renovated, upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in gated courtyard. Off street parking. Laundry. No pets. Nonsmoking. Close to transportation. 4011 Florida. Agent, 619-685-3960.

HILLCREST. Studio. Murphy bed, stackable washer/dryer hookups, balcony, freshly painted, spa, weight room. 619-296-2787.

HILLCREST. \$825. Lovely studio, private terrace with bay view. Hardwood floors. Immaculate. Quiet, gated, garden complex. 2920 First Avenue. 619-861-0789.

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. \$1325. 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 \$875, studios \$675/\$700 at historic Casa Grande, 1751 University Avenue, available March. Charming studios and 1 bedroom with hardwood floors, canyon view, in Banker's Hill, 3102 First Avenue, \$725/\$850, available after 3/7/2003. 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. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2nd floor, Victorian home. Balcony, hardwood floors. Very unique. 3730 8th, walk everywhere. Drive by and call, 619-295-6771; 619-889-6771.

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. \$790. 1 bedroom. Near park. New carpet/paint. Refrigerator, stove, garbage disposal, coin laundry, off-street parking. No pets. 4659 North Avenue. 619-222-9463. www.pointproperties.com.

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. \$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. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Large private patio and balcony. 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. \$875. 1 bedroom apartment. New carpet and paint. Air conditioning. Skylight. Balcony. Gated parking. 3672 Georgia Street. Available 3/17. Call Jeff after 10am for appointment, 619-542-0708.

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. \$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. \$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. Robinson Avenue. \$775. Comfortable intercom-gated 1 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath apartment. Redecorated. Always maintained in top shape. Microwave, ceiling fan. Assigned parking. Discount cable. Easy move-in. No pets. 619-296-7255.

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. \$745. Newly remodeled studio, upstairs corner unit. \$200 off first month's rent! Landlord pays gas, water, trash. Hardwood floors, tile, new appliances, laundry. Cat OK. Nonsmoking. 4170 Park Boulevard #9. 619-741-7011.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, central air, all appliances, fireplace, patio, alarm, intercom entry, gated complex. No security deposit. \$1300. 619-405-8517.

HILLCREST. \$800. Detached studio cottage in backyard. Clean, quiet, quaint. Walk to Hillcrest/Balboa Park. Pets considered. Nonsmoking. 3714-1/2 8th. http://www.liveinhillcrest.com. 619-295-0469.

HILLCREST. \$1075. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new ceramic tile and berber carpet flooring. Designer renovated unit, bright, gated bamboo courtyard. 619-325-3700.

HILLCREST. \$825. 1 bedroom apartment. Washer/dryer hookup. 1 cat. 3832 Albacross. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

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. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den townhouse. Gleaming hardwood floors, washer/dryer, assigned parking. 619-296-2787.

HILLCREST. \$895. 1 bedroom apartment. Available immediately. Hardwood floors, tile, gas range, microwave, fans. Assigned parking. Quiet. Convenient location. Cat OK. 3680 Park Boulevard. 619-291-5660.

HILLCREST. \$625. Studio available. Best location. Hardwood floors, laundry, free utilities, parking. Charge. 858-279-9774.

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. \$1295. Move-in special! \$200 off first month's rent. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Dishwasher, microwave, washer/dryer. Gated community with off-street parking. Balcony. 4119 Front Street. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom. Recently remodeled. Hardwood floors. Ceramic kitchen and bath. Garage with opener. Walk-in closet. Laundry. 2 blocks to zoo. \$1195. 619-260-0824.

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 #4. 619-741-7011.

HILLCREST. \$850. 1 bedroom apartment in the heart of Hillcrest. Hardwood floors, cozy, charming. 619-295-1254.

HILLCREST. Lovely 2 bedroom cottage. \$1100. Hardwood floors, breakfast nook, laundry facilities, street parking. No pets. 1821 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

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. 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/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS cottage. \$925. Stunning one bedroom, Spanish Revival cottage with hardwood floors, fireplace dining room and large kitchen. This is the deluxe cottage in our beautifully landscaped, 1920s bungalow court. A garage is available with this rental for an additional charge. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/MORLEY FIELD. \$1695. Beautiful three bedroom, one bath home. Hardwood floors, fireplace, full dining room, built-in cabinets, spacious bathroom and a garage. A dog with references will be welcomed. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$850 rent. \$500 Deposit. 1 bedroom apartment. Parking, laundry room. No pets. At 4030 Front Street #9. Agent, 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. 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. 3290 Sixth Avenue. \$1575. 619-744-4008.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$1750. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Very private. Garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, air conditioning, sun deck, yard. Near everything. Cat welcome. 619-296-4565.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Den. Garage. Patio. Lots of windows. No dogs. Available now. Open house, Sunday 10am-12:30pm. 3125 First Avenue. 858-484-2763.

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/MISSION HILLS. \$675. Large studio. Upstairs. Lots of light. Large windows. Full kitchen and huge bath. Charming. Available 2/20. 3970 Goldfinch. Cal 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/BALBOA PARK. \$725/month. Studio unit with patio in clean,

quiet, secure building. No pets. Must see! Great location. Call Al, 619-251-8050.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 2 bedroom special, \$1200/up. 1/2 off deposit. Great location. Elevator. Pool. Laundry room. Other amenities and off-street parking. No pets. 619-295-9673.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$795. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment. Redecorated! Parking, laundry, 3 blocks to beach. 243 Ebony Avenue. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

IMPERIAL BEACH, \$950/\$975. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, gated, laundry hook ups, garage, parking, laundry. Separate garage, \$50. 619-575-1146; 619-602-7936.

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.

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. \$900. 2 bedroom house. New paint, fenced yard, carpet. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

KEARNY MESA. \$1250. 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,PARK. \$1375/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. \$1200. Newer, townhouse, 2 master bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath. 1-car garage. Washer/dryer hookups. Available 3/120. 4064-A Monroe Avenue. Central location. No dogs. 619-286-3939.

KENSINGTON. \$1175. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner suite, view, skylight, all amenities. Security building. Garage available. No pets. Call 858-456-2098.

KENSINGTON. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, garden settings, yard, laundry. No pets. 5108 Marlborough Drive. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

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. \$1450 spacious 2 bedroom duplex. Beautiful hardwood floors, garage, gardener included! No pets or smoking. 4734 Biona Drive. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

KENSINGTON, \$685. Adorable attic studio. Quiet 5-unit complex. On-site laundry. Pets welcome, 1-year lease preferred. 4423 Marlborough Avenue, #A. www.coastpm.com. 619-417-5400.

LA COSTA/ENCINITAS. \$1425. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Private garage. Pool/spa/gym/tennis. Private courtyard with barbecue. Small pet OK. 760-633-1679.

LA JOLLA \$1900. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse. Fireplace, deck, 2-car garage, pool, hardwood floors, washer/dryer. 8316 Via Sonoma Drive #123, near I-5/I-52. 619-823-6751 or 858-587-6751.

LA JOLLA home. \$2150/month. 2 bedrooms, 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. \$2200. 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 loft/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/stove). Very rustic, very small, \$800/month, first and last, includes utilities. Furnished/unfurnished. Quiet pet OK. 858-459-7916.

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. \$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. 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. \$1795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Garage, new carpet, new appliances, washer/dryer, gardener. Close to town. 858-349-8125; 858-459-6640.

LA JOLLA. \$1900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, 2 blocks to beach. Remax Associates, 858-454-6110.

LA JOLLA. \$1150-\$1195. Large 1 bedroom. 1/2 block to Windansea beach! Newly remodeled! 363 Playa del Sur. 858-270-5500.

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. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 1 block to beach, street parking. No pets or smoking. 1-year lease. \$2375. 858-454-3140.

LA JOLLA. South Pointe townhouse, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Single-level, 2-car attached, furnished, washer/dryer. Pet OK, fenced patio. \$1850. Mike Stalsby, Klatt Realty, 858-456-0407.

LA JOLLA. \$1650. Charming, private 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Near beach. Private parking, patio, washer/dryer. 858-459-4946 or 858-784-3016.

LA JOLLA. \$1150. 1 bedroom. Verticals, fixtures. Pool. Steps to beach. Laundry. Security parking. No pets. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. Available 3/6. 858-756-9941 or 858-456-1432.

LA JOLLA. \$2990. Gorgeous ocean views, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Security building. 1 block from ocean. \$3500 security deposit. 619-200-0300, 858-459-7598.

LA JOLLA. \$1575. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath, in quiet 5-unit property; stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave; private balcony; garage plus open space; coin laundry; close to Windansea beach. 6237 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-270-2071, Del Sol Property Management. www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA. \$900. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, microwave. Nice shared courtyard with gated entry. 415 Colima. 858-270-2071, Del Sol Property Management. www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA. \$150 off per month with 6 month lease! \$1300. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large private balcony. Garden window. Walk to UCSD, shops and park. Fun, cosmopolitan location. No pets. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive. Ask manager for details, 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. \$500 move-in special! \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Apartments in the village. New carpet. Intercom entry. Fireplace. Microwave. Dishwasher. Laundry. Verticals. Underground parking. No pets. 7575 Eads Avenue. 858-459-11

LA JOLLA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Cat OK, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, microwave. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$2650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house plus den, great kitchen, appliances, fireplace, big rooms, 1 level, 2 car, pool, tennis, cable included. 858-336-8333.

LA JOLLA. Half-block to ocean! Studio, 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$999. With ad-qualified applicants \$200 off. Available February 26. 365 Bonair. 858-536-1900.

LA JOLLA. \$3200. Steps to Windansea Beach. Fantastic ocean view. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage, balconies. Available 3/15. Helen, 858-459-8857.

LA JOLLA. \$1700. Prefer quiet, privacy, great location to live? You will like this La Jolla townhouse! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-car garage. Swimming pool, spa, tennis court, washer/dryer in unit, kitchen appliances, fireplace. Close to everything, near UCSD. 50% off first month. Cats OK. Call 800-669-6890 mailbox 9172# or 678-938-2678.

LA JOLLA. \$1650. 3 bedrooms. End-unit townhome. Living and dining room. Fire-place. Private patio. Community amenities include pool, spa. Priced nice! Hurry! Parking. Charge. 858-279-9774.

LA JOLLA. \$830-\$900. Studios and 1 bedrooms. These are luxury units with a stunning view. A must see, new carpet, laundry on premises. Parking. Charge. 858-279-9774.

LA JOLLA. Sunny 2 bedroom upstairs apartment. Walking distance from UCSD, shops, restaurants. Pool, jacuzzi, garage, new carpet, washer/dryer. No pets. \$1300. Available 3/1. 858-535-9677.

LA JOLLA. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, cottage style apartment above attached 1 car garage. Washer/dryer hookups, hard-wood floors. No pets. Open house Satur-day 2/22, 1-2pm. 640 Westbourne. (be-hind 636 Westbourne) Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. Large, 720 square feet, 1 bed-room, 1 bath, near UCSD. Need to move. \$1045/month, save \$100/month. I moved in on a special. 858-622-1602.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 blocks to beach. Quaint complex. Lau-n-dry, parking. 525 Marine Street. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. Condo. \$1600/month. 2 bed-room, 2 bath. Security gates and parking. Air conditioners. Over 1400 square feet. CB Property Management, 858-488-2228.

LA JOLLA. From \$900. Large studios in the Village! Unfurnished and furnished. Pool, laundry. Walk to Cove and business district. No pets. 858-459-8254.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse style. 2-car garage. Patio, washer/dryer, new appliances. \$1575. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

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NORTH PARK. \$775. 3919 Mississippi Street #1. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in a small, secured complex. Laundry on site, garage included. No pets. Available approximately 3/7/03. K & R Properties. 858-490-1600.

NORTH PARK. \$695 with rental incentives, 1 bedroom apartments in locked, gated courtyard. Near transportation, on-site laundry. Garage available on select property. \$1050 with rental incentives, 2 bedroom, 1.25 bath, newly remodeled, 1250+ square feet, in locked gated courtyard, dishwasher, washer/dryer hookup, new appliances, on-site laundry. Garage additional. Application fee waived. 619-291-2152.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$775. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice gated complex, intercom, pool, laundry facilities. No pets. Near all. Available now. 3722 Alabama. 619-299-1699.

NORTH PARK: Melrose Place Drama Optional! \$895. Beautiful remodeled 1 bedroom house with private 6 foot high fenced yard. Interior has slate, and hardwood flooring. Gardener, laundry, optional garage, pets upon approval! Hurry will rent fast! 4345 Illinois Street. 619-726-6305.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Nice, large, upper/lower 1 bedrooms. Laundry room. Near bus/market. No pets please. 4342 Idaho. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse, small gated complex, New carpet. Pet OK. 4371 Arizona Street #2. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath Spanish-style house, garage. Off-street gated parking. Laundry room, fenced yard. Pet negotiable. 3572 Nile. Frank, 619-203-1382.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit, lots of windows, lots of cupboards and closets. No dogs. Assigned parking. On-site laundry. www.flotit.com. Call Patty, 619-280-5461.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. On-site parking and laundry. Available now. 4553 Texas Street #8. Agent, 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1075. 1/2 mile to Morley Field. Upstairs, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apart-

ment. Completely remodeled. New appliances. Vaulted ceilings, fireplace, off-street parking. Secured complex. Pedro, 619-865-3992.

NORTH PARK. \$945. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with garage and 1 space. Fireplace. Walk-in closet in master. Laundry. No pets. 4034 Florida Street. Agent, 858-488-9125.

NORTH PARK. \$890 1 bedroom garden level apartment. Pool, sauna, laundry room, off-street parking. Available now. 619-543-0730.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, \$890. Second floor. Pool, sauna, off-street parking, laundry room. Available March 1. Call 619-543-0730.

NORTH PARK. Awesome and modern 1 and 2 bedrooms! \$200 off select picks! No Section 8. Hurry! Call 858-536-1900.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Courtyard community. Fresh paint, like new carpet. Ceramic tile. Laundry on site. 4450 Boundary Street. Please call 619-660-8777.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment. Lots of light. Like new carpet. Fresh paint. New vinyl, new blinds. Microwave. Cool older building with laundry on site. If you want something in North Park that's a little different, come by. No dogs. Available now. 4508 Illinois Street. 619-563-1215.

NORTH PARK. \$695. Great 1 bedroom apartment. Dishwasher, laundry, parking. 4169 Alabama. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$925. Charming 1 bedroom in 4-plex. Near Morley field. 2636 Myrtle. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom apartment. Completely refurbished including ceramic tile floors, ceiling fans, mirrored closet doors, new appliances. On-site laundry. Close to Morley Field. 3740 Pershing Ave. Agent, 619-725-3648; 619-846-6615.

NORTH PARK. \$855. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Air conditioning. Off-street parking. Clean. Laundry on site. Available now. No pets/smoking. 4459 Arizona Street. 619-282-4054.

NORTH PARK. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, washer and dryer, totally remodeled with stainless steel appliances, new carpet, paint and more. 619-296-2787.

NORTH PARK. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Balcony. Washer/dryer available. \$975. 3662 32nd Street. 858-467-1776.

NORTH PARK. \$795-\$825. large 1 bedrooms available now, ask about incentives. \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Available now. Pool. Parking. Controlled-access building. Clean and quiet. Dishwasher. Ceiling fan. Laundry rooms. Centrally located. Small pets OK. Good credit required! 4133 Kansas Street. Viewing by appointment only. Call between 8am-6pm, 619-640-0112.

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NORTH PARK. \$650-\$850. 1 and 2 bedrooms, centrally located on large lots. These cottage-style units offer comfort and privacy. Parking. Charge. 858-279-9774.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Clean 1-bedroom apartment located in gated community with new carpet and paint, on-site laundry and off-street parking. 4371 Swift Avenue. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$1250-\$1995. Charming 3-bedroom, 2-bath house and 2-bedroom, 2-bath apartment. 3666-3668 Louisiana Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$815. Deposit \$400. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, underground parking. 3928 Illinois Street. 619-843-0796.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Deposit \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, stove, refrigerator. No pets. 4036 Oregon Street. Call 619-298-4036.

NORTH PARK. \$925. Deposit \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in condo building with refrigerator, dishwasher, patio, underground parking. 4155 Georgia. 619-297-7662.

NORTH PARK. \$740. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with dishwasher, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Walk to Balboa Park. Call 760-439-1163.

NORTH PARK. \$825. Deposit \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, patio, off-street parking, on-site laundry. 4550 Louisiana #4. 619-291-2505.

NORTH PARK. \$975. Deposit \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with stove, refrigerator, garage and patio. 2933 Polk Avenue. Please call 619-843-7827.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Washer/dryer hookup. Off-street parking. Close to shop and library. 3766 31st Street. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Very large, private patio. New appliances. Dishwasher. Off-street parking. 4043 First Avenue. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$1575. Move-in special! \$200 off first month's rent. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. New gas stove, dishwasher, washer and dryer and garage included. 3383 Grim Avenue. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1200 square feet. Refrigerator, washer/dryer, fireplace, shed. Nonsmoking. Good credit required. 4128 Oregon Street. 619-291-2338.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$925. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Move in special! \$200 off the first month's rent. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. On bus line. 4128 Iowa Street. www.sunriseliving.com, call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$1050. Deposit \$1000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, stove refrigerator, fireplace, dishwasher, parking. No pets. 4325 Texas Street, #9. 619-843-7827.

NORTH PARK. \$825-\$895. 2 bedroom 1 bath units. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit. Fireplace, stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry. 3805 Boundary. 619-843-7827.

NORTH PARK. \$775. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs. Stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, laundry on-site, gated. No pets. 4152 Alabama #4. 619-843-7827.

NORTH PARK. \$1000. Secluded, wonderful, 1 bedroom cottage with yard. Hardwood/tile floors, new bathroom and plumbing. Small pet negotiable. Garage negotiable. Available 3/1. 619-282-1098.

NORTH PARK. \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, parking, small pet OK on approval. Available 2/21. 3859 Swift Avenue, behind house at 3861. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$1395. Charming, spacious 2 bedroom house. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, hardwood floors, fireplace, new paint, off-street parking and garage. Pets possible. 619-265-2000.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom, upstairs unit behind house at 4226 Hamilton Street. 4228-B Hamilton Street. Agent. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious, bright, breezy end apartment. Spacious kitchen/dining area. Light beige carpet. Carport parking, coin laundry. Gated complex. Phone entry system. Walk to stores. No pets. 4030 Louisiana. 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Extra large, sunny, upstairs corner, 1 bedroom. Off-street parking, 6 units, near all, West of I-805. No pets/smoking. Open. 619-462-6629.

NORTH PARK. \$1150. Duplex remodel! Top floor house apartment. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New wood floors/kitchen, dishwasher. Small pet OK. 2865 Lincoln Avenue. 760-275-7240.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom. \$950. Walk to Hillcrest. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. Small pets allowed. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. 3924-1/2 Mississippi. 619-291-5555. www.utopiamanagement.com.

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NORTH PARK. \$895. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper unit. Off-street parking. Pets on approval. 4145 Swift. Cogan Properties. 619-283-2144.

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NORTH PARK. \$750. Refurbished 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$350 deposit. New carpet. Quiet complex. No pets. Available now. 4152 32nd Street. David, 619-584-4956; 619-243-4000 x0.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$985. 1 bedroom. Pool, verticals, block to beach. No smoking/pets. 5025 Cape May Avenue. 619-280-4693.

OCEAN BEACH. \$925. Ask about move-in special! Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath Near beach. Tile floors, laundry parking, gated. No dogs. 619-221-8158.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1100. 2 bedroom (1 bathroom, remodeled) apartment. Off-street parking. No pets. 2729 Camulos Street (Near Nimitz/West Point Loma Boulevard). 619-222-6427.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Upstairs. Dishwasher, parking, laundry. No pets please. 4944 Narragansett. 619-223-2988.

OCEAN BEACH. \$880. 1 bedroom apartment. Pool, laundry. No pets please. 5030 Del Monte. 619-223-6404.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Upstairs. Pool, laundry, parking. No pets please. 5030 Del Monte. 619-223-6404.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1850. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Washer/dryer, fireplace, patio, parking. No pets please. 4845 Santa Cruz. 619-501-6781.

OCEAN BEACH/SUNSET CLIFFS. \$1450 plus utilities. 2 bedroom. 2 bath house. Excellent neighborhood, luxury remodel, ocean view, 2 blocks to beach. Laundry, parking. No pets/smoking. 4815 Santa Cruz. 619-223-5092.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1000. 3672 Voltaire. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment. New carpet, linoleum, paint and newer appliances. No pets. Available 3/1. Agent, 619-463-2971.

OCEAN BEACH. \$3500. Very contemporary and unique 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with pool on beach. 2-car parking, 2900 square feet. Available now. Call Gail, 619-994-4245.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$1425. 3 bedroom, 1 bath plus small room. Apartment. No pets. Washer/dryer, paid SDG&E, share parking. 5037 Narragansett Avenue #2. Agent, 858-453-6115.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit. Off-street parking. Close to beach. Small complex. 4841 Del Monte Avenue #B. Available approximately 3/14/03. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1300. \$500 move-in allowance. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1-1/2 blocks to beach, laundry. No pets. 5049-1/2 Longbranch. 858-483-0084.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775-\$1150. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms. So close to the beach. Private yard or balcony. Laundry, parking. Charge. 858-279-9774.

OCEAN BEACH. \$2000. Del Mar Avenue. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, granite, oak floors, tropical yard, deck, spa, garage, washer/dryer, barbecue. 619-222-9463. www.pointproperties.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in sunny duplex. Open beam ceilings, deck and parking. Available now. 619-222-7879.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. 1000 square feet. Close to ocean. Off-street parking. No pets. 4953 West Point Loma. 619-223-2347.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$950. Large 1 bedroom, newly remodeled, new appliances. Eat in kitchen, private patio. Laundry. Garage available, Nonsmoking. Pet considered. 1 block from beach. 5072 Cape May Avenue. Frank, 619-295-4270.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Near Sunset Cliffs. Half block to ocean. \$500 security deposit. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. No dogs. 4818 Pescadero. 858-866-5636.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$950-\$995. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 or 2 bath, in well maintained, small, gated complex. Parking. Laundry. No pets. 4649 Voltaire Street. Manager, 619-225-2304.

OCEAN BEACH. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit with balcony. Walk to beach! Washer/dryer hookup, coin laundry. 5090 Lotus Street. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4200x110.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments, on park, near beach. Cat/dog with approval. Parking, coin laundry. 4948-50 West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-221-9047.

OCEAN BEACH. \$825. Cute 1 bedroom attached cottage. Parking. No pets! 4808-1/2 Santa Monica Avenue. Sunset Pacific Realty. Agent, 619-222-4836 x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850 month. 1 bedroom upstairs apartment. Near beach. No pets! 4976 Cape May Avenue. Sunset Pacific Realty. 619-222-4836 x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875 month. 1 bedroom attached cottage. Near beach! No pets! 4974 Cape May Avenue. Sunset Pacific Realty. 619-222-4836 x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$895 month. 1 bedroom downstairs apartment. Parking, laundry, no pets! 1433 Grand Avenue #4. Sunset Pacific Realty. 619-222-4836 x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$990. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath downstairs apartment. Laundry. No pets! 4231 Voltaire Street #1. Sunset Pacific Realty. Agent, 619-222-4836 x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Parking. Laundry. No pets! 4930 Santa Monica #8. Sunset Pacific Realty. Agent, 619-222-4836 x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1175. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs apartment. New carpet and vinyl. Parking. Laundry. No pets! 4836 Cape May Avenue #5. Sunset Pacific Realty. Agent, 619-222-4836 x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors. Washer/dryer in unit! Deck, yard. 4341 Banning Street. Sunset Pacific Realty. Agent, 619-222-4836 x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1495. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Washer/dryer hookups. No pets! 4783 Longbranch Avenue. Sunset Pacific Realty. Agent, 619-222-4836 x14.

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OCEANSIDE. 1 bedroom \$865. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$950. Fantastic apartments, fantastic community, fantastic on-site manager! Near beach/shopping. Call for details, Teresa, 760-757-8581.

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OCEANSIDE. \$975. Ocean view 2 bedroom, upstairs, 4-unit building. Gated courtyard near beach. Hardwood floors. Laundry. parking. No pets. 216 South Clementine #4. 760-788-9571.

OCEANSIDE. Studio, \$695. 1 bedrooms, \$775-\$795. 2 bedroom/2 bath \$925. Pool, laundry, gated, covered parking. Tropical setting, immaculate, quiet. 760-722-6421.

OCEANSIDE. 1 bedroom, \$815. 2 bedroom/2 bath dual master, view, \$1195. Pool, spa, barbecue, laundry, gated, carports/storage. Beautifully landscaped, immaculate, quiet. 760-439-5728.

OCEANSIDE. 1/2 month free rent or 2 bedroom, 2 bath from \$1109! Reduced deposits! First visit bonus! Newly refurbished. Dishwasher. Microwave. Washer/dryer. Walk-in closet. Pool. Spa. Playgrounds. Garage included. Pet OK. Near beaches, shopping, Camp Pendleton. Mission Hills, 218 Rancho Del Oro. Call toll free: 1-800-890-9946. www.sdreader.com/rent/1061.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath large, airy, patios, fully equipped kitchen, off-street parking, laundry. Cats OK. 1807 Missouri. 1061 Chalcedony. 619-295-7796; 858-273-2373.

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PICTURE STORY

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A city employee monitors the automated counting of parking-meter coins, 1958.

That year, according to an article published in our local daily, the city council considered doubling parking fees. (The article doesn't mention how much an hour of parking time cost.) A middle-column, three-inch article on page 13 noted that a council member “said increased rates at privately

owned parking lots justify an increase at the parking meters to meet the increased costs of traffic control, police personnel and other expenses financed with the aid of meter revenues.”

The article quoted Mayor Charles. C. Dail as saying the increase would be bad “psycholgal” timing. The council “agreed to consider the proposal at a later date.”

— by Robert Mizrachi

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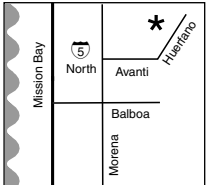
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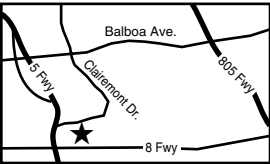
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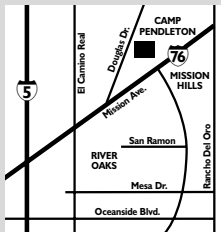
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CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 9am-2pm, 3/1. Tools, automotive parts, clothes, households, lots and lots to see. 4487 New Heaven Place.

CLAIREMONT. Multifamily. 7am-3pm, Saturday, 2/22. Furniture, books, clothing, electronics, housewares, holiday (miscellaneous), etc. 4494 Mt. Herbert/Mt. Henry also.

COLLEGE AREA. Last yard sale of my life! 8am-2pm, Saturday. Tons of stuff from '50s-'70s: Furniture, wild lamps, collectibles, clothing, think ebay. 6105 Dorothy Drive.

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ENCINITAS. Garage sale. 7am-2pm, 2/22. 506 La Mesa.

ENCINITAS. Moving sale. Saturday/Sunday, 2/22-2/23. Computer printer, VCR, toys, 8' plate glass mirrors, children's assorted clothes, nice plants, miscellaneous. 704 Saxony Road.

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MIRA MESA. Garage sale. 7am, Sunday. Shelves, cabinets, mirrors, pictures, silk plants, chairs, tables, women's ski clothes and boots. 9430 Scranton Road, #105, Sorrento Valley.

NATIONAL CITY. Garage/moving sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 3/8. Bedroom furniture, clothes, cabinets, etc., all must go. 1407 East 6th.

NORTH PARK. Garage sale. 8am, Saturday, 2/22. Furniture, clothes, books, and a whole lots more miscellaneous. All cheap. 3042 Vancouver Avenue at Thorn.

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PACIFIC BEACH. Moving/garage sale. Saturday-Sunday, 2/22-2/23, 8am-2pm. Great stuff! Dining room table, nice clothes, plants and more! 1227 Reed Avenue.

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MISCELLANEOUS: Mattress set, queen, orthopedic, like new, \$150. K2 snow-board with bindings, \$120. Airwalk snow boots, size 9, \$25. 6"1" surfboard, \$150. Ron, 619-222-3455.

MOVING, couch/loveseat, green, white striped, \$450. Glass coffee table, \$100. Floor lamp, \$100. TV, 27", \$100. 5 piece office set, \$500. Best offer. 858-272-5746.

MOVING SALE. Bed and iron frame, sectional leather couch, wooden desk, dart board, patio furniture, kitchen supplies, Imac computer, mountain bikes, surfboard and snowboard. 858-273-9082.

MOVING SALE. Sofa sleeper, \$100/best. Console stereo, \$80. Set of 2 bar stools, \$25. Hanging 3-way light, \$25. Many more items. 619-285-1242.

MOVING SALE. 3-seater sofa with pull-out twin size bed and sectional. \$130. Call and leave message, 858-335-5271.

MOVING SALE. Antiques, aquarium/stand, refrigerator, washer/dryer, TVs/stands, stereo, entertainment center, recliner, dining, coffee, and end tables, beds, dressers, bikes, vacuum, book-cases, files. 619-670-7821.

MOVING SALE. Glass dining table with 4 chairs, glass end table, coffee table, beautiful maple buffet and hutch with matching serving cart, Cardio Glide. 760-436-3298.

MOVING SALE. Small TV/VCR stand on wheels, 2-drawer wood nightstand, aluminum baker's rack with wine holder, black ceramic dishware and cups. 619-787-7268.

MOVING SALE. Panasonic 5 CD stereo and speakers, 3' high, twin size waterbed frame and heater, smaller framed hiker's backpack. 619-787-7268.

MOVING SALE. Couch, love seat, end tables, coffee table, lamps, entertainment center, dinette set. Everything great condition, about 4 years. All \$500, prices negotiable. 619-518-8262.

MOVING SALE, EVERYTHING must go! Newer 2 dining tables/4 chairs, \$275/350. Sofa sectional, \$300. Washer/dryer, \$100/each, TV stand, \$25. 858-583-0588.

MOVING! Black bureau/mirror, \$50. Solid, oak wood entertainment center, \$100. RCA, 27" TV, \$100. All items best offer. Must sell, moving 3/1. 619-295-0357.

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MOVING. Beautiful stereo cabinet, 63"L, \$50. Torchiere lamp, \$10. Bird cage, stand, \$15. Noritake china, like new, service for 8 plus, \$75. 619-698-7013.

MOVING. Dinette, glass top, round table, 4 chairs, upholstered, clean, \$110. La-Z-Boy recliner rocker, blue, very clean, \$90. Call after 5pm, 619-296-6946.

MOVING. Large gray sofa, \$35. Microwave, \$25. HP Laserjet 4L, \$50. Small 13" JVC, \$40. Tall round table with 2 stools, \$45. 858-560-8304.

OFFICE DESK, beautiful solid oak, wing, computer ready, \$250/best. 619-583-0501.

ORANGES on the tree, ripe, sweet, juicy. You or I pick, first 2lbs. free. Lemons, limes, grapefruit also available. El Cajon, 619-447-4117.

ORGAN. Hammond T-200, purchased 1968, two 44-note manuals, 13-note pedalboard, swell pedal, 2-speed Leslie speaker, original owner's manual, music books. 858-254-3838.

PACIFIC BEACH. Moving sale. 10am, Sunday, 2/23. Couch, chair with ottoman, coffee table, full mattress and box spring, end tables. 4728 Bayard Street, 858-349-6408.

PATIO FURNITURE, round glass table and 4 metal chairs with wood slats, good condition, no rust. Chairs need stain. \$160, paid \$400. You haul. 858-457-0701.

PLANTS. Rare dwarf variegated agave in 1-gallon pots, \$5 each. 760-729-6144.

POOL TABLES. Five to choose from. Oldhausen 7' Grand Champion billiard tables. Excellent condition. Includes set of premium billiard balls, cues, accessories. \$1100. Dylan, 619-374-7504.

POOL TABLE. Beautiful Olhausen Monarch, 8-1/2', natural oak, slate bed,

excellent condition, new spruce green felt, balls, cues, wall rack, \$1250. Photo: www.olhausenbilliards.com, 858-505-1350.

PRINT, Patrick Nagel, Number 1, black lacquer frame is 40"Hx30"W. \$150. 619-972-3778.

QUILTING SUPPLIES. All supplies needed for beginning Quilter, like new, used only 1 week, half price of purchase price. 619-460-5592.

RANGE, gas, Whirlpool, like new, white, 30". Excellent condition. Must sell, \$150/best. 858-277-0155.

REFRIGERATORS. Amana, 25+ cubic feet, side by side, ice/water through door, energy efficient, almond. Whirlpool, 22+ cubic feet, 2 years new, same as Amana. Oceanside, 760-433-3106.

REFRIGERATOR, Amana, clean and in very good condition, 22 cubic feet, \$200. Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$200. Brass chandelier with frosted light bulbs, \$60. 619-421-5822.

REFRIGERATOR, frost free, almond, \$45. Composter, earth machine, \$20. 619-997-9687.

RUG, Oriental, wool, 7'10"x10'. Chinese pattern, medium blue and off-white, cost \$1200, sell \$350/best. 760-432-8274.

RUG, Oriental, wool, 7'10"x10', Chinese pattern, medium blue and off-white, cost \$1200, sell for \$350/best. 760-432-8274.

RUG, Oriental, immaculate condition, 10'x13', extra plush, neutral and creme colored with varied colors on the center design. Purchased new \$1199, asking \$450/best. 858-597-9236.

RUG, wool, 7'x9', dark red with small black, brown, blue and orange geometrics, fringe on 2 sides, no pad. Excellent condition. \$175. 760-966-5062.

Salon Equipment. Shampoo bowl, neck rest, dryer inside chair, Elchim dryer, perm coil, Schwarzkopf, Goldwell, professional color, toilet covers, and dispenser. Best offer. 619-851-8451.

SATELLITE ANTENNA, Sony, like new, \$100. Leave message, 619-284-7484.

SCALE, digital pocket, autocalibration, built-in case, LCD display, memory, 4 weighing modes, excellent condition, \$130. Leave message, 619-233-8500 x3850 #9B.

SERIGRAPH, John Lennon, limited edition (8/300), of John and Yoko, signed by Yoko, sealed with stamp by Lennon. Black lacquer frame, 24"x26". \$2500. 619-972-3778.

SEWING MACHINE, Kenmore metal zig zag, portable, excellent condition, \$60. 858-278-5132.

SHOES, ladies', 3 pairs, size 5-1/2, all for \$10. Robe, ladies' size 6-8 petite, light blue, new, \$15. 619-262-2616.

SINK, 2 tub, undermount or tile in, white porcelain cast iron, great condition, \$20. Gary, 619-980-2948.

SOFA AND LOVE SEAT, La-Z-Boy, floral fabric in pink, blue, lavender, green, and tan, excellent condition, \$375. 619-426-9319.

SOFA SECTIONAL, Coach leather, mocha matte color, 4-piece with right hand chaise. Excellent condition, changing decor in family room. \$1000, \$2400 value. 619-299-9248.

SOFA SECTIONAL, 3 piece plus ottoman, burgundy and gray stripes, oversize look, almost new, in storage 3 years. Asking \$500. Picture available upon request. pkmacias@hotmail.com.

SOFA SLEEPER, queen, teak and beige, Scandinavian design, excellent condition, \$300. 858-689-7343.

SOFA, Bassette Prestige, excellent condition, denim blue and white stripes, 4 cushions. Paid \$833, asking \$150/best. 858-259-0511.

SOFA, elegant white brocade, almost new, perfect, cost \$1500, sell \$300. No space. La Jolla area, 858-454-4704.

SOFA, lovely rattan, \$500 or best offer. Chairs, \$100 each or best offer. Good condition. 619-225-2302.

SOFA, queen sleeper, almost new, great bargain at \$350. Cream, tight weave, mattress never used, modern design, 3 back cushions. Encinitas. Call between 9am-3pm, 760-436-6595.

STONE, decorative, for yard or use as a land fill. You remove from my front yard. Free. Evenings, 619-448-0077.

STOVE, gas, 36" Kenmore, gold, nice, \$100. College area, 619-464-2473.

SURFBOARD. 9' Ellington long board with carrying case and lease. Bright colors, like new, \$275/best. 619-861-0884.

TABLE SAW, 10" Craftsman, complete with instructions, \$75. 858-442-7883.

TABLE, solid oak, square 42"x42", \$200. 858-457-0953.

TRAIN SET, Lionel, diecast engine, working headlight, new, in box, extra track and other accessories, \$65. 760-945-6813.

TRAMPOLINE, 14', \$175, skateboard ramps, \$150, basketball hoop, \$125, ping pong table, \$75, Healthwalker, \$50, electric hospital bed, \$200, end tables, \$125; waterbed, \$100. 760-730-3219.

TRUNKS, 2 large wood, 40"x26"x26", secured with 2 locks. 619-296-9399.

TV, 14" Sears solid state color with remote, picks up local stations without cable, perfect for dorm, workshop, or office, excellent condition, \$50. 619-696-7076.

TV, 20" Sony Trinitron, stereo, remote, manual, great picture, \$100. John, Rancho Penasquitos, 858-538-3414.

TV, 29" Proton, great picture, vivid natural color, \$1795. Free speakers and surround sound with purchase. 619-523-0672.

TV, 32" color, digital input, front input. 619-299-9183.

TV, 5" black and white Action, has everything, you can take it anywhere, in your car, on your desk, new, in box, \$45 new, sell \$20. 858-274-6173.

TV, Toshiba. Cuisinart. KitchenAid mixer. ScumBuster. Panasonic fax. Delsey luggage. Laura Ashley bedding. Car polisher. Classical guitar. 18 carat gold jewelry. Ladies' golf clubs. 760-942-0377.

VACUUM CLEANER, Kirby, works well, in good condition, \$25. 619-297-4664.

VACUUM CLEANERS (USED). Over 25 to choose from. Bargains from \$10 on up. All guaranteed. 3670 #2 Clairmont Drive, near Balboa. 10am-5pm, Monday-Saturday. 858-483-0264.

VACUUMS. 1 rebuilt Kirby Heritage with attachments, \$250. 1 rebuilt Kirby Classic III with attachments, \$200. Receipts available. 619-269-0372.

WALL UNIT, oak, TV compartment up to 28" TV, rolltop-type sliding doors, 63Lx46Hx21D, beautiful condition, \$250/best. Larry, 858-538-1076.

WASHER, Kenmore, heavy duty, green, good condition, \$100. Rick, 619-280-8343.

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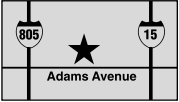
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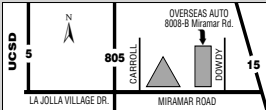
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— Marcos Martin Parra, 18, hit the basketball court again in January, only six months after having his head nearly severed from his body in a traffic collision caused by a drunken driver. Parra’s skull had been ripped from the cervical spine and neck ligaments, leaving the head attached only by the spinal cord. At St. Joseph’s Hospital in Phoenix, Dr. Curtis Dickman performed first-of-its-kind surgery, which worked so well that Parra lost only about 5 percent of his neck’s range of motion.

Readers’ Choice

— Joe R. Thompson, 18, was thrown 25 feet into the air in a car crash near Highway 40 and Woods Chapel Road in Blue Springs, Mo., in January, but survived when he landed among, and held onto, live overhead power lines. Thompson remained conscious until rescuers arrived 20 minutes later and the electricity was shut off. He even made a cell-phone call. (Fortunately for Thompson, the power lines were insulated.)

The Prices of Things

— (1) Average fee per lawyer working on New York’s portion of the 1998 multistate tobacco settlement (according to New York Supreme Court Justice Charles Ramos in October): \$14,000 an hour; (2) For permanent loss of a 31-year-old Chinese woman’s marital sex life (when her husband became impotent after a car crash, according to a Chinese court in October): the equivalent of \$2210; (3) Amount Geneva Burger, 80, earned for uttering one question on an answering machine (“When people get hooked on pot,

can they get sick if they don’t get it?”): \$515,000 (the amount awarded by a Pomona, Calif., court in December, and from prior settlements, as a result of rap producer Master P’s using the recording without permission on an album).

Latest Religious Messages

— Hemorrhoid-suffering pilgrims are trekking to the town of Murtosa, Portugal, to rub the affected body part against a statue of St. Goncalo, hoping for relief (since the 13th-century priest was known for curing acne), according to a January report in the country’s largest daily newspaper, *Jornal de Noticias*.

— The Agri Gold Co. of Vijayawada, India, has begun marketing an instant, just-add-water version of the holy cow dung that many urban Hindus use in their purification rituals, according to a December dispatch from Kolkata, India, in the *Sydney Morning Herald*. (The dung sells for the equivalent of 25 cents to make about 2 pounds and is mixed with camphor, turmeric, and sandalwood paste, which alleviates the foul smell, which is the main reason many Hindus had been leaving the dung part out of the ritual.)

— Seduction Techniques of Priests: (1) Tell the 17-year-old girl that intercourse is a therapeutic method to help her forget her bad experience in a previous sexual assault (allegedly used by Catholic priest Roman Kramek, 40, visiting from Poland, who was arrested in New Britain, Conn., in December); (2) Tell teenage girls planning to become nuns that having sex with him would bring them closer to God, that undressing with him would “link spiritual stages with sexual acts,” and that they should imagine Christ (and not him) touching, kissing, and having intercourse with them (allegedly used by Father Robert V. Meffan, according to Boston Archdiocese documents released by plaintiffs’ lawyers in December).

Cultural Diversity

— Police in Johannesburg, South Africa, reported that 46 people in the Hillbrow district were injured during New Year’s celebrations from the tradition of throwing items from windows and

balconies; doing the most damage this year were several beds and television sets.

— In December, the manager of Greenland’s government hired an ethnic Inuit faith healer to “cleanse” government offices (“give the walls some fresh paint”) in the capital of Nuuk, by “driv[ing] away the negative energy.” That was regarded as such nonsense by the non-Inuit political party that, on Jan. 15, the governing coalition collapsed. The manager said he hired the spiritualist as a bridging gesture to promote harmony and “the special Greenland spirit.”

Latest Trend in Burglary

— On Jan. 6, according to police in Prestonburg, Ky., Quinton G. Bailey, 20, was caught preparing to reenter the apartment below his by way of a hole in his floor (observed by removable ceiling tile in that apartment); a box of that tenant’s jewelry was found in Bailey’s apartment. And on Jan. 27, according to police in Plainville, Conn., Jimmy Tran, 32, sawed through his own ceiling and the floor of the apartment above his and was caught by the female tenant after he had reached out and was dragging her purse along her floor toward the hole.

Least Competent Criminals

— A January New York City indictment resulted in the arrest of alleged Colombo family mobster Joe Cacace as the central figure in a whacking gone bad. Imprisoned family head Carmine “The Snake” Persico had ordered Cacace to rub out former federal prosecutor William I. Aronwald, whom Persico said had ten years earlier disrespected him (although Aronwald had actually lost the case he brought against Persico’s brother). Cacace’s hit men mistakenly whacked Aronwald’s 78-year-old father, an error for which Cacace allegedly had them killed, along with the two men he had hired to kill those two men. Cacace then married Kim Kennaugh, the widow of one of the original hit men, and after Cacace and Kennaugh divorced, Kennaugh married an NYPD officer, who himself got whacked (on Cacace’s orders, prosecutors suspect).

The Things People Believe

— Benny Zavala, 34, was convicted of animal abuse for dissecting his daughter’s pet guinea pig because he said he thought it was a government spy robot (Oxnard, Calif., October). Christopher Campbell, 42, was arrested and charged with mutilating his beloved house cats because, he said, he thought they were supernatural entities that had changed shapes (Cedar Crest, N.M., November). Gary Damon Stephens, 28, admitted that he killed his parents five years ago, but said he stands by his earlier explanation, that the deceased were not his real parents but only the pod people of his parents (Harlan, Ky., October).

Recurring Themes

— Latest Christian congregationalist to sue for injuries after falling backward upon being saved but landing on the floor because the “catcher” clumsily missed breaking her fall: Loraine Daily, 40, at the Sydney (Australia) Christian Life Center, September (suing for the equivalent of \$380,000). Latest restaurant to offer ostentatiously exotic food specialties: PieWorks, Gwinnett County, Ga., January (featuring pizza with 163 toppings, including meats such as alligator, ostrich and rattlesnake).

Also, in the Past Month ...

— Authorities at Uplands Manor Primary School (Smethwick, England) ordered teachers to use green ink for correcting papers because red was too negative. And a 61-year-old female motorist, after causing a major collision with a senior citizens’ medical transport van, first tried to flee the scene but then sat down on the curb and began to knit while rescue operations continued (Miami Beach, Fla.). And Wiltshire County (England) police, adopting a new tack, hand-delivered letters to 22 persistent criminals asking them for the new year to please stop breaking the law.

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Jack’s birthday didn’t go the way we planned. The first week in January, my husband Jack turned 46. Jack doesn’t like to celebrate his birthday. Never did. Even when Jack was a child, a birthday so close to the holidays seemed like a letdown. “Usually,” Jack has told me, “people would send one gift with a card that said, ‘Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday.’ ”

My children don’t know Jack doesn’t like to celebrate his birthday. This year, my three girls conspired in the week after Christmas to make Jack’s birthday special. Rebecca, who is ten, came to me one morning and asked, “Could we make breakfast in bed for Daddy on his birthday?”

I thought a moment about the messy kitchen and the possibility of orange juice and scrambled eggs spilled on my sheets.

“Sure,” I answered anyway.

Rebecca ran upstairs and told Angela and Lucy. Soon, they had written out a menu and begun planning the festivities. “We’ll decorate the night before,” eight-year-old Angela told me in an excited whisper. “Then, that morning, I’ll let Daddy choose what he wants off the menu.”

“I’ll cook,” Rebecca said.

“I’ll serve,” Lucy added.

Jack awoke on his birthday morning to find a banner taped above our headboard. The girls had each designed and colored a section. “Happy Birthday, Daddy,” Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy chorused as they tromped into Jack’s and my room.

I went downstairs and opened the sliding-glass door to the back yard. Toby, our cat, rubbed against my ankles for a moment, then stepped out into the cool morning air. I could hear a commotion upstairs as Jack exclaimed over the banner and looked at the girls’ homemade cards. Johnny and Ben, four and two, thumped down the upstairs hall and jumped into bed with Jack.

I opened the blinds, walked out the front door, and grabbed the newspaper. By the time I had made my way back through the house, Toby stood by the back door waiting to be let in. Angela and Rebecca ran downstairs. “Daddy wants french toast,” Angela said.

Rebecca had opened the bread cabinet and reached for a loaf of whole wheat when an unearthly sound echoed through the living room. “What was that?” Rebecca asked.

“I think it’s Toby,” I answered.

“Why is he making that noise?” Angela said

and walked out into the living room.

Toby made the noise again. Somewhere between a mew and a groan, the noise sounded as though Toby were being crushed beneath a steamroller. “He’s throwing up, Mom,” Angela shouted.

Toby made the sound a third time and vomited brown semidigested cat food on the rug underneath the dining room table. “Rebecca, take him outside,” I said.

“But he’s throwing up,” Rebecca protested. “That’s why you need to take him outside.”

Rebecca scooped up Toby and carried him into the back yard. Toby slunk into the corner and lay on his side. “Mom, he’s dying,” Rebecca began to sob.

“What’s going on down there?” Jack hollered down the stairs.

“The cat’s sick,” I called back up. “I think we need to get him to the vet.”

Rebecca put old, soft towels in a box. She went out into the back yard and lifted Toby gently into the makeshift bed. “Daddy,” she said between sobs, “can we make you breakfast in bed another morning?”

“Of course, Sweetie,” Jack told her.

Rebecca handed the box to Angela. “Take Toby and go get in the car,” I told Angela. I turned to Jack. “I’ll call you as soon as I know anything.”

During the three-minute drive to the vet’s office, Angela softly stroked Toby’s gray fur. Toby lay with his eyes open and looked at nothing. “Will he be okay?” Angela asked as fat tears rolled down her cheeks.

“I sure hope so, Sweetie,” I said.

The vet took us right into an examining room. I explained how Toby had seemed fine when I let him out into the back yard, then had become suddenly ill all over the dining room carpet. “You did the right thing bringing him in,” the vet said as she probed Toby’s stomach. Toby growled low. “I can tell he’s in pain. Sometimes little kitties like this can swallow a piece of string, which then obstructs their bowels. Or he may have eaten something else that made him sick. We’re going to admit him to the hospital and get him stabilized with some medication for the pain and some I.V. fluids. We’ll take some X-rays and run some blood work, and then we’ll have a better idea of what’s going on.”

I called Jack on my cell phone.

“I.V.s for a cat?” he asked.

“What’s the alternative?”

“Bring him home and see if he gets better. He’s an animal.”

Toby spent one night in the hospital. He got his pain medication and his intravenous fluids. The vet did two X-rays and two different blood tests.

Jack brought Toby home the next day.

“What did the vet say?” I asked Jack.

“The tests were inconclusive,” Jack answered.

“How much was it?”

“Four hundred and eighty-seven dollars.”

“What did they say we should do now?”

“Watch him and see if he gets better.”

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