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Three a.m.

There is no night anymore. In or around cities, in suburbs and small towns, there is no night. It still gets dark, and the days still get longer or shorter. Lights are everywhere — large, harsh, powerful, all of the time pushing back the dark.

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Tearful Revisit

The article in your February 20 Reader “What Made Them Kill” was very moving. A tear came to my eye after reading the last segment. Leslie Ryland did well to revisit those terrible moments in San Diego history lest we forget.

Charlie Stanisz

I Hope They Rot

I was very intrigued to see the cover story, “What Made Them Kill” (February 20). I know Bernard Hamilton’s family personally, and I was surprised to see his picture on the cover. I wondered what was going on with his case. This is probably the first time I’ve actually seen all the details of it. It’s really amazing that he did all this. If you had known his family, you wouldn’t know he was a preacher’s son. I was just really impressed to see all the information that you guys had. I wanted to give you a pat on the back for putting that information out there.

And I was so appalled to read the gruesome details of what Ivan and Veronica Gonzales put upon that poor four-year-old child. I hope they just rot away; I hope they hurry up and kill them because they just did that little girl so wrong.

Sylvia McKinsey
Chula Vista

Bad Gun Taste

Leslie Ryland’s article “What Made Them Kill” in the February 20 issue was very well written and informative. However, I found the advertising on page 49 to be in very bad taste. The ad was for Turner’s and showcased various different guns, including a .38. The ad was right in the middle of the piece about Susan Eubanks, who killed her four sons with a .38. I don’t think it would have been hard to

find another place in the over 200 pages to place this ad.

Alyssa Ryplewski

Burn Them

From the moment I read the article “What Made Them Kill” (February 20), I’ve had trouble concentrating on my daily tasks. I feel overwhelmed with grief, anger, and emotion. Learning of the heinous crimes unquestionably committed by Ivan and Veronica Gonzales has disrupted and disturbed everyone around me. I am horrified to learn the punishment for brutally beating, neglecting, starving, burning, punching, kicking, handcuffing, hanging, and eventually scalding to death a four-year-old child is merely death row, which in turn means living for possibly another 11 years. Death row is far too good for this pair. They lost their right to humane treatment by executing these inhumane acts upon a helpless child. As a community, we need to stand up and say, No more. No longer will we pay to keep the Gonzaleses alive. We pay their rent, food, water, and electricity, and every night their heads rest upon a pillow. We need to act now. And even then, if they were publicly tortured and burned at the stake tomorrow, it’s not soon enough.

Raychel Apostolos

Death Instruments

In Leslie Ryland’s cover story, “What Made Them Kill” (February 20), the author describes the gruesome and heartbreaking details of the murders that brought four to death row. The pain of the stories was immense, but what particularly struck me was the story of Susan Eubanks, slaughtering each of her sons with a .38, before unsuccessfully turning it on herself. We read the stories of Eubanks’s children, these “angels” and “saints,” and, with the author, “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.” We read of Brandon’s ambition, his “bright future;” we see the smiling faces of each boy and imagine the horror of the D.A. as she saw the bullet holes and blood that still scarred the

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Ty Longley of Great White

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Mug shots The *San Diego Union-Tribune*, which for years has been one of San Diego Unified school superintendent **Alan Bersin's** most unquestioning backers, may be changing its ways. During last year's school-board races, the paper missed much of the behind-the-scenes maneuvering by labor unions and the chamber of commerce to elect trash-company lobbyist **Johnny Perkins**. It also failed to report early on about Los Angeles billionaire developer **Eli Broad's** backing of pro-Bersin candidates **Katherine Nakamura** and **Clyde Fuller**, along with Broad's sponsorship of **Al Ziegeus**, a public relations man used by Bersin to hype Bersin's achievements. An entire Sunday opinion section claimed that Bersin's controversial reforms were working.



Karin Winner



Free U-T mug

Lately, though, the paper has been holding informal focus groups with district parents attended by editor **Karin Winner**, who hands out free *U-T* coffee mugs, labeled "Community Dialogue with the Union-Tribune." Winner assures her audiences that the paper will soon be charting a fresh course when it comes to coverage of local schools.

Already, editorial praise of Bersin seems to be a bit less effusive. Now comes an internal memo from school district PR woman **Peri Lynn Turnbull** alerting insiders to the *U-T's* latest moves. "Wanted to advise you, that there have been some changes at the *Union-Tribune*, and I understand that some different reporters may call for board members," writes Turnbull. "Firstly, **Karen Clark** is the new education editor responsible for coverage of SDCS. Previously this was **John Gilmore**, who retains several education reporters, but not the one assigned to us. As you may know, **Chris Moran** is currently the beat reporter while **Maureen Magee** is on maternity leave. Ms. Clark, in her metro editor role, also has neighborhood reporters on her team. They will cover more school-related issues on a localized neighborhood basis while Moran will continue to cover larger issues." The memo adds that the *U-T* has suddenly taken an interest in how the billion dollars plus raised by the Prop MM bond issue is being spent. Allegations of Prop MM waste dogged the campaign of **Katherine Nakamura**, whose husband's architectural firm has contracts with the district but were barely noted by the *U-T*. "Ms. Clark, whom I met today, has expressed a renewed interest in both Proposition MM and the education reform occurring in the classroom. As a result, we understand that **David Washburn**, one of her reporters, is conducting research

to do a series of articles on Prop MM. He may call board members directly to ask questions on the bond measure. He has already met with [Prop MM chief of staff] **Lou Smith** and Lou's team is working to provide information for his research."

General Henderson An unsung player in the ongoing battle over whether taxpayers will be on the hook for a new \$400 million plus Chargers stadium has turned out to be **Bruce Henderson**. The ex-city councilman, first to warn of the ticket guarantee and the so-called trigger clause in the infamous Chargers contract, is on the city's advisory panel on what to do next. But he is infrequently mentioned in *Union-Tribune* coverage of the task force; one of the paper's reporters says it's because "Henderson always says the same thing." Undaunted, Henderson's latest warning, via his e-mail distribution to friends and interested parties: "The Task Force has voted against using General Fund revenues for a new stadium. However, the Task Force and the editors of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* appear to have immediately endorsed the contribution of perhaps hundreds of millions of General Fund revenues to the stadium project by way of the back door. There's a slippery slope here, which depends on the definition of 'General Fund' revenues." Henderson goes on to point out that money from leases of city-owned land near the Sports Arena, which some want to give to the Chargers, actually belongs safely tucked into the general fund, for such mundane uses as police and fire protection. "These particular revenues are almost all generated from rent from shopping centers and other such activities that just happen to be located in the vicinity of a city street named 'Sports Arena Blvd.'"



Bruce Henderson

War is bad PR Another local academic has gone national in his opposition to the way **George Bush** is handling his confrontation with Iraq. "Our international support is really in tatters. The public opinion is turning. I think the Bush administration has boxed itself into a corner. This is the worst public relations debacle I've seen in any administration," **Dipak Gupta**, a political science professor at San Diego State, told the *Boston Globe* last week. ... **Audrey Geisel**, widow of **Dr. Ted "Dr. Seuss" Geisel**, is suing Charlotte, North Carolina-based Morris Costumes for allegedly misappropriating the Cat in the Hat.

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Sorrow's Parcels

By Jeanne Schinto

'Public Oral Auction Tax Sale of Tax-Defaulted Properties' — that's the official title. Informally, it's known as a county land sale. The "Oral" means it isn't eBay: you or your representative must be at the auction in person to bid.

The sales are held once

Prospective buyers — or the nosy — can visit the county's website (www.co-san-diego.ca.us/cnty/cnty-depts/general/treastax/) to see a list of properties available

kept in check until you take a look at it.

Sherri Coughlin, manager of special functions for the tax office, who has been involved with these sales for 15 years, was asked how minimums are determined. "They're set by state law," she said, "at an amount that at least pays the back taxes and some minor costs of the sale, which are \$300 to \$400, although we can set that minimum bid higher."



Vacant land on Calle Los Arboles in Casa de Oro

a year in late winter or spring; this year's sale is scheduled for Friday, February 28, at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 227 and 228 of the San Diego Concourse at 202 C Street, downtown.

and the names of their delinquent owners.

The website also lists the minimum bids required for a sale. So your hopes for buying a dream house, cheap, should be

Indeed, the website says, "The minimum bid may be set at a greater amount at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's discretion." Current market value, for ex-

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Neal Obermeyer



It's Hard to Move When You're 92

By Shari McCullough

They call it America's finest city, but I don't call it that," barked Ernie Abbit, a 72-year-old lessee at De Anza Harbor Resort.

Abbit, president of the homeowners association, is agitated. Without the city's intervention, the 1100 people of his mobile home park are scheduled to relocate November 23, 2003, when their 50-year-old lease expires. "Nothing has been forthcoming from the city," Abbit continues. "Nothing."

From outward appearances, all seems to be well in this community nestled at the edges of one of Mission Bay's prime coves. Dated homes in need of facelifts sit near those sporting major cosmetic improvements. Signs advertise a Sunday church service and bingo games. White-haired women bob in the pool as others stroll by lugging easels and painting

A logical solution would be to move the existing mobile homes to other parks. Industry experts, however, report there is no space available in San Diego to accommodate even a few mobiles, much less 510. A new mobile home park has not been built within San Diego County in the past 20 years.

Relocating a unit to privately owned land is also unlikely. The cost of moving a mobile home runs between \$20,000 and \$25,000, and if a person has property, or the financial means to purchase it, county regulations would make it difficult, if not impossible.

If the mobile homes could be sold at fair market value, they would vary in price from \$25,000 to

connected with relocation. Both Lewan and Abbit say that De Anza is the only mobile home park in the state excluded from this protection. Until recently, the residents of De Anza

home owners from this protection? Searching for an answer leads to a convoluted history. The city has held the property in trust from the state since 1945. It has leased the property to two corporations since 1953, which have subleased spaces in the park to private residents. The De Anza Corporation has held the lease since 1969. The De Anza Corporation holds three leases in the area: the mobile home park, the Mission Bay Golf Course, and Campland, a 280-space parcel offering recreational vehicle sites for tourists.

A dilemma arose when it was discovered that portions of the property were developed on tidelands, which by law are not to be built upon. State Senator Larry Kapiloff sponsored a bill, which passed in 1982, that allows the De Anza residents to remain on the property until November 23, 2003. In 1989 homeowners signed a long-term rental agreement with the De Anza Corporation that provided rent control for the residents. In return they promised to leave in 2003 with no opposition to the De Anza Corporation's plans to convert the property into a hotel. Some homeowners felt they were

threatened with escalating rents if they did not sign the agreement.

As part of the Mission Bay master plan, the De Anza property was designated a "special study" area, and in 1993 the city decided to exclude the residents from the normal protections mandated by the state upon closure of mobile

home parks. Justification for this was that the property is on tidelands.

Furthermore, in 1999, the city entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the De Anza Corporation giving the corporation, among other things, exclusive rights of negotiation regarding fu-

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Ernie Abbit



De Anza Harbor Resort

equipment. All seems idyllic. Yet when I visited, the first man I ran into told me, "Things are really sad here. People are afraid."

With good reason. Ernie Abbit says, "Some of these people will become part of the homeless." This statement sounds extreme, but a closer look at the situation reveals the severity of the residents' plight.

\$200,000. But who would purchase them with nowhere to move them?

According to Jim Lewan, president of Golden State Mobilehome Owners League, Chapter 37 (De Anza), California law requires that upon closure of a mobile home park, the park owners (in this case, the De Anza Corporation) pay all reasonable costs

were to receive a total of \$8000 per household as stated in their long-term rental agreement. In a letter dated November 15, 2002, they were notified that the corporation may not pursue the hotel venture, and if not, the residents "will not be entitled to the Relocation Benefits."

Why would the city exclude the De Anza mobile



Ethel Murphy

Sorrow's parcels

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ample, may be taken into consideration, Coughlin said.

The website is a boon to

the bored. There's a map, and you can waste half a morning clicking on any part of the county in which you ever wanted to live. But be prepared for disappointment. Rancho Santa Fe? Nada. Coronado? Only

13 timeshares. (Minimum bids: \$800 to \$1600.) La Jolla? One property. (Minimum bid: \$40,000.)

A family owns the La Jolla parcel, the website says. In many other instances, the owner is a

business. For example, Morrows Unlimited, Inc., owns 821 61st Street South, between South Encanto and Valencia Park. (Minimum bid: \$50,000.) So it's easy to believe that the parcels are potentially

only lost investments — real-estate risks that didn't pay off — rather than lost homes. In fact, says the website, most properties are vacant land, without "improvements," i.e., with-

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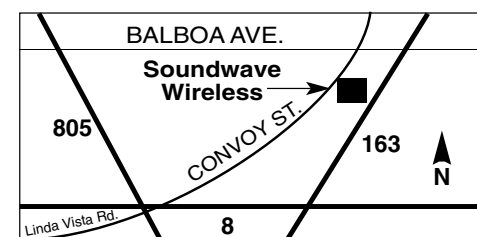


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out buildings. Given an individual name, however, imagination begins to work. The would-be nov-

elist finds fodder for a cautionary tale. Here's another type of scenario-in-the-making: the Tabernacle of the Pentecostal Revival is slated to lose three properties, two on Calle Los Arboles in

Rancho San Diego and one on Del Rio Road in Casa de Oro. Will the faithful be able to save their church? Their tax tab is hefty. (Minimum bids: \$5000, \$5000, and \$10,000 respectively.)

Looking at the website isn't the best way to determine the ultimate number of properties to be sold, Coughlin said. At the time of our conversation last week, 130 were listed. But Coughlin predicted that

only 50 or 60 would end up on the auction block. "During the process, a taxpayer has the right to redeem the property — pay the taxes and get the property out of the sale — up until 5:00 p.m. on the day

before the sale." And many delinquent owners do come through at the last minute, she said. If you see a property listed on the website as "redeemed," you'll know that's what happened. (Novelists, prepare a happy ending: another look at the website map showed that the La Jolla property had been redeemed.)

There are more than a few timeshares listed in other desirable parts of the county besides Coronado. (Prospective buyers, note: you would be bidding only on the time slot, not the property itself.) There are 47 timeshares in the Solana Beach-Del Mar area, many along Via de La Valle; and a dozen more in Carlsbad, mostly on Carlsbad Boulevard.

Given those numbers, timeshares would seem to be a problem to the tax office. Coughlin was asked if they were. "Some people do abandon their timeshares," she acknowledged. "They just don't want to deal with them anymore. But a lot of other times the people have moved and didn't give us a change of address, so the bills never got to them." Still, that's no excuse, she said.

The county wants its money but also wants you to be happy with what you've bought. "Caveat emptor," warns the website, since tax-defaulted properties are sold "as is."

But don't expect any county employee to show you a property before you bid on it. The tax office isn't in the real estate business. Nor does it have actual possession of any parcels scheduled for sale. If you want to see one, you must make your own arrangements with the current owners — and/or occupants — who may or may not be willing to cooperate. (In their situation, what would be *your* mood?)

If you're thinking of just driving by, consider that it's not always easy to find these parcels. "Often an unimproved property has no address," says the website, "and therefore its approximate geographic location can only be determined through the use of

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How many people usually show up, either to bid or only to watch? "The hall holds 500, and we've had it standing room only in the past." The past few years, though, it's been 300 or so. What changed? "Fewer parcels."

But wouldn't one think that there would be more defaults, not fewer, given the bad economic times? "Well, the sale doesn't occur until the tax bill hasn't been paid for five years. Five years ago, the county was still up. And we do go through those peaks and valleys. This valley isn't here yet."

Are there regulars who buy these properties — maybe people who are skilled at doing the necessary research? "Definitely yes. There are individuals so into this that they actually go to other California county auctions, too." How many regulars would there be? "At least a dozen."

A successful bidder generally can take possession of the property after making payment in full and after the "Tax Deed to Purchaser" has been recorded, which usually happens within four weeks of the sale.

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Does the county ever reoffer parcels? "Yes, abso-

lutely." At a less-than-the-minimum bid? "Yes, after the first offering, the law allows it to be lowered."

When all is said and done, is bidding at a sale like this a good way to acquire a piece of property?

"Well, you should probably ask those regular bidders about that. I can give you an answer based on my experience. The repeat bidders do their homework. They know what to bid on. But I've seen too

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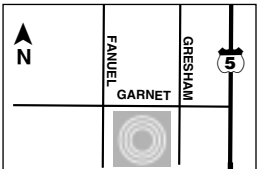
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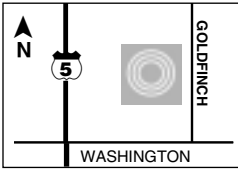
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Sorrow's parcels

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ally have to examine the property. You have to check with planning [departments] and land-use

[commissions]. You have to find out about easements and all restrictions. For example: Is it landlocked?" You mean there might not even be a road in? "Yes." Whoa.

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county did hold these auctions eBay style: online. Were they successful? "Yes, but we had some issues," mostly relating to getting payments quickly. When the auction is live, buyers are required to pay in cash

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lector Dan McAllister will wield the hammer, and attendees can determine how well he does.

Whether he's a hit or a flop, Coughlin said, it will probably all be over by noon. ■

Hard to move

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ture use of the property.

The residents wonder what really influenced the city in 1993 to exclude them from their legal protection and in 1999 to enter into a contractual agreement so biased in favor of the De Anza Corporation.

For now, though, they must address the current crisis. Many of the people are in their 80s and 90s. Ethel Murphy, 92, has lived at De Anza for the past 27 years. When asked what she would do if forced to move, she said, "I don't know. It's really hard to move when you're 92 to begin with, and I really have no idea where I would go. It would be a catastrophe."

At this point, both the city and the De Anza Corporation do not have anything definitive to say regarding the residents' predicament.

When I spoke with the De Anza Corporation's public relations consultant, Steve Alexander, I had the impression that the corporation has no intention of working with the city to change the laws and extend the lease for the mobile home owners. Alexander said, "There's no real change, no real update, nothing that has happened other than, you know, each month goes by, November gets closer." When I asked what the future plans for the land were, he said, "Because the master plan calls for the construction of visitor serving, you know this is one of the areas where you can have visitor-serving industries or visitor-serving facilities. That's where we are. I don't know anything more at this point." Regarding what assistance the De Anza Corporation will provide for the residents if they vacate on November 23, he said, "Again, that would be speculation. I can't answer that at this point. Everything right now is focused on meeting deadlines and complying with the goals of the project." As to what hope the corporation has for the residents' future if they do vacate in Novem-

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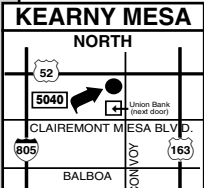
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For now they live in hope. "I hope that sanity prevails. I hope the city has a human heart," says Lewan. "I think the people on the city council are wise people, and they will make it possible for us to stay," says Ethel Murphy.

"I'm waiting for the Lord to do a miracle," adds Jane Hewitt.

Their city councilwoman says, "I think everybody has some responsibilities here. It's kind of a three-way street." Frye advocates sitting down at the table to "just try to say, 'What do we need to do to rectify the situation? What are the financial realities? And what are the political realities?' And see if we can't come to some sort of a solution. And I think we can."

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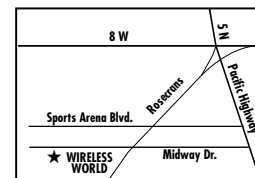
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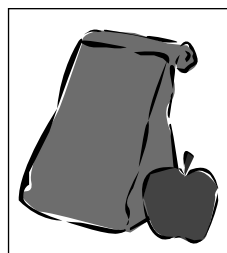


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Hey, Matt Man:

When I'm out working in my woodshop, there are certain materials that need special handling. Things like glycerol ester of wood rosin just seem to scream out, "Avoid breathing fumes," "Wear protective gloves." Then when I'm done with my project, I sit back and take a long, cool drink of Minute Maid lemonade and to my horror see glycerol ester of wood rosin listed in the ingredients, right after the modified corn starch! What the heck is glycerol ester of wood rosin, and what is it doing in my lemonade?

— Tim, Poway

We checked Grandma Alice's lemonade recipe, but it didn't include corn or trees, so I guess this demands an inquiry. Glycerol ester of wood rosin is sometimes listed as ester gum, though that doesn't make it sound much tastier. In fact, Grandma claims she went to high school with somebody named Ester Gum. Anyway, whatever you call it, the stuff is a (food-grade) rosin byproduct of wood pulp processing included in most citrus-flavored drinks. It is a solvent that keeps citrus oil suspended in water and gives it the proper density. We never did find out what "proper" means, exactly. Lemons, water, and sugar seem proper to us, but the Minute Maid is richer than we are, so obviously we're missing something.

Matt:

Are humans the only living creature that commits suicide?

— Morbid Mark, the net

Intent. Can animals form intent in their feral little brains? Sit down and say, hey, man, this grubbing for food and mates doesn't cut it? There's gotta be something better? Intent would seem to be the key, though people do argue. Some say male spiders eaten by their mates after copulation are committing suicide. My guess is there's no female spider so hot that a male would knowingly make the sacrifice. The urge to mate isn't connected in his brain with death. And that old story about the lemmings running in herds off a cliff when populations boom? That's a crock, of course. A Disney movie perpetuated the myth by staging a lemming suicide leap, but that was just Hollywood, not science. As you might expect, dolphin lovers swear the animals suffer soul-rending angst and have been known to kill themselves by repeatedly ramming their enclosures. Dogs or chimps might pine away for a dead master or mate. But science in general figures it's a stretch to believe that any resulting death would be intentional, or that an animal can even conceive of the idea of their own death. Animals' instincts are to eat, avoid danger (death), and reproduce, not to hop out of the gene pool prematurely.

Hey, Matt:

Some of us guys were discussing gasoline stations where we see backhoes digging up old leaking tanks and the contaminated dirt loaded into a truck. Our question is, just where does that dirt get carried off to?

— Charlie Edmonds, downtown

If the dirt is re-e-e-e-ely dirty, like, full of oil and gas and crud, it's hauled away to Riverside County or, better yet, to Arizona. Payback for taking all our beach parking in August. At soil-treatment companies there, it's detoxed and put in landfills. The just so-so dirty dirt is hauled away to be reused for certain allowable tasks, maybe as fill for new road beds. But if contamination is low, the site does not affect groundwater, and it's in a populated area, the safest thing to do is throw the dirt right back into the hole. All technical decisions at these sites are made by licensed experts hired by the contractors, overseen by the county's underground storage tank squad at Hazmat and the Water Quality Control Board.

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So, I'll begin here. "What are you going to talk about?"

The woman replies, "Probably focus on Title IX, the threat to Title IX, women's sports, and women's educational programs."

On the telephone is Martha Burk, the very same personhood who wrote to the Augusta National Golf Club last June urging said institution to "...open your membership to women now..." It was a private letter and a simple question, which begot, at last count, 172,582 newspaper articles.

Burk, 60, is the chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations, a network of, Burk says, over 160 women's groups, collectively representing seven million women. She'll be in town on Monday to speak at a benefit luncheon put on by the San Diego Spirit soccer team and the Pacific Women's Sports Foundation. Consider this an invitation.

"What's your connection to the Spirit or the Pacific Women's Sports Foundation?" Where did *that* come from? I sound like a cop.

"Well, they just invited me to come out and speak, because my organization has been in the forefront of defending Title IX."

"Uh-huh." I suspect the invitation had more to do with, *Martha Burk battles the Masters Golf Tournament* than the NCWO, but so what. "I see in the press release that the luncheon is a benefit for G.U.T.S. [Girls Understanding their Strengths] and also a platform to announce a new women's sports organization in San Diego." Silence. And more silence. "What is the name of the new organization, or have they not told you?"

"They have not." This is said with, shall we say, authority.

As befitting an alumna of University of Texas, Dr. Burk speaks with a splendid Texas drawl, a Molly Ivins drawl. I note she is currently inhabiting the upper levels of notoriety, a place where one is flown across the country in order to speak at functions attended by people you've never met.

Burk was first married in 1960, raised two boys, divorced in '85, and remarried the following year. I've placed this factoid here in anticipation of the *she's-a-feminist-lesbo* question.

She has earned a master's in psychology and computer science, also a Ph.d. in experimental psychology. During the 1970s, Burk wrote educational software, which led to consulting gigs, which led to enough money to do what she wanted. I've placed this factoid here in anticipation of the, *fly-bitch-never-had-to-earn-a-paycheck* question.

In 1990, with second husband Ralph Estes, Burk moved to Washington, D.C., and founded the Center for the Advancement of Public Policy. She also started Washington Feminist Faxnet and belongs to countless other women's groups, organizations, associations, and alliances, most of which seem very much in the spirit of G.U.T.S. — that is, big-deal-sounding entities that I, and most likely you, have never heard of.

Moving on. "Your name is linked with Augusta and the Masters Tournament, which, by the way, kicks off on April 7. I've read that elected officials in Augusta have recently passed a new law requiring demonstrators to give the sheriff 20 days' notice of their plans. Will that change your strategy?"

Burk says, "No, not really. We have not

yet applied for permission to protest. I think we will be down there. What we haven't made the decision on is exactly what form the action will take."

I will lay 100-to-1 that Ms. Burk will be in Augusta during Masters Week. Getting the amount of press Martha Burk has gotten, with each article mentioning her name, her cause, and her outfit, is a gift on the order of a miracle. All she has to do is show up in Augusta, and that gift will keep on giving. In fact, Burk will own the issue of women entering all-male clubs, and owning an issue means that *Time*, *Newsweek*, the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post* call *you* when a similar story surfaces. Even better, owning an issue means face time on cable-TV news channels, which means more recognition, more donations, more members, more clout, which means — maybe, just maybe — you can have a hand in passing the law you've been trying to get passed since 1967.

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Like a child wanting to hear the same story again and again, I say, more to myself than to Burk, "You wrote a letter to the golf-club chairman, expecting to get a letter back, and suddenly, boom, you and your outfit are all over the news, wall-to-wall."

"Right. Right."

"Were you surprised?"

Burk says, "That they went to the press, yes." Augusta National Golf Course chairman William "Hootie" Johnson issued a two-page press release in response to Burk's letter. "I was also surprised that it became such a big issue."

"Why did it become such a big story?"

"I don't know, I guess because it's got sex, sports, power, money — it's the kind of thing that seems to catch people's imagination. A basic battle-of-the-sexes story, I suppose."

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Free Will Baptist
Address: 644 G Street, Chula Vista
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Year founded: 1965
Senior pastor: Reverend John Smith
Congregation: 40
Staff: 1
Sunday school enrollment: 30
Annual budget: \$80,000
Weekly giving: \$1500
Singles program: no
Diversity: white, African-American
Dress: casual to dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 11:00 a.m.

"We'd never consider changing our name. Doctrine is more important to us than popularity."

Reverend John Smith serves as senior pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church in Chula Vista. Last Sunday morning he told me, "I imagine that many people who drive past our church see the words *free will* and wonder what they could possibly mean. And that shows the importance of those words.

"Think of all that would be *lost* if we took those words out of our name. All the history. Saint Augustine. The Reformation. Calvin. Wesley. All the theology. Those words represent who we are and what we believe.

"And you have to understand that many of our Free Will pastors were poor themselves, and they worked among the poor. They were out there in the cotton fields along with everyone else, working hard.

"What happens when you throw out doctrine is that all churches become 'community' churches."

That hard work in the cotton fields says something about Free Will Baptist history. The first Baptists in the American colonies were Particular Baptists who, as Calvinists, believed in predestination, in once-saved-always-saved. The first Baptists in the American South were Wesley-influenced General Baptists who believed not in predestination, but in free will. These General Baptists, who later called themselves Free Will Baptists, believed that salvation could be lost.

"The greatest concentration of Free Will Baptists is still in the South, and in Arkansas and Oklahoma. They really didn't get out to California till the Dust Bowl era. Many settled in the Central Valley, Fresno, Modesto. We didn't get to San Diego till the late 1960s. It was military people from Oklahoma and Arkansas who'd come to San Diego and decided to found a Free Will Baptist church out here."

Inside Reverend Smith's small church, you can still see the architectural outlines of the original, even smaller church — the places where brickwork ends and drywall begins mark the sanctuary's expansion. Simple wooden pews face a podium and, beyond it, a baptismal decorated with the words "He Is Risen."

The congregation of several dozen men and women began last Sunday's service by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and then "The Old Rugged Cross." A woman brought in an armful of calla lilies and arranged them in a vase beside the podium. Reverend Smith announced that he was going to speak to us about "The Prayer of Blessing," or the Lord's Prayer.

"Television evangelists often say that if you believe strongly enough in what you want, God will do what you want. But that's not what the Bible teaches. Prayer is about your learning what God is all about. Matthew 6:33 says, 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven.' We are to put the Kingdom of Heaven above *everything* else in our lives, above all our wants and needs. The Bible tells us *not* to go looking for money, or power, or prestige. If you first seek the Kingdom of God, your shelter, your food, your livelihood will be taken care of.

"When we first seek the Kingdom of God, when we put God first, we give to God. From our finances. We are required to give 10 percent of what we earn to further God's work on earth. God gave you your body, your mind, your abilities. What you earn comes from God.

"And we are required to put God before our work, our careers. Before our leisure. For most people who call themselves Christians, their interest in stupid TV shows and in sports figures takes precedence over their interest in the Bible. They know more about the lives of those stupid television stars than they know about the Bible."

I couldn't remember when I'd last heard a sermon that was at least in part anti-TV. (To be fair, Orthodox Jews consider TV such a waste of time that they don't ever mention it.) I've visited so many churches that wanted to emulate television, that Reverend Smith's words surprised me.

After the service, I told Reverend Smith that I remembered reading that his denomination practiced foot washing. He seemed surprised that I knew about this. He seemed a little self-conscious.

"It's something we do only once or twice a year," he told me. "We don't have a set time for it. I don't know that much about Roman Catholicism, but I guess it's something that only their priests practice. I know that we do it to remember that we as Christians are here to serve each other."

I told him that denominational particularism didn't rattle me, that doctrine didn't either.

"The basic difference between us and Calvinists," he told me, "is that Calvinists treat men more like machines. Those of us who are more Methodist in our theology, we emphasize individual responsibility. We emphasize more of a *personal* relationship between man and God."

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND JOHN SMITH

First Free Will Baptist Church Chula Vista ★★

Sermon

content.....★★★
delivery.....★★★

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Music

congregational.....★
choir.....no choir

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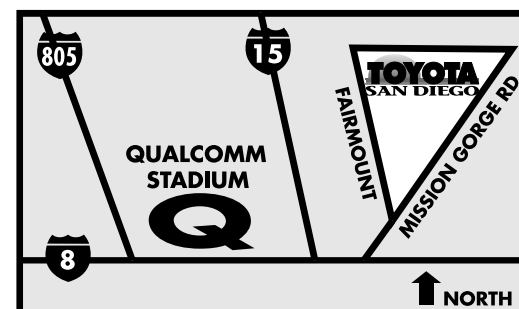
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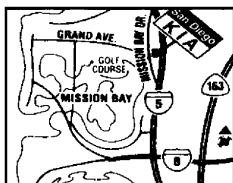
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

"Fred" has been my hairdresser for years and has always been a courteous gentleman. Last week I went to get my hair cut and noticed Fred speaking nonsensical Spanish to the Latina women who work at the salon washing hair, cleaning up, etc. He was saying ridiculous things like "*gracias nada por favor*" ("please nothing thank you") and making inappropriate remarks to some of the older women, which translated to things like, "I am enchanted by your eyes and smile." Fred doesn't really know any Spanish, and the effect of these memorized verbalizations is — though I don't think he realizes it — mocking and disrespectful. The women to whom he was speaking were rolling their eyes and looking embarrassed. Because I speak Spanish and am of Mexican-American descent and proud of it, this embarrassed me too. Fred was making himself look like a fool while not even realizing he was disrespecting his coworkers. At one point he made a racy remark in Spanish to a worker in her 60s who was washing my hair (it translated to, "I want your body.") I sat up and said gently, "I don't think that's an appropriate way to speak to this nice lady." He laughed and said, "Oh, they love it. They think it's funny." I asked him, "Do you know what you just said to her?" He shook his head no. He delivers these remarks as though they're hilarious. Later, I asked two of the women in Spanish what they thought of Fred talking to them that way and if he does it often. They looked weary and said, "He's just acting stupid. He does it every day. We ignore him." Am I wrong in feeling annoyed at Fred? Should I say something? He's too nice a guy to continue being such a cross-cultural lunkhead.

CHULA VISTA HERMANA

Dear Hermana,

Fred has definitely earned a dunce cap for his insensitive behavior. Ideally, one of his coworkers would be the best person to clue him in. You're an outsider, whereas they're the ones he has disrespected. It would therefore be nice if one of them, perhaps the woman on staff with whom he has the best relationship, could go to him in a friendly way and say something along the following lines: "If you are interested in learning some of our language, we'd be happy to teach you. But when you speak Spanish to us without knowing what you're saying, it seems as if you're making fun of us or of our native language, and it hurts our feelings. Sometimes you make remarks that in our culture are not considered polite. We think you're a very nice guy and know you don't mean these things the way they sound, so perhaps it would be better not to say them and to stick to English." If

Fred's the guy you think he is, he'll apologize and find more appropriate ways to joke around at work.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My friends "Lola" and "Sven" have a four-year-old daughter, "Lily." I'm her godmother and very fond of her. Lily's parents say that they can't go out at night because Lily is not used to having babysitters, so she simply won't go to sleep until both her parents are home. So even if they hire a sitter and go out, they have to be back by Lily's bedtime, which is 7:30. This couple hasn't been out past 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. since Lily was born. Not once. This seems ridiculous to me. Four years is a long time never to be able to go out for an evening without having this silly early curfew. Lily's dad agrees with me, but her mom says that Lily is still very young and needs her mommy to put her to bed every night. I say Lily is running her parents' lives — not a good precedent to set. What does Aunt Trudy say?

OCEANSIDE GODMOM

Dear Godmom,

Had Lily's parents written to me wondering if it was okay to leave their precious darling with a sitter, or if they should just keep coming home by 7:30 until Lily starts dating, I might have counseled them thus: "Try slowly weaning Lily off having to have Mommy and Daddy put her to bed every night." But since they did not write to me, my advice to you, honored Godmother, is that, though I agree with you in principle, please let this couple work the problem out themselves. Don't get in the middle of this or any other big child-rearing decision if you can help it. Sounds as if mom isn't quite ready to move beyond the early-curfew stage yet. That's a delicate matter to be handled in the context of this couple's marriage and joint-parenting strategy.

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I've had enough. No more rifling through my tote purse in search of keys, losing minutes to annoyance. I am on the hunt to find a large, lasting key chain.

When I think key chain, I think of my old friend, Cathy. She carries a six-inch metal ring attached to her keys. "I love that key chain," she laughs. "I bought it years ago. The ring is so large, you never lose it in your purse, and I can slip it over my wrist."

Husband Patrick uses a carabiner, a kind of spring-loaded clip he got from Home Depot for a buck. I need something a little less construction-professional looking.

Meg, another acquaintance, has no use for key chains. "I kept losing my keys, so I just leave the key in the car. If someone steals the car, oh well. I'll get insurance money for it."

After advising Meg to check that fact with her insurance company, I called another friend, Nancy, who uses a preppy canvas boat shoe key chain. "My mom gave it to me years ago, it's very dated but I just never think to replace it when I go out shopping."

Exactly how I felt, until now. The key chain is a forgotten commodity. In stores, they are usually found tucked away by the jewelry, which is where I found my first display of key chains at Wal-Mart. At the low end were the \$.77 key chains. Foam floral hearts, squeaky black rubber dogs, sparkly pink picture frames...they seemed intended for junior high girls' locker keys. For \$1.76, you could take home a psychedelic smiley-faced miniature notepad key chain, for all those notes that need to be taken on the road, or passed in math class. At the same price, hot pink change purses, or leopard print miniature platform sandals were for sale. For a few shekels more (\$1.97), a useful black imitation leather key chain with a push button flashlight caught my eye. A multicolored bean bag frog key chain (\$2.67) looked promising because of its three-inch size, but upon closer examination, the chain attached to the frog looked like it wouldn't last the week.

Wal-Mart also offered a number of metal religious key chains. An oval key chain read, "Never drive faster than your Guardian angel can fly" (\$2.67). For the same price, a fish shaped metal chain hung on the display with Jesus spelled out in black letters. A pewter looking cross, decorated with flowers, read, "With God, all things are possible" (\$2.67). Most days I could use this inspirational reminder, so I snatched it up and moved on.

Old Navy sells a gray and baby blue

The key chain is a forgotten commodity.

metal ladybug key chain (\$4.50). The Ultra Bright L.E.D. Lite key chain doubles as a letter opener; a slot on top of the bug has a blade inside for cutting envelopes.

Target's key chains were found in the automotive section. A Quick Release Key Holder (\$1.99), which separates in the middle so that the key could be left with a valet, was a cheap alternative. I got one for Meg, so she could leave her key in the car but take her house key with her. For a few dollars more (\$4.99), the Ultra NeoGlo Super Brite Key chain read "LED light lasts up to 10,000 hours."

It offered a trigger hook to attach to belts and bags. Another option at Target was the Deluxe Lighted Key chain (\$4.99). Offering a push light like the previous key chain, it also had five quick-release key rings.

Auto Zone sold a variety of brightly colored cartoon characters (\$2.99). Betty Boop, Tweety Bird, Yosemite Sam, Marvin the Martian, playful as they were, I knew I couldn't talk Patrick into carrying

around keys with cartoon characters attached to them. The Auto Zone also sold a Skull Key Ring (\$6.49). "The Triple Chrome Plated Die Cast Metal" key chain looked sturdy, but the red eyes on the skull would be just too morbid an option for me.

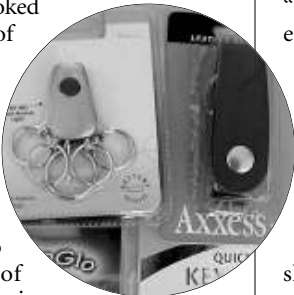
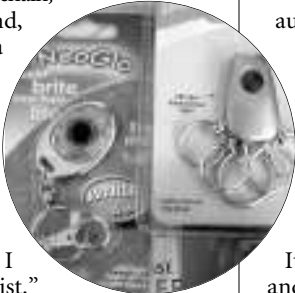
None of the key chains at Longs Drug Store looked battle worthy, save a black Leather Belt Hook key chain (\$1.99). I picked that up and forged ahead.

Restoration Hardware sold a "Screwball" (\$12.50), an egg-shaped metal ball with eight miniature screwdrivers that popped up for use. The key ring didn't have a sturdy enough look so I left it behind.

I called Bernice, my lifelong friend for her advice. Bernice is Type A: her closets are straight out of an organized-closet brochure, her kids' toys are all boxed and labeled, she plans her week's dinner meals on Sunday night, and she always shops on Monday night. If I had had my wits about me I would have started my hunt with her. "Oh, Eve, I love my Coach key chain!" she exclaimed. "It is the Trigger Snap Key Chain [\$28], and I bought it almost ten years ago. My friend had one, it was always hooked onto her belt or pouch and she never had to look for her keys, so I had to have one. The leather doesn't even look worn from years of use, and the trigger hook is strong. If I am not wearing a belt, I can hook it onto my shirt."

Inspired by the praise, I called up Coach Leather Wear. "Probably the key chain that everyone knows from the Coach store is the Trigger Snap," the saleslady explained. "It has a trigger hook to connect to your belt or to one of our purses that has loops on the inside. The hardware is all nickel and it has about three inches of leather, and on the other end is a removable split key ring."

I think I have found my lifelong key chain.



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Not much more than a hundred years ago the only things lighted were lighted by fire. Did things burn down more frequently then? A barn burning in the middle of the night on a lonely farm will draw many people. They don't come to help put out the fire.

had was as a night watchman at a small women's college in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I got to work at 6:00, had a free meal in the college cafeteria, walked around the campus and turned on lights, and read a lot in old arm-chairs in which the buildings-

ten — when I got to wake her up. I poked her leg and said the thing I hated to hear when my parents woke me up as a child: "Rise and shine." A parent's revenge may be slow but it is sweet.

Now I love mornings, the light parts of which I rarely saw

Three a.m.

Once a barn is burning, particularly if the lofts are full of hay, you can only watch it burn. They come because they are drawn by the light, by the great torch of a barn fire. I'm not sure so many people would show up, even in a densely populated city, to watch an equivalent-sized fire. It does not light up the sky with the same drama and rage. There is too much light in a city for a light like that to stand out. There was something about these hours — 3:00 to 4:00 — in the morning that I had forgotten: a romance, a dread, a solitude, an atmosphere, a tone.

For many years I lived as a nocturnal person. I would stay up until the first peeps of dawn. Then I'd sleep until noon or one. I have a friend who still makes fun of me for the time he called at noon and I yelled at him for calling so early. I liked to write; I liked to walk, particularly in New York City; I liked to read. Reading alone at night: perfect. Wallace Stevens has a poem with these lines: "The house was quiet and the world was calm./ The reader became the book; and summer night// Was like the conscious being of the book./ The house was quiet and the world was calm." I liked that the phone didn't ring, that there was no traffic; I liked being awake when most others were asleep.

The best time-clock job I ever

and-grounds day-crew gold-bricked. These were set up around the boilers in the basements of classrooms and dormitories. These were especially good places to read in the colder months. I think I made only 75 bucks a week (it was 1971), but I probably got to read three or four books a week on the job. I considered that a serious perk. This job also provided me with another free meal later and all the toilet paper and lightbulbs I needed: I was the night watchman, I had the keys to everything. There was another watchman on the same shift. He was 80 years old. His name was Tom too. I was in my early 20s. They called us Old Tom and Young Tom, in the same sense as you'd call people Frick and Frack or Tweedledum and Tweedledee. It is a blazing miracle that no serious trouble occurred on our shift. We had the keys, and we turned on lights, but we did not own the night.

For most of my life, however, I've made my living as a college teacher, an even better racket than the night-watchman deal, and arranged my classes for afternoons or evenings. My nocturnal ways were changed, I think forever, 15 years ago. Fatherhood. The only time to sleep was when the baby slept, and my daughter seemed to sleep little. And she was an early riser. I'll never forget my pleasure the first time — she was

for so many years. I wanted to try to change that circadian clock again, if only for a week or so. We really do carry clocks around in us in the form of a tiny clump of cells known as the suprachiasmatic (nice word in which you hear other words) nucleus, or SCN. This clock is highly sensitive to the daily change from light to dark, with the rising sun setting us up for wakefulness and the dusk setting us up for sleep. We are programmed by circadian rhythms to sleep at night and be awake during the day. I'd try to flip the switch. I wanted to know what was out there in the night. Who might know about the night, the darkness, literal and figurative? The cops. They do their best business at night.

I went out on a 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. (he works a ten-hour shift four days a week) ride-along with a young (26), smart, tough, aggressive cop from the Chula Vista P.D. named Scott Schneider. He's about 6'3", maybe 200 pounds, and like so many young cops today, ripped. He works out, lifts weights just about every day. It relieves stress and "helps if I have to fight guys." He wears a bullet-proof vest in the center of which, as added protection, he places a ceramic insert, about the size of a dinner plate, right over his heart. He keeps a small handgun tucked in there and carries a regulation weapon on his hip. He





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Scott Schneider

said to me, "Some guys carry a third gun too." He's a graduate (a B.A. in English) of San Diego State. He was in his second year on the force. I liked him right away. I always respect cops and usually like them. Even in the '60s, as a card-carrying hippie and a half-assed radical, I was never comfortable with "the cops are the pigs" bone-head talk. To me that was like making an enemy out of teachers or farmers, say — people who do work that has to be done and done well if we are to survive as a civilization. Plus, cops' work is dangerous. Every day a cop thinks about the department's chaplain walking up his sidewalk to ring his doorbell and



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Scott Schneider

tell his wife, or father, or mother that something bad has happened. So, if you're going to badmouth

cops, don't do it around me. I know lots of young men about Scott Schneider's age. Most of them are graduate

students, studying the writing of poetry. I hope Officer Schneider writes about what he learned on these

streets. I asked Schneider what happens out here at 3:00 to 4:00 in the morning. He said, "People get arrested." And a common thing to get arrested for nowadays is methamphetamine. Since crystal meth can keep people awake for two or three nights in a row, not to mention agitated and paranoid, it's not uncommon for meth users to cross paths with the cops. He said he hardly ever sees other drugs, rarely cocaine or crack, infrequently heroin. Cops don't bother with small amounts of marijuana, but if they find it on you while frisking you, and they find nothing else and kick you loose, they make you dump it

out on the street — probably more painful to a dedicated pothead than a ticket or even an arrest. I was wondering if there was a pie chart (I love pie charts!) somewhere that estimated what percentage of people were awake through the night because of controlled-substance consumption, plain old insomnia, jobs, night terrors, other. I think it was in the "other" category that I used to live my nocturnal life. We cruised around Chula. Schneider has a more or less regular area to cover, which he can leave in an instant if he gets a call. He follows his nose, and his instincts, around. He glanced down a side



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street and saw a car stopped, lights off, in the road. Why? Drug deal, a hooker? He checked it out and it was a woman he'd busted before, but this time there was no bad business going on. A little later he noticed an old Cadillac pulling in to a convenience store. Two males, one white, one African-American. He waited for them to come out, then followed them to a light, where they failed to come to a full stop before taking a right. He pulled them over. They said they'd driven the several miles from San Diego to Chula to this convenience store to get a Popsicle. Officer Schneider said, "They don't have any 7-Elevens in San

Diego?" He invited the driver, the black man, to step out and asked if he could search him. He consented. There

was a local TV clown where I grew up who would pull a huge number of things, including dozens of

bananas, from his trick suit. That was his whole act. I thought this guy was auditioning for the part. Schneider held the

man's laced-together fingers behind the man's back with his right hand and went through the man's pockets with his left. Onto the trunk of the car went one white lace-topped woman's sock, a soda can, three or four packs of cigarettes in various stages of depletion and a couple of brands, a pin for a bicycle pump, two or three disposable cigarette lighters, a few pencils, a woman's long nylon stocking, a candy bar, napkins, change, an empty glassine bag not much bigger than a postage stamp (who makes sandwiches this small?) with slight white powder residue — not enough. Schneider told me later he thought the guy was

clean as he searched him: most often, particularly if the officer is getting close, the person being searched squeezes the cop's hand holding his fingers behind his back. It's as if squeezing this hand will stop the officer's other hand from finding the dope or weapon. It's a kind of involuntary body language, a "tell," a tactile sign. The cops call the watch pocket of jeans "the bingo pocket" — always a good chance you'll find a few rocks in there. This guy didn't squeeze his hand. Officer Schneider had told the white guy to take a seat on the curb. Schneider kind of half-heartedly searched him and then the car. He found a small bag of



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pot underneath the passenger seat. Schneider had seen the guy ditch it there when he pulled them over. As aforementioned, he dumped the pot on the street. The white guy was just finishing up an ice cream cone. He looked a little sad. Officer Schneider seemed to take no joy in this.

At another stop later, a backup cruiser arrived with two officers in it. In Chula, officers ride alone, but backup units arrive with great alacrity. It took me a few minutes to recognize one of the officers: Steve Fobes, an agent in the Family Protection Unit at the

A punked-out young woman with a large tattoo in gothic script across her upper back reading UNJOY was buying a six-pack of imported beer.

Chula Vista Police Department. I didn't recognize him right away because he was in uniform and when I hung around with him a bit last year, he always wore plain clothes. He was riding as a "ghost": an experienced cop who rides along with a new cop. It's one of the last phases of police training. He doesn't advise or even speak a word to the young cop he's going around with — he's a silent, ghost observer. He then evaluates the young cop's job. Fobes could talk to me, though, and we did a little. It was almost exactly 3:00 a.m. He men-

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tioned that he'd arrested a guy he was looking for intensely a year ago, a particularly nasty pedophile. He told me then and I quoted him then: "It's only a matter of time until we get him." So it should be said here in

print: he and his colleagues made good that promise.

We talked on the corner of Broadway and C Street, a clean, well-lighted place. Streetlights are fairly recent — if you don't count bonfires at cross-

roads in ancient Athens. It wasn't until late in the 17th Century, in Paris, that a priest with an eye for a franc obtained a monopoly on lighted watch posts. They were 300 paces apart. You could hire a guard with

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You'd be amazed at how little time it takes a whole lot of cops to get to a scene after this kind of call. Schneider was pumped by the ride and the brief struggle. The guy was a parole violator, I believe. There must be many adrenaline-pumping moments in any given day for a cop. Night-shift workers in general have more sleep problems than day-shift workers. Officer Schneider said he had sleep difficulties — insomnia — frequently. Night-shift workers also have more gastrointestinal problems than day-shift workers. They tend to eat poorly. I didn't ask Officer Schneider if he had stomach problems or ate too much junk food, but if one already has the common night-shift problems and then one's job also has the potential to get one shot at, a cop on the swing shift might have a tough time of it.

Another part of the 3:00 a.m. contingent would be regular old insomniacs. They're not usually out on the street, however. The reasons for their sleeplessness? — there are a million stories in the naked city. You know these wakeful only by the light of one window here, one window there, in a cityscape of a million dark windows. I have been a member of this tribe. I used to worry about it sometimes. Which, of course, made it worse. Then somebody told me you'll fall asleep when you're tired enough. Turned out to be true. Sometimes you don't need shrinks, or self-help books, or sleep clinics; sometimes you just need to stay awake until you fall asleep. I've always loved Robert Frost's poem of the sleepless, "Acquainted with the Night." The first two

stanzas go like this: "I have been one acquainted with the night./ I have walked out in rain — and back in rain./ I have outwalked the furthest city light.// I have looked down the saddest city

lane./ I have passed by the watchman on his beat/ And dropped my eyes, unwilling to explain." It is possible to outwalk the furthest city light — go to the desert, the mountains, the sea — but the lights

are everywhere here.

I watched dawn begin to arrive in the parking lot of a Motel 6. Officer Schneider had said, about 4:00 a.m., "Let's go to the Motel 6 parking lot and throw

somebody in jail." We'd cruised through a few times earlier. He's found several stolen cars there. He needed to find one more stolen car to reach a certain number and he'd get a pin. A humble reward,

but a matter of pride: he wanted one more car. He liked finding stolen cars — the results were tangible and almost immediate: somebody got his car back. He noticed a Toyota with a sorority



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sticker on it. “What would a sorority girl be doing in a place like this?” He ran the plates. Not this time. He had questioned a guy earlier in the parking lot and the guy had left. Now his jeep was back. The guy was in a room but not registered. Officer Schneider’s nose was telling him: dope deal going on here. A few backups arrived: they

knew he was in a room registered to someone else. They tried a “knock and talk”: they didn’t have a warrant or any probable cause to toss the room so they knocked, and when the guy finally came to the door, an officer who had a knack for talking his way into places spoke to the guy. No luck. The guys inside were too savvy,

and even though the cops saw a knife and a black metal box, they couldn’t go in. They were getting a little frustrated. It was a standoff. Schneider and the other cops discussed what to do. Traffic was picking up on 5 going both north and south. A eucalyptus tree was rattling in a slight breeze. From the worn-down dirt,

among crushed beer cans and cigarette butts, a few very delicate and very yellow little flowers grew. Even a little light grew from the ground. The parking lot’s lights buzzed. This is another thing that happens at this hour of the morning or night: there are harsh knocks on motel-room doors, cops are tired, frustrated. After giving

the guy with the jeep a sobriety test — he passed — they sent him on his way. He was a scraggly dude but cool through all this — patient, cooperative, and slightly condescending. He smirked as he got in his jeep. He’d be making his dope deal later. The light went off in the motel room. Scott said, “Let’s go look for stolen

cars.” He knew a place where the chances were good.

I always liked Allen Ginsberg’s poem “A Supermarket in California.” He calls it the “neon fruit supermarket” and writes of peaches and penumbras. I never liked much else of his except for *Howl* and chunks of “Kaddish.” It seemed to me that he was too much into the guru business the last three or four decades of his writing life. Gurus have the answers, are happy to tell you the path. Gurus hold too much light. Guru-ism isn’t good for poets. But I thought it would be fun to find and visit the toniest 24-hour supermarket in San Diego. It shall remain unnamed. Who goes shopping at 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. and what do they buy? How many different kinds of smoked oysters does the place stock? I’ve always used the Smoked Oyster Index to judge the fussbudget food market. I try not to imagine how oysters get smoked: do they hang them in a smokehouse, individually, like hams? The first thing that struck me about this store was how much booze was for sale. Where I lived for most of my life (New York) you can buy only beer in a supermarket, never wine or distilled spirits. Incredible arrays of wines and beers and the hard stuff. Somebody once told me that booze was about a third of the profit a restaurant makes. Is booze then a third of our regular food budget?

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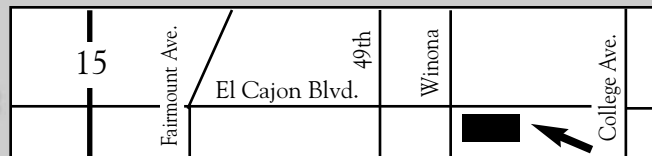
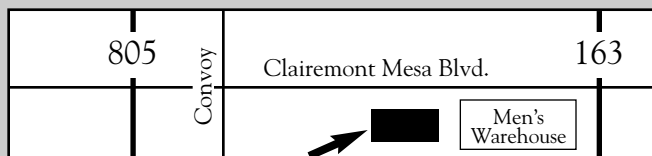


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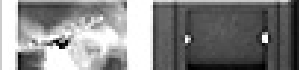
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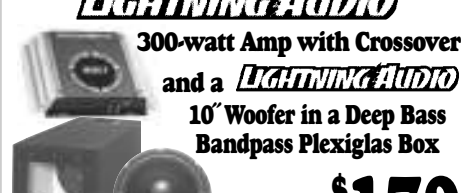
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Patch Fruit Salad... The possibility of a stroke not withstanding, I am glad I have a salt tooth rather than a sweet tooth. Every olive oil on the planet was there, not to mention 10,000 cows', goats', and buffaloes' worth of cheese. Look up Donald Hall's wonderful poem "O Cheeses" — it's a different kind of treat for the mouth as well as a pleasure for the ear. It was about 3:30 a.m. Who was shopping here? Exactly three other people. Two gay men were selecting a large number of oranges, each one more

orange as they lifted them to the light to inspect them. A punked-out young woman with a large tattoo in gothic script across her upper back reading UNJOY was buying a six-pack of imported beer. The reference to UNCOLA is certainly conscious, a kind of ironic, albeit permanent, comment on American consumerism. There are lots of reasons to satirize the excesses of capitalism, but usually satire puts the needle to the subject rather than the needle striking the satirist.

But I had no time to ponder this: I was on a mission to fruits and vegetables. The orchard/garden of the world! Sometimes writers write things (espe-

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cially if they're not getting paid, as in poetry, for example) as an excuse to use certain words. Just because you like the word's sound, taste, connotations. For example: graffiti egg-

plant, red camarillo, sweet lemon (oxymoronic fruit!), red banana, baby pineapple, burro bananas (they carry the red bananas on their

backs), malanga. I'm not sure I'd want to eat any of these, but they sure are tasty words! The lettuce section had so many shades of green and mists and coolness I closed my

eyes and was compelled to lean over the bins — until I started getting damp. There were yellow peppers bright enough to act as nite-lites. And, my Lord, the carrots so bright in their orange and their wild, green hair, I considered never eating a pork chop again! There was one little green pepper on which I did some research. It is grown exclusively in the magma chamber of a volcano in Mexico. Alas, I didn't see anyone who looked like Walt Whitman or García Lorca squeezing melons and eyeballing




the bag boys as Ginsberg did. The store was blazing bright, brighter than in full daylight. You had to look hard to find a shadow. I wandered up and down the aisles, lonely, eavesdropping on the conversations of stockboys: they were talking about Gameboys. The night manager, who was going to give me a tour (which he wasn't supposed to do, which is why the store is not named) of the store-rooms, the meat locker, and let's call it the fish locker, had the most bloodshot eyes I've ever seen on a man. Night



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workers average less sleep during the work-week than day-shift workers. All the extra work people do — odd hours, evenings, week-ends, round-the-clock — has reduced American sleep time. A hundred years ago people slept, on average, one-fifth more. Which means they dreamed more. They experienced hypnagogia more frequently. Coleridge mentions hypnagogia in his notebooks: “The whispers just as you have fallen or are falling asleep — what are they and whence?” Indeed. Especially “whence?” There was less to do then after dark. There were many fewer lights. You had to spend a lot of time hitching and unhitching horses. That’s fatiguing. This is the night manager’s second job. When we went backstage I saw a wooden pallet piled 15 feet high with cases of diet Coke. The store sells 180 12-packs of diet Coke a day. That’s over 2000 cans of diet Coke a day and not a single calorie! They must weigh eight tons but not a single calorie! It’s a freaking miracle! And it’s just right for washing down Gummi Bears and, oh, 17 kinds of smoked oysters.

What are babies doing at 3:00 a.m.? I know people without babies are thinking that. As I said, mine was often awake. My job at 3:00 a.m. was to get our daughter from her crib in the next room and bring her to my wife, who would nurse her; then, when they both were conked out again, take our daughter back to her crib. I could do it in my sleep. I did. This is part of new fatherhood: you carry the baby sometimes, the rest of the time you carry stuff for the baby that weighs 50 times more than the

baby.

I found a sleeping baby. She was a friend’s baby. He easily agreed to let me sit in his baby’s room for a few hours in the middle of the night and “take down my impressions.”

His wife thought I was crazy but consented. There was a delay in her consent, however, during which time I believe she had me checked out by the FBI. The baby, Nina, six months old, slept on

her back, her arms and legs bent and cocked. She pedaled the air every once in a while — her dreams were telling her she’d be running someday. Her crib was stuffed with stuffies. Outside

her bedroom window, which also doubles as her father’s study, a lemon tree scraped against the house. An outside light off the lemons made them shine like Christmas ornaments. I could

make out some books on the shelves — some poetry, some biographies of poets. Her father is a poet and a public-school teacher. This means she’s going to grow up poor but deeply loved. She is

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unconcerned about that now. There was one light on in the room — in her crib, a little green, glowing bead: the baby monitor. She snuffled a little. I leaned over and sniffed her head. I love to sniff a baby's head. Until recently, I thought that if this was not quite a perversion then at least I was a little weird. And as far as I know there are no 12-step groups for people who are powerless over sniffing babies' heads. It turns out (this is scientific fact!) a baby's head and hair contain an endorphin-like drug that

adults find pleasurable. That's right: you get a little buzz from sniffing a baby's head. I imagine it came to be as a way for a baby to help ensure adult care and love. I predict this: pretty soon we'll begin seeing ads in the backs of magazines for a men's hair product that includes these chemicals. Men will do anything to lay their heads on a woman's heart.

Meanwhile, not much was happening with this baby. She was pretty bald and no new hair sprouted. Her calves were chubby and pink. A few unpleasant

looks passed over her face: dreams or gas? I remembered one 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. when my child was feeling poorly and I'd just had all my wisdom teeth pulled. Since neither of us

I didn't have a check to cash, the light was blinding, and the manager here too eyed me warily.

could sleep and both of us were fussy, I took my daughter downstairs and lay on the couch with her on my chest, and pretty soon she was asleep and the pain in

my jaw was gone. Thank you, sweet Nina, for helping me remember that. I have this advice for your father: Stop time, stop time right now! So this is another thing that hap-

pens at 3:00 a.m.: a baby sleeps, oblivious (as it should be) to the sadness of the world. Far in the distance, I heard a police siren.

What happens if

your parakeet has a seizure in the middle of the night? You take him to an all-night pet hospital. And, if you're lucky, you'll take beloved Tweety to the hospital where Dr. Barrie Sands works. She's petite, brown-haired, attractive, and originally from Upstate New York. She's got the touch not many human doctors seem to have nowadays: she listens to her patients, she's got what you call a good bedside manner. Her patients can't talk, of course, but they still need listening to, and sometimes the owners

need more care and certainly more assurance than the pet. She told me that once, when she was a young vet, a woman came to her cradling an invisible dog in her arms. The dog was sick and she loved it and wanted the vet to save it. Dr. Sands did. She took the invisible dog from the woman's arms, laid him on a table, pretended to examine him, declared him 100 percent healthy, handed him gently back to his relieved and grateful owner. No charge. I wanted to kiss Dr. Sands after she told me

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that story.

She gave me a tour of the ward. There was a big forlorn-looking dog with most of the hair on his back shaved off and a long, stitched incision running along his spine. Vertebrae problems, he was doing well. I have a friend with vertebrae problems — he's not doing okay. He has so much pain he can barely walk a block without tears coming to his eyes. Dogs and cats get cancer and they get chemo. I neglected to ask if all of their fur falls off. There was a cockatiel back here who had a run-in with a window fan. It ripped a lot of his feathers off, and some new ones — they're called blood feathers — were growing in. A dog without fur looks bad enough; a bird missing most of its feathers is a very sorry-assed-looking creature. Since this was an emergency ward, I wanted to know, naturally, what kinds of emergencies reptiles have. Fact is, they have few. She did treat a snake once that had been duct-taped to a pole. The owner's version of a leash or a chain? There was another snake who got into a neighbor's yard and the neighbor took a hammer to it. Dogs and cats have traumas, emergencies: hit by cars, and, a growing problem, coyotes. They have flat-out heart attacks. She's seeing a lot of ferrets lately. They were a popular pet for a while. I had a student who brought one to class a few times — it would dash around the room right along the baseboards and then climb up into her lap. It was a nervous creature, but poetry seemed to calm it, or bored it into a stupor. Dr. Sands has done operations on goldfish. She referred to the animals as

“patients.” She kept using words — lymphoma, remission, infarction, etc. — that you expect to hear only when talking about human illness, but as I said, animals get cancer, they have heart attacks and bum backs and sore feet. She likened her work to a pediatrician's: babies and small children can't say where they hurt or what's wrong with them either.

We went from bed

to bed. Actually from cage to cage — but “cage” does not seem like the right word. There was a tiny shivering Chihuahua suffering from seizures. I've never liked little yappy dogs. I was tempted to

ask how one can tell these ever-trembling creatures are having a seizure, but that would have been rude to this kind doctor, and I also got the feeling, in a flash, that if I made a wisecrack comment, I'd

get bit by a dog the second I walked out on the street. There was a big, dopey-looking mongrel who'd had chest surgery for cancer — he'd lost three ribs, one lung, was hanging in. Some-

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body loved him. She mentioned the next-of-kin's — the owner's — right to refuse euthanasia. People will do just about anything to buy a little more time for a pet.

I spent a few hours at the pet hospital. No new emergencies came in. Dr. Sands said this was unusual. When I walked out to the parking lot at 5:00 a.m. a rabbit hopped across my path. And when I turned on my car lights, illumined was a huge spiderweb strung from a parking barrier. The web hadn't been there when I arrived.

This creature had been busy, and I lingered a few minutes in the running car, lights on, hoping to attract a few moths for his breakfast.

I thought that going to a cemetery at 3:00 a.m. might be a good idea. I scouted a pretty isolated one, access to which seemed easy. I arrived, in a cab, at 3:05 a.m. on an August night. I asked the driver to wait. I told him I had to say goodbye to someone important to me. He was Latino, he understood. I walked into the cemetery about 50 feet, then turned around and

came out. Not because I was scared but for two reasons: there wasn't anything happening here and it was an idiotic and disrespectful idea. Even for prose, even for poetry.

I went to an all-night gym. The night manager wouldn't let me look around. Everything was so silver and light, the dumbbells gleaming, all in a row. I wondered if it was someone's job: to polish the dumbbells. That wouldn't look too impressive on a résumé: dumbbell polisher. An exquisitely coifed woman did

crunches on an incline bar. Her hair didn't move. In the lounge, a good-looking Asian man in his 20s was massaging the neck of a beautiful woman 20 years older. She wore a belly shirt that showed off her washboard abs. They both had a combined body fat of 1 percent. They weren't wearing workout clothes. I asked the manager if he knew what Mark Twain said when someone asked him about physical exercise. The manager said no. I said Twain said his biceps felt like a shucked oyster in a

sock. The manager kicked me out.

I walked to an all-night check-cashing place. I didn't have a check to cash, the light was blinding, and the manager there too eyed me warily, was uninterested in engaging in conversation. I went into an all-night drugstore across the street. I put on a pair of sunglasses — too much light everywhere. The counterperson seemed bored rather than suspicious. When I walked into places like this with a cop, people were generally more friendly. Why was that?

On another night, one of my last stops was a 24-hour diner. I'd been there several times during the day. It's a well-known place in Coronado and often the last stop for young servicemen after a night on the town. There were a couple of sailors in their cups eating huge quantities of eggs and potatoes and bacon. I talked to the counterperson after they left (half-bagged as they were, they were not in the least rowdy). The counterperson owns a boat on which he lives. He travels up and down the coast, and when he

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runs out of money, he gets a cooking job for a few months, saves some money, quits, and goes back to his boat and his travels. Nice way to live, I thought. His boat was at the marina near the Coronado Bay Bridge. Must be nice to sit on deck at 3:00 a.m. and look at the bridge, the beautiful blue-black (at this time) bridge. I ordered a few scrambled eggs, ate them, and stumbled home, my night shifts over.

The night's not what it's cracked up to be. I admit I avoided clubs and bars, places where nightlife happens. As I keep harping on: there's too much light everywhere. Night is a good time to hose down your sidewalk, and the traffic's minimal, but there is too much light everywhere. A sociologist named Murry Melbin says that the night was the last

frontier, and since the invention of electric lighting, we have colonized the night much in the same way that we colonized the Old West. He also says that time is like space: the more people occupy day and the more crowded it becomes, the more people are pushed into the night. Soon they will be the same, one will blend into the other, and it will be difficult to tell the difference. Or better: maybe each day will be like René Magritte's famous surrealist painting: a daytime sky over a nighttime street. Or is it a nighttime sky in a daytime street? ■

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Elizabeth” is a 17-year-old senior at Morse High School. She has her own style, doesn’t wear what everyone else wears. She is usually with friends and takes school seriously.

Where were you the first time you tried ecstasy?

“It was at a party in La Jolla. It [wasn’t] a hard-core kind of party where everyone listens to some bad-ass music and drops. It [was] a regular teen-age party where the objective is ‘to have fun.’ Well, anyway, I was at the party because my friend...brought me there. At the time, I was feeling depressed because I had a family-and-boyfriend type of problem and [my friend] wanted to cheer me up. Then they did drugs [ecstasy] and offered me some and I accepted.”

How old were you?

“I was 16.”

What made you decide to try it?

“Too much drama in my life; I just couldn’t handle it, and it was driving me nuts. I needed diversions. Besides, I saw them doing it. They were having fun. I got curious, so I did it.”

How did it make you feel?

“I got this ‘wow’ feeling. I was crazy-happy. It’s so intense, and I felt somewhat relaxed, like, free to do anything I wanted. Free to be me. Also, it’s, like, you’re in love.”

What did you do while high?

“I don’t remember, but before we did that, we were doing karaoke.”

How long did the high last?

“It lasted for a while.”

How many times have you taken ecstasy?

“A few times.”

When did you use it?

“Whenever I got really depressed and I needed to kind of calm myself down; I used it at night.”

Where is the best location to use ecstasy?

“Parties, a friend’s house when their folks are out of town. Sometimes my room or the bathroom.”

Describe the feeling you get from ecstasy.

“You feel free, somewhat relaxed. You get high, feel a little happy, but if you overdo it a little, like what happened to me, I vomited and got really sick, and I had pain, severe stomach pain. I have an ulcer, by the way.”

While on ecstasy, have you done anything you wouldn’t normally do?

“Yes, I had my picture taken while I was taking clothes off and without my clothes.”

Did you do other drugs while on ecstasy?

“Not while on ecstasy, but I’ve tried other drugs. Vicodin...”

Did ecstasy increase your desire for sex?

“Yes, of course!”

Did you ever have sex while on ecstasy?

“No, I don’t think so! I tell my friends that if I get really wasted, that they shouldn’t let anything like that happen. Besides, the only time I did ecstasy with a guy was the first time. Although [Fred] is my supplier, I don’t take it with him. I take it with either [Jan] or [Wilma] or both.”

What type of music is best for a trip?

“Best? ‘When Worlds Collide,’ by Powerman 5000, ‘My Plague’ [Slipknot], ‘Points of

Authority’ [Linkin Park].... Trance, hard rock, whatever.”

Are there any side effects from taking ecstasy?

“Sometimes [I feel] ‘off’ and have a hard time remembering something.”

Do you worry about it causing genetic damage?

“When I’d take it, no! Hell, I wanted to die! So I didn’t really care.”

How much does a hit of ecstasy cost?

“Somebody was selling it to me for \$20 to \$35, but I get mine for free.”

How long would it take for you to buy some?

“A call away...that was before, but [Fred] moved.”

Where would you buy it?

“Friends.”

How many different types of ecstasy are there?

“Lots; there’s Pure Love, 3-Stack, and all other shit.”

What types have you taken?

“Three-Stack.”

Would you ever do it again?

“If the occasion calls for it.”

Do you regret taking ecstasy?

“Truthfully, no. Like I said, I’ve become so pathetic about my life. Besides, it’s been a great help for me to go through my dramas...but, of course, there’s always a catch!”

Is it worth trying once?

“Let me put it this way, I wouldn’t take it if I didn’t have drama. But, hey, if you want to, go ahead, but it’ll ruin your life. Maybe not now, but someday it will!”

Do you think it’s addictive?

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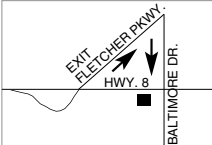
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using ecstasy, what advice would you give her?
"I wouldn't let her."
If you imagine yourself as an animal while on ecstasy, what animal would it be?
"Yeah, hallucination, forgot to mention that. I have a phobia with snakes. Every picture of it or stories about it makes me uncomfortable. It got weird and really nasty when I took ecstasy. I had this hallucination or this weird feeling that I was on the floor naked and this big green snake is crawling on my body and it was just there and I was feeling a little, you know, horny about it. It's like having sex with the animal. It's horrible, but it felt so real. But, anyway, if ever I imagined myself as an animal, probably a snake, because that's what I'm scared of."

'Eric" went to East-Lake High School. He's now in his second year at Mesa College. He likes to wear different types of hats when he goes out with friends.

Where were you the first time you tried ecstasy?
"EastLake's luau; it was last year, around September. There were a bunch of people, probably around 200 to 400 people that night. It was really packed. I think that's the best place to drop. I mean, you won't get noticed if you start acting dumb."
How old were you?
"Seventeen, about to turn 18."

Who were you with?
"My girlfriend and a few other people who kicked it with us."

What made you decide to try it?
"A friend of mine told me that it can get you really horny if you take it. But, then again, he also said you had to take Viagra to get an erection."

How did it make you feel?
"I got horny, and I guess I felt really relaxed. Especially when the music was loud, it made you really happy.... I heard it really depends on your personality."

What did you do while high?
"I just walked around doing stupid things."
How long did the high last?
"Only a few hours. I took a

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weak one; it was Dolphin.”
How many times have you taken ecstasy?
“Just that one time.... I just wanted to see how it was, and that’s it. Nothing more; I know the side effects of it, but I still wanted to try it. Just to see what all the hype was about.”
While on ecstasy, did you do anything you wouldn’t normally do?
“Yes, I asked three girls to give me head in front of a bunch of people.”
Did you have sex?
“Yes; it was in the parking lot, in my car.”
Did you do other drugs while on ecstasy?
“Nope; that’s just stupid.”

What type of music is best for a trip?
“Techno and any type of music that you can crank up.”
Are there any side effects from taking ecstasy?
“I don’t know. I didn’t have any side effects.”
Do you worry about it causing genetic damage?
“No, I’ve never even heard of that. E can do that? Wow!”
How much does a hit of ecstasy cost?
“I got it for \$20. I got the cheap, weak one, that’s why.”
How long would it take for you to buy some?
“Probably right away; I still

have that guy’s phone number.... He’s the only one I know who sells it at EastLake.”
How many different types of ecstasy are there?
“I have no idea. All I know is there’s a lot of them.”
Would you ever do it again?
“Nope; it was difficult to get hard when you’re high. So I wouldn’t want a girl seeing my thing when it’s limp.”
Do you regret taking ecstasy?
“No, not really. I mean, I regret what I did, but I don’t regret taking it.”
Is it worth trying once?
“Yeah, it was. You have to try things before you can judge them.”
Do you think it’s addictive?
“Very addictive. I had cravings for it for about two months after I first took it.”
If you had a younger sister curious about using ecstasy, what advice would you give her?
“‘Don’t do it,’ because there’s a lot of crazy guys and someone might try to take advantage of her.”
If you imagine yourself as an animal while on ecstasy, what animal would it be?
“I have no idea...probably a dog. I don’t know why, but a dog. No, wait, I know why a dog; because my favorite position is doggy style!”

“Eva” is 19 years old and has blonde hair. She graduated from Mount Miguel High School and now attends Penn State, where she’s in a sorority. Where were you the first time you tried ecstasy?
“It was at my house. Nobody was home, and my girlfriends and a few other guys were at my house. Everyone was taking it, so I decided to take it also.... My friends told me it’s gonna be one of those times in your life that you will feel so good and stuff.”
How old were you?
“Seventeen.”

How did it make you feel?
“Tempting and just a feel-good-type feeling.”
What did you do while high?
“Talk and smoke; we were just chilling most of the time.”
How long did the high last?
“The first time, about a whole day, but then, later on, it would be, like, three or four hours.”
How many times have you taken ecstasy?
“About seven or eight times.”
When did you use it?
“Just chilling with my ex-boyfriend, talking about stuff, drinking, just usually chilling at nighttime.”

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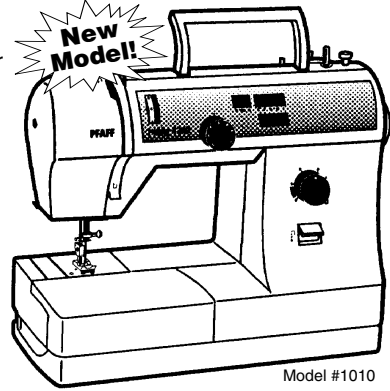
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one, and I just didn’t want to listen to anything or anyone. I just got so upset.”
While on ecstasy, have you done anything you wouldn’t normally do?
 “All of a sudden, I’d wake up in the morning, walk around the block, and start crying about stuff.”
Did you do other drugs while on ecstasy?
 “Usually people smoke weed...I don’t.”
Did it increase your desire for sex?
 “Yes, it made me very

horny.”
Did you ever have sex while on ecstasy?
 “Yes, it makes it feel better. I don’t know why.”
What type of music is best for a trip?
 “Trance, rave, or reggae. All of those are good.”
Are there any side effects from taking ecstasy?
 “Dehydration, making funny-looking faces like you’re some kind of retard, sniff a lot like you have a cold, and everything turns blurry.”
Do you worry about it

causing genetic damage?
 “Somewhat, but I don’t think about it when I’m high.”
How much does a hit of ecstasy cost?
 “Around \$15 to \$20.”
How long would it take for you to buy some?
 “Less than two hours.”
Where would you buy it?
 “From friends.”
How many different types of ecstasy are there?
 “A lot, too many to name.”
What types have you taken?

“Superman, Apple, Octagon, and White Sexy.”
Would you ever do it again?
 “Yeah, it makes me feel really good.”
Do you regret taking ecstasy?
 “Yeah, because I had a bad roll before.”
Is it worth trying once?
 “Not really. I guess it’s just one of those things you want to do when you’re young.”
Do you think it’s addictive?
 “Nope, at least not to me. I can control it. I just take

it because of stress.”
If you had a younger sister curious about using ecstasy, what advice would you give her?
 “Hell, no! She is not going to go close to shit like that! NO, NO! I hope she doesn’t turn out like me.”
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Evan," a freshman at EastLake High School, likes to wear wild styles of clothing, listen to hip-hop, sing, and bowl. *Where were you the first time you tried ecstasy?* "It was at a party at a friend's house. A lot of people were drinking and smoking, but I didn't want to do any of those. I was just there because my friends took me there." *How old were you?* "Twelve.... So this was last year." *Who were you with?* "Friends, older friends. A lot of them were around 17 through 21 years old." *What made you decide to try it?*

"I just wanted to experience it...I guess." *How did it make you feel?* "Really hyped up about the smallest things...like, lights going off. Like, one of my friends farted, and I just laughed for a long time." *What did you do while you were high?* "I don't know; I don't remember. It was last year, so I don't really remember every detail of it." *How long were you high?* "I don't know...about 45 minutes." *How many times have you taken ecstasy?* "Once; that was the only time. My friends told me not to take it again until I'm 16 or so."

Where is the best location to use ecstasy? "At a party with a lot of people and a place where you know for sure that cops and adults won't come." *Describe the feeling you get from ecstasy.* "Very, very hyper, more than you can imagine." *While on ecstasy, have you done anything you wouldn't normally do?* "Yes, like, dance like I knew how to dance. I'm the worst dancer there is." *Did you do other drugs while on ecstasy?* "No, just ecstasy. I didn't want to do any other drugs; they're bad for you." *Did it increase your desire*

for sex? "Yes, it made me very horny." *Did you have sex while on ecstasy?* "No. I wish I could've had sex. I heard E makes sex feel a lot nicer." *What type of music is best for a trip?* Hip-hop, techno, house, trance, anything that's loud. Like, Nintendo Crew — Super Mario Brothers Techno Remix, Tetris Techno Remix, and so on." *Are there any side effects from taking ecstasy?* "No, not for me, and if there is, I don't feel anything. I've only done it once, so I guess it won't hurt me that bad." *Do you worry about it causing genetic damage?* "No, because I don't even think that it's possible to

damage your genes. If it is, then sorry to my kids." *How much does a hit of ecstasy cost?* "Forty-five bucks. I think I got ripped off, because a lot of people told me it only cost \$20." *How long would it take for you to buy some?* "It would probably take me a couple hours to get ahold of ecstasy. I don't drive or anything, that's why." *Where would you buy it?* "Most likely I would get ahold of it from a friend." *How many different types of ecstasy are there?* "I know of ten different kinds of ecstasy, but I'm very sure there are a lot more." *What type did you take?* "I took a yellow star pill." *Would you ever do it again?* "No.... It's expensive and

if you're young like me, you'll lose all your money." *Do you regret taking ecstasy?* "No, it was a good experience. It makes you feel good and everything, just takes you out of your worries." *Do you think it's addictive?* "Ecstasy is not addictive. I don't think so, anyways." *If you had a younger sister curious about using ecstasy, what advice would you give her?* "I'd [first] tell my sister to have sex with guys than to take ecstasy. I don't want her doing that bad stuff." *If you imagine yourself as an animal while on ecstasy, what animal would it be?* "I would be a hyena because that's how I was laughing when I was high. Ha ha."

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Emma" is a 17-year-old senior at Patrick Henry High School. She is active in school activities and loves to dance. *Where were you the first time you tried ecstasy?* "It was at a birthday party at a friend's house." *How old were you?* "Seventeen." *Who were you with?* "My best girlfriend and a few others." *What made you decide to try it?* "People offered, and everyone else was doing it." *How did it make you feel?* "Carefree. It felt like nothing could go wrong."

What did you do while high? "Told the truth if someone asked me about something, very hyper, relaxed, and danced a lot." *How long did the high last?* "About six hours, I think." *How many times have you taken ecstasy?* "About ten times." *When did you use it?* "During weekends — at parties, especially — and after school on Fridays." *Where is the best location to use ecstasy?* "Someone's house, after dark. Never do it during the day; you can get caught." *Describe the feeling you get*

from ecstasy. "Carefree, honest, caring, and relaxed." *While on ecstasy, have you done anything you wouldn't normally do?* "I was more daring while I was on E. I did what people told me to do without giving it second thoughts." *Did you do other drugs while on ecstasy?* "Yes, tweaking and nothing else." *Did it increase your desire for sex?* "No, it didn't increase my desire for sex. I felt more like dancing and meeting and talking to people rather than feeling horny." *Did you ever have sex while*


on ecstasy? "No, because I was too happy and hyper for sex." *Did you listen to music while on ecstasy?* "Yes, techno and hip-hop... you can't listen to country while you're high." *What type of music is best for a trip?* "Any kind of techno or rave; it makes you jump." *Are there any side effects from taking ecstasy?* "No, not that I know of." *Do you worry about it causing genetic damage?* "I've never really thought about it." *How much does a hit of ecstasy cost?* "Hook-ups [discounted]

are around \$13; without it, it's \$20. Depends on who you buy it from." *How long would it take for you to buy some?* "Right away. I know a lot of people who sell it." *Where would you buy it?* "From someone I know or else from a friend's friend." *How many different types of ecstasy are there?* "I'm guessing about 30 to 34, but I'm not sure." *What types have you taken?* "Batman and White Diamonds." *Would you ever do it again?* "No, because I don't like the fact that I can't control my actions." *Do you regret taking ecstasy?*

"Yes, because it slowed me down at work and school." *Is it worth trying once?* "Worth trying, but not worth getting addicted to." *Do you think it's addictive?* "Yes, very, because of the chemicals they use in it." *If you had a younger sister curious about using ecstasy, what advice would you give her?* "Try it once to see, but don't get hooked on it because she's going to regret it later on if she gets hooked." *If you imagine yourself as an animal while on ecstasy, what animal would it be?* "A monkey... I don't know why. I just like monkeys." ■
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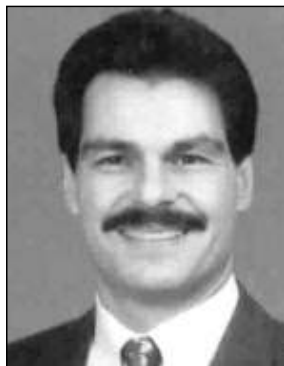
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“Sure.”

Junior lifts the seat to reveal a substantial square battery.

“Batteries,” I observe.

“That’s not batteries.”

“What is it?”

“It’s something that dads know.”

“When did you get that?”

“Remember from Christmas? Remember, you came over at my grandpa’s house and you joined us for presents?”

“Who do you think he is?” asks Laura, Junior’s mom.

“I don’t know, but...”

“Who did he come to Grandpa’s house with? Do you remember?”

“No.”

“Did he have a wife?”

“No.”

Junior’s confusion about my Christmas presence is understandable. Explains Laura, “He met a lot of relatives he didn’t know recently. We took them for a vacation for almost four weeks, driving around the country and visiting relatives. My family is from Ohio, and then my husband has grandparents who live in New Jersey.” That’s a lot of driving with two kids five and under, but Laura says she doesn’t mind doing it. “I feel like I moved out here, away from my family. My dad and brother are there, my grandparents, my uncles, my cousins. I moved away

from them, so it’s my responsibility to make sure the kids get to know their families.”

Laura moved to California from Ohio because “it was January. And I was really itching, like a lot of people who grew up in the Midwest, to get out of there. I was going to college back there, but I enrolled in a travel school out here — I picked the school because San Diego was as far away as I could be from my hometown and still be in the United States.” While she was here, she met Chris, who was in the Marines at the time.

They started dating, and Chris managed to

impress her with his powers of silent endurance. “He ate the most awful meal I have ever cooked; that was when I was trying to figure out how to cook. My dad had told me that you could use Italian dressing to

the kitchen?”

“No. My mother is a very fine orderer at restaurants; she knows how to order very well.” Instead, Laura learned to cook on her own — “asking people, figuring things out,” getting this or that recipe from the person who makes it well. “Red potato salad from our friend George’s wife, beans from his sister...” But not cookbooks. “Cookbooks don’t really offer meals you would cook on a daily basis. They do have a *Woman’s Day* cookbook that I use

“I wanted a square eat-in kitchen that looked out on the back yard, like the kitchens where I grew up.”

kind of often, just in case I get hesitant about stuff. They’ve got some pretty basic recipes in there.”

Laura managed to get a job with Amtrak before the financial leash dragged her back East, and after a couple of deployment-induced delays, she and Chris were married and living in an apartment in Clairemont. The prospect of children had them house-hunting soon after, and Laura began wondering if maybe the grass hadn’t actually been greener back in Ohio. “My



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Laura's lust for space is attached to its attendant freedom, which in turn is attached to her thoughts for her children. "I can compare my childhood to my husband's, since he grew up here, in Claremont. I think his sucked. I had freedom and space. My neighbor had horses.

Chris was riding his bike in traffic to get to a friend's house. I took my kids back, and they're at my dad's house, and there are no fences, and it's open, and they go out for a walk in the woods in the back someplace. It's a good place to be raised, I think."

They ended up in a three-bedroom ranch home in Santee. "Chris liked that it wasn't that far from all of his family. I liked that it was away from the city, but close enough. I like that on my days off, I don't have to leave town if I don't want to, although when they used to have the movie theater here, it was nice. It just

seemed more like home, the place I tried so hard to get away from. It was in the shopping center; they closed it a few years ago. They said for a while that they were opening one there at the Santee Trolley Square Shopping Center; Old Navy and Target and all these new stores are coming in, and then I noticed that they stopped listing the movie theater with the list of stores that would be there. Nobody I've talked to seems to have noticed, but that's what was promised years ago, I'm sure of it."

There are fences aplenty here, but there is also a fair-

sized yard and a school and a park just down the block. Other than that, "The house really wasn't anything we were looking for." The garage had been converted to a family room — a good, usable space, but not what Chris had hoped for. As for Laura, "I wanted a square eat-in kitchen that looked out on the back yard, like the kitchens where I grew up." What she got was a reasonably wide galley kitchen that opens onto the dining and living rooms on one end and the family room on the other. (She is able to look through the living room's sliding-glass door into the back yard, but most

of her view is obscured by the exterior decking.)

She also got one of the most remarkable fake old-timey ovens ever produced, courtesy of the Country Charm Company of Rogers, Arkansas. There it stands, just next to the door into the dining room — a ponderous, pot-bellied cast-iron stove, just like the ones used by our foremothers — except it's wired. One of the white enamel doors on the front of the stove — the kind you might expect to open onto a separate bread oven — conceals burner controls; the one below it hides the knobs for the oven proper. Four electric burn-

ers coil on the stovetop in front of the enamel back-splash. A "stovepipe" — really a hood vent — runs up and into the wall. On top of the hood, an ersatz (and permanently fixed) food mill houses a timer that Laura has never been able to operate. Otherwise, it's an impossibly heavy, fully functional electric oven.

At the kitchen's other end is a wall oven, housed in brick and looking for all the world like a proper barbecue wood pit. But behind the cast-iron door, more electric. The top broiler element broke a couple of years ago, "And since then, I've learned to

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But for all its fakery, she likes the kitchen. "I like the brick," which lines the walls. "And the old-timey stuff was stuff that we hadn't seen before, and that made us like the house." The kitchen is a warm space, with dark wood-laminate flooring and dark wooden cabinets accented by white porcelain knobs and white Formica counters. The window, flanked by brown-and-red floral-patterned curtains, looks out onto the side yard.

Laura is not using the ovens tonight, nor is she warming the stovetop — yet. Instead, she hauls out an electric wok and begins

preparation on a pork stir-fry. "I'm the only person I know who has one of these old woks. I took it from my mom when I moved out. I love this thing, because I've never had a frying pan this big; whatever I was making, I could make it in there. We have stir-fry about once a week. Most of the time, we have it with chicken, but we had chicken twice in a row this past weekend. We had it one night on the grill, with

the beer can up in the cavity, and then I made chicken soup with the leftovers the next day. So we're chickened out."

She slices pork into strips, slices green peppers, onions, and baby carrots, washes mushrooms and slices them. Everything goes into the wok with Mr. Yoshida's Hawaiian sweet and sour sauce. "I haven't tried that stuff before. I saw it at the grocery store — it was kind of on sale, and

that's how I try new things."

She also starts the rice; now the stovetop is called into action. "One of my friends from work said that I was making rice wrong when they were over at my place one time and I was cooking. She said, 'This is how you make rice. You put the rice in the bottom of the pan. You put water in. You stick your finger in the center of the rice. You put a paper towel over the top of the pan, and you

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Junior is Junior because “it was the only way I could get my husband to change what he wanted to name him. He had been dead set on Walter, which is a fine name, just something I had never dreamed of. Of course, his father was named Walter, and his father had passed away a couple of months before we found out Junior was coming, so the sentiment was still really there. I tried to reason with him. He has a brother named Walter, who it should prob-

“Her personality is kind of a Lizzie personality — a little confident, outspoken, demanding.”

ably be reserved for — even though he probably won’t have kids. That didn’t work. I finally convinced him to go with his own name and his father’s middle name, which was Michael.”

In a few weeks, Junior will be starting kindergarten. “I talked to him about his name,” says Laura, “about if he wants to introduce himself as Chris when he meets new friends. He said, ‘That’s Daddy’s name. My name is Junior.’ I’m, like, ‘Okay, it’s your choice. I just want it in writing that you want to be called Junior.’ ”

Lizzie is another story. “When she came around, my husband wanted to go with the name we had thought of in case Junior was a girl — Margaret May.” (The name Margaret belonged to Chris’s mother.) But by the time Laura was pregnant again, “My mother had voiced her opinion on all the children being named after my

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husband's side of the family. And somebody else in the family had used the middle name, and I only liked Margaret if it was followed by the May. Poor Lizzie — her name is Elizabeth. That was the name in the baby book with the most alternative names with it. We couldn't agree, and we just thought, 'We'll let her decide when she grows up; she can call herself whatever she wants.' But her personality is kind of a Lizzie personality — a little confident, outspoken, demanding of her own way. Even though she's shy in front of strangers, she's not in front of Mom and

Dad."

Chris arrives home amid delighted shrieks from the children and gives my hand a vigorous squeeze and shake. A few days ago, he was promoted to project manager with U.S. Filter, and he is counting the days until he starts at his new position. But for now, he is still liable to be turning wrenches in facilities that require ultrapure water, and he wears a short-sleeve button-down workshirt.

"What's the entrée for this evening?" he asks Laura.

"Stir-fry."

"Smells good. Mix it with some rice?"

"You may mix it if you

want."

"Sounds good. If you all will excuse me, I'm going to get out of this zoot suit and into some freedom

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clothes."

Laura sets the table, a heavy thing with a laminate top and crayon marks on the underside that Chris

put there as a child. She brings the wok — which is jacketed in red enamel — to the table. "I wash the dishes, which means we

don't get fancy serving ware. But that's kind of what I like about this thing. You can just unplug it and bring it out." The dining

room is just off the kitchen in the front of the house, but it was not always a dining room, and it was not always open to the living room as it is now. This used to be the master bedroom; a row of marble tiles among the squares of wood parquet indicates where the walls once stood. The closet has become Laura's pantry, and the door to the bathroom has been sealed (the bathroom is now accessible from the family room). Laura is glad the conversion was made; it opens up the house.

Chris returns, the children wash up for dinner, and we sit down. Junior

snags his daddy's fork and hides it behind his back along with his own, asking Dad to guess which hand holds which. From my spot next to Junior, I slip Dad's fork out of his hand without his noticing. When Dad guesses a hand, Junior discovers the fork's disappearance.

"One fell," he guesses.

"Did you lose Daddy's fork?" I ask.

"Uh-oh," says Chris, "you're in big trouble. I think you're going to have to have a time out for losing my fork." (Junior is perplexed, but it's clear he doesn't take this threat seriously.)

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“Junior, you’re going to have to get a job to pay for that,” chimes in Mom. I slip the fork to Dad while Junior is searching under his chair. “What’s that?” Dad asks Junior, pointing to the fork. “Did you do a magic trick and make it show up? Wow, you’re magic.”

“I’m a Power Ranger!” croons Junior, pleased.

Dinner is served; the children begin avoidance tactics. “The onion is hurting my eyes,” complains Junior.

“They don’t hurt your eyes after you cook them — nice try,” Mom answers.

Lizzie asks Dad, “Is this a pepper?” He nods. “I don’t want it.”

“It’s not a pepper,” corrects Mom. “It’s a green fruity treat thing.”

Besides negotiations of the eat-it-if-you-want-dessert variety, dinner talk usually focuses on the kids — what happened in preschool that day, what’s coming up, etc. Then it’s playtime; then bed at 7:30. “Then we have some adult time,” says Chris, “as in, peace and quiet or have a beer or watch something on TV that’s not Cartoon Network.”

“We eat together about half the week,” explains Laura. “Some nights, Chris and I have our own type of dinner, because we like enchiladas, and Junior won’t eat anything spicy. They like fish sticks and that kind of stuff, so there are a few nights when they’ll eat and we’ll sit with them, and then we’ll eat our own thing later. Sometimes, we have TV time” — dinner in front of the TV. “They’ve each got their own Little Tykes picnic table, so there are no fighting issues going on.” The shows are “cartoons — Cartoon Network. They like to watch *Hey, Arnold* and sometimes — not very often — *The Powerpuff Girls*.”

“Those are the nighttime cartoons; in the morning, they’re more mellow.” Laura has Fridays off, and so she keeps the kids home from preschool. Then, “they like to watch *Arthur* and *Dragon Tales*, the PBS cartoons. At nighttime, that’s just not going to work.”

Junior, who didn’t quite finish dinner but avowed that his belly was

full, has hit the showers and changed into Batman jammies, complete with shoulder-loops for a cape. Laura looks him over and decides he did a good enough job in the shower to earn a fruit roll-up. “Ya!

Ya! Ya!” he calls as he kicks his way across the living room, simultaneously punching in either direction as he does so. “You can tell by the way he’s acting that he watched *Power Rangers* yesterday,” says

Chris. “He thinks he can beat up the world.”

Lizzie is still in the bath. “Daddy, Daddy, I want Mommy to wash my hair!”

“She does not like it when I do it,” admits Chris. “I try to be as gentle as I can,

but she doesn’t like it.”

Laura puts it differently, speaking in Chris’s voice: “Lie die and take it like a man! It’s just water; you’re not going to die! Just don’t breathe!”

“It’s not like that,

honey,” protests Chris.

Lizzie’s attempt to get Daddy to get Mommy is telling; something is amiss. “Mo-o-o-o-ommmmm-y-y-y-y!”

“What?”

“Wash me!”

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the bathroom. "Bubbles!" she cries. "Did you do that? I'm going to get Daddy to wash your hair!"

"No-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o!" Daddy calls in from the dining room, "Do you want me to wash your hair, Honey?"

"Might as well," says Laura, returning. "She's taking a bath in a tub full of shampoo."

"I guess we're out three bucks."

"Three dollars? That shampoo had a picture of

a Power Ranger on it!" Mom washes Lizzie's hair and returns to the table. The kids squabble over a toy figure. Lizzie has to give it back to Junior, but she slips the needle in by saying the figure is pink, a thought that Junior cannot stand. When things escalate, Dad rears up. "Line up in front of me, guys." The kids line up without a word. "Do you want to get in trouble?"

"No."
"Are you going to play

nicely?"
"Yes." And they do. Chris's mom died when he was six; the fam-

"My father was a single parent; he worked the graveyard shift and pretty much slept during the day."

ily had moved to Clairemont from New Jersey only a year earlier. "My older brothers" — he is the youngest of five — "moved

out. My father was a single parent; he worked the graveyard shift and pretty much slept during the day.

So I pretty much raised myself. There were good sides to it: it builds independence, it builds confidence. Plus, I can see good things to instill into my kids that my misfortune [made clear]. It was pretty much all positives, except when I was going through the experience." When it comes to fathering, he is

to some extent making it up as he goes. "But I think back how my father was when it comes to discipline and stuff like that. I had some pointers going into this thing."

Before he got into "this thing," he joined the Marines out of high school. He chose the Marines because it seemed the biggest challenge. "I went in under utilities; it's the only field the Marine Corps would offer that has trades." He ended up as a "basic hygiene equipment operator," which, aside from its implied unpleasantness, helped prepare him for his current career in filtration.

He also ended up with the 11th Marine Expedi-

tional Unit. "We had pretty much everything the Marine Corps offers when it comes to infantry, artillery, the air wing. We were trained to the hilt. You're just ready for combat; you go to any hot spot in the world. For me, it was Kuwait and Somalia. You just kind of sit there off the coast, and you go in and you do some operations, so you get to do the assaulting the beach, jumping out of helicopters, and all the other fun stuff. I got to do combat engineering demolitions, heavy equipment, electrical, the whole nine yards." After his four years were up, he set out on his own, got married, and started a family. Now he is

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here, looking forward to leaving the blue-collar world behind, eating strawberries and ice cream with me and asking his wife for some coffee.

Laura is a conductor on the first run of the San Diego-to-Los Angeles Surfliner, which means she leaves for work around 4:30 in the morning. When reveille sounds at 5:45, it's Chris who has to get the household moving. "I turn on all the lights, open the doors, and say, 'Hey, guys, time to wake up.' I jump in the shower, shave, then go in there and pull the blankets off. 'C'mon; let's go.' They go up into a little ball — 'No!' Then we have

a wrestling match." (Lizzie, however, does help with the coffee once she's conscious.)
"But let it be a Saturday morning," interjects Laura, "and let somebody start their car a mile away at 5:00 a.m., and they're, like, 'It's morning time!'"

"And they'll always have a hard time trying to find their socks and underwear," continues Chris, "and they're tired and grumpy and they're not cooperating and you're late for work and you're half asleep. I'll call my wife — 'Where's the socks!?' Then getting their outfits, feeding them breakfast, making them lunch, drop one

at one school and the other at the other school. I get to work and I'm all stressed out; I just did the morning duty. People can tell when
"I've got the flag fixed right and the car's washed — pop a lawn chair in front of my house, nice and peaceful, and look at the trees with a beer in my hand right underneath the American flag."

it's Friday." Mom is home with the kids, and Dad is blissful upon arrival.
On those Fridays,

Mom likes to take the kids to lunch. The kids like it, too. "Lizzie always says, when we get in the car by ourselves, 'I'm hungry; let's go to lunch.' Their favorite place to go is Applebee's," says Laura. "They're very kid-friendly; they'll take

the kids' order right away and bring the kids' food out first. You can take your time, and they've got fries and stuff to munch on. It makes for a smooth meal." Sometimes, they'll meet Laura's mother, who moved to Imperial Beach when she and Laura's father divorced a few years ago. "I don't think it was specifically to be with me. I think it was a lot easier to make the transition because I was here."
Nor was it specifically to be with the grandchildren. "My mother raised her children. She loves her grandchildren, but she's already raised some, thank you. She'll come by and

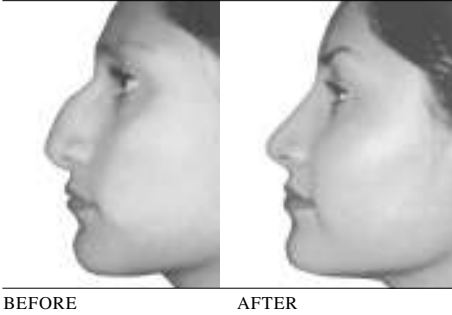
pick one up and take him to the movies or take him to lunch for a couple of hours. She can't take both of them, because she has a Harley and a two-seater car."
Laura's sister also came west. "She moved to San Marcos. I see her a lot less, because she works and she's got a boyfriend of about four years. She's eight years younger than I am, so she's in a different social situation. They're all in love; they've got to do everything together. My mom and my sister and I went to see that movie, *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*. To get her to go without her boyfriend was...

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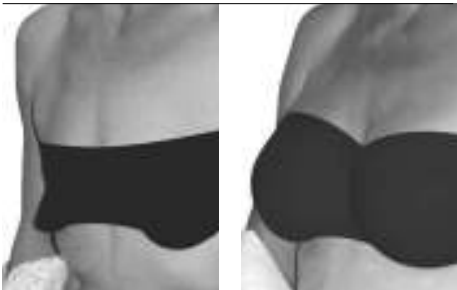


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We went to dinner first, and she said, 'I have to go to the bathroom,' from which she called her boyfriend on her cell phone. "They live together; it's, like, 'All right, enough's enough already.' I told her, 'One of these days, you'll hit the point where you realize, *I have four hours out of the house; I can breathe again.*'"

Saturday is family day, a mix of chores and recreation. Junior helps clean

up after Daisy, the dog; both children attempt to clean their room. "There's a park across the street," notes Laura, "so it can be something as little as that, or going over to Chris's sister's — she has a pool. We've done some one-day camping things, gone to the beach, gone to the drive-in. And if all else fails, there's always *Shrek* and microwave popcorn."

About twice a month, they have company —

"Mostly close friends and family," says Chris, who has a brother in Vista, two more in Clairemont, and a sister here in Santee. "I like to have fires in the back yard; we have a bonfire pit. We'll play some music, and there's lots of beer. I try to have it set up so that whenever anyone is in the mood to eat, it's there for them. I'll make sausages or carne asada or whatever, or I'll tell them, 'There's a stack of chicken breasts by the

grill. If anyone gets hungry, just come tell me.' In most cases, it's all you can eat and all you can drink. People just come over and gorge themselves."

"We're always barbecuing," adds Laura. "The meat changes from high-life nights of steak to mostly chicken, sometimes sausages. I always have to make the rest. Last year, we got Chris a grill for Father's Day with one of those side burners, because

I got tired of having to make everything inside."

"We make pretty good steaks," says Chris. "We got that from her father. Mostly rib eyes, with a really thick cut. You raise the temperature on the grill as high as you can get it, take a little salt, a little pepper, and a little garlic and knead it into the meat and put it on the grill. You just constantly flip it [until it's] about medium. It's still nice and juicy, and it turns

out great. The knife almost falls through the steak. It'll char slightly on the outside to hold in the moisture, but not to the point where it gets any burnt taste — hopefully. If you drank too many beers and it's dark outside, sometimes you mess up."

The hour of bedtime has come and gone; Chris escorts the children to their rooms. Laura and I sit on the couch/loveseat set in the living room. In the

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childless stillness, the space reveals its quieter aspects, among them an assortment of woven maple baskets. I count 11, but I am told there are more in storage. They are Longaberger baskets, handmade, held together with nails instead of glue, signed and dated by the basketweaver who brought them into being. Laura collects them, or used to. They come in various shapes and sizes; with accessories — plastic liner, cloth liner to go over the plastic, double-hinged wooden lid — the price for a large one can run well over a hundred dollars.

Chris has a collection of his own — smaller, but more exotic. “We have a nice little gun collection that we’re thinking about putting up. That would be an interesting conversation piece.”

“My grandpa was like that,” comments Laura. “Remember when you first met him and you sat on...”

“I go into his house,” says Chris, taking up the story. “I sat down and said, ‘What the heck is that?’ And he says, ‘Uzi.’ The guy always had a gun on him. He was in World War II and fought against the Japanese; that probably had something to do with it. The guy was sleeping with a knife and thinking about all the people he killed or something.”

“He liked to trade them and buy them and sell them, that kind of thing,” explains Laura. “But he probably kept about 50 or 60 at the same time.”

“The only conversation piece he and I had was guns,” says Chris. “‘Hello, Mr. Bailey, how are you doing?’ ‘Uh-h-h, you want to see my shotgun?’ He was ready for combat or something like that — but a nice guy. It was a shame he passed.”

Chris is not nearly so involved, and his collection so far is limited to three firearms: a Russian SKS, a .22 sniper rifle, and a “fully automatic shotgun.” I ask about the SKS, and he shows it to me — a never-fired beauty that was stockpiled during the Cold War and sold on the cheap when the Soviet Union broke up. Besides a 30-round banana clip, it carries a fold-out bayonet.

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his hands on "a gun just like the M-16. It's not very reliable, but I kid you not, you can nail somebody in the head from 500 yards." He takes me through a few of the mental exercises that help him sight his target — focus on something green to relax your eyes; focus on something further away than the target, then shift to the target; build a target within the target. "It works — at least, ten years ago it did."

Ten years later, the rifle expert is happy to "mope around the house. One of the things I love to do is the yardwork — not that I enjoy the yardwork, but I like the feeling I get when the lawn is properly manicured and I've got the flag fixed right and the car's washed — pop a lawn chair in front of my house, nice and peaceful, and look at the trees with a beer in my hand right underneath the American flag. I say, 'Now,

this is living.' That's what makes me happy. My wife, on the other hand..."

"Is counting down the days until October, when Dick's Last Resort has all-you-can-eat crab legs. It's close to where I work, so it's a popular place for people to get together after work."

"Amtrak employees are social people," observes Chris. "Because it's a travel thing, not many marriages work; most of her friends are single. Luckily, Laura

got a steady route, so she has, more or less, a normal job."

"I come in on the train that arrives at 12:25. When Junior starts kindergarten, he'll be off at 1:45. So I'll be able to pick him up from school and be home with him in the afternoon, which is a nice benefit. Not everybody can work full-time and still be home all afternoon and evening."

Junior will start school this year; Lizzie two years after that. There will be no

more children. "We're content with two," says Chris. "After Lizzie was born, we talked, and we both realized that two is enough for us."

Why? "We have a three-bedroom house," answers Laura. "We're out of room in our vehicles. We'd have to get all-new cars." I cannot tell if she is deadpanning.

"I wouldn't say that," counters Chris.

"He wanted no more than two."

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Chris continues, “We play with the idea sometimes of selling the home, pulling out of here, and going to the Midwest, buying a 3000-square-foot home — cash. Then what bills do you have?”

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Hickey's still on that plane bound for Denver; his status as part-time nightclub owner of Rudy's, in wartime San Diego, lends him such favors. Who knows what the big-shot captain will do for you, just to sit ringside at a hotspot. Especially if Hickey's prized songbird, Cynthia Tucker, is cooing onstage. The beauty brought him business. But right now, she's bringing him heartache: it's because of Cynthia that he's aboard the *Dumb Duck* to begin with (along with a bunch of drunken Marines). Reading her journals, he's getting to know her fine family: the spiritualist cult her mother Venus reigns over with the "Fiend"; her sadistic sister Laurel ("the Bitch"); and the sad case of Henry Tucker, Cynthia's beloved father, one of the few men — along with Father McCullough, to whom she entrusted her diaries — who couldn't help but try to save her. Just like Hickey.

CHAPTER 19

Men are nitwits. Even the best, like Daddy and you, Father, are pushovers to an evil woman. She will find hordes of you eager to massacre for her. Even the Fiend — it took Venus's claw in him before he got rabid. Once he has made her fortune, she will suck the last of his blood



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and spit it into his dead eye.

She must have seen in his pictures and in the letters he wrote seeking a teaching residence at Otherworld

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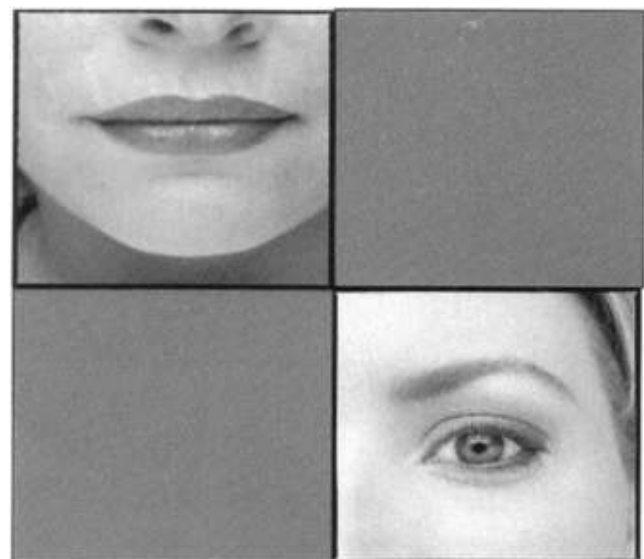
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eyes under the bushy dark brows, his coppery skin, high squarish cheekbones, protuberant chin, and cupid lips, he could have passed for a Persian princess. The sexiest person alive, before Venus started bleeding him.

The Fiend claimed mastery of hatha-yoga, on which he lectured and drilled us daily — only in yoga postures could you breathe correctly, so he twisted us into shapes you can't imagine, with our butts in the air and legs spread rudely. Most all the Enlightened attended his sessions, because only those who completed his month-long training would be allowed to watch him throw blue fire or to learn how we could do the same. He commanded us to focus on parts of our body that, you know the parts I mean, Father. He was trying to drive us wild, but it wasn't the half of what he did to Venus.

Having been a wrestler, he could walk on his hands all the way from his quarters to the cliff.

At the very southwest corner of Otherworld, next to the cliffs and the graveyard, there was a sanctuary built of stones. Madame T had gathered from around the world, as gifts and during her travels. The stones made the place holy, she believed. Hardly bigger than a chicken coop, it was surrounded by lilacs and roses. While the children and teachers were in school and Venus was supposed to be managing the books and correspondence, the Fiend took her up there, for private instruction in hatha-yoga and tantric yoga. You must have heard of the Tantrics, Father, who believe sex is one of the four paths that can open the doors of perception and show us the infinite.

Venus wasn't his only disciple. Among others, from the start, he bewitched Miss V. Though I have no evidence and she never confessed to me, I think for that

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Venus sat naked, in lotus, her hair down and wild as if she'd fought a tornado except that there were flower petals strewn all through it. She glistened like a statue freshly shellacked. Her arms were lifted, the heels of her hands together, her fingers stretching upward to absorb the atmospheric fire. She sat perfectly still while the Fiend paced circles around her, naked except for his phony turban, his shoulders hunched, head down, eyes on Venus like a sergeant making his inspection, his pride and joy erect and swishing like a horse's tale.

Nausea washed through me, my heart got fluttery, and I fell. The Bitch cackled. As soon as I could get up, I ran off to weep and scream.

I couldn't tell Daddy and expect him to comfort me. In fact, I would have clawed the tongue out of anybody who tried to tell him. All afternoon and evening I wandered, through the graveyard, up to the lighthouse, back to Ocean Beach, until my feet were scorched and bloody. Even after dark I kept wandering, muttering vows of chastity or death, to the crest of Point Loma and down toward the harbor, because no matter the pain in my legs and feet, whenever I stopped, the pain that seared my stomach worsened and my head throbbed with rage. If I had been a man or the Bitch, I would have found something to kill.

Far more than the knowledge of Venus's wantonness, more than disgust, what afflicted me was terror of what would come. I knew she would cast Daddy off for the Fiend.

As I trudged back through the foggy night, over the point to Otherworld, Saint Ophelia spoke to me. Perhaps she had spoken before, but it was the first time I heard her. Her voice was sweet like woodwinds. "I'm here," she promised many times. Gradually my heart calmed enough to understand her message. "You're our savior, Cynthia Tucker, Henry's girl."

Imagine the burden, Father. "La niña triste," Sister Guadalupe used to call me, remember? Now you know why I strive so, why I devoured all the books you gave me and treasured every

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word of advice, why I must excel and outmatch any rival. It is only I who can repair the damage. Only I can save our family. No one else has the grace to amend Venus's sin.

Hickey rested his eyes for

a minute, then looked out the window. Between the blotches of clouds, there was glimmering in the distance that looked like the capital of heaven. Probably Denver. He leaned back, listened to the mutters and groans

of the Marines, filled his pipe, and wondered if there was any hope for the girl. Besides that, she might be a pure-blooded loon; he'd watched lots of people with fervor like hers, rushing out to save somebody who hadn't

asked to be saved. She'd have been safer as a Marine landing on Corregidor. If, as he could easily imagine, she yearned to rid the earth of every seed her mother had planted, the Bitch would surely be a target, maybe

followed by any number of Venus's disciples. One murder could be the first drop of a bloodbath.

So, Tom, he mused, you gonna tail her till everybody dies of natural causes? Maybe he ought to back off, forget

what he'd seen, quit risking his family and everything for the girl. Except that no matter how screwy she was, Cynthia had a gift. The way she could release an audience from their minds and bodies by inviting them into hers.

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2. No medical monitoring of weight loss. This leads to losing muscle weight versus fat weight. Losing muscle causes your metabolism to slow down

and contributes greatly to eventual weight regain and makes losing weight "the next time" even more difficult. Weight loss must be medically monitored to insure that what you are eating - how often and at what times during the day - causes you to melt away fat, not muscle.

3. Attempting to fight the "cravings battle" alone. Let's face it, cravings can be an almost impossible "enemy" to fight. The reason is that cravings are hardwired into your body's natural self-protection system. Brain chemicals causing cravings is one of the ways your body preserves itself from starvation. Of course, changing your eating habits by dieting doesn't mean you are starving, but your body doesn't know that. Fortunately, using an individualized high-nutrient program, adjusting meal frequency, and other medical techniques including appetite suppressants (when appropriate) can eliminate cravings which then makes losing unwanted fat pounds easy.

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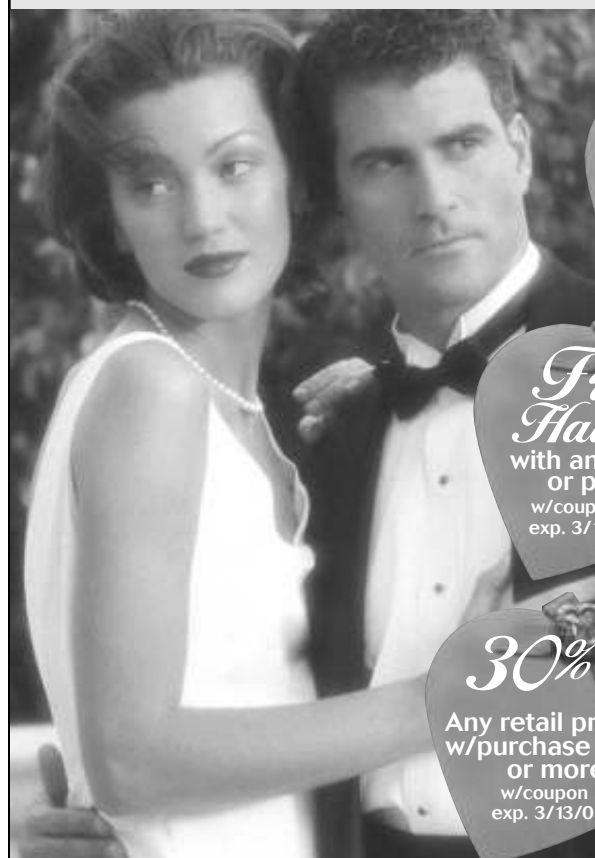
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Besides, if the girl destroyed herself when he could've saved her, she'd haunt him. From an asset and a joy — somebody who made his heart swell even though he was prudent and faithful enough not to touch her — she'd metamorphose into a nightmare.

Not many guys had steadier nerves than Hickey. Yet a few things startled him into terror, made him quake dizzily, and sweat like a fat line-man running sprints in full gear. One of them was nightmares. He'd been fighting them for 27 years, since his father ditched, ran off to the war, leaving him to wake up at midnight with the saint's fingers on his belly, her gray shadow covering him.

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by rumor, in
danger of ban-
ishment from
Otherworld,
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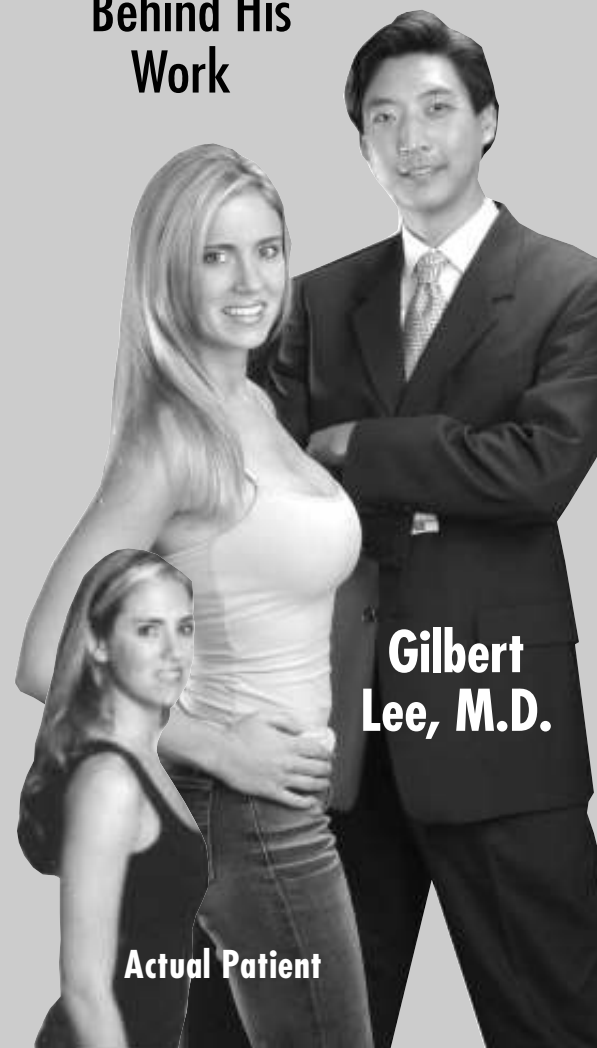
The *Dumb Duck* was already nosing downward with metallic screeches and violent quakes when he picked up Cynthia's book for the last time and read that Cynthia, on her way back to Otherworld, heard Laurel wailing. At the edge of the cliff by the gazebo, a hundred people stood waiting for Laurel to dive from a ledge about halfway down the cliff. For a minute she stared below at the waves battering the rocks, then she wailed again and stopped short to wheel and yell up at Madame Esmé, "Get him away from Venus!"

Venus sat on the edge, her knees up and face in her hands, Pravinshandra kneeled behind her, gripping her shoulders.

Henry Tucker, Will Lashlee, and Mr. Murphy had already secured a rope to the gazebo and were

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measuring it out and tying it around their waists, hitching themselves to each other, Murphy on the end, then Will Lashlee, with Tucker closest to the gazebo. Murphy started down first and to the left of Laurel, groping for foot-

and handholds on the jagged rocks. Lashlee, about 50 feet along the rope, climbed down to Laurel's right. She must have glimpsed or heard them, but she gave no sign.

They were going to encircle her, the first two

heading for ledges below, Tucker climbing last, straight down toward her. When she finally turned his way, she threw her hands up as if to push him off, then skittered back so close to the edge that Lashlee made a leap to his side,

trying to reach the outcrop directly beneath her. The loose rock gave way. He tumbled into the sky. For an instant the rope held taught, until the knot slipped. He fell silently. Landed on his back, on the largest, flat boulder,

beside a tide pool, just as a wave rolled out. Blood sprayed like mist from his head.

Tucker slid past Laurel before he grabbed the root of a scrub tree. He got a broken ankle, while Murphy swung out and

back on the rope, bashing the rocks. By the time some men reeled him in, he was ruined.

While the plane circled Denver, Hickey skimmed a few pages that told how Venus, exposed by rumor, in danger of

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Eleven days after Will Lashlee got crushed on the rocks, when Venus was already gone, Madame Esmé had the Bitch consigned to the mental ward at a hospital called Riverview, near the Sweetwater River, about ten miles inland. The Bitch had been raving and threatening whoever restrained her. Henry Tucker was in Mercy Hospital. Miss V helped him decide to place Cynthia somewhere the ghosts wouldn't haunt her. For most of a year — while Tucker's bones healed and he bought a car and traveled alone to visit the graves of his family and sacred Indian places in New Mexico, where he hoped to find peace or inspiration, a reason to stay alive in a world without Venus — all that time Cynthia lived a few miles up the San Diego River from Otherworld, in the children's home of the Mission de Alcalá.

The final scene in the third ledger was of Cynthia's first encounter with Father McCullough. The priest had come to sit beside her in the garden. For an hour or more he observed her and said nothing except to field her queries about the orphanage's food, its library, the uniforms they had to wear, and if there was a piano she could play. He listened to her pleas to be given a room of her own and consoled her when she wept because that wasn't possible.

Finally he asked her what was the meaning of life, a question so blunt it left her speechless, Cynthia claimed. Hickey tried to imagine Cynthia speechless, as he turned to the last page, where Father McCullough had answered his own question. What the priest said, Cynthia had transcribed in letters that filled the page.

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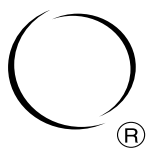
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sailed, bumped, skidded to a stop. Hickey looked out the window and shivered. He sat for a minute, hoping that it was only because the air looked damned cold and thinking that he should hurry to call Leo and then track down Venus and the master. Yet he gathered his things slowly, folded the blanket, and delivered it and the coffee cup to the cockpit from which the pilot and copilot had already fled. The Marines were long gone. Finally he stepped off the plane; he glared around at the hangars and Quonsets, and over them at snowdrifts up the side of craggy mountains capped with black clouds that looked too heavy not to be falling right now. Suddenly he missed Madeline, and Elizabeth, voraciously as though in another few minutes without them he'd starve. All he wished for at that moment was to get home alive. Denver looked like a hell of a place to die. ■

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Eubanks home and "Brandon's brain matter on the carpeting." The judge described the act as the "single most horrific criminal episode in the history of this county." And this strikes us as true. We read descriptions of Eubanks as a narcissistic, self-absorbed, selfish woman, one that was addicted to pain killers, possibly alcohol, one that asked her children to lie for her, and ultimately may have used her children against the other men in her life.

We also must realize that Eubanks was a mother with access to a .38. For how else, in her rage, could she have so easily slaughtered all of her children without, for instance, her oldest son overpowering her? Of course, she had options, but none so easy as loading and reloading her .38.

Now I don't know much about guns. But when I see an advertisement for Turner's Outdoorsman, one that features Berettas, semi-automatic rifles, and none other than the .38 special, I feel a little extra pain for those children as their mother pressed the muzzle of her .38 against their heads. And when I see this advertisement couched between the stories of these young lives ended too soon, on the same page as detailed accounts of their execution, I try to imagine what sort of layout editor had this in mind.

Of course, the editor could respond with an appeal to the First Amendment. And he or she would be in the right. Or the editor could respond with an appeal to our right to bear arms. And he or she would again have a case. But the editor could make no claim to tastefulness or civility or dignity or empathy. These, I'm afraid, are beyond your reach.

Of course, we will never know what would have happened if that .38 had been out of Susan Eubanks's reach. Perhaps she would have continued smashing cars, walls, herself, or her boyfriend. But perhaps she wouldn't have killed all of her children. And of course, the other stories alongside this one show us that people will kill and torture without guns, often,

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perhaps, in an even less merciful way than Susan Eubanks did. Of course they do. But usually they stop, or someone stops them, before it's too late. This is less of an option if you've got your hands around the "rubber grips" on a .38.

When I was in the seventh grade, a man dressed up as a favorite children's character and entered an elementary school near my

own and shot and killed 16 children. When the local paper ran the story, they ran it alongside a full-page ad selling the same sorts of guns this man used to kill these children. My friends and I wrote to the paper, shaming them for their callous judgment. That was about 15 years ago. And now, children are still too quickly killed by the adults that surround them, and the local papers too quickly run ads for the instruments of these deaths. And we wonder what made them kill. We wonder indeed.

I imagine you will need to edit this letter for length. After all, you need to make room for more advertisements.

Nellie Wieland
Uptown

How Not Why
I originally wanted to write to commend Leslie Ryland, author of the February 20 article "What Made Them Kill," for writing a very in-depth and informative article regarding the stories of four prisoners on California's death row. However, somewhere in the process of providing facts about the California legal system, Ms. Ryland crossed over into the pathetic world of "shock journalism." One moment I'm completely impressed and telling others, "Wow! You have to read this!!" The next moment, I'm ready to burn it and proclaim that people should go to any lengths to *not* read the article.

This exact moment of disgust occurred when I read the following lines in response to a question about what appeared to be a "crumpled pair of flesh-colored knee-high stockings" that were found in the drain

(in the section of Ivan and Veronica Gonzalez): "It turned out they were the skin from Genny's feet and lower legs. The toenails are still attached." By the way, Genny was a four-year-old girl, and that line was preceded with numerous details about the burns and torture she received prior to her death.

Now, how does an article about death row and the legal system turn into nothing more than a detailed account of specific gunshot wounds in murdered children (Eubanks), rape, torture, and decapitation (Hamilton)? The article is titled "What Made Them Kill," but nowhere in the article does Ms. Ryland actually make an attempt to find out why they killed — she only recounted how they killed, and she did this in agonizing and tasteless detail. Without a doubt,

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this is the last article I will ever read from Ms. Ryland. Furthermore, I'm disappointed with the *Reader* for even publishing such a useless and offensive article, let alone running it on the cover.

Mike S.
Carlsbad

Leslie Ryland responds: My intent wasn't to show why they killed, but to explore some of San Diego's death-row cases. It's clear from the facts I provided that Bernard Lee Hamilton is a disturbed individual who never took responsibility for his actions. Dan Goldstein explained in detail how Ivan and Veronica Gonzales's drug abuse and disordered thought processes led them to dehumanize and eventually kill Genny. Bonnie Howard-Regan described Susan Eubanks as a self-centered woman who killed her sons to get back at the men in her life. And as to the "shock journalism" charge: people should be shocked by what happened in these cases. Sometimes it's the job of the alternative press to report what mainstream news sources are too squeamish to say.

Bigotry Smell

I moved here recently and noticed in your lead story for Valentine's Day ("Sealed with a Kiss," February 13) not a single mention of same-sex couples out of the 50 couples profiled. I've already met long-term gay couples, pillars of the city. Is it the writer Kumpel, the *Reader*, or both smelling of bigotry?
 Alan DesRoches
 Hillcrest

Follow-Up, Please

Re "Still Crazy After All These Years," January 9.

Recently we were in San Diego and picked up the above-mentioned article. Having this condition in at least ten members of our family, we would like to have the follow-up article on this subject. We found it fascinating!

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Bugs Isn't a Dirty Word

Springtime Insect Walk



Laguna Mountain skipper



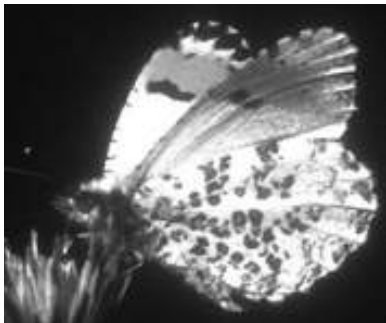
Harbison's dun skipper



Thorne's hairstreak



Hermes copper



Sara orangetip



Bramble hairstreak



Bee fly



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How nice to be able to say, "Butterflies are my specialty," as Michael Klein, entomologist, can.

Of the 145 butterfly species that have been recorded in San Diego County, says Klein, 4 of them for sure are endemic — that is, they're found only here. "They are the Laguna Mountain skipper, which is federally endangered; the Harbison's dun skipper; Thorne's hairstreak; and, the one which I spend most of my life studying, the Hermes copper."

Klein found a Harbison's dun skipper at Goodan Ranch in May 2001 while leading an insect walk just like the one he'll conduct this Saturday. "As we walked through a riparian area, I saw the host plant for their caterpillars, and then, lo and behold, there was a territorial male."

This weekend, Klein says, participants will not see a Harbison's dun skipper. "It's too early for the adults to be flying. Instead, we'll see the springtime species, including the Sara orangetip and the bramble hairstreak."

On his insect walks, Klein says, "I'm not out to make people entomologists. What I hope people come away with is a better appreciation of what nature provides for us."

The bee fly, for example, which is

another insect participants will likely see on Saturday, doesn't have the eye appeal of even the lowliest butterfly; but it's responsible for another kind of beauty. "As adults, the bee flies' sole job is to pollinate. They're the primary pollinator of spring flowers. Without them, you won't get that explosion of color."

Bee flies have another, seemingly less-endearing function. They're so-named not because they're hairy and resemble bees, but because, in their larval state, their food is the eggs of wasps and bees. "They're carnivorous," says Klein. It may not be a pretty fact, but that's how nature takes care of its own.

Does Klein think that insects are aware of us? (Birds certainly are.) "To a large degree, they can be. It's not an awareness of us as humans, but as 'something large and too competitive for me to deal with. So I avoid.' I have walked through fields of literally thousands of honey bees and never been stung. It's a function of bees to pollinate. In the process they are feeding themselves and their young. And when they're around flowers, they're focused on them. In human terms, when you're out shopping, you're not threatened by someone who just walks past you, are you? True, we hear stories of how Africanized honey bees have stung people 80 to 100 times and eventually killed them. And Africanized honey bees have a

tendency to be more aggressive than European honey bees. But they're all just doing what their society requires of them. If you get too close to their nest, they're going to attack. It's as simple as that."

Klein says he isn't asking people to like insects, only to understand them. This goes for the crawling kind as well. On Saturday, he says, the group will probably see stink beetles. "If you bother a stink beetle, it will stop walking, burrow its face into the ground, and stick its abdomen up at you." And if you bother it enough, it will squirt an acidic fluid at you, reminiscent of a skunk's. "That's predator-avoidance" — a survival skill.

The group may also run into grasshoppers. Like flies, they have a bad rep, says Klein, "because of their voracious appetites. You've heard the horror stories of millions of grasshoppers destroying crops. Well, think about this: humans go around swatting at wasps, but wasps can balance grasshopper populations. We've got to be careful: at times we might remove something crucial to our own survival. My mantra for years has been 'Bugs is not a dirty four-letter word.'"

If butterflies are the form in which Klein specializes, pollination is the function. He says he concentrates on pollination because, years ago, he learned a startling act: 85 percent of human food is pollinated or cross-

pollinated by an insect. "Therefore, when we're out spraying insecticides and pesticides, it's a mathematical absolute: we *will* have an impact on our own food supply. I've had people tell me, 'Well, I eat beef — cows.' I say, 'Great, but what do cows eat?' 'Oh.'"

Klein likes to shock people with an unsavory fact about a certain butterfly. "Who doesn't love a butterfly? Well, as beautiful as they are, sometimes they can be rather gross. You get down into the tropics of South and Central America, and you'll see beautiful ones called clearwings. Their wings literally are transparent. Well, the preferred source of protein of adult clearwings is not nectar. It's fresh feces. They're the flies of the butterfly world. But knowing that is part of respecting nature as a whole."

— Jeanne Schinto

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BAJA

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Classical Music may be heard when violinist Olga Breeskin and the Orquesta de Baja California perform on Thursday, February 27, at 8 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Tickets are \$21 U.S. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for information. (TIJUANA)

“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 Mattes (known as First Street) and progress along Costar Boulevard between Avenida Matchers and Avenida de Las Rocas.

To reach the fun, cross the border and follow the Rosarito-Ensenada-Cuota signs to the toll road; continue down the oceanfront highway and follow the signs into downtown Ensenada. For more informa-

tion, call 011-52-646-172-3022 or 800-310-9687. (ENSENADA)

Mexican Country Music is on tap when Miguel and Miguel visit Las Pulgas on Friday, February 28, at 11 p.m. Find the club on Avenida Revolución. Tickets: \$8 U.S. Questions? Call 011-52-664-685-9594 for answers. (TIJUANA)

“Music from the Missions of California” provide the theme when the choir and orchestra of the Opera de Tijuana present a concert on Saturday, March 1, at 8 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Admission is \$15 U.S. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for additional information. (TIJUANA)

Along the Coast of the Sea of Cortes, the San Felipe Carnival runs Saturday through Tuesday, March 1-4, with parades; marimba, mariachi, and disco music; dance parties; Mexican food; and extreme sports demonstrations. Festivities begin at 2:30 p.m. each day along the ocean front walk, the area known as the *malecon*. Admission is free. For information, call 011-52-686-577-2300. (SAN FELIPE)

Eighteen Bands from 14 Countries are on tap to perform for the seventh annual Baja Prog International Rock Festival, running Wednesday through Saturday, March 5-8. The festival includes afternoon concerts at the Arias Inn Convention Hall (2220 Boulevard Benito Juárez), with 7 p.m. feature shows at the Tetra del Estado (at Boulevard Lopez Mattes and Avenida Lamaroque). Four-day passes are \$85, and single-day passes are available. (MEXICALI)

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*.

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Hummingbirds are swarming over San Diego County’s back-yard gardens, scrub-covered coastal hillsides, and the warm Anza-Borrego Desert. Red monkey flower (which may not be blooming yet this season) is a favorite source of nectar near the coast, while red-blossomed chuparosa and ocotillo normally play the same role in the desert. Keep an eye out for the male hummingbird’s mating “dance,” which involves soaring ascents followed by dramatic downward dives.

Low Tides late this week coincide with optimum times of day for tide-pooling: Thursday, February 27, at 1:48 p.m. (-1.1 feet); Friday at 2:23 p.m. (-1.2 feet); and Saturday at 2:53 p.m. (-1.1 feet). Higher-than-average high tides will also occur within that same string of days:

Thursday at 6:41 a.m. (+5.9 feet); Friday at 7:26 a.m. (+6.0 feet); and on Saturday at 8:06 a.m. (+6.1 feet).

Jupiter glows like a beacon in the eastern sky after nightfall. The giant planet remains close and nearly as bright as it can get. Jupiter can be recognized not only by its exceptional brilliance, but also by its tendency not to twinkle as much as the other stars do. Jupiter’s light, which emanates from a tiny “disk” (as opposed to a pinpoint) in the sky, is less susceptible to optical distortions when passing through Earth’s atmosphere.

Every Walk Is Different! Take a walk at an easy, casual pace over flat terrain and discover the history south of Adams and the businesses of the community during this Walkabout adventure on Friday, February 28. Meet leader Roger at Lestat’s Coffeehouse (3343 Adams Avenue) at 1 p.m., and bring money for a dessert afterwards (optional). 619-231-7463. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Will the Overwintering Species still be at Guajome Regional Park when the Audubon Society birders visit the 500-acre park on Saturday, March 1, 8 a.m. to noon? The park boasts a 25-acre lake, marshland, and some interesting trails, along with water in the creek.

Meet the group in the first parking area after entering the park on Guajome Lake Road, about seven miles east of I-5 via Highway 76. Expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature; water, restrooms, and picnic tables are available (bring a lunch if you wish). There’s a \$1 parking fee. 619-692-3246. (OCEANSIDE)

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. For space availability and more information, call 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

A Native Plant Walk is planned by Coastal Sage at the Point Loma Native Plant Preserve on Saturday, March 1, at 9 a.m. Free. For the start point, call 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

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

Explore the Plant World around the Mission Trails Regional Park’s visitors’ center with a ranger during a native plant walk on Saturday, March 1, from 1 to 2 p.m. Many native plants from different habitats around Southern California are found in the park. Meet at the visitors’ center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Who’s Been Here? Ranger Barret leads a beginning tracking workshop in Mission Trails Regional Park to discover the mystery of critters that lead active lives while we sleep. The free outing for all ages starts on Saturday, March 1, at 9:30 a.m., at Kumeyaay Campground shade

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

Walk Old Highway 395 with an Escondido native when Susan leads this fast-paced walk along the east side of Lake Hodges on Saturday, March 1, 8:30 to 10 a.m. To make the required reservations for this San Dieguito River Park event, call 858-6474-2275 x31. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Look for Haristreaks and Orangetips when entomologist Mike Klein leads an insect walk in Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve on Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn of the interdependence of the surrounding plant community and pollinating insects, including the aforementioned butterflies.

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)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist volun-

teers. There are two orientations planned on Saturday, March 1, at 2 p.m. Get the information at the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (in the gray building at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Towne Centre, 2031 San Elijo Avenue) and at the Clairemont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CARDIFF, CLAIREMONT)

Coyote Tracking, learn about the eating habits, pack behavior, and detailed track analysis of this fascinating animal during a class offered by San Dieguito River Park volunteers on Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No prior knowledge or experience required. To reserve a spot, call 858-6474-2275 x31. 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. Biologists will be available to help spot and identify the species.

The final events take place on Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, meeting at Highland Valley Road and Highland Valley Court, one mile west of Ramona, off Highway 67. Bring binoculars and a camera; wear comfortable hiking shoes. Free. 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

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

The hike is free, but there is a \$6-

per-car day-use fee. The Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center is at 15027 Highway 79. Call 877-581-9904 for details. (JULIAN)

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

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

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

An Exquisitely Thin Crescent Moon, only one day past new phase, briefly appears near the western horizon some 20 or 30 minutes after sunset on the evening of Monday, March 3. On the following evening a somewhat fatter and much brighter moon will be easily visible higher up in the west during evening twilight. By Sunday, March 9, the thick crescent moon at dusk will lie very high in the southwestern sky, close to the glittering stars of the Pleiades and the constellation of Taurus.

Architectural Heritage Tours are offered by the Committee of 100 on the first Wednesday of each month, including March 5. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of the visitors' information center, located in Balboa Park's Plaza de Panama. Free. Call 619-239-0512 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Love Wildlife and the Outdoors? Become a volunteer naturalist at the Blue Sky Ecological Reserve and learn about the flora and fauna of our area from trained experts in many related fields of study. The program consists of two sessions per week for nine weeks, beginning on Wednesday, March 5. Classroom lectures start at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays in the pavilion at Lake Poway. Saturday morning field trips to the reserve run 8 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$35. To register, call 858-679-5469. (POWAY)

DANCE

Celebrating Its 35th Anniversary Season, the California Ballet presents a gala performance on Saturday, March 1, at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). The program includes *Paquita*, *Bennett's Best* (a retrospective tribute to recently deceased principal choreographer Charles Bennett), and *Suite: Vivaldi*.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$75. For reservations and information, call 858-560-6741. (DOWNTOWN)

Contradance, Martha Wild calls and the Jump Fingers make the music for the contradance on Saturday, March 1, 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)

Up with Hip-Hop, the series concludes with a hip-hop show entitled "Wink of a Third Eye" on Saturday, March 1, at 8 p.m., at the Porter's Pub at UCSD. The show explores "the various elements of hip-hop culture, including breakdancing, emceeing, turntabling, and graffiti art as it provides a space for breakdancers, MCs, turntablists, graffiti arts, and poets." Admission is free. For information, call 858-534-9689. (LA JOLLA)

Lindy Hop Swing Instructor Emily Belt starts a six-week series of classes beginning on Saturday, March 1, at the Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue). Classes are offered in Lindy basics (10 a.m.) and "Beyond the Basics" (11:15 a.m.). For registration, call 619-299-8184. The fee is \$10 per class, or \$48 for all sessions (paid in full at first class). (HILLCREST)

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

Loving Circle Dancing, Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing on Monday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). The requested donation is \$3. Call 619-298-9978 for information. (HILLCREST)

Time to Swing, Margie leads a beginners' dance lesson in East Coast swing on Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$3 (the cost for all four lessons in March is \$33). To reserve a space, call 619-300-1441. All Things Swing offers "dips and

flash steps" on the same night, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Attendees will learn "those attention-grabbing moves to spice up your swing dancing." The fee is \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance. Open dancing follows from 9 to 11 p.m. (dance only is \$5). All of the dancing takes place at the Portuguese Hall, near Shelter Island, off Rosecrans. 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

The Folkloric Dance Traditions of Spain and Cuba are combined in dancing by Lizz Alfonso Dance Cuba. Led by director and choreographer Lizz Alfonso and composed of 22 female dancers and an eight-piece musical ensemble, the group takes the stage at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Dance Argentine Tango every Wednesday night, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., at the Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Admission is \$5. There's an introductory dance lesson from 7:30 to 8:30 for no additional charge. Call 619-970-6620 for details. (HILLCREST)

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

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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 Abdissalam 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.

The evening begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and the screenings at 6 p.m. Find the library at 3795 Fairmount Avenue. For more information, call 619-549-3994. (CITY HEIGHTS)

The Iranian Film *The Color of Paradise* (1999) tells the story of a boy struggling to adjust when he's forced to leave a school for the blind to become an apprentice carpenter. See this film when it screens for the Spring 2003 International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 on campus, at One Barnard Drive. Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free. In Farsi with English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

"Can't Stop," this skateboarding video by the Firm has its premiere on Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., at Overload Skateshop (3064 University Avenue). The video features Lance Mountain, Bob Burnquist, and Rodrigo TX; the video will "revolutionize skateboarding as we know it!" Free. 619-296-9018. (NORTH PARK)

Sample the Spicy Culture Clash Comedy *Chutney Popcorn* when Nisha Ganatra's frisky romp is shown for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library on March 2 at 2 p.m. Just what is the film about? It's described as a "timely comedy that explores American life, Indian culture, and the true meaning of family." Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

A Powder Keg of Passion! See *Time of Favor*, Joseph Cedar's "gritty and defiant meditation on political intrigue and religious fervor" when it screens for the Film Forum on Mon-

day, March 3, 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). The film won six Israeli Academy Awards. Admission is free. In Hebrew with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Life's Most Simple and Essential Pleasures are learned by Rosalba when she embarks on a spontaneous journey to Venice after being left behind by the tour bus carrying her family members on the outskirts of Rome. Enjoy *Pane e Tulipani* (Bread and Tulips), starring Licia Maglietta and Bruno Ganz, when it screens — in Italian with English subtitles — for the Italian film series on Thursday, March 6. The film begins at 7 p.m. the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Admission is \$2 for nonmembers. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

Tamarind Print Workshop founder June Wayne will present a lecture on the project and her work at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, at the San Diego Museum of Art. Following the lecture, Wayne will introduce her Academy Award-winning film about the workshop, *Two Stones for Takemitsu* (1973). Tickets are \$10 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-7931 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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 San Diego, La Jolla. Kamps will discuss Kelly's creative process and explain the significance of the works in the history of postwar abstract art.

Art historian and UCSD art professor Sheldon Nodelman is an expert on the 20th-Century avant-garde, as well as classical Greek and Roman antiquities. He'll present an informal talk on the Ellsworth Kelly show on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. He'll focus on the paintings and studies on view in the context of work by American abstract painters of the 1950s and 1960s and suggest new ways of considering Kelly's ideas and techniques.

The talks are included in regular museum admission. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. Call 858-454-3541 for details. (LA JOLLA)

"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)

"Korhaans, Kudus, Kites, and Karoo: A Birder's Journey to South Africa" is the topic when birding ex-

pert and SDSU professor emeritus of geography Phil Pryde presents a slide-illustrated lecture for the Audubon Society on Friday, February 28. Pryde went to South Africa last fall (their spring).

The program starts at 7:30 p.m. (following socializing at 7 p.m.) at the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Call 619-682-7200 for information. (CLAIREMONT)

"Cony Catchers: Gambling and Trickery in Paintings by Caravaggio and Georges de La Tour" is the subject when Malcolm Warner discusses the tradition and sources for images of wily cardsharps fleecing fresh-faced victims. Warner is curator of the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas. This Docent Guest Lecture at the San Diego Museum of Art is slated for Friday, February 28, at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

The Legal, Ecological, and Spiritual Issues regarding funeral and burial practices in the U.S. will be discussed by registered nurse Barbara Kernan on Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m., at Heaven on Earth Bookstore (765 South Coast Highway 101). Kernan is the director of Thresholds Home and Family Directed Funerals; she'll talk about how to plan your funeral. Free. Call 760-753-2345 for information. (ENCINITAS)

Japanese Conversation Basics — such as pronunciation, greetings, and numbers — will be divulged when Heather Campbell offers this class on Saturdays, March 1 and 8, at the Japanese Friendship Garden. No previous experience is needed, and no writing will be taught. The class on March 1 convenes from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The nonmember fee is \$20.

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Renowned Saxophonist Dale Underwood presents a clinic for musicians on Saturday, March 1, at 1 p.m., at Oak Crest Middle School (675 Balour Drive). Admission is free, but reservations are required, made by calling 760-489-2383. Underwood performs with the Coastal Communities Concert Band on March 2. (ENCINITAS)

What Do Those Little Pictures Mean? There's a workshop on reading ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs planned on Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Heritage of the Americas Museum (12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Participants will translate hieroglyphic inscriptions found in the temples, tombs, and monuments of Egypt; the names of pharaohs, their queens, nobles, and gods; and write their own names. The fee is \$50 (which includes materials). To make the required reservations, call 619-660-4350. (EL CAJON)

The "Art of Rubber Stamping" will be explored during a class planned on Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street). The \$15 fee includes materials. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-585-5792 or 619-482-6376. (CHULA VISTA)

Get Writing, the San Diego Writers/Editors Guild hosts a writing workshop on Saturday, March 1, at the Veterans Memorial Center, 2115 Park Boulevard. Mystery/suspense author Gered Beeby presents "The Novel," focusing on what the novel is, how to get ideas, how to start, and keep it moving, from 8 to 9 a.m. "Nonfiction" is the subject when author Carl Nelson speaks from 9 to 10 a.m. The fee is \$30 for nonmembers, \$25 for members. For information, call 760-436-6312. (BALBOA PARK)

"Facing the Prospect of War," how did history bring us to this point? "Geopolitical expert" Robert F. Ellsworth will focus on what Christians "have to offer each other and the world" in today's atmosphere on Sunday, March 2, at 10:10 a.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Free. Call 858-755-1616 for information. (DEL MAR)

Watercolorist Joan Hanson, author of two Walter Foster books, will present a demonstration for the Southwestern Artists Association meets on Monday, March 3, at 10 a.m., in

Gallery 23 in Spanish Village. Free. 619-741-4980. (BALBOA PARK)

Now Dedicated to Helping Innocent Victims of HIV/AIDS, Kenneth Kaunda was the founding president of the Republic of Zambia from independence (October 1964) until November 1991. He'll focus on "The Role of the Frontline States in the Liberation of Southern Africa" on Monday, March 3, at 3 p.m., at UCSD's Cross-Cultural Center. Kaunda will discuss "Democratization in Africa" on Tuesday, March 4, at 6 p.m., in the Gardner Room at IR/PS at UCSD.

These UCSD events conclude when Kaunda presents a regents' lecture entitled "HIV/AIDS in Africa" on Friday, March 7, at 3 p.m., in Robinson Auditorium. Admission is free to all of the events. For information, call 858-534-5545. (LA JOLLA)

The History and Culture of Islam in Africa and other Islamic regions is the subject when Ali A. Mazrui speaks on Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Mazrui is a native of Mombassa, Kenya, with degrees from Manchester University, Columbia University, and a doctorate from Oxford University; he's written more than 20 books and published many articles on five continents. For more information, call 760-795-6897. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

Learn Proper Drumming Technique, traditional rhythms, and their meanings during the upcoming Tam Tam Mandingue School of Percussion West African drumming classes. No prior drumming experience is required.

Four-week beginning (6:30 p.m.; \$40) and intermediate (8 p.m.; \$45) sessions start on Tuesday, March 4, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue). (DOWNTOWN)

Well Within (555 2nd Street) hosts four-week sessions for beginners at 7:30 p.m. starting on Wednesday, March 5. The fee is \$40 for the series. (ENCINITAS)

Drum rentals are \$10 for the series and must be reserved in advance. To reserve a spot and gain information, call 619-697-4666.

"Attracting Butterflies and Hummingbirds" is the subject when Frank Basilio presents a lecture on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m., at

Coastal Sage (3685 Voltaire Street). The fee is \$15. For information, call 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Don't Get Lost on your next excursion — make your next trip to REI, which is hosting a map and compass clinic on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. Participants will learn the fundamentals of using a map and compass. REI, 5556 Copley Drive, 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

"An Inclusive Approach to Jewish Prayer" is the subject when Marcia Falk, author of *The Book of Blessings*, speaks on Wednesday, March 5, for the Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies. The talk starts at 7 p.m. at Congregation Ner Tamid (16770 West Bernardo Drive, suite A). Free. 619-594-5338. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"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 concludes with "The Cold War and Phase-Two Globalization in the Last Half Century" by UCSD sociology professor Timothy McDaniel on Wednesday, March 5. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. at the UCSD Institute of the Americas Copley International Conference Center. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

Tour the Night Sky when Fleet Center resident astronomer Dennis

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

"Rattlesnake Tales," the San Diego Zoo is hosting a series of lectures featuring the zoo's reptile team keepers. Misunderstood by most and appreciated by few, rattlers are important to the health of the ecosystems they call home. Senior keeper Brett Baldwin will discuss "the wild side of being a reptile keeper" on Wednesday, March 5. Admission is \$12. For the required reservations, call 619-557-3962. The talk begins at 7 p.m. in the zoo's Otto Center Auditorium. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Pleistocene Mammal fossils have recently been unearthed in our coastal areas from ice-age sediments. The San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a program with handouts and slides of additional fossils, as well as artists' fleshed-out reconstructions, on Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. The fee is \$15 for nonmembers. To reserve a spot, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"France and the Middle East: Friends Dare to Disagree" is the topic when French General Consul Jean-Luc Sibiude speaks for the San Diego

French-American Chamber of Commerce. Events run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, at Prego Ristorante (in Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road). Tickets for nonmembers are \$38 and include a buffet dinner. For space availability and reservations (required by March 3), call 619-668-8559. (MISSION VALLEY)

History Alive! This series hosted by the Lemon Grove Historical Society continues with a presentation on the colorful history of San Diego County's court system from the days of the Mexican rancheros to its modern structure. Judge William J. Howatt Jr. — a civil and independent calendar judge in El Cajon's Superior Court who has served on the bench for 24 years — will speak on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m., at the Parsonage Museum (3185 Olive Street). Free. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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Architecture and Design Issues are examined in a lecture series hosted by Woodbury University. San Diego Museum of Art curator Betti-Sue

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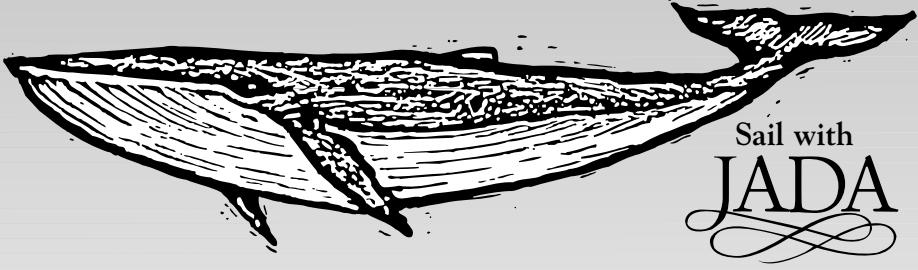


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Hertz will speak on Thursday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. Free. Find Woodbury University at 1060 Eighth Avenue; 619-235-2900. (DOWNTOWN)

Explore “The Science of Breathing — Pranayama” when Jaruska Solyova presents this program on Thursday, March 6, at 5 p.m., at the La Jolla Cove Bridge Club (1160 Coast Boulevard). Dress comfortably and “have the last solid food at least two hours prior to the lecture.” Free. 858-456-9964. (LA JOLLA)

Learn to Read the Rapids when a representative of Kings River Expeditions presents a slide-illustrated lecture on whitewater rafting on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Breakfast with Brancaccio, NPR *Marketplace* host David Brancaccio will “share his knowledge of business and finance” on Friday, March 7, at 7:30 a.m., at San Diego State University’s Aztec Athletic Center. Tickets are \$20 general, which includes Continental breakfast. For information, call 619-594-1515. (SDSU)

IN PERSON

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)

Tattooed Love Boy, head to 4th & B when the Rollins Spoken Word tour hits the stage at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 27. This show by Henry Rollins and company is for those 21 and older. Tickets are \$17.50 in advance, \$20 at the door, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the club at 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Classical Indian Music will be performed by sitar virtuoso Kartik Sheshadri 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)

Crisis? What Crisis? You’re invited to “rediscover midlife with deeper purpose and conviction” when Vicki Hurst shares her *Personal Pilgrimage at Midlife* on Thursday, February 27, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Latin Jam, this event hosted by Bill Caballero takes place at Voz Alta every Thursday of the month, including February 27, from 8 to 11 p.m. You’re invited to bring your instrument and jam onstage with local Latin jazz musicians. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. Admission is \$5 general, free for musicians. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

Originating in the Year of the Birth of Bach and Handel, the Band of the Grenadier Guards will be joined by the Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of the Scots Highlanders (tracing their ancestry to 1778) in performance on Friday, February 28, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard, at Valley Parkway). Tickets range from \$26 to \$56, available by dialing 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Robust and Touching Music of Finland may be heard when Suddenly Finnish, led by Marja Sorja, performs on Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m., at the La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue). An offering will be received. 619-466-4163. (LA MESA)

The Second “Comedy Cavalcade” hosted by the Rotary Club of Point

Loma is slated for Friday, February 28, at 8 p.m., at the United Portuguese S.E.S. Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). The program boasts “five of Southern California’s funniest comedians.” The donation is \$20. For information and tickets, call 619-223-7171 or 619-725-5332. The show is for those over 18 years old. (POINT LOMA)

A Celebration of the “Negro Poet Laureate,” Langston Hughes is planned on Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. The program by tenor Darryl Taylor and pianist Richard Thompson promises readings and approximately 20 settings of Hughes’ poetry to 12 composers, including Kurt Weill and Thompson. Tickets are \$10 general, available by calling 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

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Watoto may also be seen in San Diego on Sunday, March 9, at 6 p.m., at the Claremont Emanuel Baptist Church (2610 Galveston Street). Then it’s off to Escondido for a performance on Wednesday, February 12, at the North County Baptist Church (221 West 7th Avenue). San Diego’s Calvary Temple (1536 Blaine Avenue) hosts the group on Friday, March 14, at 7 p.m. The Cathedral of the Valley Foursquare in Escondido (at 927 Idaho Street) is the site for the concert on Sunday, March 16, at 10 a.m. The county appearances conclude in Poway on Sunday, March 16, at 6 p.m., at the Christian Life Assembly (14047 Twin Peaks Road). (SAN DIEGO, ESCONDIDO, POWAY)

Admission is free. For further information, call the individual church or 225-763-9977.

The Late Bloomers Improv Comedy Troupe inaugurates its new performance space with an interactive performance on Friday, February 28, at 8 p.m. Find the North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shop at 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. \$5. For reservations, call 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Pop Culture Changed Forever in 1966, according to entertainment mogul Hal Lifson. He’ll visit Current Affairs Bookstore on Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m., to sign and discuss his new book, *Hal Lifson’s 1966! A Personal View of the Coolest Year in Pop Culture History*. Find the store at 2536 University Avenue; 619-795-9899. Free. (NORTH PARK)

The One-Year Anniversary of Voz Alta is being celebrated with a Native Tongues reading on Friday, February 28, at 8 p.m., at the Rosary Room (947 E Street). The poetry reading is hosted by Adrian Arancibia of the Taco Shop Poets. The requested donation is \$10, for those 21 and older. Call 619-230-1869 for details. (DOWNTOWN)

Poetry Unlimited, the featured poets are Jack Johnston and Ken Kopelson, the artist is Kellie Burns, and Kopelson will perform piano selections before the program planned on Friday, February 28. The evening gets underway at 6:30 p.m. at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

Known for Sanskrit Chanting, Shanti Shanti performs on Friday, February 28, at 8 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). The group includes sisters Andrea and Sara Forman, along with Robert Forman. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door (\$12 for those under 18), available by calling 760-753-2345. For information, call 760-310-0879. (CARDIFF)

In Celebration of Black History Month, master conga drummer Wing! will present a program of African and American songs and rhythms with the aid of conga drums, assorted percussion instruments, and an interactive light show on Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m., at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Admission is free to this Family Fun Time event, appropriate for all ages. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

Performance Artist and Comedienne Sia Amma, founder of the Global Women Intact group, presents her one-woman show, *Clitoris*

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Scythes down another day, his motion
Is that of the honed steel-edge, we hear
The crashless fall of stalks of Time.

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Look! Look! he is climbing the last light
Who knows neither Time nor error, and under
Whose eye, unforgiving, the world, unforgiven, swings
Into shadow.

Long now,
The last thrush is still, the last bat
Now cruises in his sharp hieroglyphics. His wisdom
Is ancient, too, and immense. The star
Is steady, like Plato, over the mountain.

If there were no wind we might, we think, hear
The earth grind on its axis, or history
Drip in darkness like a leaking pipe in
the cellar.

— Robert Penn Warren (1905–1989)

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Celebration (formerly “In Search of My Clitoris”), on Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m., at UCSD’s Price Center Theater (9500 Gilman Drive). Amma takes audiences “on a journey halfway around the world and back in search of her most precious possession, taken from her when she was a young girl in West Africa.” Tickets are \$7 general. For further information, call 858-822-0074. (LA JOLLA)

The “Reading, Writing, and Rhythm: Spring 2003 World Music Series” begins with a performance of Celtic, world, and American roots music by Celticana on Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Library Civic Center Community Rooms (330 North Coast Highway). Band members include Lauren Morris (vocals, mandolin, guitar), Angelo Miranda (keyboards), Floyd Fronius (electric

violin), and Ray Conseur (percussion). Tickets are \$10. For information, dial 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

Harpist and Button Accordionist Katherine Cleary listens to Irish music and opera and prefers to learn music by ear from another musician. Cleary will be joined by Dennis Buskirk, Michael Eskin, and George Rubsamen for a concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Tickets are \$12. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (ENCINITAS)

Best Known for His Role as Squiggy on the TV show *Laverne and Shirley*, actor David L. Lander was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1984 but hid the disease from the public for 15 years. He’ll speak about

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One day W.J. showed up for work five days late. He said he had been in Lake Charles and that he was never going back, that it was a town of liars. He said that they had concocted a story about him one evening in a beer joint during a *bourrée* game that had gone sour. They threw him out and locked the door on him. W.J. hooked the winch from his truck to the building, pulled it off of its blocks, and drove through the front wall, blowing his horn for another drink.

Burke is still imitating W.J. “If I’d done something that awful, I would have surely remembered it.”

Burke laughs so hard recounting the story that he’s brought to tears.

“Those are remarkable people,” he says. “They’re the cutting edge of the empire.”

Although working on the pipeline provided fodder for writing, Burke says the drawback was being away from his wife and four children for long periods of time. Over the years, he says, he continued to work at “anything that made money.”

He wrote steadily and developed a system for dealing with the rejection of his short stories. After receiving a rejection notice, he gave himself 36 hours to get the story back in the mail and off to another magazine. He’s used the same system for 45 years. “If you keep your story at home, you’re insured to lose,” he says.

While he continued to work, write, and raise a family, Burke also struggled with alcoholism. He attended a 12-step program for people with drinking problems and has remained sober for the past 25 years. He’s reluctant to talk about it, because he says, “Unless a person goes inside of it, it’s like listening to Sanskrit,” but he takes a crack at it anyway.

The Times: “What compelled you to quit drinking?”

Burke: “For people who have gotten on the dirty boogie, there are choices to be made. A guy can stay on it and flame out, blow

out his doors, crash and burn. That’s when he can make a choice for another kind of life. Until a person gets to that point where he decides that he wants a better life, in all probability, he’s going to live inside what is a kind of hermetically sealed environment where insanity seems rational.

“People who are knowledgeable about addiction today treat it as a disease. They don’t try to proselytize about it. But there’s no question that condemnation of the addicted person only empowers him to stay out there, to stay on the dirty boogie. Maybe a day finally comes when he realizes that shame and guilt should not be his province and at that moment he can elect to have a good life.

“Condemnation and criticism of the drunk or the addict is the same as giving him the liquor store. He will determine to prove that he can handle it, that he is not afflicted, that he is not morally weak, because the indictment of him is usually on the basis of moral weakness. He is being told, in effect, he’s a spiritual leper. An alcoholic is going to do everything in his power to prove he’s normal by getting drunk again. It’s insanity, but it’s the nature of compulsive, obsessive behavior.

“Then he meets a group of people who have been there, who have been inside that hermetically sealed environment where you see the world through a glass darkly, and they tell him that, yeah, he’s responsible for all the mistakes he made, nobody made him drink or use and that he needs to make amends and he has to own up to things and he has to get square with the world and he cannot blame anyone else for his plight except himself. But nonetheless, he has to be aware that there’s a difference in his chemistry that is not like other people. Booze doesn’t have the same effect on everyone. It’s just 1 out of 10.

“Then maybe he begins to see hope, and he also learns that he is not a pariah. That’s the onus which alcoholics struggled with throughout history, that they were weak. If you tell a man every day he’s weak, he’s not good, you condemn him to repeat his behav-

ior. No one is ever better — you learn that in any 12-step program — because of criticism. You never make anybody better by excoriating them.”

Burke published his first book *Half of Paradise* in 1965, followed by two more — *To the Bright and Shining Sun* (1970) and *Lay Down My Sword and Shield* (1971). The first two books sold well and established him as a writer, but the third book didn’t fare as well. He continued to write, despite having difficulties publishing his material.

In 1984, his books were out of print, and he had not been able to strike a publishing deal for a hardcover book in 13 years. He sent a collection of short stories to Louisiana State University Press to consider for publication. They published the stories the next year under the title *The Convict*. Burke says that with that book, “LSU Press put me back in business.”

He says, “It’s like being rich twice and being broke three times.” He says he owes a debt of gratitude to LSU Press he can never repay. He’s also leery to draw a connection between his sobriety with the fortunate change in his career. He says his career took a change for the better because he continued to write despite the rejection.

In 1986 he published his fourth novel, *The Lost Get Back Boogie*. The book holds the distinction of being the most rejected book in New York’s publishing history.

“That’s not exaggeration,” Burke says. “It’s known for the record, 111 times with my current agent. It was out with another agent previous to those 111 rejections. It was under submission

Hormone Replacement: What All Women Need to Know on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble. Find the shop in Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive; 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

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

Tickets range from \$22 to \$65, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 4-6, 8 p.m. on Friday, March 7, at 5 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, and at 1 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. Find the theater at 202 C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Two Songs Are Guaranteed during open-mike opportunities every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Celeste Center

(861 Hornblend Street). The fee is \$5. 858-274-8658. (PACIFIC BEACH)

First Wednesdays, the series continues when Boxtales presents “SUR — Magical Tales from South America” on March 5, at 4 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Boxtales uses storytelling, music, masks, and movement to present myths and folktales from around the world. Tickets are free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway); 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Klezmer, Yemenite, classical, and original music may be heard when saxophonist Merryl Goldberg and guests perform on Wednesday, March 5, at 6 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). The guests include concert pianist Gila Goldstein and Bill Bradbury, Mtafiti Imara, and Gunnar Biggs (members of the university’s visual and performing arts department). Free. Dial 760-750-4366 for more details. (SAN MARCOS)

He Lived in Battle Rock, Colorado, from 1999 to 2000, and William Celis attended Battle Rock School, which became a “real and figurative divider between longtime farmers and ranchers from the newer urban expatriates.” Celis will visit Current Affairs Bookstore on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m., to sign and discuss *Battle Rock: The Struggle Over a One-Room School in America’s Vanishing West*. Find the shop at 2536 University Avenue and by dialing 619-795-9899. Free. (NORTH PARK)

“The Crane Daughter,” described as a story of kindness and promises, is being presented by the Icarus Puppet Company at the Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 6; at 11 a.m. on Fridays, March 7 and 14; and at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, March 8, 9, 15, and 16. Tickets are \$6. For reservations, call 619-563-5252 or 800-449-4479. (KENSINGTON)

Music of the Big-Band Swing Era may be enjoyed when Tami Thomas

and her band perform for the Escondido Library’s First Thursday series on March 6. The performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Turrentine Room of the library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Call 760-839-4329 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

Irish Music Is Promised when Gerard Nolan and Clan McNoise perform on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m., at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Nolan is a native of Dublin, Ireland, and accomplished flute and tin whistle player. Free. For information, call 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

Self-Described “Oldhippy” Ron Gitt brings his one-man act “designed almost exclusively for independent budget travelers like himself” to the Ocean Beach International Backpackers Hostel for performances at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Monday, March 6 and 10. Gitt has backpacked all over the world and will share tales from these travels and from group-ing up “in the shadow of Hollywood.” Free. For more information, call 619-223-7873. (OCEAN BEACH)

Thursday Night Thing (TNT), this “ongoing program of intriguing events” at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, continues with an evening of sound complementing the installation in the “Cerca” galleries, where performance artists will “assault your senses with ambient and guerilla musical interludes.” Events begin at 7 p.m. at 1001 Kettner Boulevard. The requested donation is \$3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

The “Sex, Lies, and Videotape” Tour hits Mysterious Galaxy Books on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Mystery authors Deborah Donnelly (*Died to Match*), Robert Isleib (*Six Strokes Under*), and Libby Fischer Hellmann (*An Eye for Murder*) will be on hand to discuss and sign their books. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by dialing 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Out and About, comic Ellen Degeneres brings her “Here and Now” tour to the Spreckels Theater on Tuesday, April 1, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the theater at 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Take Me Out to the (Arizona) Ballpark, the San Diego Padres open their spring training season with games against the Seattle Mariners Thursday through Sunday, February 27-March 2, in Peoria, Arizona. The Pads meet up with the Texas Rangers on Monday, March 3. There’s a game against the San Francisco Giants in Scottsdale on Tuesday, March 4. Back in Peoria, the Chicago White Sox meet up with the Pads on Wednesday, March 5. The week closes with a game against the Colorado Rockies on Thursday, March 6.

All of these games begin at 1:05 p.m. For additional details, dial 619-280-INFO. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130) Mondays

through Fridays and on KOGO on Saturdays and Sundays.

Bring a Tuned-Up Bike and Helmet and explore Daley Ranch with naturalist Michelle during the ride planned on Friday, February 28. Expect an intermediate 4.5-mile, one-hour ride on the Ranch House, Sage, and Creek Crossing Trails. The ride starts at 3 p.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). For details, dial 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Time for the Sockers, the San Diego Sockers host the Kansas City Comets on Friday, February 28, and the Philadelphia Kixx on Saturday, March 1. Both games begin at 7:05 p.m. at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25. Call 619-224-4171 for information and tickets (also available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)


Run or Walk! The Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk on the first Saturday of every month, including March 1. The four-mile outings start at 8:30 a.m. at 15th Street and Ocean Avenue and last a little over one hour along the beach. Wear good running or walking shoes; all levels of ability are welcome. Participants are welcome to join the group at a nearby restaurant after the walk. For more information, call 619-742-4151 or 858-454-5433. (DEL MAR)

The Most Popular Ride of the Year hosted by the R&B Bicycle Club is the Tour of Borrego, slated for Saturday, March 1, at the Palm Canyon Resort. Choose either a 22- or 38-mile paved road ride around the valley over mostly flat terrain. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., with the 38-miler starting at 9 a.m. and the 22-mile outing setting off at 9:30 a.m.

There’s an optional time-trial hill climb to the top of Montezuma Grad starting at 7:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 2. For information on the events, call 760-765-2200. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Winternationals, Snowbird Off-Road Racing hosts a short-course off-road racing series with trucks, buggies, powder puff racing, and the local “Tuff Truck” competition on Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, at Cajon Speedway. Racing starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday (with gates opening one hour prior each day). Admission is \$12 for

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through my current agent, Philip Spitzer, over a nine-year period and received 111 rejections.” *The Lost Get Back Boogie* was later nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

Burke may have had a difficult time publishing his work during those lean years, but he never quit writing. He says that just because no one was buying his work didn’t mean that his writing well had run dry. “I wrote all of those years,” he says. “I just could not sell anything.”

“I write all the time,” he says. “You can’t compute it in terms of hours. You can’t compartmentalize it. It’s something you live inside of all the time. It’s a continuum.”

Burke’s daily routine consists of writing, taking care of the business of his writing, lifting weights at his local health club, and fishing when time permits. He says, “There are a lot of other things to be done, and if you don’t do it, it will be done for you, but not to your benefit.”

In 1984, he was fishing with writer Rick DeMarinis on the Bitterroot River in Montana. DeMarinis suggested that he try his hand at a crime novel. Burke later flew from Missoula to San Francisco and began outlining a new novel on a yellow legal pad. He wrote two chapters while sitting in an Italian coffee shop next to Ferlinghetti’s City Lights Bookstore in North Beach. After he typed the chapters out, he had the beginning of *The Neon Rain*, the first novel featuring Dave Robicheaux.

Burke has since written a dozen books with Robicheaux as the protagonist. Although he has another series following the life of a Texan, Billy Bob Holland, the Robicheaux books have become his trademark.

He is also a Guggenheim fellow, a Breadloaf fellow, and a National Endowment for the Arts fellow. His short stories have been published in national magazines and collections of short stories like *Best American Short Stories* and *New Stories from the South*. He is the only writer with the distinction of receiving two Edgar

Awards (named in honor of Edgar Allen Poe and given by the Mystery Writers of America) for *Black Cherry Blues* (1989) and *Cimarron Rose* (1998). The success of *Black Cherry Blues* allowed Burke to quit his teaching job and to write full-time.

Burke’s novels are painted with vivid descriptions of the land, pithy dialogue, and sudden acts of physical violence. The combination of action, description, and dialogue makes for a page-turning read. The common criticism made against his work is that there is too much violence.

The Times: “How do you respond to the criticism that your writing is too violent?”

Burke: “When people use that term ‘violence,’ we hear it all the time, ‘Look at the violence in this.’ What kind of nonsense is that? It’s just doo-dah. It’s like saying, ‘My God, look at this Hamlet leaving all these bodies in the fifth act. Jeez, this is terrible.’ This usually comes from the same people to whom the violence in Central America leaves no scratch. The loss of 100,000 civilian lives in the Iraq war are just kind of passed over, a war conducted against a man who was the ally of the administration during the 1980s, a man whom we armed and suddenly who became the Antichrist. I don’t have any doubt this guy is evil, but that was not the attitude of our government towards him previously. People do not consider this violence.

“This is the most violent nation on earth. We export more arms than any other nation on the planet. It’s our greatest product. That’s not metaphor. That’s a statistical fact. President Clinton exported more weaponry than Presidents Reagan or Bush. It’s our big gift to the world ... We arm both sides. The M-16 meat cutter used to be found everywhere. Dave Robicheaux says that our gifts to people who harvest rice with their hands are the AK-47 and the M-16....

“In [Mario Puzo’s book] *The Last Don*, he talks about the gambling industry, and he says, what kind of government would

inculcate a vice in its citizenry? And, of course, it’s all with the blessing of the state and the federal government that the poor, the uneducated, the obsessive, and the compulsive — who are the only people who gamble habitually, because it’s not gambling. You’re going to lose. There’s no way you’re going to win. This is an act of violence, in my mind, because it robs from the poor. Oh, they’re there by their own consent, but it’s not an informed consent. Everyone knows it. No one who had any awareness of the commitment which he’s made would be there.

“I used to spend a lot of time at racetracks. I love horse-racing. If you watch the action at a track, you’ll notice the bar is empty during the first races. By the seventh race, it’s packed with two kinds of people — the winners and the losers, but more losers than winners, because the compulsive gambler wins when he loses. His loss confirms his long-held and cherished suspicion that the universe has plotted against him, and he’s got the evidence to prove that he is not responsible for his own failure. The fates have done this to him, but he’s happy again, as happy as a pig rolling in slop. And then if he wins, he’s proven that he can intuit the future he’s painted with magic. Well, in other words, we’re talking about a psychological basket case.

“Of course, the attrition, the real violence, sometimes is precipitated on down the road. I mean, after this guy spends the rent and the grocery [money], and they do. If you look at the guys at the \$2 window, that’s where the money is made. These are the guys that drop it all.”

The Times: “As a former reporter, do you think the media is liberal?”

Burke: “It’s an old myth that the press is liberal. It’s absolutely nonsense. It’s a statistical fact 90 percent of media are owned by Republican interests and that’s great. But to say the press is liberal is just silly and has nothing to do with reality. Secondly, most news
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adults, \$6 for those 6 to 12 years old; pit passes are an additional \$15. For more information, dial 858-571-5088. (EL CAJON)

Navigate Through Woods or Parks when San Diego Orienteering hosts an event in Balboa Park on Saturday, March 1; registration opens at 9:30 a.m., with staggered starts from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants choose their routes to find all the checkpoints marked on the maps. The fee is \$8 for nonmembers. To make the suggested reservations, call 858-638-7849. The meet starts near the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street; follow the signs. (BALBOA PARK)

Santana Safe School Tribute Run, this 5k run/walk and kids’ 1 mile and half-mile fun run event is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, at Santana High School (9915 Magnolia Avenue). Registration starts at 6:30 a.m., with the 5k starting at 8 a.m., the 1-miler stepping off at 9 a.m., and the one-half mile fun run for those 9 and under starting at 9:30 a.m. For information, call 619-298-7400. (SANTEE)

Gulls Hockey, the San Diego Gulls host the Long Beach Ice Dogs on Sunday, March 2, 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)

March Madness Miles, head to Rancho Bernardo Park on Sunday, March 2, for the fifth annual March Madness Miles event. The 10k trail runs start at 7:30 a.m. (men) and 7:45 a.m. (women); 5k trail runs begin at 8 a.m. and 8:10 a.m.; the 2-mile walk/run steps off at 8:30 a.m.; and the Munchkin Mile gets underway at 9 a.m. Registration starts at 6 a.m.

Find the park by taking I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Road, and drive west two blocks; turn north on West Bernardo Drive and continue for 2 miles. For more information, call 760-602-1011. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

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See Circus Chimera February 27 through March 2 on the lawn in front of Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday; at 1:30, 4:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and at 2 and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$14 general, \$8 for children and seniors. For information, call 760-757-3651. (OCEANSIDE)

Home Again, Home Again, the 18th annual Spring Home/Garden Show takes place at the Del Mar Fairgrounds February 28 through March 2. There will be talks on a variety of home and garden topics, vendor booths with goods for your home (inside and out), and children’s activities.

Show hours are noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$12 for adults, free for those under 12. Call 858-350-3738 for information. (DEL MAR)

The Swahili Word for “Creativity” is “kuumba,” the term for the festival offering a celebration of African-American life, positive images, history, and heritage. The 11th annual Kuumba Fest runs February 28-March 2 at the Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. Friday night opens with the African marketplace with vendors selling food, art, jewelry, and more. A showcase from the African American Museum of Art will be on display during the run of the festival. The play *The Black Museum* begins at 7:55 p.m. The evening concludes with a dance and drum finale (9:40 p.m.) Tickets are \$15 general, \$5 for children 12 and under, \$12 for students, seniors, military.

On Saturday, educational workshops run 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$5); the youth play *Crown Me Bold, Crown Me Beautiful* begins at 1 p.m. (\$5), and the dance talent showcase “Deal Wid It” runs 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. (\$10 general). There’s a forum on hip-hop/capoeira entitled “Fruit from the Same Tree” at 5 p.m. (\$5 general), the hip-hop showcase “Bringing Back the Party” runs 6 to 8 p.m. (\$10 general). “Late Night Live at the Lyceum,” an Apollo Theater-style talent competition, runs 9:30 to

11:30 p.m. (tickets: \$12 general).

The marketplace is open and a community talent showcase runs noon to 1 p.m. (free with the purchase to any Kuumba event). Local African history teachers discuss “what it will take for San Diego to create a stronger, more united, and culturally aware arts community” 1 to 3 p.m. (\$5). The finale gospel celebration runs from 6 to 9 p.m. (\$10 general). For tickets and further information on any of the events, call 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Dharma Talks, speakers, chanting, meditation, prayer, and entertainment is promised during the San Diego Buddhist Community Day of Peace. Events run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at the Old Trolley Barn Park (at Adams Avenue and Florida Street). Bring a picnic lunch and blanket or chair. Free. “This is not a political event or protest.” For information, call 619-298-2800. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

A Selection from the Bhavagad Gita will be discussed when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, March 1, 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). For details, dial 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

The Ohara School of Ikebana hosts its 30th annual flower show and bazaar is slated for Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, in the Casa del Prado. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; flower arrangement demonstrations begin at noon, 1, and 2 p.m. both days. Free. Call 619-524-4363 or 619-267-4667 for details. (BALBOA PARK)

See the Sea, the League of Women Voters is offering an educational bus tour to the Salton Sea on Saturday, March 1, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The tour will focus on regional energy and water issues with area experts and includes a visit to the Covanta Geothermal Plant in Heber, and more. The \$40 fee includes transportation and a picnic lunch at the Salton Sea. For space availability and reservations, call 619-275-1147. (SALTON SEA)

Book Sale, the San Carlos branch library holds its monthly book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Paperbacks and

hardbacks of all types are offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-442-1860. (SAN CARLOS)

Give Me a Cheer! The Universal Cheerleaders Association/UDA presents the West Coast All-Star Cheerleading and Dance Team Championships on Saturday, March 1, at Golden Hall (202 C Street). Seventy-five teams, with around 1500 individuals from elementary through

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people, almost universally, are decent people.

“It’s like people in the book business. You don’t have many negative experiences. They tend to run of a kind. They are people of goodwill. They enjoy language. They enjoy books, and I would say that 95 percent of them are simply interested in the truth. There’s maybe 5 percent that have an agenda, but they’re usually not journalists. They’re columnists and the ego is very apparent in their prose. When you start seeing those five words — I, me, my, mine, and myself — you know who I’m talking about.

“Most journalists want to just file the story and go to lunch. They have an irreverent sense of humor, but you see journalists become imbued with cynicism because they see the discrepancy between the way a city is run and the way its operations are reported. Most mainstream media stay away from controversy....

“There’s an unwritten history of the 1980s. When I published the novel *The Neon Rain*, which deals with clandestine operations in Central America, the smuggling of arms, the Iran-Contra story had not broken when that was written, but I knew about it. Here’s a guy living in Wichita, Kansas, who knows about it. Where in God’s name is everybody else? Here’s a guy teaching freshman English at a Midwestern college. If I could have access to that information — I mean, the media people in Washington, D.C., did not? It was a story that people didn’t want to touch. It was well known in Gulf Coast ports, but the larger story also involved the trade-off of narcotics for arms. I’ve just heard that story from too many people. Those ties between the underworld, the narcotics industry, the arms industry, and CIA operations go back to the Golden Triangle in Southeast Asia, back into the French and British colonial period....

“There are many stories, but I’ve heard them, even recently from individuals, that all coincide. The dope went north and the guns went south. It’s probably the worst political scandal in Amer-

ica’s history, and when the *Sacramento Bee* broke the story, I think the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* discredited it, but I believe the account in the *Sacramento Bee*. I’ve just heard it too many places.

“I heard the head of the DEA say it. This guy was a Reagan appointee. He said, this is an exact quote, ‘The Contras are introducing cocaine into the United States.’ Now, for anyone to simultaneously say we’re serious about what’s called the War on Drugs is deceiving himself, deluding himself.”

The Times: “Do you consider yourself a liberal?”

Burke: “I consider myself pretty traditional, really. People of my generation, who were born in the Depression, tend to be traditionalists. If I had to call myself a name I’d say I was a Jeffersonian liberal. But, see, something has become askew in American thinking. Liberals now are tarred in every way by people who want to associate in the popular mind liberalism with some kind of fanatical movement.

“Traditional liberalism has involved certain kinds of movements that gave us Social Security, minimum wage, public health care, environmental and consumer protection, the civil rights acts of the 1960s, the fair hiring act, the equal employment act, public education. What is it that is so objectionable about Medicare, for God’s sake?

“I remember on many occasions when liberals, or people who were supposed to be liberals, were called liberals and they shrink. It’s beyond me, absolutely beyond me. I mean, do people think that the right wing gave us Social Security, collective bargaining, clean water? I don’t know. I think it’s one of those deals where, you say it enough times, people began to believe it.

“Now, there are people, to my mind, who are libertine, who have taken on the guise of being liberals, and they are not liberals. They are involved in something else. I’m not knocking them, but this stuff about correctness in language, this hypersensitivity about

ethnicity, and the notion that people are not accountable for what they do, this is not liberalism.

“The libertine view of life has much more to do with fashion than it does politics. There’s nothing liberal about Hollywood. That’s just nonsense. The Disney Company violated minimum-wage laws in Haiti. I mean, you’ve got to really work to violate sweat-shop laws.”

The Times: “You have said before that opening a Wal-Mart in a small town is the equivalent of setting off a hydrogen bomb.

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the earth seek is an uninformed electorate. Their enemy is knowledge and enlightenment. If you can give people cheap goods — you give them Powerball lotteries, drive-by daiquiri windows, implicit permission to drive with alcohol behind the wheel — in effect allow them the libertine ethos, which normally only the rich have had access

in front of the International Hospitality Houses (at the first stop sign on Presidents Way, at Pan American Way). 619-685-3536. (BALBOA PARK)

Dance, Music, and Cultural Costumes may be enjoyed when the House of Pacific Relations hosts a “sampler program” on Sunday, March 2, at 2 p.m. Free. Food will be offered for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale are all part of San Pasqual History Days, taking place from 10 a.m. to 2½ p.m. on Sunday, March 2, at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Creative Wedding Ideas are on offer during the Wedding Party Bridal Show, scheduled for Sunday, March 2, noon to 5 p.m., at the U.S. Grant Hotel (326 Broadway). The fee is \$13 in advance, \$20 at the door. For information, call 866-462-2838. (DOWNTOWN)

“**Cultures of the Islamic World**” are highlighted during the cultural expos planned at the MiraCosta College

campuses. There will be food, music, and posters representing more than 60 countries. Events run 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, March 3, in the student lounge at the San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue) and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, in Aztlan B at the student center at the campus located at One Barnard Drive. The final expo is offered on Thursday, March 6, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at MiraCosta’s

Community Learning Center (1831 Mission Avenue). Admission is free. Questions? Call 760-795-6897 for answers. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras celebrations at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts include costume and dance contests, live dance party with music by Global Party and Lotus, “Out of This World” fashion show, and more. Admission to this “multi-sensual experience that lifts your spirits, moves your soul, and celebrates community” is a \$10 donation. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue; 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

A Display of Kimekomi Dolls is on offer in commemoration of the “Girls Celebration” running Tuesday, March 4, through Sunday, April 20, at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Regular garden hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 general, \$2 for students, children 6 and under free. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Mardi Gras Mambo, hit the streets of the Gaslamp Quarter for the Bud Light Mardi Gras on Tuesday, March 4, running from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. The masquerade parade starts at 8 p.m. at Fifth Avenue and E Street, ending at Fifth and K Street; the parade includes over 30 floats, the Budweiser Clydesdales, and more. There will be three stages with eight live bands, and lots of other entertainment. Tickets are \$10. Call 619-233-5227 for information. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Fat Tuesday Is Here, and it’s being celebrated on March 4, 6 to 11 p.m., on University Boulevard between Third and Fourth Avenues. Organizers promise two stages of live entertainment, pre- and post-parties, and lots of beads. Hillcrest Mardi Gras is for those 21 and older; admission is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate. 619-299-3330. (HILLCREST)

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

The series continues with a look at Walter Mosley’s *Devil in a Blue*

Dress on Wednesday, March 5. The library has books available to borrow before the meeting. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangelheim Room at the library, 820 E Street. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

“**How to Live Happily Ever After...With Your Dog**” teaches vital training secrets needed to help prevent and manage unwanted dog behaviors before they become a problem. Participants will learn the basics of housetraining, nutrition, preventing destructive behaviors, encouraging calmness, socialization with people and other animals, how to communicate with their dogs.

The classes are offered every Wednesday, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street); the fee is \$10. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-7012. (LINDA VISTA)

Get Historic, SOHO’s sixth Arts and Crafts weekend runs March 7-9. The preview reception begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, with music by the Art Johnson Trio and wine and hors d’oeuvres offered along with a sneak preview of the exhibition and sale featuring Arts and Crafts artists and vendors from around the U.S.A. Tickets are \$30 for nonmembers.


More than 50 exhibitors from across the country will offer a selection of antique and revival furnishings and decorative arts including furniture, metalwork, pottery, textiles, and books during the exhibition and sale, running from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Admission: \$5.

Lectures throughout Saturday include “The American Woodcut in the Arts and Crafts Period,” “Cement, the Forgotten Craft Medium,” “Inside the Bungalow,” and many more. Tickets for each lecture are \$15 for nonmembers.

The Craftsman Home Tour takes place on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour boasts six distinctive period homes in Mission Hills and Bankers Hill. No heels, no photography. Tourists may either drive to the homes or take the trolley service that will be provided (free). The home tour fee is \$30.

Events take place at the B Street Cruise Ship Terminal (at the foot of Broadway and A Street). To make the recommended reservations, call 619-297-7511. (DOWNTOWN)

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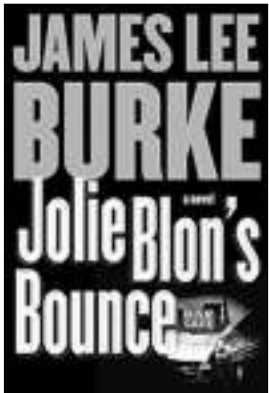
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to, and are sacrosanct, in effect, are finally not made accountable for, as long as we give these things as a kind of collective opiate to the poor, we're going to have all these other problems.

"For example, no one, in my lifetime, I know has ever been arrested for littering, even though southern Louisiana is strewn with trash from one end to the other. As soon as that happens, it's like pulling on a thread on a sweater, and people are going to start asking other questions. How about these oil industries that have caused Louisiana to be

rated eight years in a row as having the worst water quality in the nation? Number 50. Your accountability goes from the bottom up. So you've got this huge number of people who are uneducated, often addicted. They're given casinos they can go to and lose their money.

"The cynicism involved, to my mind, is mind-numbing. To me, it's hopeless, in my lifetime. I think what'll happen is that the generation after mine will see a time when people from other places, as well as indigenous native Louisianians, will rediscover what we have and will create a replica of what used to be, and they'll live in it. People will see what used to be there, but they won't be the original denizens. It's the irony of history. It's in retrospect that we value what we lost.

"But the damage is done here by developers. You see live oaks lopped down in front of Wal-Mart in Abbeville, hundreds of years old. It makes your heart sick. In my lifetime the changes are just enormous. Lafayette used to be a sleepy Southern town covered with oak trees. From the Oil Center plumb out to Vermilion Bayou was

a solid tunnel of oak trees. It was a two-lane road. It was beautiful. Just before you reached the river on the right-hand side was an antebellum plantation.

"I don't believe it has to be either/or. There are ways to do things so that you don't destroy what is just invaluable. It's irreparable. It's like watching people using a chainsaw while on acid. But you can't turn it around.

"This used to be the Old Spanish Trail that went through here. It used to run all the way across south Louisiana to New Orleans. Boy, you drive on the four-lane out here to New Orleans and it's just incredible. For 20 miles from the airport into southwestern Louisiana it looks like a sewer. I don't know another place like it, and I've been everywhere in the United States. It's mind-numbing. People come here from other places, and they just kind of wince and say, 'Why in God's name do you allow this to happen?'

"But I don't know the answer for it. Education is part of it, but at some point we have to enforce the law. It becomes discouraging when you get involved with it, trying to do something. There are people here in New Iberia who really work hard to save the trees, to keep the town clean. It's just a daunting task. They're really dedicated.

"And it's not simply the poor. You see people who obviously are of means throw their trash out the window, bags of garbage, man, just explode on the side of the road. The bayous are full of it. I see trash every morning floating down to the Gulf. It's one of those things you got to work the serenity prayer on, but it goes down sideways anyway.

"To me, what's disturbing is that it was not always like that. It was not like that years ago. I think maybe part of it has to do with that kind of Mardi Gras mentality. People become imbued with this notion of *laissez les bons temps rouler*, like there's no tomorrow. Just fling your garbage. I think Dave Robicheaux calls it a self-congratulatory form of hedonism.

"Dave Robicheaux is a better writer than I. I know that sounds peculiar, but I try to quote Dave, and I can't do it. It's really humbling."

The Times: "What's the secret to writing best-selling novels?"

Burke: "What's the secret? There is no secret. There is none.

"You build a readership, as a rule, over a very long time. It's incremental. There's people whose early work becomes best-seller fiction, but oftentimes it doesn't sustain itself. Now there are others for whom there's a kind of electronic element at work — sales to film and television. But that's not enough either. Usually to get into what is called, in publishing, bestsellerdom, requires many years while the readership grows and grows. It's a fickle business. You learn real quick. It's like the oil business. It's gushers or dusters."

The Times: "Why is the business so fickle?"

Burke: "It's popular taste. One thing an author can always rely upon is that if he has success, it will go away from him. It's going to happen. It's just a matter of time. So when you have some success, put it in the bank, because you'll need it."

The Times: "What's key to a successful life?"

Burke: "You do it a day at a time, I think. If I've learned anything it's that maybe you don't learn a lot. I feel as young as I was when I was 21. I'm probably a little more patient than I was then, probably less impetuous, but otherwise I think it's one of the great myths that age brings you great wisdom. What we learn ultimately, I think, is probably that the things that are valuable really are not purchased with money. It's like one of those admonitions that's true: Money keeps a mess of grief off your porch, but the things that really count are the things that you never can buy — family and friends, the good life."

— R. Reese Fuller

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FOR KIDS

Enjoy *Pepper's Favorites* when the Phoebeke Puppets perform through Sunday, March 2, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. The group returns to present *Rapunzel* March 5-9.

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)

Wear Your Jammies and bring your favorite stuffed friend when Barnes and Noble Bookstore hosts a pajamarama reading of *Nighttime Is Just Daytime with Your Eyes Closed* by Mark Lowry on Friday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m. Find the store at 9938 Mission Gorge Road; 619-562-6791. The free events are for those two to eight years old. (SANTÉE)

Miss Nelson Is the Nicest Teacher Ever... or is she? Find out if Miss Nelson's scheme to teach her unruly students to behave works when the San Diego Junior Theater presents the musical *Miss Nelson Is Missing!* Books, music, and lyrics are by Joan Cushing, based on the book by Harry Allard and James Marshall.

The play runs February 28 through March 16. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays and at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays in the Casa del Prado Theater. The performance on March 15 is American sign language interpreted. Tickets are \$7 to \$10 adults, \$5 to \$8 seniors and children 13 and under. For reservations, call 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Professional Skateboarders Steve Berra of DVS Shoes and Alien Workshop Skateboards and John Rattray of Savier Shoes and Zero Skateboards will be signing gear at Overload Skateshop for one-year anniversary festivities. Berra will be on hand on Saturday, March 1, 3 to 5 p.m.; meet Rattray on Sunday, March 2, 2 to 4 p.m.

Free. Find the shop at 3064 University Avenue. Call 619-296-9018 for information. (NORTH PARK)

Look, Up in the Sky! The 55th Annual Kiwanis Ocean Beach Kite Festival and Parade is set for Saturday, March 1. The fun starts at 9 a.m. on

the grounds of the Ocean Beach Elementary School (4741 Santa Monica Avenue), with kite making until noon at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue).

Judging takes place at 1 p.m.; the ensuing parade down Newport Avenue to the beach starts at 2 p.m., with kite flying on the beach at 2:30 p.m. All kites entered in the contest must be handmade; bring your own kite string (all other materials are provided). 619-531-1527. (OCEAN BEACH)

Wandering Around Nature, Manny Farber's still-life painting *Batiquitos* shows items from nature and the artist's personal life that remind him of his walks near the Batiquitos Canyon Reservoir. Wander around the Garden Gallery at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla and compose your own painting from the plants and trees around you when the museum hosts Free-for-All Family Day activities on Sunday, March 2. Events run 2 to 5 p.m. at 700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Reading Across America, listen to a Dr. Seuss story, sing songs, and get your face painted on Tuesday, March 4, at 3:30 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119). Free. (EL CAJON)

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

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

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

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. For more details, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Computer Museum of America, "Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology" explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum, part of the National Security Agency, has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Visitors will learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare "millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum-tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). For additional details, dial 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is lo-

cated in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For information, call 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early mili-

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tary history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway’s past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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

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

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in

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

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

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

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. Women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800 are also on display. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

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

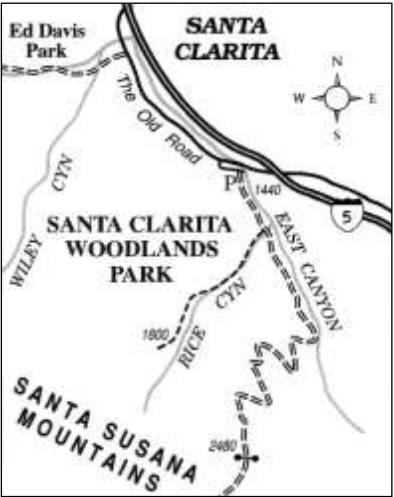
San Diego Aerospace Museum, the museum is celebrating its 40th anniversary and commemorating Black History Month with two new exhibits. The technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in “100 Years of Aircraft Engines.” The display includes a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine, handcrafted by the museum’s skilled restoration volunteers; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world’s first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see “P-51 *Mustang*,” celebrating the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum’s *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying

Roam-O-Rama

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

Tucked into the steep, north-facing slopes of the Santa Susana Mountains, just north of the San Fernando Valley, are comely Rice Canyon and East Canyon. The area containing both canyons is visible from nearby Interstate 5 as an attractive patch of open space, emerald green from recent rains. The canyons receive an average of about 20 inches of rainfall annually — just enough, in an environment sheltered from sun’s south-slanting rays, to support an island-like array of bigcone Douglas firs. These trees are a Southern California-based relative of the common Douglas firs that inhabit coastal mountain ranges in Northern California and



throughout most of the Pacific Northwest.

Both canyons are now included in the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park, which welcomes self-propelled travelers. The narrow trail into Rice Canyon is reserved for hiking only, while hiker, horse, and mountain-bike traffic is permitted on the East Canyon fire road — at least to the point where a locked gate at the southern park boundary limits access beyond.

To reach the trailhead for these canyons, exit Interstate 5 at Calgrove Boulevard, turn west under the freeway, and take the frontage road, called “the Old Road,” south for 0.8 mile to the designated trailhead parking area on the right.

Your trek begins with an uninteresting one-third-mile hike or bike south to an old water trough and other evidence of former cattle ranching. From there (on foot only) you can find and follow the narrow path to the right going into Rice Canyon. This mile-long trail is enchanting for kids and adults alike. You meander through a shadowy fairyland complete with a limpid brook and overarching sycamore, willow, and cottonwood trees. Four kinds of oaks are in evidence here: scrub oak, coast live oak, canyon live oak, and valley oak. In the upper part of Rice Canyon, the trail begins to rise sharply out of the canyon bottom. After climbing for a few minutes, you get a nice view of steep slopes all around and glimpses of bigcone Douglas firs higher up and across the canyon.

To explore East Canyon, retrace your steps back to the fire road, turn right, and commence a gradual ascent along the



In the shady depths of Rice Canyon

densely wooded East Canyon floor. This easy passage ends after only 0.5 mile, as the road begins climbing in earnest up the slope to the right. Ever-widening views compensate for the toil, however. At 1.9 miles from the Rice Canyon trail, you reach the south boundary gate — a mandatory turnaround point. By this time, you’ve already passed several beautiful bigcone Douglas firs near your path, and many more are visible clinging to the slopes to the west.

bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II. This particular plane features the personal markings of Captain Roscoe C. Brown and is named for his daughter Bunnie.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Rare Places in a Rare Light: The Wildlands Photography of Robert Turner” is on exhibit through Sunday, June 1. The images are said to “inform the soul and inspire a belief in the essential value of wild places.” These fine-art color photographs from throughout the West were made in pursuit “of the light on the land.”

“Fore! The Planet” is described as an actual indoor, 18-hole miniature golf course designed to teach about the nature of life on Earth and how human actions affect the environment. Visitors putt their way through dinosaur extinction, butterfly metamorphosis, and spawning salmon. Play the course through Sunday, May 4.

An assemblage of museum specimens, rocks, fossils, live plants, and animals tell stories about the region’s prehistoric and current habitats in “Natural Treasures: Past and Present.” The ongoing exhibition is said to “display old treasures most loved

by the community and to introduce new fossils that have never been seen by the public,” as well as highlighting the museum’s extensive paleontological collections. Visitors will also discover why dinosaur fossils are rare in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times).

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

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

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

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

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is an educational component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California

coastline, Mexico’s Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

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

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

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

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

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It's Not Easy Being a Druid

Something had gone wrong with the Civic Theatre's plumbing.

Vincenzo Bellini's *Norma*, the San Diego Opera production of which has just ended, takes place in Roman-occupied Gaul, around the time of Julius Caesar. Norma, high priestess of the Druid god Irminsul, has disregarded her vows of virginity and for several years has been secretly sharing the bed of the Roman commander, Pollione; she has had two children by him.

Pollione, perhaps the most repulsive hero in all opera, has grown tired of Norma and is now putting the moves on a younger priestess, Adalgisa. When Norma finds out, she is — as Anna Russell used to say, in another context — simply furious. Pollione, presenting himself as a victim of forces over which he has no control (“It is my destiny to love you,” he declares to Adalgisa, in Norma’s presence, “and it is my destiny to abandon her”), refuses to change course. Norma, who in spite of everything is still crazy about him, punishes herself instead, by confessing her sin to the assembled Druids and willingly mounting the sacrificial pyre. Impressed by the magnificence of this act of self-abnegation, Pollione recovers his taste for Norma at the last moment, and joins her in the flames, leaving their orphaned children to be taken care of by her reluctant father.

Sets and costumes for this production came from the Metropolitan Opera. The always imaginative John Conklin exceeded himself in evoking the ancient pagan atmosphere and in creating memorable stage pictures. Basic to all the sets was a raised, raked platform in squares of lustrous black marble. In the sacred grove of the Druids, a rough stone altar, its surface animate with craggy power, supported a gnarled, bristling, Scythian-like sculpture representing the ritual mistletoe. Norma’s house was indicated by fragments of Cyclopean walls. In Conklin’s extraordinary forest scene in the Second Act, the assembled warriors, lusting after a war of liberation from the Roman yoke, were distributed among towering, ominous statues (distantly rem-

iniscent of Michelangelo’s *Slaves* and Rodin’s *Balzac*), their grim, quasi-human forms half melted into stone and frozen there.

The full moon, whose goddess is invoked in Norma’s “*Casta diva*,” appeared repeatedly in various forms: notably, as a realistic projection on the drop curtain during the overture, and as a vast, luminous presence on the cyclorama behind the altar, so

large that only part of its circle was visible. This form was exquisitely echoed in the lengthy final scene of the opera, where the zoomorphically embossed bronze shield in the temple of Irminsul, expanded to huge proportions, was suspended over the stage, like another satellite. When Norma “struck” it, to call in the Druids, she did so merely by raising her hands imperiously in its direction, a stunning effect (which is no doubt to be attributed to director John Copley). Soon, the gigantic moon projection was once again unveiled on the other side of the backdrop, overlapped by the similarly circular shield. In fact, an irregular broken perforation near the edge of the shield allowed a bit of the moonlight to shine through, uniting the symbols of the two deities: it is this kind of detail that Conklin is unique among set designers in contriving with such visual and symbolic force. The gong was further transformed by the lighting (original designer Duane Schuler, with Gary Marder for San Diego Opera), which gleamed ruddily as the light of the sacrificial flames gradually came to dominate the stage.

Conklin’s costumes were opulent, beautifully coordinated as to color and texture, and poetically suggestive of an antique, exotic culture, without any Roman-movie hokeyness. An exception, I thought, was the type of outfit he designed for a group of burly male Druids associated with the temple rites, whose heads were shaved and whose upper-body costume consisted of widely spaced leather straps. (More about this later.)

This was a great *Norma* to look at. But what

did it sound like? To begin with the best, Mariana Pentcheva gave a brilliant performance as Adalgisa. Her voice — warm, rich, silky, and with just an exciting touch of mezzo metal in it — was deployed with subtlety, a wide range of expressiveness, and a high degree of dramatic intelligence. The music came fully alive when she was present (as did the stage, for she is an accomplished actress, making every gesture and movement seem to rise from the center of the character’s will and emotions). She understood the style thoroughly, managing the long lyrical line and the *fioritura* with easy authority.

Hugh Smith was a bad Pollione, at times painfully bad. Admittedly, this is an ungrateful role, and there are few Polliones one can remember with unalloyed pleasure: Pavarotti, perhaps — and Franco Corelli, whose trumpetlike top, wallowing Italianate vocal mannerisms, and imposing figure gave one at least an intimation of why two otherwise decent and sensible women should have fallen head over heels in love with such a sleazebag. Smith was way out of his league in such matters, with a constricted and unresonant top and a feeble (and often inaudible) bottom; these vocal flaws were compounded by a wooden delivery in which the attempts at dramatic expression were little more than weakly executed clichés.

And Norma? This was Galina Gorchakova’s first attempt at the most challenging role in the soprano repertoire, and it was not a happy occasion. In many opera-lovers’ minds, the role was co-opted, once and for all, by Maria Callas — and it is true that every other soprano has, in one way or another, fallen short of Callas’s dazzling embodiment, which set standards that no mortal is soon likely to meet. To compare Gorchakova to Callas would not be fair; let’s simply bracket “*La Divina*” as *hors-concours*, and think of Gorchakova’s Norma in terms of other sopranos who have succeeded in the role: Leyla Gencer, or Anita Cerquetti, or Joan Sutherland, or Beverly Sills, or Renata Scotta, all of whom have been superb Normas.

Judged by these normal human standards, Gorchakova was far from satisfactory. Her interpretation consisted of a series of disconnected episodes, which certainly mirrored Norma’s conflicted identities and lability of affect, but which never coalesced into a believable character whose varying states of mind a listener could empathize



Galina Gorchakova

Bellini, *Norma*

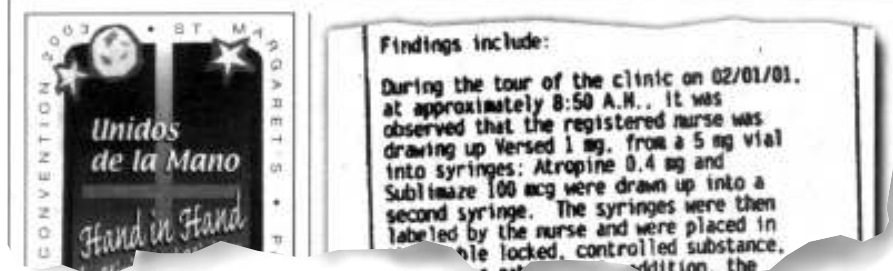
Civic Theatre (San Diego Opera)
Conductor, Richard Bonyng; director, John Copley; set and costume designer, John Conklin; lighting designer, Gary Marder. Cast: Galina Gorchakova, Norma; Hugh Smith, Pollione; Mariana Pentcheva, Adalgisa; Pavel Daniluk, Oroveso

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with. Even the episodic feelings were — with an occasional exception — unconvincing, for Gorchakova displayed neither the temperament nor the vocal technique for conveying the character’s nobility, grandeur, erotic ardor, savagery, tenderness, rage, vulnerability, and suffering. Her performance was painstaking but plodding, with a kind of artificial earnestness that made one’s spirits sink and one’s attention wander. Only her great braying chest tones seemed to reveal Norma’s depth of emotion, momentarily, but this was so clearly a manipulated device (she can do it, so she does it) that it quickly lost its cogency. Otherwise, there was little in her performance of the mercurial variations of color, articulation, and dynamic shading by which the eminent Normas of the past have forced their audiences to follow every minute turn of the character’s passionate life, and (like the other figures in the drama) to fear her, pity her, and admire her.

As for the *floritura*, which is such an important element in Bellini’s vocal writing, both formally and expressively, Gorchakova took a courageous stab at it, but she really has only minimal competence in this fundamental technique that is nowadays expected of all *bel canto* singers. In executing embellishments (such as turns), she detaches them from the line (giving them undue prominence, because they are so effortful) and often aspirates them (“*Ca-ha-ha-ha-ha-hasta diva*”). More extended *coloratura* passages are rushed, elided, and approximate. Her defects in this aspect of *bel canto* technique were particularly noticeable in Gorchakova’s duets with Pentcheva, when one would hear essentially the same passage done once right and once wrong.

In an interview published in the program magazine, we find that Gorchakova thinks a great deal of herself (not a rar-

ity among sopranos, although by no means a prerequisite for the job). She tells us that while preparing for *Norma* she avoided any coaching. “I want the character interpretation to be myself, a real person, not acting out someone else’s version.” She also admits that “I need to polish my coloratura for Bellini’s ornate score.” If she ever tries this role again (but no one who really cares about Bellini’s great opera would advise it), she had better find a good coach, and she’d better do a lot more polishing.

By the way, it was at one time possible to deliver a terrific performance as Norma without the skilled mastery of ornamentation that was reintroduced (by Callas and other singers) in the 1950s. Zinka Milanov (with a certain Slavic density in her voice, somewhat like Gorchakova’s) was a stupendous Norma, in spite of her lack of training in historically correct *bel canto* style. She got by on sheer musical instinct and fiery passion. But more than half a century later, with singers and audiences so much more sophisticated in the demands of Bellini’s music, such an approach is just no longer acceptable. And, in any case, Galina Gorchakova is no Zinka Milanov.

One reason to go to the opera is to escape for a brief while from the burdens of the flesh and of history, and to spend a few hours in an ideal world mediated by the most sublime of the arts. Sometimes it works; but sometimes grubby reality insists on intruding. I attended the Tuesday performance of *Norma*, at which time it turned out that something had gone wrong with the Civic Theatre’s plumbing, and the restrooms were out of order. This was not quite as bad an operatic crisis as (for example) all the lead singers canceling just before the First Act, but it was not negligible. During the intermission, patrons in need were directed toward other restrooms in the neighborhood, and one saw great numbers of them streaming across the plaza with anxious expressions. The principal building offering

its facilities was Golden Hall, which that day (as I was dumfounded to see) was also hosting something called the “White House Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.”

Among the turbulent crowd at the doors of Golden Hall I noticed one of the bare-chested, bald-headed, leather-strapped supernumeraries from the Druid scenes. Presumably, he too was in search of bodily relief. But (it suddenly occurred to me) maybe he was really in search of funding for a faith-based initiative. And if he encountered one of the federal bureaucrats sent to conduct the conference, what would the conversation be like?

BUREAUCRAT FROM THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES: Yes, all religious folks are encouraged to apply to us, even when they’re dressed kind of like freaks. Now, I’m not that closely acquainted with your particular religion. How’d you like to tell me something about it?

LEATHER-STRAPPED DRUID: We worship Irminsul, the ferocious warrior god, who speaks directly to our high priestess. We also venerate the goddess of the moon. Our principal religious ritual involves human sacrifice, with the victim being burned alive.

BUREAUCRAT: Uh-huh. And what social programs do you offer the community that you want the government to finance the non-religious component of?

DRUID: We’re very concerned about unwed mothers, adultery, and orphans.

BUREAUCRAT: That’s good, that’s very good. But I’m sorry to have to tell you that I don’t find Druidism on our list of approved religions. What we want is good, clean, monotheistic, Bible-oriented religions — in other words, American religions. Where is your church located, by the way?

DRUID: Gaul.

BUREAUCRAT: What state is that in? Is it New Jersey, maybe?

DRUID: The temple of Irminsul is in what you now call France.

BUREAUCRAT: Oh, you’re Frenchies! That explains it. Mucho bien, have a nice fast trip back home, and eat a snail or two for me. And on your way out, would you let our next client in?... Well, this is an honor! Welcome, Reverend Graham! Take this comfortable chair. What can we do for you? ■

CLASSICAL LISTINGS

Events that are underlined occur after March 6.
HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING: Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number (including area code), and a phone number for public information to **READER CLASSICAL MUSIC, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.**

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)

Chaucerian “Joye and Bliss” are on offer when Fortune’s Wheel presents “Mirie It Is!” for the San Diego Early Music Society. This “garden of merry Middle English delights” includes medieval songs of courtly love, spirited dances, and sonorous polyphony. The ensemble includes Lydia Heather Knutson (soprano), Paul Cummings (baritone), and Shira Kammen and Robert Mealy (vielles and harp).

Enjoy this concert celebrating “the merry season of renewal” on Friday, February 28, beginning at 8 p.m., at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$18 general. Dial 619-291-8246 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Bigger and Better Than Ever! The innovative Mizik3 series returns for its sixth season, combining new music, classical music, hot swing, and a

“dance-music-video spectacle from Austria,” under the direction of San Diego cellist Felix Fan.

American violinist/composer/fiddler Mark O’Connor and His Hot Swing Trio will make their first San Diego appearance on Friday, February 28, at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). The performance will be repeated on Saturday, March 1, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (found in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue).

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15; one-per-weekend packages are \$42. For information and reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA, DOWNTOWN)

Faculty Voice Recital, soprano Stephanie Sabin performs on Friday, February 28, at 8 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Tickets are \$8 general. Call 619-260-2280 for further details. (LINDA VISTA)

The “Viennese Touch” is brought to classical chamber music and UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium when the Altenberg Trio performs on Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. The audience will be treated to Mozart’s “Trio in C Major,” the “Trio No. 2 in F Major” by Schumann, and Rachmaninoff’s “‘Trio Elegiaque’ No. 2 in D Minor.” Tickets are \$25 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Celebrity Series Times Two, the La Jolla Chamber Music Society has two big concerts planned this week. The Czech Philharmonic Orchestra with Vladimir Ashkenazy will perform works by Dvořák, Prokofiev, and Rachmaninoff on Saturday, March 1. Tickets range from \$20 to \$110. The concert commences at 8 p.m. in the Civic Theatre (202 C Street).

Violinist Sarah Chang and pianist Lars Vogt present a concert on Thursday, March 6. Their program boasts pieces by Beethoven, Franck, and Ravel. This recital takes place in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street) beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$95. For reservations and further information, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

A Senior Voice Recital by Shawn Eakle is slated for Saturday, March 1, at 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Admission is free. 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

Saturday Night Chamber Music, the series continues with a performance of Dvořák’s “Trio Dumki in E Minor” and the Mendelssohn “Trio in D Minor” by the Tchaikovsky Trio on Saturday, March 1. Trio members include pianist Efreim Briskin, violinist Irina Tseitlin, and cellist Ruslan Biryukov.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). The requested donation is \$15 for adults, \$12 for students. For reservations, dial 858-259-2503. (CARMEL VALLEY)

The 20th Anniversary Concert planned by the Coastal Communities Concert Band is set for Sunday, March 2, at 2:30 p.m., at the Carlsbad Community Church (3175 Harding). The program includes selections by Rossini, Grieg, Sousa, and Gershwin. The guest soloist is saxophonist Dale Underwood. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7.50 for seniors and students. For further information, call 858-292-9951. (CARLSBAD)

The Concert Series hosted by the La Jolla Presbyterian Church continues with a recital by the American Boychoir, from Princeton, New Jersey, on Sunday, March 2, at 7 p.m. Find the church at 7715 Draper Avenue. An

offering will be received. For information, dial 858-729-5531. (LA JOLLA)

He Won the Lieder Prize of the 1997 Cardiff “Singer of the World Competition,” and baritone Christopher Maltman will perform in a concert hosted by the San Diego Opera on Sunday, March 2, at 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$50. For reservations and information, dial 619-232-7636. (LA JOLLA)

Mostly Mozart, the sixth annual James H. Kolar Amadeus Music Fund Concert takes place on Sunday, March 2, with participants including USD professor emeritus, violinist, and composer Henry Kolar and friends. The concert begins at 3 p.m. in French Parlor at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Call 619-260-2280 for information. Tickets are \$8 general. (LINDA VISTA)

“Songs of Prayer” may be heard when soprano Barbara Tobler and the Synergy guitar and flute duo perform on Sunday, March 2, at 7 p.m., for the St. Mark’s United Methodist Church concert series. Find the church at 3502 Clairemont Drive. An offering will be received. For further information, call 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

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

Classic Indian Music may be heard when students of Kartik Seshadri perform on Monday, March 3, at 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. The program includes a variety of ragas reflecting the winter season and the emotions of the performers. Tickets are \$5 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

“An Evening of Song in Poetry” is promised when vocalist Debra McClaren and pianist Janie Prim perform on Monday, March 3, at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). The program includes “Knoxville Summer of 1915” by Samuel Barber, Debussy’s “Five Poems Baudelaire,” and “The Three Dream Portraits by Langston Hughes” by African-American composer Margaret Bond. Free. 619-691-5165. (CHULA VISTA)

“Operafest” will be presented by the San Diego Opera Ensemble on Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). The performance will be followed by a reception for the performers with French desserts and wine. Tickets are \$25 general, \$15 for students. For information, call 858-273-3940. (LA JOLLA)

The Chamber Concert Series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues with a program of works by Mozart, Fauré, Rihm, and Mendelssohn performed by the Vienna Piano Trio on Tuesday, March 4. The recital starts at 7:30 p.m. at 1008 Wall Street. Tickets are \$23 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Masterworks in the North, the San Diego Symphony continues its “New World Season” at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido with a concert on Thursday, March 6, at 8 p.m. Maximiano Valdés leads the orchestra and the La Jolla Symphony Chorus to present Beethoven’s “Ninth Symphony.” The symphony and chorus will be joined by soloists including soprano Janice Chandler, mezzo-soprano Susan Platts, and bass Dean Elzinga.

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The liberating experimental art that thrived in the years following the Russian Revolution, especially during the 1918–21 Civil War period, burned with Communist fervor. The relations between art, audience, and State were being overhauled and invested with utopian hopes for a just society. In 1921, members of the most prominent post-October Revolution movement, Constructivism, announced their program in the lumpy ideological language of the time: "Taking a scientific and hypothetical approach to its task, the Group asserts the necessity to fuse the ideological component with the formal component in order to achieve a real transition from laboratory experiments to practical activity." Which is to say they rejected the decorative and ornamental in favor of an industrially based essentialism.

Before the Revolution, Russia produced the tense geometrical abstract painting of Suprematism practiced by Kasimir Malevich, Lyubov Sergeevna Popova, and El Lissitzky. Suprematism expanded the expressive range of abstraction by reducing its means. Constructivism applied Suprematist visual language to practical design with the purpose of crafting a social environment that expressed the values of the new order and achieved "the Communist expression of material structures." The Constructivists drew on the visual vocabularies of industrialism and fused their formal ambitions to social progress. They had no patience, obviously, with art as autonomous object. Public space, not the studio, was their laboratory.

REVIEW

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In a 1921 Moscow exhibition of young artists, Alexander Rodchenko, who had begun his career as an easel artist, showed several hanging constructions of concentric rings, cut from a single sheet of plywood, that rotated in the air as three-dimensional objects. The title of one of these, *Oval Hanging Construction*, is practically a declaration of Constructivist poetics. Rodchenko's career as a sculptor didn't last very long. By 1923 he was devoting most of his time to the photography and photomontage for which he's now best known. The Museum of Photographic Arts has a substantial collection of this work, and its current Rodchenko exhibition, which draws on these holdings (but suffers from lack of a catalog), offers a useful synoptic view of his photographic activities, as well as a thimble history of the post-Revolutionary avant-garde.

Born in 1891, Rodchenko lived long enough to witness the dreadful consequences of those heady years — he died the year of the Hungarian uprising, 1956 — and to see what happened to the Revolution's dream of a classless, happy society. In his youth a rather important arts administrator, in the early 1950s he became *persona non grata* in the Moscow Association of Soviet Fine Artists, though he was "rehabilitated" a few years later. He was one of the first great illustrators of the Communist dream and was officially involved in the grand project. From 1918 onwards he worked at a high level in the Visual Arts Section of the Commissariat for the People's Education, which was in charge of educational and cultural policy. In 1920 he

and his partner, Varvara Fedorovna Stepanova, became members of the Institute of Artistic Culture. (These designations now seem so quaint.) During the 1920s he devoted his energies to photography, film, stage work, industrial design, and propaganda graphics. During the 1920s and early 1930s, much of his photography, so unlike his early abstract work, was essentially reportage documenting the New Russia. His format, though, wasn't always conventional. He experimented so much with strange angles and extreme perspectives that these became his formal signature. "Rodchenko perspective" and "Rodchenko foreshortening" were common terms in the 1920s, and his almost grotesque angularity of light and shadow became a model for the film directors Sergei Eisenstein and Dziga Vertov.

For Rodchenko, photography (and to a certain extent photomontage) was the best way to put form-making to social use; it was also the perfect socialist medium. Anybody could take a picture. Cheap, simple, and repeatable, photography more than the traditional plastic arts was wrapped up in the process of history. "What should remain of Lenin: an art bronze, oil portraits, etchings, watercolors, his secretary's diary, his friend's memoirs, or a file of photographs taken of him at work and rest? Art has no place in modern life. Every cultured man must wage war against art. Photograph and be photographed!" An unlikely anti-art position for someone of rarefied Suprematist origins. But in a way Rodchenko adapted Suprematist ideas to photographic (and ideological) representationalism by upsetting the rules of composition and shooting not from the waist — "bellybutton shots," he called them —



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but from dizzying angles below or above. Some pictures are constructed almost entirely of slashing diagonals. His point of view of a woman talking on the telephone is so steeply pitched from above that her body climbs up the surface towards us. (The telephone and all its parts appear in a lot of Rodchenko's work — what a smartly designed and fantastical instrument it must have been!) An overhead shot of a Moscow intersection sets two autos, two figures, and a traffic signal in oblique counter-relations to perfectly crosshatched tram rails.

Rodchenko could do straightforward photography when he needed to, as in the portraits of his poet friend Vladimir Mayakovsky and other cultural figures of the time. Mention Rodchenko even to people with a passing knowledge of photography, and they'll mention with a smile his portrait of the critic Osip Brik, a conventional picture except for the opaque lens of Brik's round-rimmed spectacles stenciled with Cyrillic lettering. But he could just as readily pull off crisp, phantasmal, double-exposed portraits. The most interesting things in the show are the photomontages and public designs. In a montage from 1923, made to illustrate a Mayakovsky poem, a hausfrau stands in the lower left-hand corner next to a telephone receiver (or megaphone) and a klieg light. A tilted column, housing a cityscape turned on its side, rises from her to the right-hand corner, where a man sits in a sort of isolation booth, listening to music piped up the column from the receiver. Outside his booth are a phone ringer and, as if listening in, a brontosaurus.

The Italian poet (and, many years ago, Nobel laureate) Eugenio Montale used to refer to Mayakovsky as a megaphone poet — much public declamation, little intimacy. Rodchenko was in some



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ways a megaphone photographer: he proclaimed the new social order in shimmering, hard-edged pictures of power-line towers, highways, bridge trusses, and railway stations. He makes a still life of brilliant differential gears that gleam with the photographer's ardor and awe. He left his mark on many elements of Soviet culture. He designed covers for serious periodicals and dime-store detective novels, he worked in theater and film, and he incorporated typographical elements into architecture. For the House of Mosselprom, a state trust that processed agricultural products, he created bold graphic signage to decorate the exterior and add Constructivist zing to the sculptural architecture.

When the mood was on him, he made quiet images that exist in the nebulous zone where representation and abstraction become porous. The most exquisite picture in the exhibition, *Glass and Light*, is recognizably (just barely) a still life with plate and pitcher. It's at the same time an abstract composition where lines and reflective surfaces conduct a formal conversation about the consistencies of material reality. The pitcher's swan-necked handle — as a form, not a utensil — triggers a rhythm that's musicalized throughout

the picture. Propagator of the cult of historical materialism, Rodchenko was also enamored with the elusive ambiguities of veils, scrims, smoke, and mirrors. ■

Events that are underlined occur after March 6.

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GALLERIES

An Emotionally Charged Series of Photographs by Magnum photographer Paul Fusco recording one of the defining moments of the 20th Century are gathered in "RFK Funeral Train." The photographs chronicle the "urgency and tragedy of Robert F. Kennedy's assassination in 1968," showing the thousands of people who stood patiently in the searing heat along roadsides down the East Coast to watch his funeral train travel slowly from New York City to Washington D.C.

This exhibit may be seen, along with "All American" by Burk Uzzle

and "Iowa" by Nancy Rexroth, at the Joseph Bellows Gallery through Friday, April 8. Meet the three artists when the gallery hosts a reception in their honor on Friday, February 28, at 6 p.m. The gallery is located at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-456-5620. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. (LA JOLLA)

In Place of a Whispered Message, the 25 Southern California artists taking part in "Telephone: Artists Connect to Artists" each received the work of another artist and subsequently expressed an interpretation in a new work of art. The artists were asked not to talk about their work in this show curated by Candy Kuhl, on exhibit through Saturday, April 5, at La Jolla Fiber Arts. There's a reception set for Friday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Find the gallery at 7644 Girard Avenue. For information, call 858-454-6732. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. (LA JOLLA)

Ceramic Artist Ricky Maldonado has work on exhibit through Saturday, May 17, at the Divan Studio, beginning with a reception on Friday, February 28, at 6 p.m. Maldonado received a National Council on the Education for the Ceramic Arts 2002 emerging artist award.

Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Find the gallery 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-551-0405. (LA JOLLA)

Swiss Sculptor Willi Gutmann exhibits sculptures, embossings, and paintings at the new location of the Galerie d'Art International, now located at 320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500. Meet Gutmann when the gallery hosts a reception on Friday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m.

The exhibit continues through Tuesday, April 15. Regular gallery hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and Monday. For information, call 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Two-Dimensional Works on Copper and Brass by Dagmar Sander are gathered in "Art=Life=Art," featured along with "Nothing Obscured," oil paintings by Anna Zappoli Jenkins, at the San Diego Art Institute. The "Outstanding Regional Artists" were selected by juror Ron Tatro. The David G. Fleet Young Artists Gallery features work by students at the Bishop's School. Meet the artists during a reception slated for Friday, February 28, at 6 p.m.

The show closes on Sunday, March 23. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 619-236-0011. Regular admission is \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

Recent Ceramic Works by Jeff Irwin and works by National Council on Education for the Ceramics Arts (NCECA) artists Robert Arneson, Ken Price, Peter Voulkos, Viola Frey, and Michael Lucero go on exhibit at Scott White Contemporary Art with an opening reception on Friday, February 28, at 6 p.m.

Find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-551-5821. Regular viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The exhibit closes on Saturday, April 5. (LA JOLLA)

"Palms and Paradise," an exhibition of original oils by Daryl Millard, showcases plein air landscapes depicting the palms of Southern California. The show opens with a reception on Saturday, March 1, at 5 p.m., at the Daryl Millard Gallery

(342 South Cedros Avenue), and continues through Friday, March 14. Regular viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. 858-847-9030. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Hot Dogs and Hot Breads," this exhibit of art by Marco Almera opens with a reception on Saturday, March 1, at 8:43 p.m., at INNRNG (3041 Adams Avenue). See the show through Friday, April 4, from noon to 8 p.m. daily. 619-516-4343. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"132 Royal Palm," featuring work by DB Poulin and Jee Young Sim, opens with a reception on Sunday, March 2, at 6 p.m., in the Herbert Marcuse Gallery. Closing festivities are slated for Friday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Find the gallery at the Visual Arts Facility on the UCSD campus. For information and directions, call 858-534-2860. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. (LA JOLLA)

Internationally Recognized Ceramic Artists from around the world have work on exhibit in Grossmont College's Hyde Art Gallery. One portion of the exhibition highlights screen printing and glazing by Paul Scott; the second section features "The Vitrified Image: International Ceramic Invitational." The third part features "There Is Too Much Killing in This World" by Les Lawrence. The exhibition opens with a reception for the participants on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m., and concludes on Friday, March 21.

Grossmont College is found at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. For information, call 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

Inspired by Vincent Van Gogh, painter Greg Gutierrez has an exhibit of 25 new paintings of "Sunflowers" on display through Saturday, March 22, at Moctezuma Books and Gallery. Meet the artist during the reception planned in his honor on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Find the gallery at 289 3rd Avenue; 619-426-1283. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (CHULA VISTA)

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 rela-

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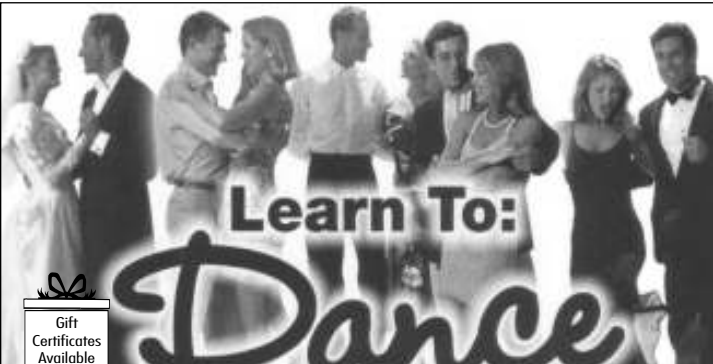
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tionship collectors, curators, and viewers develop with particular artists and periods. Prints and paintings by George Bellows (1882-1925), Harry Sternberg (1904-2001), and experimental photographic prints by Herbert Ohm (1898-1972) are on exhibit 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 Terán, Matilde Poulat, Hubert Harmon, Agnes Seebass, Tane, and the Castillo family.

The process of transmitting an aesthetic from one generation to the next is illustrated in “Mingei Legacy,” an exhibition featuring work by Shoji Hamada, Kanjiro Kawai, Bernard Leach, and their successors. 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, Downtown, “Cerca” is a Spanish word referring to things nearby, or the process of bringing things closer. It’s also the title for a year-long series of exhibitions at the museum presenting works created by regional artists — specifically from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Baja, California — and to create a forum in which artists explore common cultural issues. French musician Céleste Boursier-Mougenot creates visually and acoustically intriguing installations where sound and sculpture merge. From Thursday, March 6, through Sunday, April 27, see his untitled sound sculpture, composed of three large inflatable plastic pools filled with floating porcelain bowls of varying size and dimension. Boursier-Mougenot is said to “tune” the room conditions to exaggerate the cacophonous and harmonious sounds created by the gently colliding dishes.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, rectangular “figure/ground” canvases consisting of precisely shaped and balanced forms in one or two colors set against a strongly contrasting “ground” color are on offer in “Ellsworth Kelly: Red Green Blue.” The project explores the processes by which the artist distilled his lines, forms, and colors “from recollections of real-world sources,” delineating the interest and approaches that came to define his inventive and prolific career. The show — boasting 48 works: 10 major, large-scale paintings and 37 related sketches, collage studies, and photographs — concludes on Sunday, April 13. Kelly has made a new work, *Red Green Blue*, 2002, for this exhibit.

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.

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.

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Valhalla Stomp

So many climaxes, so little time.

Years ago the Globe Theatre staged Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* in a banana republic. The aim, one surmises, was contemporary relevance. But the switch shrunk ancient Rome and Caesar's mighty aegis out of existence. Sledgehammer's world-premiere *Berzerkergang* relocates Wagner's *Ring Cycle*, *The Nibelungenlied*, and *The Vol-sung Saga* to corporate America.

One-eyed Wotan is a CEO; daughter Brünhilde is next in line. Valhalla is a 98-story building (that can go up another 540 floors). Hostile takeovers lurk in every cubicle. The titans and gods speak a hybrid tongue, about half contemporary, half medieval epic. For Wagnerites at least, shrinkage results, especially when wide-eyed Siegfried opines, "This is so cool."

Call it *CD of the Nibelung*. But though the giants don't walk so tall — and though the script stuffs way too much into too small a space — the mega-ambitious Sledgehammer production is always watchable and at times achieves the visual equivalent of opera.

Alberich, a dwarf and Lord Treasurer to the Nibelung dynasty, steals a gold ring of such immense power that it destabilizes the corporate world. Valhalla becomes vulnerable. Humans think they can compete with gods. Berzerkers, dressed in bowler hats, white outfits, and black boots — like the thugs in *A Clockwork Orange* — terrorize at will. And cursed Brünhilde loses immortality and becomes human. The rest is betrayal.

In his song "Against the Wind," Bob Seeger

has a line, "what to leave in and what to leave out." Kirsten Brandt's world-premiere script raises these questions. As it retells Icelandic and Germanic sagas, and Wagner's operatic remake, *Berzerkergang* is all highlights. This "heavy hits"

approach resembles a three-day tour of Europe: just the usual top attractions. The play has a new climax at every turn, and little downtime in between — or, for

that matter, space to explore a character in detail. Most remain theoretical constructs, not sensate beings. When Brünhilde sheds her immortality, for example, we get only a glimpse at how that must feel. But what's it like to become like us?

The script is also torn between dual obligations, to the myths and to its own story, and gets caught somewhere in between (revisions should favor the latter). And it assumes Nibelung expertise in its audience. At one point, Wotan and wife Fricka *really* gobble golden apples. It must look goofy to someone who doesn't know that Norse gods had only a provisional immortality — and needed to replenish it with magic apples, and such.

The assured production, however, behaves as if the text were flawless. Codirected by Michael Severance and Jessa Watson, this is Sledgehammer's most capable work since the mad-dog days of founder Scott Feldsher.

On a steeply raked parquet floor, surrounded by circles and rings, David Lee Cuthbert casts haunted lights. New to Sledgehammer — bring

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Brennan Taylor, Laura Lee Juliano in *Berzerkergang*

Berzerkergang, by Kirsten Brandt

Sledgehammer Theatre, 1602 Sixth Avenue, downtown

Directed by Michael Severance and Jessa Watson; cast: Kati Behumi, Julianne Eggold, Chris Hatcher, Janet Hayatashi, Sean Jeffries, Laura Lee Juliano, Nicole Monica, Sara Plaisted, Kim Strassburger, Brennan Taylor, David Tierney, Jason Waller, Ruff Yeager; scenic design, Michael Severance and David Lee Cuthbert; lighting, Cuthbert; costumes, Corey Johnston; sound, Jeff Mockus

Playing through March 16; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. For information call 619-544-1484.

Two Gentlemen of Verona, by William Shakespeare

Mandell Weiss Forum, Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, UCSD

Directed by Douglas C. Wager; cast: Geno Monteiro, Andrew Smith, Garrett Neergaard, Katie Sigismund, Brad Fleischer, David Jimenez, David Ari, Jose Chavarry, Colette Beauvais, Adam Day, Lee Dolson, Amir Khastoo, Makela Spielman, Lisa Velten, Carmen Gill; scenic design, Ryan Palmer; lighting, Patricia Nichols; costumes, Raquel Barreto; choreographer, Jean Isaacs; composer, Joe Romano

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him back! — Jeff Mockus matches Cuthbert's expert visuals with an epic sound design. When a door closes, it slams. When feet stomp, they echo through Valhalla.

Overall, the production is more fascinating than emotionally gripping: so many climaxes, so little time. But aided by strong leads — Ruff Yeager's decaying Wotan, David Tierney's weasely Alberich, Laura Lee Juliano's harried Brünhilde — directors Severance and Watson craft some stunning images and stylized movements worthy of (and here the highest praise) Anne Bogart.

Rehearsals can reach a point where everyone has lines down, the play has been performed several times, but there's still too much "air" — gaps in everything from set changes to laggard dialogue. To tighten the pace, a director will have the cast do a "speed-through," performing in a sprint, without time to think. Also called a "fever run," the accelerated clip not only eliminates dead spots, it often finds the play's natural rhythms. Many a director has shouted "that's it" after such a steeplechase.



Two Gentlemen of Verona

UCSD's opening-night performance of *Two Gentlemen of Verona* needed a speed-through. The show ran over three hours. And guest director Douglas C. Wager had yet to integrate his imaginative concepts — which attempted humor when the text flagged — with the Bard's language.

Not that *Two Gentlemen* is deathless Shakespeare. It's among his earliest efforts and waxes strange when it wants to clarify. Valentine and Proteus

are bonded, Damon and Pythias-type friends. When both fall for Sylvia, they become sworn enemies. Julia loves Proteus, even though he tries to rape Sylvia. In the end, Proteus and Julia reunite, as if nothing in the previous five acts was real. Questions linger after the curtain falls: What could she still see in him? How could he drop one woman for another so casually? It's as if, to Proteus, they're interchangeable; also, what was the

young Shakespeare up to? Homoerotics? Misogyny? Or just lunkhead dramaturgy?

Wager sets the play in Verona Beach, New Jersey, and Milan, Italy. We're somewhere in the mid- to late 1950s. Verona Beachers bop to Bill Haley and the Comets or croon with Connie Francis. The Milanese sport slick hair and black pistols and mimic obligatory menace (Jean Isaacs's witty choreography makes them Keystone Crooks, though their mannerisms remain one-note throughout).

When he wrote *Two Gentlemen*, Shakespeare was new to being "Shakespeare." Several in the UCSD cast, it appeared, were new to *doing* Shakespeare. Many read their lines like affected poets, crafting each word with exactitude. This respect for the Bard had an odd effect. The play is about youthful energy. And the young danced and lobbed tennis balls

and rolled dice all over Ryan Palmer's handsome multipurpose set. But when they spoke, they became formal. Their ornate recitals begged for a speed-through that would, in the words of the lead Comet, make those lines "Rock Around the Clock." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Beehive
Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old

Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records.

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Berzerkergang

Reviewed this issue.

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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, THROUGH APRIL 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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Detective Story

Sidney Kingsley's police precinct drama opened on Broadway a month after Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*. Though both were influential, in many ways Kingsley's had the greater impact. The play, which follows four hours at NYC's Precinct 21, spawned an entire genre. Victims and victimizers roam in and out. In the midst of grimy upstairs offices, Detective McLeod crusades for justice. At first his tenacity shines like a gallant knight's armor (so much you almost dismiss what others say — that he's "judge and jury" and resembles the criminals he despises). As McLeod pushes his contentious idealism, seeing only black and white, gray-layered reality pushes back. 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 1949. Jeanne Reith's terrific costumes graft the period onto the stage, and an uncredited sound design — street sounds humming like electric rivers — puts Manhattan just beyond the walls. David Cochran Heath, a Lamb's mainstay for decades doing some of his best work ever, makes McLeod a loose cannon who abuses suspects (the way his father abused his mother) and refuses to compromise. To single out actors would be unfair to the ensemble, each of whom contributes to one of Lamb's best shows in years. **Critic's pick.**

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The Dining Room

Patio Playhouse stages A.R. Gurney Jr.'s series of vignettes about a fad-

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Echoes

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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. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 1; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Fault Line One-Acts

The Fault Line Players present one-act plays, including a revised version of Ted Falagan's *Annotated Exploits of Margaret*. FAULT LINE THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 1; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Fridays with Maureen

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The Hollow

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 thresh-

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Worth a try.

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National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea

from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a “challenge match” against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the

contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.
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Nuevo California? The new Pope — an ignited John Campion — envisions unity. An assassin’s bullet takes him down (suspects range from the Vatican mafia to drug lords, to presidents; the Pope’s clarity threatened them all). Barnardo Solano and Allan Havis’s play is, at once, a who-dunit, a love story, serial news event, a verbal hybrid, eclectic sociology. The first act setup’s 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 rusty 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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 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, recreating 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 desentimentalized Civil War, and about white and black women, “trained to act batty-brained,” who must create themselves from scratch. The 875-page book’s a grand, Rabelaisian read. Adapter Martin Tahse, however, has yet to condense it into a workable monologue. His set pieces recreate 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’s as antsy as the script. The “helping” effects — slides, braying sounds,

nervous lighting (and a tardy lowspot) — 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.

Possible Side Effects
The New York-based comedy group makes its West Coast debut with “So Close to Homeless,” a 90-minute show featuring original sketches, songs, and improvisation. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28; FRIDAY AT 10:30 P.M.

San Diego Theatresports
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports’ “game show” is a



The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All

hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.
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The Sound of Music
Point Loma Nazarene University stages Rodgers and Hammerstein’s musical about the Von Trapp family, and the arrival of a high-spirited postulant into their midst. CRILL PERFORMANCE HALL, POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH MARCH 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, MARCH 2, AT 3:00 P.M.

Splendour
It’s never a good sign, as you watch a production unfold, to imagine ways of improving it. Abi Morgan’s drama won first prize at Edinburgh’s 2000 Fringe Festival. A prestigious honor, but the Cassius Carter has no award-winner. The play’s a postmodern hall of mirrors. Four women meet at the posh home of a “diplomat.” He’s actually a besieged dictator, and those aren’t fireworks down the street headed our way. The play looks, and looks again, at simple scenes. Characters speak their inner thoughts like stage directions. What they say doesn’t jibe with what you see (the wife says ham; you see oranges). Slowly the situation comes into focus. We witness the high cost of keeping up appearances. The play’s intriguing, but the Globe production 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, or even, in many cases, whose perspective frames a scene. Throughout the intermissionless, hour-and-fifty-minute evening, the major impression remains how hard *Splendour* is to do. After a while you re-envision, in your mind, the scenes that aren’t working onstage. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH MARCH 16; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy
Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.
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Two Gentlemen of Verona
Reviewed this issue. MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UCSD, THROUGH MARCH 1; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Two Gentlemen of Verona
South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Shakespeare’s comedy about pairs of star-crossed lovers. Mark Rucker directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, THROUGH MARCH 30; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

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"We got rid of each other," said ex-P.O.D. guitarist Marcos Curiel.

P.O.D., the multi-platinum Chula Vista band

bandmates he also wanted to work with the Accident Experiment, a quartet that includes both drummer Ernie Longoria and bassist Tony DeLoche of Sprung Monkey, a band that has been together for 13 years and continues to perform, and singer Pete Stewart.

"We talked about all this



ACCIDENT EXPERIMENT RISES OUT OF P.O.D. "ISSUES"

"I was informed [of the decision] through management. Without saying they kicked me out, he basically said I was free to pursue my other projects. Five days later I heard they got another guitar player."

P.O.D.'s *Satellite* CD has sold 3 million copies, making them one of the most successful San Diego bands ever. Curiel admits he was surprised that P.O.D.'s legal and management team told him they would not be there for the Accident Experiment.

"I'm in the process of looking for a new team."

Curiel said he and his former bandmates look at things differently.

"I consider myself a man who believes in God, but all I

wanted to do was play music. They would let issues get involved in the music."

The debut show by the Accident Experiment is March 15 at Soma.

— Ken Leighton

**"Fly, lonely angel/
high above these
streets of fire"**

Those are lyrics from "The Angel Song," by Great White, the band that set a Rhode Island nightclub on fire February 20, killing nearly 100 fans and one band member, guitarist Ty Longley.

Singer Jack Russell told WJAR-TV he checked with the club's manager and got the okay for the pyrotechnics. The Station nightclub —

which passed a fire inspection two months before (and had extinguishers and four fire exits) — is denying this.

I talked to Ed Tate, the sound technician at 4th & B, where Great White played January 12 (37 days prior). He told me, "During the sound check in the afternoon, the guitar techs attached some fireworks things to the guitar. They shot way up high, and smoke was everywhere. We told them there's no way they're doing that in the show, and they said they'd do it in their next concert. They even admitted it was the first time they tried it from the guitars! And this place isn't built of wood, but we still have curtains all around, which could be a problem."

I ask Tate about permits, and he says, "Anytime you're dealing with fire, you need a pyrotechnics permit. Great White just had guitar techs and roadies. You need to go to school, pass tests, and it's a big ordeal getting one. You need a license even to buy the equipment they had. I don't know if they got that stuff illegally or what. When Ted Nugent played here [September 1, 2002], he had a campfire onstage for a few

songs, and he shot an arrow that had fire on it [which Nugent has been doing for more than a decade]. We had the fire marshal here, they asked Nugent's crew to change a few little things, but



GREAT WHITE GUITARIST
TY LONGLEY

they were able to do it. It went fine."

4th & B has a capacity of 1500. The club in Rhode Island had a capacity of 300. 4th & B also has sprinklers, and the Rhode Island club didn't (they weren't required there because of its small size). From the video footage,



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it appears the club also had low ceilings.
Singer Jack Russell told interviewers, "I felt a lot of heat... The next thing you know, the whole place is in flames."
— Josh Board

"The scene is segregated,"

Unwritten Law lead singer Scott Russo said on MTV2 last week. "You have bands that play the Casbah crowd and bands that play Soma."
Russo was being interviewed in New York City for the show MTV2 Rock. Russo said he considers his band and blink-182 to be Soma bands. He said bands are aligned into two camps, and those two camps don't mix well.
"It's like a cat fight with guys."
Soma owner Len Paul

said any differences that may exist between the two scenes has to do with two things: age and booze.
"It's about people who prefer alcohol over people who don't care about alcohol. We tend to get bands that appeal to a younger demographic."
Casbah co-owner Tim Mays agrees. "Kids go to Soma, and people over 21 go to the Casbah, pretty much." Mays said there are some bands out there who bridge the Casbah and Soma divide and can be considered to be in both camps.



THE UNWRITTEN SOMA/CASBAH SCHISM

"I just can't think of any right now."
— Ken Leighton
"The press release said it was all because of people downloading music off the Internet," said one

Wherehouse employee about the closure of 9 Wherehouse music stores (out of the 23 in San Diego County) by the end of May. Outlets in Oceanside, Carlsbad, La Jolla, PB, Mission Valley, Poway, Sports Arena, SDSU, and Hazard Center are victims of the bankruptcy filing that will claim a total of 150 (37 percent) of all the Wherehouse stores.
The employee said news of the closings was a big surprise.
"They didn't even tell us we were closing until the day they started closing procedures [on February 3]."
— Ken Leighton

"They told me I couldn't play CDs in my office because customers could hear the music."
Joanne Dale owns a small business called Kensington Coffee. "I have a really tiny place. We can only seat 25." She says a visit by a member of ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers) forced her to discontinue her two nights a week of live music in November and take her CD player out of her office.
"I had a [Celtic] harp player one night and a jazz duo come in the other night. They kind of just come in and practice."
Dale doesn't serve booze, and she never charges a cover. But the ASCAP rep said

she needed to pay up or get sued.
"The fee was \$100 a month. That's prohibitive to us. Because he was threatening us with a lawsuit, I had to refer to an attorney."
Lawyer Lottie J. Goodson said she helped her longtime friend Dale on a pro bono basis.
"His name was Kevin Sorrels," said attorney Goodson about the ASCAP rep. "He said he was a songwriter himself."
Goodson said it is ASCAP's role to make sure that songwriters get paid when their copyrighted music is played in public, in jukeboxes, or on radio or TV.
But Goodson said if performers only play their own original music or older music no longer protected by copyright law, ASCAP cannot charge fees.
"Everything over 95 years old is forgiven.... If they come in and say, 'That's music from such and such,' and you say, 'No, it isn't; I made this up myself,' you have the burden of proving in court that you did."
But Goodson said ASCAP's Sorrels was "way out of line" over a threat to charge Kensington Coffee an ASCAP fee over a CD player in Dale's office.
"If the CD player is behind a closed door...that is ridiculous."

Harp player Leila Ariel said she will play again at Kensington Coffee.
"Most of what I play is



GO LOCO GOES NITRO

over 100 years old — Beethoven, Mozart..."
And for the pieces that aren't, Ariel "contacted each person who had copyrights, and not one of them had a problem with it."
And just in case, Ariel has "a letter from four or five of them saying I could play their music."
Ariel says ASCAP is not forthcoming in telling musicians what the rules are. "I spoke to ASCAP, and they couldn't give me specifics as to who is registered with them and who is not. Their

website is more geared to telling people how to become members [of ASCAP]."
When asked about the matter, ASCAP's Sorrels said, "I can't speak with you on that."
Leila Ariel appears 8–10 p.m. Saturday at Kensington Coffee.
— Ken Leighton

"No Doubt's Tragic Kingdom sold 14 million copies, and it all started on my show Ska Parade."
Tazy Phyllipz, the self-described "guru of third-wave ska," is not against reminding people that his show was the first radio show to play No Doubt, Sublime, and Reel Big Fish.
"They all gave me platinum and gold records," says Phyllipz.
Ska Parade aired on UC Irvine's campus station from 1988 to 2000. Most recently Phyllipz was heard on Orange County alternative station Cool 94.3. Last month that station was sold by owner Art Astor and flipped to a Spanish format. Phyllipz was recruited to 92/1 (which is still owned by Astor), where he will cohost the Go Loco specialty show with Sean Ziebarth, who goes by the name "Sean Thumb." The two formerly hosted the Orange County edition of Go Loco.
When 92/1's Go Loco was hosted by Rick Savage and

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Scott Riggs, the four-hour show featured only local bands. The new *Go Loco* will be a mix of local bands and unsigned indie bands from across the U.S. On his first night as cohost of 92/1's new show, Phyllipz asked local bands to reservice 92/1 with their CDs since the old *Go Loco* library left with Riggs and Savage.

"It would be nice for them to return them," said Phyllipz. "Quite honestly, it's the station's music."

But Phyllipz's boss — 92/1's new program director Jeremy Pritchard — says it's actually not such a bad thing that the new *Go Loco* hosts who live in Orange County must rebuild their local library. "They know a little bit about San Diego, but they want to know more. I'd rather have the bands come in and meet the 92/1 DJs and get familiar with their local station. I don't want them to feel like they have to pass through 900 security like they do at other stations."

Go Loco cohost Thumb has a day job at Nitro

Records, the Huntington Beach label owned by Offspring's Dexter Holland. His job is to get Nitro artists played on the radio. In spite of an apparent conflict of interest, Pritchard says Thumb will be welcome to play such Nitro artists as T.S.O.L., the Vandals, Guttermouth, and AFI on *Go Loco*. "Even if a band just outright sucks, I have never discounted any band.... Sublime is a great example of a band that could have incredibly shitty days."

Go Loco appears 6–10 p.m. Sundays on 92/1.

— Ken Leighton

URL watching — Heavy Metal Dave

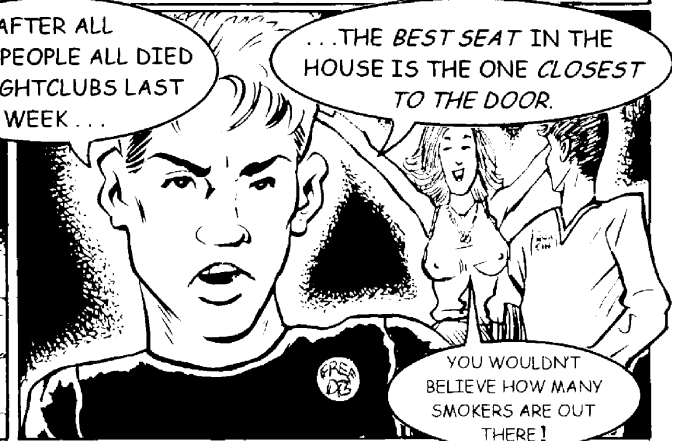
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A homepage photo shows the fortyish Dave posing with one of his favorite rockers — Sonny Sandoval from P.O.D. — after a chance meeting at McGregor's Grill in Mission Valley, October 25, 2002. "The waitress...told me Sonny from P.O.D. was just a few feet away from me. I could not believe it since I just bought their CD that day.... Sonny is one of the most down-to-earth, 'non-rock star mentality' musicians I have ever meet!" [sic] Dave's site has ticket

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stubs, guitar picks, and short reviews he's written about shows like the Ozzfest (9/2/02, Coors Amphitheatre). Dave writes, "It was by far the lamest 'metal' concert I have ever gone to.



HEAVY METAL DAVE HANGS WITH P.O.D.'S SONNY

...Maybe it was the \$32 Ozzfest T-shirts that you could buy on the website for \$17...also, there was no beer even allowed into the second

stage area! What was that all about?"

Dave's rock 'n' roll action figures are definitely "not suitable for small children." There's the Gene Simmons doll from McFarlane Toys who comes with a blood-spattered battle-axe guitar and "winged snake battle staff." The "sequentially numbered," limited-edition Ozzy figurine (still in its original package) portrays the self-proclaimed "Prince of Darkness" as a big-headed dwarf in a fringed shirt with purple granny glasses, flashing twin peace signs. Expletives deleted.

(Those with or who know of sites that focus on local music are encouraged to forward info/URL links to jas2669@aol.com.)

— Jay Allen Sanford

More than 500 kids showed up to the Velvet Teen CD-release show at San Diego's Ché Café February 1.

The Santa Rosa art-pop indie trio (singer Judah Nagler, drummer Logan Whitehurst, and bassist Joshua Staples) emerged in 2000 when Nagler and Whitehurst recorded their first EP, *Comasynthesis*. A year later, Staples joined. The Velvet Teen has released a full-length album, *Out of the Fierce Parade*.

Music runs deep in this group. By age five, Nagler was playing the violin. Whitehurst "had five months of piano lessons and the piano teacher quit."

The band designs its own cover artwork. A Velvet Teen video is already in rotation on MTV2, but at the mention of

"selling out," Nagler sat on the edge of his chair and rocked back and forth, gripping the sides.

"It feels like we're reaching a point where traditionally bands get flak for that," he said. In a recent post on the Velvet Teen website, he wrote, "If you actually think we've sold out, please remember that we still own all our songs, still are on a label run by one guy, still struggle to make rent, still do not have PS2s [in] any of our vehicles, and I still upload our site from someone else's house since I don't have a phone line."

— Julie Yen

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"She thought we intentionally made her look like Frankenstein."

Scrojo's real name is Craig Haskett, but when he first started in the skate and surf industry doing artwork, he signed his stuff "Scrotum Joe." Ultimately he realized that nickname wouldn't always work, so it was shortened.

I asked Scrojo how he started doing posters for the Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach.

"I was working at the Pannikin in Del Mar, and I did a scribble on the chalkboard one day that got the attention of the manager. He had me do designs on all the Pannikin chalkboards. I ended up doing nearly all the Pannikin merchandise since 1986 — T-shirts, mugs, etc. Doing those got the attention of Borracho y Loco, a salsa/calypso band that had a good following at the Belly Up. I started to randomly do posters for the Belly Up. I didn't know what I was doing. I didn't know how to use a computer and was just starting out as an artist."

Are these posters computer generated? Or are you doing the drawings?

"I freehand draw pencil rough drafts. Then I'll scan it into the computer in the program [Adobe] Illustrator. So it's still my drawing. I've had people say, 'Oh, you're just letting the computer do all the work.'"

The only place I see your posters is at the Belly Up. Why don't I see them at music stores to promote shows?

"There's not as many getting out as I would personally like. It's always in the club, and we also rent a space at Lou's [Records]. And depending on the venue, if we have some shops that are friendly with the Belly Up."

Your posters remind me of the posters I saw in the book *The Art of Rock*, which came out about 15 years ago.

"I brought in that book and kept showing them the rock posters, saying, 'We gotta go there, this is where we gotta be!' We went through a few different promotion directors, and I don't know if it was politics or what, but I was briefly dropped. I wasn't doing anything for the B.U.T. for about two years. Then when Scott McDonald came back on [he was formerly a promotion assistant and is now in charge of promotions], he

started getting me involved again."

Do you listen to the band's CD before you start a poster?

"I'll do that, or I try and look them up on the Web. I prefer to do that before I listen to a CD. If I hear the music first, I might get an idea that is something completely different than the image the band is trying to go for.... I want a good representation of the band. I don't want to go off on my own tangent. I think about the fan base and who this is going to attract. It is tough sometimes, doing ten a month, trying to figure out stuff about the band."

Do you ever have bands that request copies of your posters?

"Yeah. Usually Scott has about five copies for them, and it's also led me to some stuff working directly with bands. The John Butler Trio bought the rights to one poster I did. I did some stuff for Fishbone, and Joan Osborne wanted to do a T-shirt from the poster I did for her."

The poster you did of her was just her own face, which you don't normally do.

"Yeah, it was from a photo of her. I'm not the best caricaturist.... I did one of Marshall Crenshaw. But I realized different stars have different egos. I once did one for Maria McKee, just after she left Lone Justice. I thought it was pretty good. She flipped out and thought it was a complete insult and almost refused to play that night. She thought we intentionally made her look like Frankenstein."

McKee wasn't the only person ever to get mad at Scrojo.

"I did a project for Disney. I was working under the set designers on the movie *crazy/beautiful*. My job was basically to create a bunch of political cartoons to be hung around the office of a character that was a politician. First they switched actors [from William H. Macy to Bruce Davidson]. Then when I asked if he was going to wear glasses or not, it took a week for them to figure that one out. The set department asked wardrobe, who asked the director, who asked the actor, who asked wardrobe, who asked the director. I also asked if the character was liberal or conservative.

I was just told to 'keep it vague.' Vague political cartoons? By the time everything was together, it was a real rush job. I busted a nut and pumped out some stuff that I thought was fairly decent — my favorite being a portrait of Davidson wearing a pair of Mickey Mouse ears that said 'Willard.' He starred in that movie, which was a favorite of mine as a kid. It was about a boy who controls a pack of rats. I thought it was funny that 'Willard' was working for 'the Mouse.' When the set director saw all the designs on the day of the shoot, she flipped out. She called me up super pissed-off and demanded to know why all the political cartoons were 'insultive.' Well, how often do you see a complimentary political cartoon? I don't think she understood the concept. The 'Willard' one especially pissed her off because she thought it was a slam on Disney. She just kept screaming that I was an ungrateful little no-talent asshole. I still haven't seen the movie."

I have to imagine the fans of these bands come in and want one of the posters. Do you guys sell them?

"Yes, the posters just recently became available through the Belly Up website [bellyup.com]. You either need to go to the club or go to the website, and basically they'll be printed to order. So it's not going to be signed and numbered, like all the collectors want. They're for the people who like the band.... We get three to five requests a day."

What's the price for one?

"Between 12 and 15 bucks."

You had an exhibit at M-Theory Records (on Juniper Street downtown) with other poster artists last November.

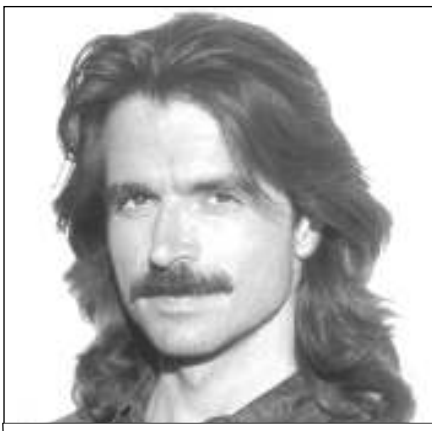


Craig Haskett

"Yeah, Frank Kozik was supposed to come down from San Francisco. He's the godfather. He revitalized the poster art industry. He was famous for taking the Hanna-Barbera characters and had them shooting heroin. He used Day-Glo colors. He did a ton of stuff for Nirvana and Mudhoney."

Can't the company send a 'cease and desist' letter if you're using their characters?

"Yeah, it depends how far they want to go. I got popped a couple times doing T-shirts. I did a Budweiser shirt in which I was in the wrong. It was for a surf company called Bubblegum, and I just took the Budweiser label and copied it, replacing the name 'Budweiser' with 'Bubblegum.'

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But Anheuser-Busch has that whole label trademarked. And they came out hardball, trying to scare us. And they did a great job. I had to sign this contract saying I would never do anything to make Anheuser-Busch mad again. I did another one for Miracles Café in Cardiff. We did a spoof on the Starbucks logo. In that instance, I was in the right. It was an obvious parody. We got a lawyer, but they basically got us with court costs."

How is it you were right in that instance?

"They were suing us for copyright infringement. But, since it was an original design and an obvious spoof, it fell out of what can be copyrighted."

Wasn't the Budweiser thing an obvious spoof?

"With Starbucks, we wrote 'corporate coffee sucks,' and I drew a warped mermaid. They were suing us for loss of income, unfair business practices. Our lawyer said we were right, but if we win the first case, they're going to keep breaking it down, to each one. It's a really gray area a lot of times.... Frank has taken aim. He's gone out of his way even to use trademarked images, to see how far he can take it. One weird thing: Hanna-Barbera wrote him a letter and gave him absolute right to let him do whatever he wanted with any of their characters, since he's so visual. He does gallery shows all over the world. Now he doesn't want to do anything with those characters because it's no fun now that he has the right to do it."

What are some of the companies you've done work for?

"No Fear, Rip Curl, Bad Boy Club, Scorpion Bay, a-42, Tracker Trucks, Sixteen, Foundation, Hollywood, Royal, Envy, Firewood, Gotcha, Fender, Epitaph Records, Capitol, Cargo/Headhunter, Ducky Waddles, about 20 coffeehouses in San Diego, Say-Ow Gear. Say-Ow was originally supposed to be a clothing company in association with Junior Seau, but because of contractual conflicts, he couldn't have anything to do with it. I guess the San Diego populace assumed it was his company, and sales went nuts. I got hired to do the logo. I spent three days working on some tight logos but only had three done by the time I was supposed to have it done. Fifteen minutes before the meeting, I whipped out a pen and just started quickly writing 'Say-Ow' over and over again. It was one of those ten-second scribbles that they bought for the logo."

I noticed your George Clinton poster had a '70s soul chick. You didn't have anything with his wild, colorful dreads.

"A lot of people do...that

hair, which works really well. But it's been done before, so I went in a different direction this time. But years ago, when the Belly Up had a magazine, I did a cover. It was when Bill Clinton was first running for president. George Clinton was coming here, so it seemed like a no-brainer. 'Clinton in '92.' And it had a psychedelic drawing of George Clinton. We had a bunch of people writing, saying how dare we take sides. I mean, it wasn't even a drawing of Bill Clinton! If we would have had Kate Bush playing there, it would have said 'Bush in '92.'"

Did that controversy make the Belly Up upset?

"No. With the Clinton thing, Dave [Hodges, the owner] said, 'My club, I'll do what I want.' But, he did say something about the nudity. I did a poster for Willie K...he's the 'Hawaiian Hendrix'... [I drew this female] hula dancer. I burned it out on the copier. Made it a little punk looking. You could just barely see the nipple. People went nuts and called and complained about it. To the point where Dave had to make the rule...if there was any nipple showing, I had to make a second version with either stars or bars over it."

The Reader did a story once on an artist who used his paintings to get backstage and meet the stars. Do you ever like to meet the bands?

"It's rare that I meet the bands. I'm not so into star seeing. And with that environment, they're setting up equipment. I'd hate to be backstage, when they don't know me, trying to explain that I work there."

Have you ever done any CD artwork?

"A few things. Rocket from the Crypt's first single — I did an insert for it. No Knife — I did a single cover. It was an anecdote from somebody in the band who, when he was five years old, was attacked by a swan. I drew a picture of that. I wasn't too happy with how it turned out. But then, after a show, this guy's girlfriend came up to me, and she's saying, 'Show him, show him!' He takes off his shirt. My design is a complete back piece, tattooed on him. I wished I would've taken more time on that!"

What other things do you have coming up?

"I've been talking to Maynard, another San Diego poster artist. We're trying to think of ways to showcase more poster art. There's never been a time like this. Back in the days of the Fillmore, a lot of those guys hated each other. In the late '80s, a lot of the guys ended up backstabbing each other. There was a lot of bad blood. Now, all the poster artists have formed a community. We have some shows coming up in L.A. Instead of trying to compete, we stick together."

Is there any artwork you'd like to do in the future, for anyone specific?

"Yeah, I'd like to do a cover for the Reader." ■

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We're in Paris, having taken a respite from shopping, to have a look and listen to Darius Milhaud's infatuation with jazz and the product of this miscegenation, *La Création du Monde*. But, flighty character that old Darius was, there turns out to have been an even earlier mixed marriage that begs for exposure in the light of day and, like the previous union, resulted in vigorous issue.

Milhaud (1892–1974) traveled to Brazil in 1916 as secretary to the French foreign minister and poet Paul Claudel. (Do any American diplomats spring to mind who are poets?) It is no longer commonplace, what with the academization of the arts and the proliferation of that gruesome Kmart of Self-Esteem, the MFA program, but it was once the norm, and not so very long ago, for composers, poets, and painters to mix and for this cross-fertilization to produce notable results — one of which was to be a collaboration between Milhaud and Claudel.

Certainly, it would have been very welcome to Milhaud to be able to skedaddle from France in 1916, in the middle of World War I. But Brazil turned out to be an especially providential port of call for the young composer, artistically speaking. With Claudel providing the scenario, Milhaud was to score a ballet for Nijinsky and the Ballets Russes, who just happened to be on tour in Brazil at the same time. The ballet is set

deep in the Amazonian jungle and involves the liberation of Man by a Phantom Woman. (Hmmm, sounds familiar...) Milhaud orchestrated the ballet with a dozen

solo instruments, a wordless vocal quartet, and a wide range of percussionists, including tambourines, sleigh bells, whip, whistle, wind machine, castanets, and a plank struck by a hammer. Bear in mind, Milhaud would not have been oblivious to certain Futurist and Dadaist currents passing through Europe at the time.

The ballet premiered in Paris and fetched enough attention that, on Milhaud's return to his homeland in 1918, he was a figure of note and had caught the attention of Jean Cocteau, multit talented artist, catalyst, and bellwether of the avant-

garde. Cocteau's big thing at the time — and not just Cocteau — was the revitalization of art through popular entertainments like the circus and dance hall. Milhaud and Cocteau would wind up collaborating in the production of a piece called *Le Bouf sur le Toit* ("The Ox on the Roof" or "The Nothing-Doing Bar"). Of his musical score, Milhaud wrote:

Still haunted by memories of Brazil, I assembled a few popular melodies, tangos, *maxixes*, sambas,

and even a Portuguese *fado*, and transcribed them with a rondo-like theme recurring between each two of them. I called this fantasia *Le Boeuf Sur Le Toit*, the title of a Brazilian song.

Milhaud had originally intended this music to be an accompaniment for a Charlie Chaplin silent film, but Cocteau persuaded him otherwise:

Cocteau produced a pantomime scenario that could be adapted to my music. He imagined a scene in a bar in America during Prohibition. The various characters were highly typical: a Boxer, a Negro Dwarf, a Lady of Fashion, a Redheaded Woman dressed as a man, a Bookmaker, a Gentleman in evening clothes. The barman, with a face like Antinous, offers everyone cocktails. After a few incidents and various dances, a Policeman enters, whereupon the scene is immediately transformed into a milk bar. The clients play a rustic scene and dance a pastorella as they sip glasses of milk. The Barman switches on a big fan which decapitates the Policeman. The Redheaded Woman executes a dance with the Policeman's head, ending up standing on her hands like the Salome in Rouen Cathedral. One by one the customers drift away, and the Barman presents an enormous bill to the resuscitated Policeman.

So, you see what was going on in Paris circa 1920. The success of the production resulted in an American-style bar opening in the city, which became a popular venue for the first jazz performances in Paris, leading to a jazz craze

among the avant-garde and Milhaud's own adventures in the form. But before the composer bade farewell to his Brazilian influences, Milhaud produced his *Saudades do Brazil* (1920–21), his take on the tangos he heard, probably in Rio,

probably at the Odeon Cinema, and probably played and composed by Ernesto Nazareth.

I have written at length about Nazareth in this space before. He is identified with the Brazilian

tango, which is the more temperate cousin of the Argentinean ragtime composer Scott Joplin, and, though different (the rag emerging as a syncopated version of march rhythms and the tango emerging from the *habañera*), they have their affinities with regard to harmonic invention and rhythm. Not only Milhaud, among serious composers of art music, was to be

smitten by Nazareth. The Brazilian's countryman, Heitor Villa-Lobos, who accompanied Nazareth on the cello at the Odeon, called Nazareth "The true incarnation of the Brazilian soul."

It was Villa-Lobos who traveled to Paris in 1923, where he was introduced by Artur Schnabel to the music of Debussy and later came under the influence of Ravel, who was, over time, to be the composer most celebrated for wedding the Afro-Brazilian native harmonies, melodies, and rhythms to 20th-century art music along with the earlier music of Bach.

But this marriage of folk or popular music to the "longhair" variety is a book with many chapters, a book that makes for good reading and still better listening. And the offspring of this sort of marriage, whether consummated in Russia, Brazil, America, wherever, seemed to have to pass through Paris to become legitimized. ■

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Rochelle, Rochelle [570], the **Displaced, Lualta** [124], and **Rookie Card:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, February 27, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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BY DAVE GOOD

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But, back in the '20s and '30s, for a young man such as **Pinetop Perkins**, it was a different story. A shotgun shack was a symbol of hard times, not a weekend getaway, and most often the only way out of the Delta

was through music, hard labor, or both. Perkins chose music, playing guitar for a number of years before turning to piano after a crazy woman knifed his hand in a bar in 1929. Pinetop made his first piano from various parts and earned side money by playing at house parties.

Perkins made his mark well before Prohibition, backing Robert Nighthawk, Sonny Boy Williamson, Big Joe Williams, and finally Muddy Waters. Almost always a sideman, Perkins took first chair once — after Waters's band reformed as the **Legendary Blues Band**. "I was the 'Legendary' in that band," he has said. Perkins is one of the blues' most powerful boogie-woogie pianists, not to mention that, at 87, he is one of a handful of survivors from the blues' earliest days. The recipient of at least eight W.C. Handy awards, Perkins has been called the world's greatest living blues artist by that organization. And after 70 years on the



PINETOP PERKINS

road, his song list is huge: "I don't have a set," he reflected once. "I just think of 'em, you know. I yell out what key I'm in, and we go."

Marcia Ball headlines.

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EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

No Knife [309], **Caution Children**,
the **Nervous Return**, and the
Peppermints: The Casbah, Friday,
March 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner
Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or
619-232-4355.

The Sea and Cake [524] and
Califone: 'Canes Bar and Grill,
Sunday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., 3105
Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach.
858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Erasure [245]: 4th & B, Tuesday,
March 18, 345 B Street, downtown.
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The Rippingtons featuring **Russ**
Freeman: Sycuan Casino Showcase
Theatre, Thursday, March 20, 8 p.m.,
5469 Casino Way, Dehesa.
619-445-6002.

Slightly Stoopid [352]: 'Canes Bar
and Grill, Friday, March 21, 3105
Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach.
858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Mary Black [857]: East County
Performing Arts Center, Saturday,
March 22, 210 East Main Street, El
Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Kingston Trio: Sycuan Casino
Showcase Theatre, Monday, March
24, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 5469 Casino
Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002.

Patti LuPone: East County
Performing Arts Center, Thursday,
March 27, 210 East Main Street, El
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Lou Rawls [600]: Sycuan Casino
Showcase Theatre, Thursday, March
27, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa.
619-445-6002.

The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up
Tavern, Friday, March 28, and
Saturday, March 29, 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Saliva: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday,
March 30, 5 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front
Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780
or 619-220-8497.

APRIL

Robert Randolph: Belly Up Tavern,
Wednesday, April 2, 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Buena Vista Social Club:
California Center for the Arts, Friday,
April 4, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido
Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253
or 619-220-8497.

Rick Braun, Kirk Whalum, and
Norman Brown: 4th & B, Friday,
April 4, 345 B Street, downtown.
619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Fastball [436]: Belly Up Tavern,
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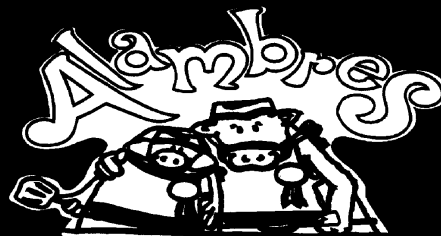
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Etta James *[931]:* Belly Up Tavern, Monday, April 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Nashville Pussy *[154]* and the **Millionaires**: 4th & B, Tuesday, April 8, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Soulive: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band *[650]:* Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Peter, Paul, and Mary *[864]:* California Center for the Arts, Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Paul Van Dyk: 4th & B, Friday, April 11, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra *[647]:* East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, April 12, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Flogging Molly *[316]:* 4th & B, Saturday, April 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Ataris *[474]*, **Juliana Theory** *[113]*, **Further Seems Forever**, and **Yellowcard**: SOMA, Saturday, April 12, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Los Romeros: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Pinback *[398]:* 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, April 13, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Buju Banton *[750]:* Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, April 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

George Thorogood & the Destroyers *[506]* and **Joe Bonamassa**: 4th & B, Wednesday, April 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Mason Jennings: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, April 17, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Roy Haynes: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, April 24, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I'm having a hard time with this whole rock 'n' roll revival thing. It's been ten years since the last time this happened, and I've grown accustomed to an opposition role. Now, when I see *Rolling Stone* pictorials of Shakira or Shania Twain posing at CBGB's while wearing AC/DC T-shirts, I have to wonder if it's time for me to get into classical music instead. When I hear some trendy new band compared to the Stooges, Television, the *Nuggets* compilations, and obscure British Invasion acts like the Creation, my instinctive reaction is to offer a snide "Oh, that's the sound that the kids love these days." It takes

me a minute to collect myself and think, "That sounds great!"

So I've had a hard time with the **Pattern**. The hype started for the Oakland band a couple of years back, based on their live shows — all sweaty faces, windmilling arms, and microphone-stand humping. When their first album, *Real Feelness*, was released last year, the reviews were so glowing you'd think Jesus had come back and signed to Lookout Records. I want to disagree. I want to say that *Real Feelness* is good but not mind-blowing, that **Christopher Appelgren**'s voice is whiny and his lyrics stuck in an uncomfortable place between artful and stupid, and that the acoustic ballad that closes the album is kind of lame. And all of that is true. But it rocks. Shakira, Shania, and *Rolling Stone* are doing



PATTERN

all they can to reduce rock 'n' roll to a fashion accessory, but the Pattern does it for real. **Dead Moon** and the **North Atlantic** also perform.

PATTERN, The Casbah, Friday, February 28, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.

They Might Be Giants *[411]:* 4th & B, Friday, April 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B, Saturday, April 26, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Tommy Castro *[917]:* Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 26, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Coachella Music and Arts Festival" featuring the **Beastie Boys**, **Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals**, the **Queens of the Stone Age** *[431]*, **Groove Armada**, the **Blue Man Group**, the **Donnas**, **N*E*R*D**, **Ladytron**, **Felix Da Housecat**, **Masters at Work**, **Kinky**, **Roger Sanchez**, **Darren Emerson**, **Talib Kweli**, **Peanut Butter**, **Wolf/Jaylib**,

Badly Drawn Boy *[609]*, the **Libertines**, **Gomez**, the **Music**, **Hot Hot Heat**, **Idlewild**, **Amon Tobin**, **Ben Kweller**, **Joseph Arthur**, **Particle**, **Christopher Lawrence**, **Division of Laura Lee**, **South, Stereo Total**, the **Mooney Suzuki**, **Nightmares on Wax**, **Herman Cantanneo**, **D:Fuse**, and **Spymob**: Saturday, April 26, noon. 619-220-8497.

"Coachella Music and Arts Festival" featuring the **Red Hot Chili Peppers**, the **White Stripes** *[359]*, **Underworld**, **Jack Johnson**, **Primal Scream**, the **Blue Man Group**, **Sonic Youth**, the **Thievery Corporation**, **Cafe Tacuba**, **Fischerspooner**, **Dirty Vegas**, **Deep Dish**, **Richie Hawtin**, **Timo Mass**, **Mars Volta**, **Johnny Marr & the Healers**, **G. Love & Special Sauce**, **Rooney**, **Ben Folds**, **Tortoise** *[523]*, the **Soundtrack of**

Our Lives, **Polyphonic Spree**, **Mouse on Mars**, the **Black Eyed Peas** *[459]*, the **Von Bondies**, **Whirlwind Heat**, and the **Kinison**: Sunday, April 27, noon. 619-220-8497.

The White Stripes *[359]:* SOMA, Wednesday, April 30, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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Yanni *[998]:* Cox Arena, Friday, May 2, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

The Afro-Cuban All Stars: 4th & B, Friday, May 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Tim McGraw *[778]:* Cox Arena, Wednesday, May 14, SDSU campus,

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Yousou N'Dour: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, May 16, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

King's X and **Fishbone** *[177]:* 4th & B, Sunday, May 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Coldplay *[557]* and **Mosceiely**: Cox Arena, Tuesday, June 3, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Pearl Jam *[239]* and **Idlewild**: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, June 5, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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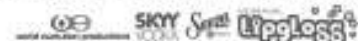
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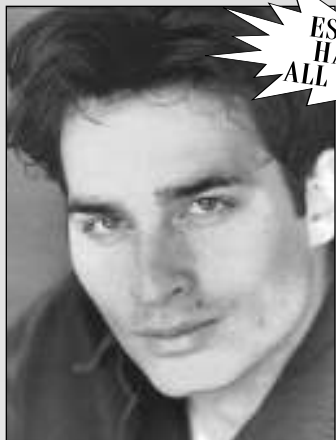
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Extra Info: Chris Stuart worked in computing at UCSD for six years

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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Four Easy Pieces*, rock. Friday, *Black & Blue*, rock. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday through Saturday,

the fourth track, "I Did Not Hear Them Go," there is an Irish influence apparent in the viola and vocals. In the more traditional tracks, such as "The Road into Town" and "Springhill Mine," Stuart and his band give the melodies a simple feeling, despite the wide array of instruments used.

The album is reflective overall and, at certain points, bleak. The stories told within the songs are just as striking as the acoustic arrangements that carry them. Stuart has mastered the art of the story song by including tales that paint sympathetic portraits of individuals who are down on their luck and the problems ordinary people are forced to confront. In "Angels of Mineral Springs," Stuart sings *"Rita was an angel/ she carried all her things/ riding that bus every morning/ across Mineral Springs/ cleaning*



Chris Stuart

those heavenly homes/ treating those kids like her own." Stuart's smooth vocals complement the melancholy lyrics with a twang that tweaks the mood of each song.

Through the genuine lyricism and skillfully crafted melodies, Chris Stuart has created an emotionally captivating CD with *Angels of Mineral Springs*.

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Saturday, *Evilado*, alternative. Saturday, *Big Sound*, rock.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Ben Powell*, blues, jazz. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Brian Koehler*, acoustic.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Friday, 8 pm, *the Big Provider*, alternative rock. Saturday, *the Fat Cat Band*, rock.

BEACHES

Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Physul*, *Suntower*, and *the Heaving Grooves*. Friday, *Reason 2 Believe*, *Rap Bastardz*, and *Maya Hyena*, rock. Saturday, *Invisible Ink*, *Superunloader*, and *Agave*. Sunday, *Harmony 24*, *Royal Bliss*, and *Sons of Zap*. Wednesday, call club for information.

Cafe Crema, 1001 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 273-3558. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Across the Room*, rock.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Rochelle Rochelle*, *Lualta*, *Rookie Card*, and *the Displaced*. Friday, *Tainted Love* and *Richard Cheese & the Lounge Against the Machine*. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *Lodus*, *Innocent*, *VIII Fraud*, and *No Reply*. Tuesday, *Kinky*. Wednesday, *Gene Loves Jezebel*, *Human Drama*, *Call Me Alice*, and *Audra*.

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Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Sun Ru, the Sa-Da-Tay Allstars, Tigers Temple Collective*, and *Sun Hypnotic*. Friday, *Spoken Gun, Groove Lab, Kingtone*, and *Pauhana*. Saturday, *Call Box* and *Kickstand Savant*. Wednesday, 77 and guests.

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*.

Galoka, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Friday, *Zion I. Saturday, Alfred Howard* and *the K-23 Orchestra*.

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*.

Moonoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Thursday through Sunday, live music, call club for information.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Sunday through Tuesday, *Larry Fogel*, singer, pianist.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Electrovibe*, rock. Sunday, *Chris Kelly's* open acoustic night.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *ir, Jiggawatt*, and *Butta Beats*, rock/alternative. Friday, *the B-Side Players*, Latin jazz. Saturday, *Zone 4, Vegetation*, and *Mete*. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, blues, 9 pm, *Swivel Hip Smith*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Eric McFadden*. Wednesday, *Starshak*.

SAN DIEGO

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Saturday through Tuesday, *David Timothy Smith*.

Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Bruce Dale Betz*, acoustic folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Loud Residence, Temperno, Stop Roxy*, and *the Morning After*. Friday, *the Abuse, Man Minus Label, Season of Decay, Afterblack*, and *Sorry for Tomorrow*. Saturday, *Corporate Avenger, Stretcher, Divided by Zero, Hornswaggled*, and *Seventimes*. Tuesday, *Concept D, King Dub*, and *Film Noir*. Wednesday, *Hot Like a Robot, lowcloudcover, Reward, Drive System*, and *Revolver*.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Saturday, 9 pm, *Red Eye Gravy*, alternative.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Thursday, *Dani Linnetz* and *Vienna Teng*, folk.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-271-4000. Thursday, *the Rise, Letter Kills, Vaux*, and *After Tomorrow*. Friday, *To What End, Resolver*, and *the Transit War*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday and Saturday, 9 pm, live rock and blues. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, live blues.



MUSIC ► hardcore, punk, hip-hop, rock, and poetry readings
SPECIAL NIGHTS ► Thursday has all-you-can-eat vegan dinners; Sunday is "Food Not Bombs" at 11 a.m., in which volunteers cook food for the homeless; events (check website)

CLIENTELE ► an all-age venue; average age, late teens; 70 percent male, 50 percent college students; 65 percent Caucasian, and a wide variety of other races (Indian, Latino, Asian, African-American)
COVER ► \$5 usually (some shows \$6, some \$3, and bigger-name touring bands sometimes \$10)
HOURS ► only open when an event is going on (which seems to be most days)

DRINKS ► no alcohol; various sodas \$.75, spritzers \$.75, water \$.50
FOOD ► a few snacks, like vegan ice

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco, retro. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Star Shak*, reggae, jazz, Latin funk.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. Thursday, *Bill Mayes*. Friday, swing.

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ACCESS ► right off the I-5, take Gilman onto campus and first left; you can only park in lots if you have a student permit (but many in the club who didn't go to school at UCSD told me they park in lots and have never been ticketed); there is also metered parking — bring your quarters
DRESS ► casual; lots of T-shirts (Misfits, X, the Smiths, Citizen Fish), a few Goths in all black
DANCE FLOOR ► none (but moshers doing their thing in front of the stage)
BATHROOMS ► both men's and women's had painted graffiti that was purposely put there, with different colors, even on the mirrors; also drawings done with spray paint

(men's had a person with a knife cutting off somebody's head); men's also had one toilet and one sink, with soap and paper towels; clean (though trash can was overflowing); women's had two stalls, a sink and mirror, and was dirty

CAPACITY ► 200
SPECIAL AREAS ► an area near snack bar with a few couches and two different magazine racks (a lot of student publications); big patio/smoking area with lots of tables and chairs (and only one person smoking — those college kids are so smart)à

FURNISHINGS ► from the outside it looks like a little cabin surrounded by the tall trees; inside, the area the band plays looks like a garage

DECIBEL LEVEL ► 114 when 25 feet from speakers (most car alarms are 110 dBs at about ten feet away); last week 110 at El Bohemio in Tijuana

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ► Firefighters for Christ

QUOTABLE ► "All they have is vegan shit here. We'll get a burger later."

When I walked in, my glasses immediately fogged up. The place was packed. The band Find Him and Kill Him was doing a tune. Some of the songs had people jumping onstage in order to dive into the crowd; others were crowd surfing.

I couldn't figure out why the guy, who had to weigh 300 pounds, couldn't lose weight running around a 100-degree room all night. Shouldn't there be a mosh pit weight restriction, just like on airplanes?

The Ché Café is run by what they call the "collective." They have meetings on Thursday (with vegan meals) and have a variety of different events. They've screened independent films. Other times they have performance art (one included "performance art on pornography").
— Josh Board

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, live rock. Saturday, *Evans*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, *the Tori Cobras, Featherwood*, and *Junction*. Saturday, *Congress of the Cow, the Furious IV*, and *the Teeth*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is folk/alternative.

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Pal Joey’s, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Night Light*, blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Shirley Allen*, piano. Sunday through Tuesday, *Jim Guerlin*, piano.

Rosie O’Grady’s, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-0979. Friday, *Slick Shoes*, *Underminded*, *Lances Hero*, and the *Downtown Strutters*. Saturday, *Los Machos*, *the Apples*, *the Mutes*, and *the Drapes*. Sunday, *Bane*, *Over My Dead Body*, *Champion*, *Time in Malta*, and *Find Him Kill Him*.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live music.

Tio Leo’s Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Rubik’s Groove*, rock. Saturday, *Cowboy Nation*, *the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash*, and *Ghost Town Deputies*, rockabilly.

The Turf Supper Club, 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill. 619-291-7450. Sunday, *Kevin Cavanaugh*, piano bar.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet*.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Sunday, 4 pm to 6 pm, *the Celtic Ensemble*, folk.

DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Joe Guevara*, piano, 9 pm, *the Vanguard Players* with *Lady Dottie*, R&B. Friday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Francisco Ojeda* and *Joe Guevara*, 9 pm, *Absinthe*, rock and roll. Saturday, 9 pm, *Inner Voyage*, jazz. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9 pm, *Absinthe*. Monday, 9 pm, *the Derren Raser Band*, rock and roll.

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Chuey’s Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, *the Sound Doctors*, rock.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce’s Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Jazz Quartet*.

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The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Music is jazz/solo piano. Thursday, *Joe Azarello*. Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday, *Leslie Gold*. Sunday and Monday, *Art Johnson*. Wednesday, *Joe Azarello*.

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Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday, *80z Enough*, pop. Saturday, call club for information.

Sassafras Bar and Grill, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Friday, *Kippy Marks*, violinist. Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Victoria Rose*, classical guitar and Celtic harp.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Wednesday, *Orquesta Guayao*, Latin.

Trattatoria La Strada, 702 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-239-3400. Friday and Saturday, *Batista*, Brazilian/Latin music.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, contemporary piano.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Sunday, *Julio & Fran*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals. The Fontainebleau Restaurant: Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, pop.

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Di-mond Jim’s Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Evil Twins*, rock.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl*, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 5:30 pm, *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Joey West*. Monday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain*. Prince of Wales: Thursday, Monday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 6:30 pm to 10 pm, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz.

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Po' Boy Far From Home

Hey, hey, pocky way, Mardi Gras is come to stay. Since we rival N'awlins as a permanent party town, Fat Tuesday is one of San Diego's favorite holidays. If, in other cities, "Cajun/Creole" restaurants came and went, here, they roll on and on, still furnishing tastes from our spiritual sister-realm — the Crescent City, Tir-Na-Nog, the Land That Care Forgot.

This year I zeroed in on Gulf Coast Grill, a hugely popular Hillcrest eatery with a history of musical chefs and a recent change of ownership. While the menu also includes some Mexi-fusion dishes, I wanted to taste the restaurant's Louisiana specialties. I brought along a couple of friends who just got back from a working trip to New Orleans, with all those exciting Creole flavors still in their mouths. We found Gulf Coast's cooking a combination of right on and way off, but make no mistake, it's a great hangout if you like restaurants with a party atmosphere — and the best dishes really may rival your fondest NOLA food-memories.

The architecture is woodsy and faux-rustic. Passing the charming, candlelit, heated patio in front, you enter a small barroom with a TV tuned to ESPN. One always-packed dining room, its walls hung with local artist Andre Rushing's large, handsome blues-themed paintings, is to the left of the bar. Another (mainly used on weekends) is up a short flight of stairs, affording views of the edge of the kitchen and fish-themed ornaments. Open ceilings show off the sturdy wooden rafters. Blues, zydeco, and '50s oldies play on the sound system, cranked up loud on weekends. Even when the music's turned low, sound bounces hard against the bare floors and roof beams. We heard a very vocal vixen in the next room more clearly than we could hear ourselves.

The bread platter offers sweetly addictive miniature corn muffins, gems studded with corn kernels; there's also a weighty sourdough loaf for sopping up sauces. Another intriguing bread shows up on the list of appetizers and as a component of some combo platters: sweet-corn hush puppies. The previous couple of times I tried them, they were as dense as golf balls, but the current kitchen staff has finally found the secret. Now they're light and tangy with buttermilk, all jazzed up with finely minced scallions and red and green chiles. These hush puppies aren't just for hounds — but be warned, they're seriously salty dogs and will soon have you gulping any liquid within reach. Speaking of which, my friend Tom and I were sharing a scrumptious Voodoo



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Punch (Gulf's spin on a Hurricane), priced \$13 "to serve two." The cocktail proved merely slightly larger than a normal Hurricane (always a tall drink); I could easily have downed a whole one, if only to wash down those saline little pups.

The flawless cornmeal-crust soft-shell crab was a superb rendition of a difficult dish. A soft-shell (or "buster crab") is actually a blue crab that's just molted its too-small shell so that it can keep growing (the same reason a snake sheds its skin). The new shell starts developing immediately and in a couple of days goes from a thin layer of tissue to a thicker layer of crackle to a regular carapace. Even in Louisiana, fried soft-shells can be flawed by too hard a shell or too thick (or burnt or greasy) a batter. Here it was just the opposite — the busters were in their first naked hours after molt, and the crust was light and crunchy, greaseless, and golden. On the side was a cloyingly sweet and quite superfluous honey-mustard dip; my three friends and I gave it eight thumbs down.

"New Orleans saucy shrimp" is an eccentric rendition of peel-and-eat "barbecued shrimp" (lack-

ing, for instance, the typical garlic note), but it's savory in its own right. A large bowl of a creamy sauce that's pretty in pink and zippy with hot pepper holds a scoop of rice in the center. Veiled by the sauce, a mandala of large and reasonably tender headless shrimp radiates from the rice isle.

It's hard to say just what's in the spicy shrimp sauce and even harder to pin down the "Baja clam chowder." The soup, too, is pink and includes the usual carrots, potatoes, milk, and chewy little canned-clam bits but with an oddly different flavor from the Boston version. The heavy texture indicates the use of roux (flour cooked in oil) as a thickener — not the dark roux of the Cajuns, but the golden roux of your Aunt Eula's fried chicken gravy. The menu boasts right there in print that the chowder is "possibly the world's best." Well, it's good chowder, but I wouldn't go that far. (It's the fried soft-shell crab here that's possibly the world's best.)

In contrast to these successes, a couple of our appetizers were very disappointing. "Cajun spring rolls" with roast pepper-sage aioli sounded better

Gulf Coast Grill

★½ (good to very good)

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HOURS: Lunch, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday; brunch, 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Sunday; dinner, Monday–Thursday, 5:00–9:00 p.m., weekends until 10:00, Sunday until 8:30 p.m. Happy hour 5:00–6:30 p.m. daily.

PRICES: Appetizers, \$3–\$10; entrées, \$11–\$22; brunch/lunch entrées, \$5.50–\$14.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Regional specialties from the South and Southwest, emphasis on Louisiana. Wine list mainly familiar California bottlings, most in the \$30 range; 14 unstimulating choices by the glass. Full bar.

NEED TO KNOW: Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Loud, especially on weekends. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Many dishes highly salted. Free parking lot left of the door. Two vegetarian entrées.

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with a scattering of pleasing *maquechoux* (a Cajun variation on succotash), dotted with bits of tasso, a smoky, peppery Cajun twist on Canadian bacon.

Only one entrée that we tried approached the quality of the better appetizers: the jambalaya is reasonably authentic, a tasty, balanced version with enough tomatoes to hold and flavor the rice but not overwhelm the shrimp, juicy dark-meat chicken, and bland andouille. (Stay tuned for more about that sausage.) Less credible as Creole cooking but almost as enjoyable was a soft-shell crab and shrimp étouffée. Aside from the perfect fried “buster” perched on top, it looked very much like the “New Orleans spicy shrimp” appetizer — another creamy pink sauce aswim with rice and shrimp — but its flavors were milder. It was, in fact, yet another likable but elusive dish, strangely indistinct in its flavors and lacking the vegetative punch of the Louisiana *mirepoix* (the “holy trinity” of minced onions, celery, and green peppers, plus garlic and scallions) that forms the foundation of a typical étouffée.

The same unfocused quality afflicted a seafood pan roast of clams stuffed with toasted bread crumbs in their shells, good bay scallops, bland crabmeat, shrimp, oysters, sun-dried tomatoes, and considerably more than enough rice. Its vague sherry cream sauce held no discernible flavor of sherry, or seafood, or of anything but copious salt.

Our least favorite pair of dishes were the Gulf Coast’s renditions of two great classics of the Creole-Cajun repertory, red beans and rice and seafood

gumbo. In Louisiana, red beans and rice is the Washday Miracle: You start the beans on Monday morning, a long-simmered cauldron of *mirepoix*, scallions, garlic, herbs, cayenne pepper, and whatever smoked meats you have on hand. By the time the laundry’s done, so are your red beans. Rice is served on the side, so people can help themselves — usually they take more beans than rice. Although the dish is mainly weekday home-cooking, just about everybody who’s holding an “open house” on Mardi Gras day serves it, and you go from house to house tasting numerous twists on the same great dish.

At Gulf Coast, by the proportions in the bowl, they should call the dish “rice and red beans” (like Kraft’s “cheese and macaroni”). The sliced andouille is served neat and dry atop the beans: They’ve only just met each other, never simmered together. The beans are salty and simple, resembling basic frijoles, with no smoky, fatty, or seriously spicy notes, nor even a hint of garlic. (Is there a vampire in the kitchen?) And the sausage? Although at first we suspected it might be kielbasa, it’s actually real andouille — but that doesn’t make it good andouille. Highly salted but not a whit peppery, it might have come from one of those German smokehouses just across the Texas border, because it’s the *wurst* andouille I’ve tasted in quite some time.

The seafood gumbo was a more serious disappointment. “Ain’t got no soul,” pronounced Tom, only 48 hours away from his last gumbo in Gumboville. While every Louisiana cook has a different recipe, most gumbos

are rich, dark, and deliciously swampy. The source of darkness, a gumbo’s very soul, is a “belle roux,” a mixture of flour and oil stirred constantly, patiently, until it colors up to the red-brown of polished mahogany. This “red roux” loses much of its thickening power, in exchange for deep, smoky flavor-power. Since Gulf Coast’s gumbo is pale in color and flat in flavor, I suspect that their roux is cooked only to the same golden, chicken-gravy stage we tasted in the chowder. The ingredients, oddly, include pieces of some dark, oily fish amid the shellfish. This is the first time I’ve ever encountered fin fish in a gumbo, or that I’ve tasted a seafood gumbo with neither perceptible okra nor filé (ground sassafras). Maybe it’s actually an authentic, eccentric recipe from some Natchez mansion, some Mobile plantation, or some Lake Charles rice ranch, but if so, I don’t see the point of it.

To finish the meal, we enjoyed bread pudding served in a small soufflé dish. At the bottom was a soft, spongy section with brandy-soaked sun-dried tart cherries, steaming hot. Over that was a dry bread pudding, ready to be moistened with the good bourbon hard sauce.

A few days later, at lunch, I rejoiced at an oyster po’ boy that’s as close as you can get around here to the definitive version at NOLA’s Uglesich’s, with beautifully battered oysters and a good, spicy remoulade (even if a little more shredded lettuce wouldn’t hurt). The ready-shucked Washington state oysters left an iodine aftertaste, however. Gulf Coast’s diminutive muffuletta, on the other hand,

bears only a coincidental resemblance to the original Central Grocery sandwich. (Way more olive salad, guys; add some garlic, and *totally* lose the raw onion slabs!) Both sandwiches come with spicy fries and a fine, clean-flavored cole slaw.

Louisiana’s cuisine is difficult to master for anyone not born to it: The authentic flavors are themselves a mysterious “gumbo” of French, African, Spanish, and Choctaw influences, brought to bear on hearty, swamp-adapted local ingredients. Even the most *soignée* dishes of Old New Orleans are bold and complex. You can’t learn to cook this way from recipes — you finally “get it” when you’ve tasted the tastes enough to begin cooking from your heart. At Gulf Coast (as with many other restaurants of its ilk) the kitchen does fine with straight Southern cookery, but too many of its Creole dishes exhibit just one single dominant flavor or no particular flavor at all.

ABOUT GULF COAST GRILL

Gulf Coast Grill was founded by K.C. and Gail Jones and chef/co-owner Darrell Henderson, who met when Darrell and K.C. were both working for the Cohn Restaurant Group. They were so enthusiastic about the food of Louisiana that, once they opened Gulf Coast, every year or so they’d take off with the kitchen staff on an eating tour of New Orleans.

“Darrell was in a tragic accident,” says current owner Vince Pacheco, who, like Darrell, hails from Imperial Beach. “After that, we had Victor Jimenez [who came to Gulf Coast from Cohn’s Dakota Grill and

later left to serve as chef de cuisine at Thee Bungalow and is now top toque at Gringo’s]. Then there was a guy who went back to college, and now we just have the three line chefs that have been here all along. They’re still following all of Darrell’s recipes.”

Last June, when the Joneses decided to head back east to be closer to Gail’s family in Mobile, Alabama, they sold Gulf Coast to Vince and Jean Pacheco. Both hail from restaurant families: Jean’s father owned a deli, and she was working as a server at Gulf Coast, while Vince’s dad was a long-term employee and finally owner of Marco’s, an Italian restaurant in Imperial Beach. Vince hopes that in time he can reinstate the annual New Orleans trip. Meanwhile, he plans to tweak the menu a little. I asked him directly why so many normally garlicky Louisiana dishes were evidently garlic-free. “Coming from a background of Italian food, I’ve noticed that lack,” he says. “That’s one of the things we may change.”

OTHER MARDI GRAS SPOTS

(Reservations strongly advised for sit-down dinners on Mardi Gras night)

Aswan, 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell Street), La Mesa, 619-697-0361. World-class seafood gumbo, excellent jambalaya, and the vibes are righteous.

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(Can you say “Kaw-tuh?”)

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. If the Gaslamp is the Quarter, P.B. is Bourbon Street West, with a full-time party at this Creole parlor.

Huffman’s Bar-B-Que, 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. Serious gumbo and soul food and late, late hours on weekends.

Mardi Gras Cafe, 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini mall with a 7-Eleven, across the street from Godfather’s Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. This is where to get your own Fat Tuesday party fixin’s, ready-cooked or raw ingredients straight from the motherland.

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Sassafras, 3667 India Street, Middletown, 619-295-4745. Authentic Cajun flavors here include superb gumbo and oysters Bienville — and the feel is right, too.

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Boy. Stay away from La Jolla for a while and you forget how *rich* it is. I’ve come up here this morning on the number 30 bus, heading north. Hardly had any sleep. Four hours, to tell the truth. Need coffee. On impulse I get off at Torrey Pines Road and Virginia Way and cross over to a little piazza. Quaint La Jolla boutique-type stores, and, tucked in under a couple of nice trees and a wood-shingled clock tower showing 8:30, hey! A little piece of France? Italy? I dunno, but a bunch of people sitting outside at tables under trees. Coffee cups steam, fresh newspapers crackle, voices burble. (Into cell phones, mostly. Hard to tell if one guy’s talking to New York, London, or his wife across the table.) Some are eating croissants, some fruity-eggy breakfasts.

Now I see the door to the place: The “Come On In!” Gingerbread-cottagey place with red awning, white lattice windows, and a big blue-and-white sign. I pop down through the door to the woody inside. Behind me, a couple of women in workout gear. Wow. Yellow tops, blue pants, pink socks, white walking shoes. One takes a paper napkin and wipes away her “shine.” The other comes up to the counter. “Ah, Giuseppe, *caro!* A coffee before I die.”

Giuseppe, the guy behind the counter, is all Italian, all muscle — the guy obviously works out — and has blue eyes that, with that accent,

must slay the ladies at 50 paces.

So I stand like some Thing from the Swamp, the Ambassador of the Underclass, in my shaggy pants and big-pocket anorak, asking for coffee, then, what the heck, a menu.

First thing to remember is that this is La Jolla. Land of low calories and high rents. So two Plain and Simple steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast (four slices of sourdough, wheat, pumpernickel, or rye) are not bad at \$5.25. The Popeye Omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, and same fruit and toast sides is \$6.95. Belgian waffles with two steamed eggs and fresh fruit are \$7.25. And I can see they’re serious about fruit. A plate goes by with piles of different kinds of melon aboard, red, orange, yellow, green, along with slices of banana and strawberry. Takes up half the plate almost.

The health thing pops up everywhere. Like, the Power Breakfast (\$6.50) features scallions, black beans, that pile of fresh fruit, and five egg whites. None of those pesky cholesterol-laden yolks, folks.

So is it coffee, or breakfast too? I could certainly get it bigger and cheaper up in Mira Mesa, where I’m headed. On the other hand, okay, I’ll say it. There’s something about eating with the powerful, the arrived, the people who are trying *not* to eat, rather than eat. Just to overhear some-

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body complain about losing \$200K from their portfolio does your soul good.

So I boldly go where no bum has gone before and plant myself at the counter, ready to order. “You want the most filling?” says Giuseppe. He’s trying to be helpful. “Take the cornmeal pancakes.” He says they come with bananas, strawberries, or two eggs. Six bucks. But no, I’m thinking Portobello Omelette. It’s \$6.95. But it has roasted mushroom, which I love, along with tomato, basil, and cheese.

Then, of course, I see they have a blackboard Breakfast Special. Vegetable Frittata. Now this is \$7.50. Lord. Offer me frittata anything, I’m yours. Oh, well. Frittata ’tis, plus coffee, \$1.35. There goes a Hamilton.

When the server brings it, no regrets. It’s a big omelet, basically. Well, big for La Jolla. And it’s laden with whole leaves of spinach and sprigs of broccoli and bits of potato. So you feel like you’re eating healthy, but it actually tastes good. Specially when you spot on some extra-hot habanero Tabasco sauce. And you freshen up every second mouthful with the melons and bananas. The rest of the plate’s taken up with four slices of wheat toast. And while we’re being pretentious

and bourgeois, I really dig the big china plate and curly stainless silverware.

Surroundings are nice. Cream walls, big heavy maroon-colored ceiling beams, flowers on tables. A couple eating at the next table, Dan and Audrey, marvel at two things: “We’re from Ohio. Freezing here is warm. People here are in shorts! All this light! And you have fruit with *everything?*”

I finish up and go sit on one of the four maroon-cushioned stools at the counter to get another (free) coffee refill. Get talking to Giuseppe. He’s from Rome. Used to work in Trieste.

“The idea of this place is like the Euro bistro,” he says. “Everything fresh — we bake all cakes, pies, everything here every day — and quick.”

So, the difference between this bistro and one, say, in Trieste?

“Oh, in Italy, no breakfast. People just grab a coffee, croissant, and run. If you want cheese and potatoes, you go to Harry’s [Coffee Shop] around on Girard. But we get lots of first-rank people here. Famous, too. I think they like our casualness and health thing, and to be able to sit out under the trees.”

Hmm. I take my coffee. Think I may just go outside and mingle. At least till the bus comes. ■

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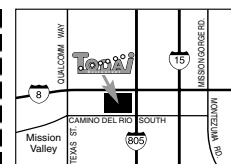
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In 1997, the European Economic Community banned the use of oxblood in wine fining. "Finning" is a winemaking process in which a protein is used to precipitate particles out of wine that might make it cloudy. Egg whites have long been a popular choice for the job, but in certain parts of France's Rhone Valley, tradition also gave its blessing to the use of dried oxblood or blood albumen. Though a finished wine supposedly retains no trace of its fining agent or the particles that that agent removes, the EEC was afraid that bovine spongiform encephalopathy — mad cow disease — might somehow make its way into the bottle, transforming your nightly glass of red into a deadly form of poison. So, they banned the blood.

Two years later, French authorities seized several hundred pounds of oxblood and albumen from 14 small wineries in the Rhone region. Though no one has proven that the oxblood was ever used post-ban, and though the wineries were low-end producers whose product was rarely exported, a minor uproar ensued. The Chinese banned French wine imports for a while, and a few U.S. politicians considered slapping a warning label on French wines.

The Chinese ban was eventually lifted, and the U.S. label proposal was quietly laid to rest. But on February 12, the *Washington Post* reported that House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, "angered by France's policies on agriculture as well as on Iraq," apparently decided to look into raising the dead. According to the *Post*, a "top aide" said that Hastert was "exploring whether the United States should require 'bright orange warning labels' on French wines that are clarified with bovine

blood." "People should know how the French make their wine," the *Post* quoted Hastert spokesman John Feehery as saying.

The story noted that "Republicans are trying to determine how much French wine on the market has been clarified...by using bovine blood." Without wading too deeply into political waters, it seems fair to say that such a statement begs for a political cartoon: a cadre of beltway bigwigs swirling their Syrah and peering really hard at the stuff in the glass before swilling it down. "Nope, not that one...next!"

A more serious anti-France case might be made over the presence of microtoxins, which may arrive in wine via certain molds that can grow on grapes prior to harvest. According to UC Davis Professor Linda Bisson, "Studies indicate that microtoxins are far worse for you in terms of promoting cancer and ill health than any of the pesticide residues. Europe is considering regulating the amount of mold toxins that can be present in wine." Of course, mold happens where it's wet, and whatever France's virtues as a wine-producing nation, it is certainly damper than sunny California. And it would make such an easy slogan: "Live to be old; don't drink French mold!"

This is not to say that California is mold-proof. But here, says Bisson, "The tendency has been to suppress mold growth. It has other kinds of effects on wine quality. People are not letting the mold bloom because then no one would buy their grapes. Some people, if it rains, they immediately want to go out and spray something," such as sulfur, to destroy any incipient mold patches. Sulfur carries a certain self-regulatory

character — if you spray it too close to harvest and it makes it into the fermentation tanks, your wine will be ruined — but the temptation to use it freely the rest of the year is a powerful one. "People don't want not to have done it and then have a big bloom and have someone say, 'Oh, you should have sprayed a month ago.'"

Though such fears are understandable, Bisson thinks reflexive spraying is often wasteful. She supports "not putting stuff out there that doesn't need to be put out there, not producing fruit that's at high risk for problems during fermentation. We know that for [fungi] to germinate and grow, the humidity has to be right, the temperature has to be right. There can't be wind drying [the fruit]. Maybe it's raining, but if it's prohibitively cold, they're not going to germinate. [What's needed] is a combination of understanding conditions under which the organism grows and the conditions in your vineyard. It's understanding whether you really are at risk or not. [UC Davis] has been trying to develop the tools to empower people to understand when they need to do something and when they don't."

It has met with some success, in part by appealing to peoples' thrifty side. "Fertilizer use has been cut back dramatically," Bisson says. "Irrigation has been cut back dramatically; cleaning chemical input has been cut back dramatically — because it was a waste. It wasn't so much [that it was] environmentally friendly, though it does have that as a benefit, [as it was making people see that] if you don't have to do it, don't."

Nearly 50 years ago, however, a man named Nick Lolonis graduated from Davis' viticulture and enology program with much more "environmentally friendly" notions. "He didn't like chemicals," recalls Petros Lolonis, Nick's brother and the owner of Lolonis Winery. Nick read *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson. "That was a very big

influence on him. He was able to convince our father [a vineyard owner in Redwood Valley] to try organic farming." Among other things, "organic" meant no insecticides (mold-destroying sulfur didn't fall under the ban).

To combat insects, "We were forced to use ladybugs. That's what Nick read when he was going to UC Davis. No one had any experience with this. We bought these ladybugs off the Sierra foothills. The ladybugs migrate there; all people do is scoop them up with a shovel and put them in boxes and mail them out."

"We had workers go and put them out in the vineyard, starting at seven or eight in the morning, just throwing them on the vines. We found out that they all flew away; if you throw them, they just keep flying. So, we had to change our ways. We found out we had to put each one on the vine. We learned that the ones that were put on in the late afternoon stuck around a little bit [possibly because of the cooling temperature]. We had to put each one on by hand. We had 100, 200 acres; it was quite a chore." Lolonis says they also learned they had to disc every other row between the vines in order to avoid chopping up ladybugs that had headed down into the weeds while the vines were dormant. But eventually, they established a population. Now, the bugs hibernate in the loose bark of the vines, greatly reducing the number that Petros must purchase each year.

That kind of natural pest predation is the sort of thing a vineyard manager might learn about in the recently released "Code of Sustainable Winegrowing Practices," a joint production of the Wine Institute and the California Association of Winegrape Growers. Bisson is excited about the code, a different aspect of which is featured each month on the Wine Institute's website. "It's a way of making people think about what they're doing, and as far as I can tell, it's been extremely popular." ■



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NORTH COASTAL

THE BRASSERIE La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-can-eat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne is \$32.00. Seafood buffet Friday, from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — *E.W.*

D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE AND GRILL 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really rocks. They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

FIRENZE 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — *N.W. (11/01)*

HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

JOHNNY MANANA'S 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a

large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

KIM'S RESTAURANT 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/01)*

KNOCKOUT PIZZA 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. All our pies are 18-inch. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and flavors like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "Whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Maryland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

TOMIKO 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

NORTH INLAND

ABBEY'S REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

ASHOKA THE GREAT 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are

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ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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THE WAYSIDE CAFE 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

TONY'S GIANT PIZZA 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

GOLD COAST

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MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL, AND BAKERY 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

RED TRACTON'S 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SPICES THAI CAFE 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

AESOP'S TABLES 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, and entrées. Lively atmosphere. The Bibb salad and Max's Pizza are outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (3/00)

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FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA CANTINA 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. Huevos rancheros (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and machaca (carne asada, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs

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Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

THE MARINE ROOM 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

MICHELE COULON PASTRIES 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef/owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son preside in turn at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. At lunch there are European-style salads, house-made paté, fresh vegetables, and two or three substantial entrées — often including the family's famed cassoulet and a seductive quiche Lorraine featuring a light, satiny cheese custard in a crumbly crust. Wine and Belgian ales available. Open daily, breakfast through late afternoon; during the summer, dinners available on Friday and Saturday nights until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambience carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

BACI RISTORANTE 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

KING'S FISH HOUSE 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a

quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

SAM WOO BAR-B-Q RESTAURANT 7330 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #A103, Clairemont Mesa, 858-505-9888. Sam Woo is one of a bunch of restaurants inside the "99 Ranch" Asian supermarket. Great idea — you're never supposed to grocery shop while hungry. Next to the checkout counter you can savor some primo Hong Kong delicacies — without busting the bank. BBQ pork and roast duck rice or the BBQ "Two Delicacy" Combination will fill you nicely. *Tung kong* salty chicken or soy-braised pork intestine are interesting. Honey-glazed walnut shrimp is easy to love. But the quickest, healthiest choice is probably *jook*, Chinese rice porridge. You can get it garnished with pork organs, beef, seafood, sliced pork, preserved egg with duck... this is not your mama's oatmeal. Then there's House Tea With Pearl — iced tea with *boba* (caramelized tapioca balls) floating in it. You suck the *boba* up with the tea through the triple-wide straw and chew. Isn't this the way shopping should be? Daily, 9 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

THE BEACHES

CAFE ATHENA Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont Street), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. The food is uneven but basically pleasant at this popular Greek destination. Good soups and appetizers (but skip the *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting desserts. Rather noisy when crowded. Reserve for dinner, especially weekends (or risk an hour-long wait). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

GO GREEK CAFE AND GRILL 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *tara-*

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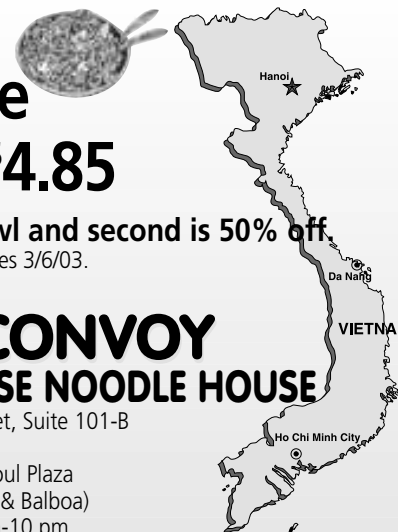
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KAISERHOF 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

LAMONT STREET GRILL 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restaurant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It's really romantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.W.*

REUBEN E. LEE 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sister-restaurant Jared's. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

THE THIRD CORNER 2265 Bacon Street (at West Point Loma Boulevard), Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. On the former site of The Belgian Lion, Ed Moore and his long-time chef from The Bungalow (across the street) focus on Mediterranean-style seasonal seafood, with some meat and poultry entrées for dedicated carnivores. The house style is creative but rational — try the ethereal (not an oxymoron) cabbage-wrapped seafood "chartreuse" with sauce Nantua, the wild mushroom strudel, the potato-crustéd salmon, or the lake whitefish in any preparation. A huge wine list offers food-friendly bottlings chosen to complement the cuisine at below-normal markups. To request a specific wine from The Bungalow's larger cellar, call ahead. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (3/02)

THEE BUNGALOW 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre's*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W.* (11/00)

**CENTRAL
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AWASH ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT 4979 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-583-9225. Small eatery, but great place to sample some of Africa's best vittles. Come off El Cajon Boulevard into clean white walls, Ethiopian art, haunting music, maroon cloth-covered tables, and white napkins. Awash (named after an Ethiopian

river) serves pretty much everything on *injera*, the giant soft crumpet you rip and wrap around foods arranged in beautiful piles on top. (Don't expect cutlery; the *injera* serves that function.) They have plenty of meat or vegetarian choices, among them *yebeg alicha* (lamb stew), *kitfo* (raw chopped beef with spices, red peppers, and Ethiopian cheese), or *yedoro wot* (spicy lamb cooked in red pepper *berbere* sauce and butter). For a late breakfast, try the *foul* (crushed beans, onions, tomato, and green peppers with French bread) or the *sambusa* (a pastry shell filled with lentils or beef). Ethiopian beers or the Awash's *tej* (honey wine, with or without alcohol) go well with this food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/02)

BALE'S CAFE 3926 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-293-0772. This bare-bones café offers some of the best Vietnamese-Chinese and American food prices in San Diego County. Owner Mr. Pham and his family are trying a formula that has worked in the Vietnamese community in Santa Ana, offering meals as low as \$1.99. Try the steak-and-egg breakfast with hash browns or toast. Or BBQ pork chop, egg, and shredded pork with rice. Mr. Pham knows what Americans like — before the fall of Saigon he supplied food to the U.S. military there, so you can trust his good, basic burgers. Also good: spicy lemon grass chicken, half a fried Cornish hen with fried rice, or *kung pao* shrimp, *pho tai* (rice noodle beef soup), curry chicken or *chow fun* (thick noodles, beef, shrimp, chicken, with black mushrooms). Decor is sparse, but at these prices, who's complaining? Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

EL MORELENSE 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (2/01)

SISTER PEE WEE'S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

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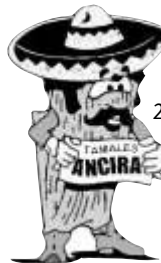
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MARIO'S DE LA MESA 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

ORCHID THAI AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen

permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Monty Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felaful, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buf-

fet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

THE HIDEOUT STEAKHOUSE AND SALOON 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Friday through Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting

photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

OWL CAFE 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work

dinner weekdays; closes 4 p.m. on Saturday. — *E.B. (9/01)*

ARRIVEDERCI 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combination. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*, Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center-stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

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SPEAKERS’ CORNER BRITISH PUB & GRILL 2664 Fifth Avenue (near Nutmeg Street), Banker’s Hill, 619-232-5456. Think British and most people will go straight to the Shakespeare or Princess Pub. But Speakers’ Corner boasts a loyal following of Brits and Colonials — and lots of locals — who come not only to drink, play darts, and exchange job tips, but also to eat. Yes, the food’s awfully British, but not that awful. The fish and chips are darned good, with the batter made daily. Curried chicken pizza is clearly a transfer from the Raj, Britain’s “Inja” adventure. And, de rigueur to any red-blooded Englishman, steak and kidney pie, steak and mushroom pie, shepherd’s pie, or bangers (sausages) and mash are always on the menu. Best deal: fish and chips at lunchtime. Lunch to late dinner, six days; kitchen closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

ZOCALO GRILL 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features “Pacific coastal cuisine,” an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and “something for everyone.” And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial “tapas” sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine’s own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

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DUBLIN SQUARE 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you’re looking for food, too, there’s a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz’s Deli on the Lower East Side — it’s that wee touch o’ the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd’s pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks,

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FAT CITY STEAKHOUSE 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorne Street), downtown/Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco “pink palace” at the edge of downtown, the moderately priced USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. The meat comes with a choice of sides, including a choice of baked potatoes with a full set of garnishes or, even better, flawless shoestring fries. Hate beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *puttanesca* is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (12/02)*

HENRY’S BBQ 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside’s a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin’s Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. “We haven’t changed the menu since 1953,” says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

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It may be true, probably is, that *Gods and Generals* is not as good as *Gettysburg*, both of which were written and directed by Ronald F. Maxwell for Ted Turner Pictures and an eventual broadcast on TNT.

The new one, ten years after the old, though the action takes place earlier, lacks the classical "unities" of its forerunner; it lacks the detailed military tactics and the sustained ebb and flow of battle; it lacks the sheer multitude of major characters. And it lacks the memorable musical score of Randy Edelman, who this time is co-credited beneath John Frizzell (*Josie and the Pussycats*, et al.). At four and a quarter hours, the *Gettysburg* score of course had a lot of opportunity to become memorable, but the three and three-quarters hours of the prequel ought to have been opportunity enough. It is hard to envision Todd Eldredge skating to themes from *Gods and Generals*.

Many of the same actors, older where they're supposed to be younger, have been retained in the same roles (e.g., Jeff Daniels, C. Thomas Howell,

Kevin Conway); one reappearing actor, Stephen Lang, has been shifted from one key role to another, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson instead of George Pickett (now played by Billy Campbell); and several new ones have taken

over roles from other actors, most notably Robert Duvall from Martin Sheen for the role of Robert E. Lee

(established here as a significant figure in the history of the comb-over). Such discrepancies should be a bother, if at all, solely to those watching the two movies in immediate succession.

Having said all that, I would contend nonetheless that *Gods and Generals* is nearly as good in different ways. My reluctance to grant a clear superiority to *Gettysburg* admittedly might be affected by the fact that I did not see it till it reached the small screen, for which it had been originally intended. (I wonder whether its smaller intentions would not have been cruelly exposed on a bigger screen.) Certainly, developments since then in the self-promotion department at TNT have heightened the urgency of seeing *Gods and Gen-*

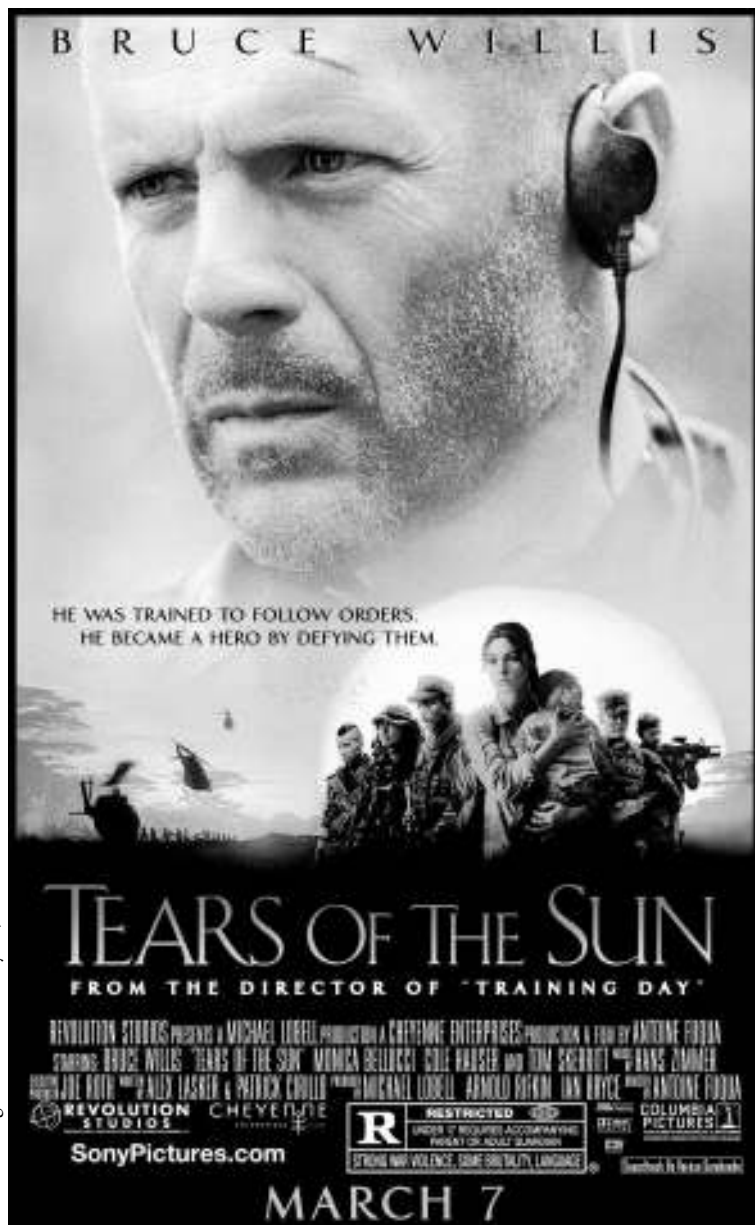


Gods and Generals

erals in a theater. Never mind the number of commercial interruptions over the course of a four-hour running time: nothing has changed there. The new offenses, however, are the TNT logo and the plugs for upcoming programs that now get plastered onto the picture like decals. The wide-screen image, scarcely Kurosawa-like

in imagination, looks to be easily adaptable to television, easily croppable; yet wide-screen it incontestably is, and clean and bright to boot. (Kees Van Oostrum, cinematographer.) And the sound effects in the battles are startlingly vivid and enveloping. The movie will be seen to best advantage on the big screen.

But to get down to cases: the primary ways in which this prequel is differently good are the broader scope of the action (an *Odyssey* to the *Iliad* of the earlier epic); the solid ground-work, going back to the fundamentals of the Southern secession and the defection of Lee from the U.S. Army; the far-ranging refresher course on a



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number of those Civil War milestones you've forgotten from your high-school American History (Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville); and above all, the unprecedented fleshing-out of a familiar name, "Stonewall" Jackson, who becomes not just a real and a tangible and a feeling human being, but a gallant and admirable one, profoundly religious, fatalistic, self-effacing (always insisting that his nickname belonged to his brigade and not to himself alone), a devoted husband, a yearning and unfulfilled father, an implacable warrior: a hero of a kind who seems conceivable only in olden days. Before television, before Freud, before God died.

It is also quite unprecedented, in a \$60 million superproduction that had big-screen aspirations from the start, for such a plum role to have been handed to an actor so far below the Hollywood A-list, so far off the radar screen, as Stephen Lang. (Accordingly, the only possible baggage he brings to the part is that his Dixie accent is apt to remind you of Val Kilmer's in *Tombstone*, or in other words remind you of Lang's incarnation therein of the boozy and craven Ike Clanton.) Incredible though it must seem, he is now the topmost star of an almost four-hour show.

Accusations of tedium (for which the numerous walkouts at the screening have prepared me) shall be entertained only from those who know this history inside and out — who already have clear pictures in their heads, for instance, of the motley mismatched uniforms worn by the Confederates before the mass manufacture of their trademark gray, or of the team of seamstresses who formed the Southern equivalent of Betsy Ross. (Aside from the staggering length, the one plausible point of comparison with D.W. Griffith's *The Birth of a Nation* is the shared desire to forge concrete images from the collective tribal unconscious: a high calling.) And to anyone who is made uncomfortable by the movie's potential as a Rebel-rouser — who notes that the dominant point of view is Southern where *Gettysburg* was more evenly divided, who squirms when the black housemaid blocks the Union soldiers at the porch of a Fredericksburg mansion ("Is this your master's place?" "This is *my* place"), and who marks down every major military engagement as a Confederate victory — I would simply respond that, as such, the movie makes a cool-headed, lucid, and useful contribution to what we call the national dialogue (or discussion, or debate, or dust-up). It just won't do to assume that all proponents of public displays of the Confederate flag must be inbred moronic rednecks. It won't do to forget the history. Or never learn it.

Even allowing for a running time twice that of the normal movie, the quantity of sterling scenes, sterling moments, is exceptional. It's not a mere matter of proportion and the law of averages. The credits sequence, for starters, designed by Maxwell himself and backed by the folkish vocal of Mary Fahl, of the undulating flags of individual fighting units; or Gen. Jackson's button-popping address on horseback to his beloved First Brigade (what feeling, what meaning, he puts into the word "First!"); or the two battalions of Irish immigrants blasting away at one another from opposite sides of the battlefield outside Fredericksburg, and the fraternal hurrah raised by the victors in salute to the vanquished; or the meeting (however

hand-me-down) of the solitary Yank and Rebel in the middle of the river on Christmas Day, 1862, to swap tobacco and coffee in total silence; or the bonding on that same day, beneath a cozy Christmas tree, between Jackson and a five-year-old girl serving as a surrogate for his own first-born child whom he has never seen; or the true-to-the-period rendition of "The Bonnie Blue Flag" for the entertainment of the troops (including a not-too-bothersome cameo by Ted Turner); or Jackson's humble acknowledgment of his faith as the source of his bravery — I could

go on, but even the fullest accounting would have to concede that there are flat stretches and dry spells, longish intervals of instruction and drudgery. (The post-intermission half, or third, is far and away the most emotional part of the film, quite properly a payoff for your attention and endurance.)

The plainness, the starchiness, the Spartanism of the presentation seem to me to afford a sensible balance between the austere academicism of Rossellini's historical films and the stately pageantry of John Ford's. If it is lacking a little in personality, it is

also lacking in ego and self-regard. It is not, on the other hand, lacking in respect — either for its subject or for its audience. What a refreshing change it is, in the battle scenes in particular, to be free of the showoffy acrobatics and muscle-flexings of cutting-edge technology: a change from the likes of *Pearl Harbor* and *The Patriot*. (Although the body count is dizzying, the actual gore is at TV levels, or if you prefer, at Fifties Hollywood levels.) And the amount of the script given over

to speeches, prayers, literary excerpts, and famous quotations creates an almost Augustan air that goes well with the movie's gravity of purpose, its loftiness of ambition.

The closing credits, as Bob Dylan sings us out the door ("Cross the Green Mountain"), serve notice of plans for a trilogy, to be rounded out with *The Last Full Measure*, presumably taking up events post-Gettysburg: a middle, a beginning, and an end, in that order. An earthly *Lord of the Rings*, as it were.

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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 ("Aho!"), and the climactic wedding bash are all on a par with the

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 alterna-

All the Real Girls — Director David Gordon Green (*George Washington*) looks at young love in a North Carolina mill town.
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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

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times resemble mental meandering. And he is not averse to the cheap shot and the heavy hand: a montage of U.S. foreign-affairs follies will be accompanied by Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." (Joey Ramone's sneeringly ironic cover version of the song will be heard in the closing credits.) Yet his sincerity, for all his showmanship and all his sarcasm, never seems in doubt. His lack of slickness may or may not say something about his level of expertise as a filmmaker. The film is not so much *un-slick* as strategically and pragmatically *anti-slick*. The film mirrors the filmmaker. With Marilyn Manson, Dick Clark, Charlton Heston. 2002.

★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA PALOMA)

Buffalo '66 — An emotionally imprisoned ex-con, who took a phony fall to square his account with a bookie, now wants to even the score with the Buffalo Bills placekicker, Scott Wood, who missed the Super Bowl-winning field goal. (The real-life former Bills kicker, Scott Norwood, could not be altogether pleased with this plotline.) Vincent Gallo, who plays the lead role, has some frivolous fun in his first directing effort, with split-screen images, the-atrial lighting effects, off-balance compositions and odd croppings. But the mannered repetition of dialogue must nearly double the running time, and more than double the viewer's impatience. Christina Ricci, Ben Gazzara, Anjelica Huston, Mickey Rourke, Jan-Michael Vincent. 1998.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/28, 3/1 AND 3 THROUGH 6)

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.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/28, 3/1 AND 3 THROUGH 6)

Chicago — How quaint: a Broadway musical transferred to the screen! (Directed and choreographed by Rob Marshall.) Apologetically self-conscious and campy, despite the present-day "relevance" of the courtroom antics and media manipulation in a sensational murder trial of the Jazz Age. (Commemorated already in William Wellman's rambunctious *Roxie Hart*.) There's a good deal of frenetic cutting and hyperkinetic camerawork, as if in mortal terror of being taken for a stage play. And the dingy, dungeon 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 MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Cradle 2 the Grave — Action film with Jet Li, DMX, and Gabrielle Union, directed by Andrzej Bartkowiak. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8;



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El Crimen del Padre Amaro — Carlos Carrera's modernization, and Mexicanization, of a 19th-century Portuguese novel by Eça de Queiroz, a disciple of Flaubert. The film was a box-office bonanza in its native land, perhaps surprising in view of the sedateness and sobriety with which it looks at

its subject. The subject on the other hand — priestly indiscretions — is *muy picante*. And there are moments worthy of Buñuel: the palming of a dollar from the collection plate, the spitting-out of a communion wafer to take home to the cat, the attempted force-feeding of a wafer to a palsied invalid. With Gael García Bernal, Sancho Gracia, and Ana Claudia Talancón. 2002.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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 switch-blade 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. With Jennifer Garner, Michael Clarke Duncan, Colin Farrell, and Joe Pantoliano; written and directed by Mark Steven Johnson. 2003.

● (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 — 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 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. With Ving Rhames, Scott Speedman, Brendan Gleeson. 2003.

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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; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Far from Heaven — At the outset, Todd Haynes carries us on a crane over a Peyton Place-y town square (or square town) and into the glossy world of the 1950s “women’s picture.” It is mildly amazing how straight he plays it, or anyway how deadpan, although there are nonetheless as many laughs as there would be if a present-day audience were to sit and watch *Imitation of Life* or *All That Heaven Allows*, the two Douglas Sirk soapers that provide the most overt inspiration. One flagrant difference between this and those is the taboo subject matter that never could have seen the light of day on the old Universal Studios backlot: the struggles of a white-collar family man with his suppressed homosexuality (“I know it’s a sickness, because it makes me feel *despicable*”) and the possibility, if not the actuality, of a clandestine affair between a liberal-minded suburban housewife and her cultured “Negro” gardener. Somehow the director’s deadpan does not hide every hint of his condescension, self-congratulation, and higher evolution. Off screen, which is to say in interviews and in the press notes, he will insist

on how relevant and universal — as distinct from Universal — the material continues to be, but this might have been easier to swallow if he had updated the setting. When Rainer Werner Fassbinder paid his own homage to Sirk in *Ali: Fear Eats the Soul*, he made the same point, and made it better, by taking an old soapy story (*All That Heaven Allows* cross-pollinated with *Imitation of Life* — and clearly Haynes owes as much to Fassbinder as to Sirk) and then transplanting it into a thoroughly modern style and setting. Why could the point not just as well be made a slightly different, yet slightly more daring, way: by transporting an old story *along with the old style* into a modern setting? While it is well photographed (Ed Lachman), well designed (Mark Friedberg), well costumed (Sandy Powell), and well acted (Julianne Moore,

Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert), the film has a dollhouse quality that stiffens it, flattens it, squeezes the life out of it. Perhaps there’s significance in the fact that Haynes’s name-making first film, *Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story*, was enacted entirely with Barbie dolls. What had seemed at the time a budgetary limitation might be a bigger limitation. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Final Destination 2 — 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION

MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SWEETWATER 9)

Frida — Belated contribution to Frida-mania. The same-named 1984 film by Paul Leduc, while timelier, was too low-profile to discourage additional spotlight-seekers and altar-worshippers. So now we have a new chiselled Frida Kahlo (Salma Hayek), an almost Manneristically elongated one, to grace the cover of the paperback reprint of Hayden Herrera’s definitive biography, and to obstruct our view of the real woman. The movie unmistakably works a kind of magic (not to say “magic realism”) in the transformation of so fascinating a life, so lavishly re-created and so lusciously photographed, into something so dull and ordinary. Certainly we might have expected

some visual pyrotechnics from director Julie Taymor, who had shaken up Shakespeare in *Titus*. And for sure, Taymor pulls out all the stops for the grisly trolley accident that crippled the artist in her youth (though she’s dancing a tango before you know it). And her voyage to New York — otherwise known as the Invasion of Gringolandia — will be done as an animated collage of paper cutouts, with her muralist husband, Diego Rivera, scaling the Empire State Building as King Kong. For the rest, this is a surprisingly pedestrian “biopic,” in the subgenre of Tormented Artist, endlessly relating the marital infidelities and blow-ups (“My goddam sister! You’re an animal!”), and casting only passing glances at the oh-by-the-way paintings. Taymor, in effect, is like the socialite who attends a gallery opening only in order to gossip about the artist, and who can barely spare a moment for what’s on the walls. The artwork is important to her, just as Kahlo’s circle of friends is important to her, only to the extent that it confers a reputation. The movie counts on the cachet of the characters to compensate for the triteness and repetitiveness of the incidents. With Alfred Molina, Geoffrey Rush, Ashley Judd, Antonio Banderas, and Edward Norton, as Diego Rivera, Leon Trotsky, Tina Modotti, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and Nelson Rockefeller, in order. 2002.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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 slashes 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 cos-



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tumes (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. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Gods and Generals — Reviewed this issue. With Stephen Lang, Jeff Daniels, Robert Duvall, and Mira Sorvino; written and directed by Ronald F. Maxwell. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Guru — Daisy von Scherler Mayer’s comedy about an Indian dancer (Jimi Mitrí) in search of stardom in America; with Heather Graham and Marisa Tomei. (LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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. 2002. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 heavy-

weight 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 TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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pletely 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. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VAL-

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Life of Brian — The emotional blackmail implicit in this tedious Biblical spoof, from the Monty Python group, is that by not finding it funny, you are liable to be taken for a bluenose. It could be argued, though, that the followers of Cecil B. DeMille actually have more reason to be offended than those of Jesus H. Christ. With Graham Chapman, Michael Palin, John Cleese, Eric Idle, and Terry Jones; directed by Jones. 1979. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/28, 9 P.M.)

The Life of David Gale — Preachy, posterously plotted, ostentatiously over-written beat-the-clock thriller in which a Texas death-penalty abolitionist finds himself on Death Row. How ironic! How heavily, heavy-handedly, oppressively ironic! Kate Winslet, as a carpetbagging journalist

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(“Mike Wallace with PMS”) looking to re-open the case in the final hours before execution, brings her usual credibility, but she can’t spread it around. With Kevin Spacey, Laura Linney, Gabriel Mann, and Matt Craven; directed by Alan Parker. 2003. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers — Another three hours on the journey of a thousand miles, with pretty much the entire third hour given over to a single indecisive battle. (And now: “The battle for Middle-earth is about to begin.”) The viewer who did not scrounge up the video of Part One for a refresher, or who has not committed the Tolkien books to memory, might have some difficulty getting his bearings. More simply, the storytelling is terrible. (Yeah, sure, the technology is terrific.) Every now and then someone, usually Viggo Mortensen or Orlando Bloom, will

give a decent impression of being a legendary hero in a timeless landscape, but the point and purpose remain vague generalities. And the subhead of Part Two notwithstanding, it will be futile to search for 9/11 prophecy beyond (once again) the vaguest generality: “So much death! What can men do against such reckless hate?” With Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Bernard Hill; written and directed by Peter Jackson. 2002.

★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

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 run-away ambition, this behind-the-scenes peek at the Creative Process offers much of interest to the filmmaker’s champions and detractors alike. The latter 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



The Life of David Gale

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. 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*

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All the Real Girls (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; **Far from Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (4:50) 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 4:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (4:50) 10:05; **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.-Thu. (2:10) 7:40; **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.-Tue. (1:40) 4:20, 9:50; Wed.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
The Miracle of Morgan’s Creek, Thursday, 8 p.m., and Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **Monty Python’s Life of Brian**, Friday, 9 p.m.; **Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?**, 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.-Thu. 3:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Sun. 10:30

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Sneak Preview Sun. (2:00); **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00) 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:15; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 12:20) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 4:35) 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (4:35) 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:35) 7:35, 10:20; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:45, 10:10; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:10) 7:40; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:00) 6:50, 10:00; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:05, 4:30) 7:20, 9:40; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45); **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. (11:50, 12:10, 2:10, 2:40, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:25; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:40) 9:30; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 4:40) 7:15, 10:05; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:15) 7:10, 9:45; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-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; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 2:15, 2:45, 4:40, 5:10) 7:05, 7:35, 9:30, 10:00; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:00, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25, 10:30; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:00, 9:25; **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, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30,

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 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*. 2002. ★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/27)

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

10:05; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:40, 3:50); **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:05) 7:00, 9:55; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20) 7:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:35; **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

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Agent Cody Banks (PG) Sneak Preview Sun. (2:30); **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:50) 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. (12:50, 3:35) 7:05, 9:45; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:15) 5:45, 8:20, 10:40; Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:30) 7:30, 10:00; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:25, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:25) 7:55, 10:15; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. 4:40, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:35, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 7:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:15) 7:40, 10:20; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:00, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:00) 7:00, 9:15; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:20, 7:30, 10:25; Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:05; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; Sun. (1:40) 4:55, 8:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:55) 8:10, 10:25; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:55) 4:50, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. (1:55) 4:50, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:50) 8:00, 10:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:10, 7:50, 9:50; Sun.-Thu. (1:20, 3:55) 7:10, 9:50

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8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 5:00, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15, 5:45) 8:25; **Adaptation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:35) 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 5:40); **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. (10:30, 3:00) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 7:15; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:30, 7:10, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40; **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; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:30) 8:00; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:05, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:35) 8:30

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Cradle 2 the Grave (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 9:55; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:25; **Kan-**

and would-have-been artist, Max Rothman (John Cusack), who will befriend a bedrag-gled 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 vi-sionary 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 Aus-tralian 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 elo-quence of Donald Duck. 2003.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 2/27)

The Miracle of Morgan’s Creek — Preston Sturges’s razor-sharp (as well as ra-zor-thin) conception of an American small town confines itself to a few solid charac-ters: a hot-tempered town constable with a pair of motherless daughters on his hands; the unmanageable older one, whining and wheedling, who is impregnated one night by a nameless soldier off to war (she re-members vaguely, in a hangover haze, that it sounded something like “Ratzkywatzky”); the little sister who feels free to adopt an aloof, sideline cynicism while she awaits her



Poolhall Junkies

turn, behind her sister, for life’s big mo-ments; and a poor sap, 4-F, who is putty in the hands of the older one. When these people are gotten to project their personali-ties, in duets, in trios, in quartets, and occa-sionally with additional background voices, the result is a frightful cacophony and, moreover, Sturges’s smartest, smarting-est movie. Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken,

William Demarest, Diana Lynn. 1943.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/27, 8 P.M., AND 2/28, 1:30 AND 7 P.M.)

Old School — A post-collegiate fraternity, complete with hazing, beer-chugging, streaking, KY wrestling, etc. In short, a “guy” comedy. Or anyway a young-guy comedy. Or anyway a dumb-young-guy

garoo Jack (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:25

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45, 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 10:45; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:45; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 9:45; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:15, 10:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennergy Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Cradle 2 the Grave; Poolhall Junkies; Frida; 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; The Recruit; Darkness Falls; Kangaroo Jack; Chicago; Catch Me If You Can; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Tow-ers

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; **Agent Cody Banks** (PG) Sneak Preview Sun. (2:00); **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **Cra-dle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 1:00, 2:50, 4:10, 5:15) 7:00, 7:50, 9:55, 10:35; **Dare-devil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:20, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (11:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Frida** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:00, 10:40; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:35) 7:35; **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. (12:30, 2:25, 4:55) 7:10, 9:30; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00); **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:40) 6:55, 10:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:55, 2:45, 3:05, 5:00, 5:25) 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:25; **Pool-hall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:10, 4:45) 7:05, 10:05; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:10) 7:00, 9:50

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 6:00; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:15

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32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Shanghai Knights; The Recruit

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Cradle 2 the Grave (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:40, 5:50) 8:00; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:30) 7:45; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (1:35) 4:40, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:25) 7:50; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:45, 5:55) 8:05; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:20, 7:35, 9:40; Sun. 5:20, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. 8:10; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:35, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:25) 7:50; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:20) 5:15, 7:00, 9:20; Sun. (1:20, 3:20) 5:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 4:45) 6:30, 8:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00); Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:35); **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 3:55) 6:00, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (1:50, 3:55) 6:00, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:55, 5:55) 8:05; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (1:40) 4:45, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:30) 7:55

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; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri. 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; **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. 11:03, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. 11:03, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **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. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Shang-hai 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.-Sat. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:35, 5:40) 7:55, 10:05; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:10; Sun.

(1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:45) 7:15, 9:25; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (2:15) 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:30) 7:30; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; Sun. (2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:15; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 9:50; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 3:40) 5:30, 7:25, 9:15; Sun. (1:45, 3:40) 5:30, 7:25, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:40, 5:30) 7:25, 9:05; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:15) 7:00, 9:40; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:45) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (1:30, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:45, 5:55) 8:05, 10:10; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:25) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. (1:00, 3:25) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:10) 7:40, 10:00

POWAY

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Agent Cody Banks (PG) Sneak Preview Sun. 2:30; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. 11:30, 5:15, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 2:45, 7:30; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:03, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:03, 4:30, 7:30; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15

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comedy. And for the girls: a fellatio class taught by a male homosexual with carrots and cucumbers for props. Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn, Ellen Pompeo, Jeremy Piven; directed by Todd Phillips. 2003.

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The Pianist — The true survival tale of Wladyslaw Szpilman is the most basic, most elemental, most elementary Holo-caust film since *Schindler’s List*, right down to a recitation of the “If you prick us” speech from *The Merchant of Venice*. Episodic, anecdotal, rich in detail as well as in brutality, absurdity, degradation, and horror, it covers the arrival of Naziism in Poland, the establishment of the Warsaw ghetto, the embarkation of the trains to the camps, the uprising and its quelling, and the eventual collapse into chaos, all from the point of view of the Jewish protagonist (Adrien Brody), who, after the roundup of his family and his retreat into hiding, en-joys a ringside seat on some of these events from an upper-story “safe house,” before

he is rooted out in a frighteningly staged as-sault on the apartment building. It has been well chronicled how the Polish-born direc-tor, Roman Polanski, was himself cut off from his family under similar circum-stances in his boyhood; and the commit-ment he brings to the subject is plain to see. One respectfully wants to suggest, however, that it is only through our cultural puri-tanism 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 in-erasable early experiences have no doubt informed all of Polanski’s best work, albeit less literally. Or in other words, more art-fully. With Thomas Kretschmann, Emilia Fox, Frank Finlay. 2002.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Poolhall Junkies — Coarse-grained little cheapie with big dreams of crowd-pleasing. Mars Callahan (a good name) plays a too-cool-for-school pool hustler known as the Side-Pocket Kid: a sort of poor man’s Ben Affleck, whose restricted range of expres-sion might be taken as smug and obnox-ious. (Inasmuch as he also co-wrote and di-rected, the responsibility is all Callahan’s.) The supporting cast of Chazz Palminteri, Christopher Walken, Rod Steiger, Rick Schroder, and Alison Eastwood lends a cer-

10:05; Sun. (11:25, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:25, 2:00, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; **Fi-nal Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (5:00) 7:15; **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, 9:40; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:10, 2:55, 4:40) 6:30, 8:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15); **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; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35; **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

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The Quiet American — A tale of political intrigue complicated by romantic intrigue in Indochina in the early 1950s: an idealistic and myopic American secret agent played by Brendan Fraser, and an aloof, effete British journalist played by Michael Caine (“Sooner or later,” he is admonished by a native, “one has to take sides if one is to remain human”), in gentlemanly — and discreetly symbolic — competition over a passive Vietnamese concubine. This treatment of the Graham Greene novel stays truer than Joe Mankiewicz’s 1958 version to the spirit of the original, though it goes outside it in its godlike omniscience on the coming Vietnam War, complete with an historical update in the epilogue. More than a mere remake, more than a simple reprise, it amounts to a retrospective and newly appreciative view of the book, a validation of it in hindsight. (For all its distant perspective, the film has lost little in topicality: America is still the cop on the world beat.) Of course we can scarcely be surprised, in an age whose top spy writer seems to be Tom Clancy, that Greene would come across more than ever as a deep thinker and a subtle moralist: everyone in his smoke-gray world is tainted, and the man who holds the moral high ground in one sector of the battlefield will find himself far down the slope in another. Australian director Phillip Noyce, who coincidentally has handled a couple of the Clancy transplants to the screen (*Patriot Games*, the best of them, in addition to *A Clear and Present Danger*), keeps a steady hand on the throttle, such that the slightest infusion of suspense (running out of gas in the dead of night in the Vietnam back country and seeking refuge in the handiest watchtower) is worth more than all the explosions in the latest Bond caper. With Do Thi Hai Yen. 2002.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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



The Secret Garden

same vein, one might wonder whether the hero’s part-time job as a bartender alludes (less relevantly) to the same director’s *Cocktail*. Is this a way of insinuating that Colin Farrell, linked with Tom Cruise in *Minority Report*, is now the new Cruise? (The old, in case you hadn’t noticed, has entered middle age.) In any event it is while mixing drinks that the hero, a computer whiz who “majored in Nonlinear Cryptography” at MIT, is first contacted by a CIA recruiter, a self-proclaimed “scary judge of talent,” who then puts our man through his paces at a sort of spy boot camp, “affectionately known as The Farm,” before hand-picking 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, Far-

rell — 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 TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Secret Garden — A good children’s movie. To split hairs: a good movie for children and also a movie good for children. Good for them in the sense that it is a good introduction to concepts of the inner world and the outer world, living and dying, growth and stuntedness, courage and surrender — besides a good introduction to the artistic presentation and development of these concepts: why shouldn’t children’s movies be as good artistically as anyone else’s? And because it’s a good movie — actually a very good one — it is also a good refresher for the adult: a return to mythic basics. The somewhat underplotted story, from the Frances Hodgson Burnett novel, tells of how an orphan girl comes to live with her widowed uncle at Misselthwaite, a gloomy monstrosity on the moors, with secret passageways, locked doors, a key-jangling housekeeper, unidentified wails and moans (dogs? the wind?), all the trappings of a Gothic novel — and of how the girl brings the place back to life: “The house

seemed dead, like a spell had been cast upon it.” The girl herself (ten-year-old Kate Maberly) starts out sullen and snooty. What draws us to her, nonetheless, and to the pasty-faced bedridden cousin to whom she promptly traces those wails and moans, is the enveloping subjectivity through which the story is filtered. Agnieszka Holland, of *Europa Europa* and *Olivier Olivier*, might seem an odd candidate to direct a piece of sentimental Edwardiana, but she is for once free to indulge her eye for detail without having also to indulge her eye for irony, and she has made everything here magnificently physical, palpable, solid — she, and her cameraman Roger Deakins, and her production designer Stuart Craig, together concocting a rousing apologia for studio filmmaking. At bottom the movie is little more than an Illustrated Classic, but what illustrations! The Caspar David Friedrich bleakness of the estate in winter. The Pre-Raphaelite lushness of the garden. The deliberately too-fast pan that transforms the blossoms into an Impressionist blur. The prelapsarian image of perfect, Franciscan harmony between man and animal. With Maggie Smith, Laura Crossley. 1993.

★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/1 AND 2, 1 P.M.)

Señorita Extraviada — Lourdes Portillo’s documentary on the unsolved murders of over 200 women in Juarez, Mexico. (KEN, 2/28 THROUGH 3/6)

Shanghai Knights — Sequel to *Shanghai*

Noon, reteaming Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson, directed by David Dobkin. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Talk to Her — Almodóvar in awe, all over again, of the opposite sex. (Michael Cunningham’s novel, *The Hours*, can be spied at one point as bedside reading, and we might well speculate that Almodóvar would have *killed* to be the filmmaker who brought it to the screen.) The first half, delineating the central quartet of a male nurse, a bald journalist, a lady bullfighter, and a comatose dancer who embodies the Mystery of Woman, is played with such simplicity and sincerity as to raise the interest and hopes of the director’s non-fans, and to sow uneasiness among the faithful. The second half restores order, in particular the ostensible silent-movie pastiche involving an incredibly shrinking man and a foam-rubber vagina. (An image ripped from the reels of another provocateur, Bertrand Blier, *Femmes Fatales*.) The color, in a warm palette weighted toward red, rust, orange, and yellow, can be appreciated by anyone. Javier Cámara, Darío Grandinetti, Leonor Watling, Rosario Flores, Geraldine Chaplin. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Till Human Voices Wake Us — A closed-off psychologist, in deference to his father’s Last Wish, accompanies the coffin to the scene of a childhood tragedy, where he unburies the past while at the same time treating an enigmatic amnesiac. (The lead role passes back and forth between Guy Pearce and a teenager who looks nothing like him.) What emerges, besides a belated ghost story, is an undramatic display of sensitivity: “If moths are attracted to light, why don’t they come out in the day?” and “Is there a word for that — the moon’s reflection on the water?” With Helena Bonham Carter; written and directed by Michael Petroni. 2003.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 2/28)

Two Weeks Notice — Two cuties, Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant, battling to a draw (i.e., happily ever after), in the roles of an “environmental warrior” and a “philandering robber baron,” more prosaically a community-activist attorney and a Trump-like urban developer. The glowing photography by Laszlo Kovacs has greater gravity: way beyond cute, really quite gorgeous. With Alicia Witt, Dana Ivey, Robert Klein; written and directed by Marc Lawrence. 2002.

★ (VOGUE)

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, THROUGH 2/27)

Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? — The frankness of the dialogue no doubt marks a forward plunge for commercial American cinema, ca. 1966, although this advance is made rather safely behind the stout reputation of the Edward Albee stage play, a witty and withering view of the home life of college professors and wives. Richard Burton, mussed-up and bilious, and Elizabeth Taylor, her hair tangled and figure overstuffed, are the older, tenured couple; George Segal and Sandy Dennis, newcomers on campus, are their goofy uneasy guests in Mike Nichols’s first film, shot in arty charcoal grays by Haskell Wexler.

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A few years ago, I think. It starts Aout with a verbal confrontation, and then it gets into fists. This one was a little different: a female sat next to me, then her boyfriend came in, and...that's what happened.



Alejo Alejo
Third Officer
Los Angeles

It was in Guam, actually. It was in a bar. I was sitting next to a girl, just talking to her; I didn't know she had a boyfriend. Probably a Navy guy. He started confronting me, basically. I didn't throw anything; I just backed off. It's the right thing to do.



Omar Rosado
Bagger
North Park

It was at my house. We were just kicking with a bunch of friends, and I guess some of them drank too much, and then they got into it physically, and they started choking each other out. So I had to get in there and push my friend away — the one that was choking the other friend. I stopped it that way and had 'em talk. It worked out.



Chet Howell
Security Guard
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It was when my friends were fighting. We were at a bar. They were arguing about...it was a girl and a guy arguing...I was kind of in the middle of it. I just told them, "Please don't be mad at each other." They stopped in front of me, but I'm pretty sure it went on after I left.

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AUDITION for voiceover for graduate film. Boy approximately 10 to 13 with deep southern accent like Lucas Black. Call, 858-974-1973 or alex@filmalex.com to schedule.

AUDITION. For "Company, Hollywood Heaven." Male, female, ages 20/up. Good voice and movement experience a plus. Girls, (ages 7-9) to audition. Call Jenifer, 858-874-8678.

AUDITIONS for San Diego Theatresports Improv Comedy Troupe, 3/1, 1pm. Improv experience a plus but not necessary. For more information, call 619-465-SHOW. www.improvise.net.

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AUDITIONS. "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," Howard Brubeck Theatre, San Marcos, Tuesday, 3/11, 7pm. Call backs Wednesday, 3/12, 7pm. Roles: 5 women, 1 man. 1-2 minute comic monologue. Rehearsals: 3/17-4/24, Monday-Friday, 7-10:30pm. 2 units college credits. Scripts available, 760-744-1150 x2453. Tuesday-Friday, noon-5pm. Michael Mufson, 760-744-1150 x2456; mmufson@palomar.edu.

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ATHEIST COALITION: "The constitutional freedom of religion [is] the most inalienable and sacred of all human rights." Thomas Jefferson. Newsletter and website, www.atheistcoalition.org or 858-459-8273.

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.

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TWO BEAUTIFUL, YOUNG Filipina women, 31 and 32 years old seeking pen pals. We are single with no children. (3/5) **☎**69370

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ATTRACTIVE WHITE WOMAN seeking an attractive white man. I'm 47, slim, blue eyes, blonde hair. I enjoy dining, dancing, traveling, movies, etc. (3/12) **☎**50529

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IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU! 40+ Christian, loves music, theatre, travel, sunsets, nonsmoker, likes gym, make me laugh, sip wine in La Jolla. (3/12) **☎**50523

FRIENDS FIRST, enjoy life, movies, music, fun. You're 5'11"+, 40-62. Me: beautiful, black, full figured, 50, witty. Talk to you soon! (3/12) **☎**50544

COUNTRY, CASUAL, EAST County, nonsmoker, very pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 5'5", 110lbs., seeks nice guy, outdoorsy, handyman type. No liars, cheaters, 40s, wants only me! (3/12) **☎**50528

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE/OUT, 5'10", blonde, 50ish, New York transplant seeks East Coast man. Handsome, 6'+, subtle, polished, passionate, kind, for loving committed relationship. (3/5) **☎**50505

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, sexy, great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, honest, financially stable, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friend-

ship or possible relationship. (3/12) **☎**50534

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

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

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

ATTRACTIVE, 45, SEEKS emotionally/financially stable, honest, kind and generous North County gentleman for dating and possible long-term relationship. (3/12) **☎**50515

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

AUSTRALIAN DESIRED by world citizen. Dreaming of my guy from down under! Blue-eyed brunette, honest, open and sensitive. I search for and await you! (3/12) **☎**50539

BEAUTIFUL, BRASSY, reubenesque blonde, immediately available to give and receive attention from a handsome, charming, smart, funny, attentive, generous, Greek god. Definitely worth the call. (3/5) **☎**50480

SEXY HARLEY GIRL, 37, 5'8", seeking tall gentleman good eate. Friends first possible long term relationship. No drugs. (3/5) **☎**50485

LATINA, PLUS SIZE, 5'8", 47, enjoys movies. Looking for nontraditional man who enjoys life and wants to share some time and see what develops. (3/12) **☎**50518

FEMALE, LAWYER/TEACHER, 39, petite, physically/emotionally healthy. Nonsmoker, living 45 minutes south from Tijuana. Seeking Mr. Right, has integrity, honest, sense of humor, sincere. (3/5) **☎**50487

GREEN EYES, LAUGHTER, North County, balanced Christian, voracious, witty, cerebral, degreed, no(-) demeanor, theater, hiking. Me: 38, 5'8", brunette. You: 5'9"+, athletic, light eyes, 36+. (3/5) **☎**50481

HOLD ME IN YOUR ARMS, I'll lead you to Gypsy dance. I'm beautiful, Russian lady, 57, contagious life lover, intelligent, caring. You: 57-60, similar, special. (3/12) **☎**50517

FUN, 46, ATHLETIC, black, professional lady, seeks single, 46-56, tall, nonsmoker, charismatic, compassionate, adventurous, active, balanced, trustworthy, available man. (3/5) **☎**50476

45, 5'6", ATTRACTIVE, physically fit, Hispanic lady, romantic, caring, university graduate, seeks African-American gentleman, tall, handsome, financially secure, professional, sense of humor, for relationship. (3/12) **☎**50524

BOYFRIEND WANTED. Hi! I am a 54 year young, spirited professional, tired of being alone, but far from lonely. Enjoy music, theatre, sports. Race open. (3/12) **☎**50547

TALL, GORGEOUS DANCER, business owner. World adventure traveler. Outgoing, spiritual, healthy. Into animals, nature, culture. Want honest communication, committed relationship. Ocean, fun, youthful 40s. (3/5) **☎**50512

ADVENTUROUS, TALL, SLIM, Jewish female, seeks down to earth, tall, fit, professional Jewish male, 38-50, nonsmoker, with integrity for long term relationship. (3/12) **☎**50536

FEMININE, DEVOTED, cheerful, bright beauty, seeks kind, affectionate, genuine, well educated professional gentleman, 50-60, for companionship, romance, travel, museums, classical music concerts, fun and laughter. (3/12) **☎**50535

VIVACIOUS, CURVACEOUS, feisty blonde, 48, bright professional, light-hearted, girly girl. Travel, dance, open-minded, nonsmoker. Always a lady. You: tall, fit, trim, attentive, gentleman. (3/5) **☎**50506

ASIAN PROFESSIONAL, 50ish, honest, sincere, educated, 5'3", 120lbs. Seeking a lifetime best friend. (3/12) **☎**50521

LONELY TONIGHT? So am I. Let's talk. When we meet you'll see pretty lady, trim, good looking legs, musical, well traveled, well educated, centrally located. (3/12) **☎**50527

PRETTY BLONDE, blueish-green eyes, 44, I enjoy the ocean, sports, gym, movies. Seeking nonsmoker, easygoing guy between the ages of 40-50. (3/5) **☎**50493

MARRIAGE IN FRANCE? French lady, 5'8", slender, searching for serious, honest, emotionally stable gentleman with passion for a country lifestyle. (3/12) **☎**50525

MEDITERRANEAN in appearance and personality, professional, educated, 45, enjoy walking, staying active, travel, humour. Seeking professional who's happy, successful, active, appreciates humour and is available. (3/12) **☎**50522

49, ATTRACTIVE, registered nurse, funny, happy, a kid at heart, Miss Peninsula, blonde, medium build, looking for tall, professional, educated, nonsmoker, male with class! (3/12) **☎**50520

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

CREATIVE BLONDE. Attractive, artistic type, seeks white/Hispanic man, 36-49,

handsome inside and out. Reliable, honest, enjoy travel, desert, pets, humor, art, movies. (3/5) **☎**50509

INTEGRITY, HONOR, morals, loyalty, never married, exotic Polynesian beauty queen, gourmet cook, artist, model, educated, athletic. You: Quality, never married, military background a plus, 38-59. (3/12) **☎**50531

ATTRACTIVE, YOUNG looking, Latin widow, 60, 5'4", active, healthy, sincere, romantic, retired. Seeking retired, tall, white, widower, 59-65, for companionship, romance, travel, long monogamous relationship. (3/12) **☎**50514

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

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

SEEKING SOMEONE TO SPOIL 31-year old black female, seeking 35-40 year old, white male professional for relationship. I like movies, romance, dining, fun. (3/5) **☎**50500

NICE ASIAN FEMALE, seeks a gentleman, white, thin to medium body, average, 35-59, plan having children, financial security. Communication soundly and clear. No game. (3/12) **☎**50537

PASSIONATE ABOUT LIFE, animals, music, nature. Attractive brunette, Jewish, fit, 44, petite seeks man with similar interests. Dining, laughs, movies, intelligent conversations, integrity, 40-50, 5'7"-6". (3/12) **☎**50513

IS MY LOVE STILL OUT there? Full figured, attractive, white, 29, seeks white male, 25-45, serious relationship, like

kids, play no games. Serious minded plus. (3/5) **☎**50473

SEEKING EXCITING NEW LOVE. Beautiful, blonde/blue, 59, trim, would like to be your loving sweetheart. Handsome gentleman, upbeat, sincere, all you need is me. (3/5) **☎**50491

SPIRITUAL, BEAUTIFUL, outgoing, Religious Science, blonde, 33, thin, prosperous, nonsmoker, never wants kids, desires relationship with same, 37 years maximum, outstanding Latino looking face, body. (3/5) **☎**50496

ATTRACTIVE, WHITE, Christian female, 60, 5', has all desired material things. Needs male security, love, fun, travel, dining, music, dancing, passion, caring, family. Vista, brunette. (3/12) **☎**50526

ATTRACTIVE, RED HEAD, 5'7", 135lbs., down to earth, seeks white, 54-64, mid-west attitude, for dating. No car salesmen. Sense of humor a must. House broken, nonsmoker. (3/12) **☎**50542

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

SENSATIONAL; SEXY and more. Energetic, spirited, romantic, compassionate, successful woman, seeking sensitive, loyal man; to share commitment, excitement, romance. Let's embrace the journey, experience life! (3/5) **☎**50488

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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

SEXY, SMART, EUROPEAN, educated, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, compassionate, monogamous, stylish, passionate, friendly, sportive, spiritual/religious, no previous kids, 35-48, 5'9"+, no republicans. (3/12) **☎**50540

BROWN-EYED CAFE-AU-LAIT vixen with joy-de-vivre seeking special man, 46-52 for companionship. Possible long term relationship. Interests include art, hiking, reading, theatre and much more. (3/12) **☎**50519

VERY PRETTY, NICE SHAPE, with pleasing personality. Seeking 55+, 5'10"+, fun, loving, romantic, outgoing, sense of humor, classy, sexy. Couch potatoes need not apply. (3/12) **☎**50546

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette, very loving and sincere. Seeking long term relationship, nonsmoker, very romantic. Let's go for it big boy. (3/12) **☎**50516

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FEMININE, FIT, FUN, very attractive, 5'4", 120lbs., 47, no children, homeowner, ready to share a wonderful life. Seeking 45-57, nonsmoker, with open heart and integrity. (3/12) ☎50543

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

A SINGLE, BLACK WOMAN who is intelligent, witty, passionate, and positive with big brown eyes and a bright smile, in search of a lasting relationship. (3/12) ☎50550

BRUNETTE, SMART, WITTY, petite, fit, feminine, healthy, attractive. Seeking potential soul mate, 45-55, handsome, healthy mind/body/soul. Travel, plays, parks, exploring life's adventures. Nonsmoker. (3/12) ☎50533

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

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

ATTRACTIVE, MULTILINGUAL female, very young mid-50s (looks early 40s). Seeking successful, well-educated professional, nonsmoker, for movies, plays, concerts, travel. Possible long-term relationship. (3/12) ☎50548

NOT INTIMIDATED BY BEAUTY, brains, height, wit. You're secure, adventurous, humorous, generous, humble man of substance. This childless diverse, vulturous black lady awaits. Savior faire. (3/5) ☎50504

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

PROFESSIONAL, FUN, 35, no children, educated, secure, fit, likes exercising, hiking, dining, movies, good conversation. Looking for similar for honest, quality relationship. (3/5) ☎50501

HONEST, PROFESSIONAL, Filipina woman seeks friendship, conversation with Caucasian or European gentleman, 36-39, with good morals, professional, no drugs, fit mind, body, spirit essential. (3/5) ☎50507

LATIN CUTIE! 46, professional, attractive, down to earth, nonsmoker. Seeking tall gentleman, open, honest, nonsmoker, ready for life's great possibilities. Race unimportant. All calls answered. (3/12) ☎50549

LATIN MAMI CHULA looking for her papi chulo. 41, 5'5", light brown hair/eyes, very lovable, affectionate, sweet, loves the good things in life. (3/5) ☎50472

I HAVE A PASSION for life, Jesus, the ocean, running, kids, animals and people and I want to share it with someone special, maybe you? (3/12) ☎50538

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

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

HARLEYS, TALL MEN, tattoos, 40s to 50s. This is some of the things I like. What do you like? Call, let's talk. (3/5) ☎50490

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

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. Gently. (3/5) ☎50484

TALL, SEXY, DEGREED, attractive black female, seeking intelligent, 62" or taller, attractive black male that still loves and wants a black female. Age 35-45. (3/5) ☎50502

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, successful executive, 50s, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeks classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well-educated, fit, professional lady, 35-55. (3/12) ☎69443

6' 180LBS., 53, new arrival from New England. Would like company to direct coffee, lunch, entertainment venues for two. (3/5) ☎69386

I LOVE YOU. No wait, we must meet first, then I can love you. She: 40-50, Caucasian, petite, curious. Me: 5'9", trim, 50, handsome, afebrile. (3/5) ☎69395

WEALTHY, HEALTHY, athletic, good looking, entrepreneur, homeowner, desires professional, attractive, shapely, conversationist, natural lady, for marriage, fam-

ily. Must be fun lover. No previous children please. (3/12) ☎69409

REALM OF POSSIBILITY: Passion, fun, intellectual stimulation, romance, laughter, connection, belonging. Me: 6'4", 48, affectionate, articulate, visually appealing. You: 5'6"+, 31-45, adventurous, cute, curvy, ready! (3/12) ☎69463

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

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY are my days off. I am a good-looking guy, age 39, 6'1", 185lbs., brown hair. My interests are: Travel, scuba, mountain biking, Baja island hopping. Reincarnation, aliens. (3/5) ☎69382

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

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African American/white, 64, 6'4", 210lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (3/5) ☎69394

HANDSOME HERO, old-fashioned values. 45, 6'1", 195lbs., will rescue you with charm/wit. Seeking the one to spend quality time, forever. You: slim, 25-40. (3/12) ☎69422

ENVIRONMENTAL professional, 34, nature lover, enjoys outdoor exercise, meditation and yoga. Seeks a slender, attractive, intellectual type for friendship and dating in East County area. (3/5) ☎69357

COUNTRY DENTIST, Caucasian, 5'10", curly brown, blue, fit, handsome, wholesome, energetic, adventurous, nonsmoker, open-minded, free-spirited. Do everything. Like anything you do. You: 35-45. (3/12) ☎69435

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

ACTIVE, 45, 6'2", FIT, white, camping, sailing, music, travel and adventures. Nonsmoker, athletic, healthy, cyclist. Let's get together, enjoy music and life. Race unimportant. (3/5) ☎69389

LOTS TO OFFER, professional, balanced, unencumbered, athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 52, homeowner, spontaneous, Midwest values, educated. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (3/5) ☎69350

SPIRITUAL, UPBEAT, caring man, 50, looking for lovely lady in her 40s. Love to go to movies, dinner, have long conversations, and enjoy life. (3/12) ☎69410

SOMEONE LIKE YOU? Me: 39, fit, MBA, friendly, athletic, 5'10", attractive, white. You: single, 27-37, easygoing, fun, friendly, intelligent, willing to laugh at my jokes. (3/12) ☎69416

BALD, INEPT, BANAL, inarticulate, maladroitness, uncoordinated, unambitious, malnourished, beer, cheeseburger and fries, loving 72-year-old man seeking similar qualities in lovely woman. Don't tarry. (3/12) ☎69445

ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 48, 6', 182lbs., biking, hiking, dancing, foreign films, comedy clubs, jazz, metaphysics. Seeking attractive Filipina, 32-50, athletic, petite, North County. (3/12) ☎69411

34, TALL, PROFESSIONAL, confident, romantic, fun, open-minded, values, conversationalist! Enjoys going out, running, hiking, tennis, acting, theater. Seeking communicative, emotionally healthy, fit, college graduate. (3/5) ☎69399

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

SINGLE WHITE MALE looking for adventure-oriented female. Walks, dinners, more. So tired of being alone. Hope you are too. Let's share life. Forty plus. (3/12) ☎69436

CHRISTIAN, BUT SEXY. 53, nonsmoker, good-looking, 6'3", successful, funny, intelligent, monogamous, fashionable, sincere, seeks very attractive, 30-48, sensual, caring, sweet, adorable, likes fashion, likes being pampered. Let's dine, dance, movies, etc. Friends first, maybe long term relationship. (3/12) ☎69465

YOUNGER WOMAN! Older man, 69, Sean Connery look-alike, down to earth, athletic, communicative, fun, well-adjusted, passionate, vegetarian, camper, hiker, kayaker, seeks equal adventuress. (3/12) ☎69429

WANNA WHOLE LOTTA LOVE/friendship. White male, 28, 5'10", 200lbs., seeks attractive, friendly woman. Casual fun, classic rock concerts, movies, picnics. San Diego tours. (3/5) ☎69397

SELECTIVE, EASYGOING, white male, 43, 6'1", dark/hazel, honest, witty, fun and available. Seeking pretty, nonsmoking, classy, girl next door type, for relationship. I'm waiting! (3/5) ☎69393

INDEPENDENT, CASUAL, teacher, 6'1", 40, prefer matching attractive looks, , athletic body, seeks connection with free spirit to share nature, creative pursuits, travel, new experiences. (3/12) ☎69456

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Upbeat and happy, white, likes modern rock and jazz music. In very good shape, seeks smart, positive, fun loving girl, 25+. Promise to make you smile. (3/12) ☎69464

LOOKING TO MEET FRIENDS or even maybe that special someone? (3/12) ☎69413

SWEETEN MY DAZE! Somewhat cool/street smart working dude, 8/14/50, moderate vices. Seeking nicely packaged/book smart, molecular structure/tombboyish, estrogen-laced, little sugar babe! (3/12) ☎69458

50 YEAR OLD GOOD LOOKING, male 6'2", trim and slim, romantic, honest, athletic and sincere. Seeking counterpart, 38-48, 5'3"-5'9" tall. No animals please. (3/12) ☎69406

CHIVALROUS, ROMANTIC gentleman, 27, 6'1", student, future airline pilot, intelligent, humorous, athletic, nonsmoker, enjoys traveling, dancing, walking. Seeking Caucasian nonsmoker without children. Weight/height proportionate. (3/12) ☎69460

African American

We share laughter, friendship, honesty and real conversations. Let's communicate our needs for passion, romance and the time it takes to learn about each other. You're 40-55, race not important. (3/5) ☎69388

YOKED WHITE CUBAN, 40, with too cool son, 16. The king needs a queen and better half. Big heart, funny, crazy. Are you same? (3/12) ☎69459

I LIKE NATURE, HIKING, swimming, traveling, music, art, movies, photography, books, history. I'm tall, slim, athletic, health-conscious, professional, educated, bright, witty, agnostic, 59. You? (3/12) ☎69462

WIDOWER, WHITE CHRISTIAN male, retired, well trained, healthy, 5'8", 175lbs., easygoing, loves nature, family oriented. Looking for honest partner with positive attitude. (3/5) ☎69375

AUSTRALIAN, 34, struggling screenwriter, seeks very romantic, white woman, 27 to 38, humor, nonsmoker, no drugs, loves movies, thin, attractive, educated, single moms OK. (3/12) ☎69451

OUTDOORSY, ATHLETIC, Caucasian, 43, educated, communicative, speaks French/Spanish, enjoys camping, hiking, motorcycles, ethnic foods. Seeking 25-40, slim, athletic, affectionate, confident, educated, risk taker, adventure. (3/12) ☎69430

LOVE ADVENTURE, FUN, travel, beach. Good communicator, spiritual, metaphysical, humorous, playful. Own home, air-plane, piano. Financially secure. Warm heart, nonsmoker. You: similar, 40s-50s. (3/12) ☎69437

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

SIMPLY IN BLACK, real quality brother, no drugs and no games, seeks a quality lady. I'm 5'10", 185lbs., and definitely a nestle crunch. (3/12) ☎69448

FULL-FIGURED, PLUS-SIZE reubenesque woman wanted: big, white, 50, 6', brown/blue, nonsmoker, romantic, sincere, loving, charming, smart, funny, attentive. Seeking long-term relationship. (3/12) ☎69444

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun,

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SPIRITUAL WOMAN DESIRED, You want: good looking, insightful, physically fit, healthy, emotionally available, sensual, nurturing, passionate, heart connected, communicator, educated, playful, self-aware guy, 58. (3/12) **☎**69407

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL homeowner, 50, 5'10", athletic, outdoorsy, spontaneous, energetic, enjoy travel, sports, art, antiques, classic cars. You: Petite, beautiful, sexy, monogamous, intelligent communicator, nonsmoker! (3/5) **☎**69373

HEALTHY, WEALTHY, WISE, humorous, fit, nonpretentious. Love great views, hiking, traveling, biking, volunteering, jogging workouts, beach walking, real estate, tennis. Seeking similar nonsmoker under 40. (3/5) **☎**69398

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

LARGE WHITE FEMALE, 40-57, voluptuous, attractive, sexy, wanted by attractive black artist, for hot, passionate, life-time commitment/marriage. I will love you always. (3/5) **☎**69385

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SPRING AHEAD. Fun, adventurous, Jewish male, 33, likes movies, hiking, '80s music and much more. Seeking honest, sincere female for friendship and possible relationship. (3/5) **☎**69347

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RECENTLY DIVORCED, TALL black male, professional, 45, seeks sincere, intelligent female companion who has a positive attitude and is ready for a new lasting relationship. (3/12) **☎**69462

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

DOWN TO EARTH, NORMAL, middle-aged lady, 40s-50s, sought by normal, middle-aged guy, 6'2", 200lbs., trim. For fun, listening and committed relationship. Please call. (3/12) **☎**69454

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SINCERE, TRUSTWORTHY, fun guy, slim, 50, wants to share simple, low cost pleasures, inspired by arts, jazz, laughter. Be in this space, no strings. Peace. (3/5) **☎**69346

HISPANIC, 45, 5'11", 190lbs., attractive, very passionate, humorous, intelligent, outgoing, fit, secure, fun. Seeking Latina/white/Asian female, nonsmoker, non-drinker, church, for long time relationship. (3/12) **☎**69423

TEACHER, AUTHOR, Caucasian, Jewish, 50s, metaphysical interests, 5'8", nature, music, dance, art, psychology, compassionate, languages. Seeking woman with similar interests, 40s. Please no cats, allergies. (3/12) **☎**69449

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, North County, professional, 41, 6'1", slim, athletic build, loves to travel and play. Seeking athletic lady for biking, tennis. Thick legs a plus! (3/5) **☎**69380

DEMOCRAT, NONRELIGIOUS, fit, active, fun, tennis, ski, all activities, emotionally/financially secure, decent looks. Seeking 40-55, like-minded, neat, sweet, petite, affectionate, nonsmoker, lasting relationship. (3/5) **☎**69353

AFRICAN AMERICAN, 47, sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, reliable, 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoys music, beach, dining, coffeehouses. Seeking attractive blonde, marriage-minded female, 33-41. Be my lady. (3/12) **☎**69433

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ATTRACTIVE, AFFLUENT, independent bachelor wishes to share life and beautiful home with 30-something female counterpart. Me: Caucasian, trim, childless. You: the same! North County. (3/12) **☎**69427

NORTH COUNTY, SINCERE, tall, dark, handsome Caucasian man, 33, that's emotionally honest, seeks fit, fun loving, sincere lady for conversation, movies, sunsets, togetherness, possible relationship. (3/12) **☎**69428

WINNING PERSONALITY. Latino, fit, slim, 5'8", 40s, educated, free spirited, seeks childless, slim woman for sharing, caring relationship. (3/5) **☎**69349

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ENCINITAS. \$500, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Room with cable and large closet, own bath, garage (storage). Male/female OK. Near Moonlight Beach. Jon, 619-846-1304.

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Across

- Body shops?
- "Divine Secrets of the _____ Sisterhood" (2002 movie)
- Transmitted electronically
- Beatles album featuring "Yesterday" and "Ticket to Ride"
- 1988 World Series M.V.P. Hershiser
- Moscow money
- Song with trills
- Golden rule word
- Pueblo material
- "The Souls of Black Folk" author
- Vetoes
- Pedro's lucky number?
- Fluid container
- Cockpit guesses, for short
- Continued, via horseback
- It'll knock you out
- Terrific, in slang
- Mme. Bovary
- Classic Roger Kahn work on Brooklyn Dodgers baseball
- Dakotas, once: Abbr.
- Zig or zag
- "Bye Bye Bye" band
- Get ready to shower
- Sponges (up)
- "This _____ test"
- Giovanni's lucky number?
- 1983 Woody Allen movie
- 2003 Laurence Fishburne movie
- At an angle
- Org. in rights fights
- R.E.M. hit song "The _____ Love"
- Salk's target
- Necklace ornament
- Broadway luminary?
- Dogg of hip-hop
- "It will come _____ surprise"
- White-tailed eagle

Down

- "Mrs. Warren's Profession" writer
- Rabin's successor
- Accused's need
- Bogart's sleuth
- "Absolutely!"
- River spanned by the Ponte Vecchio
- The Abominable Snowman
- Perplexed, after "at"
- Bygone Spanish dictator
- Autobahn sight

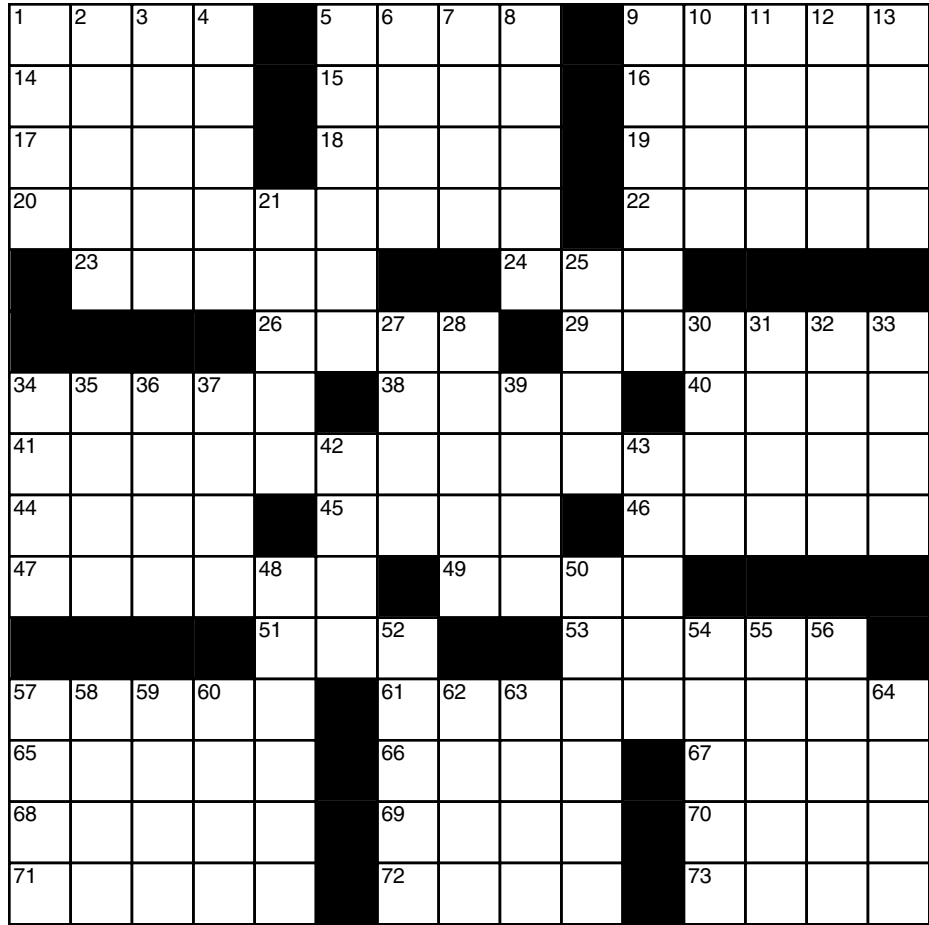
- PlayStation rival
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- Ruby and Sandra
- In _____ (unborn)
- Liberal follower
- Place for some icons
- They may be tapped for the stage
- F.D.R. and L.B.J., e.g.
- Susan Lucci's 1999 award
- Parting of the heavens, maybe
- Drug dealer's nemesis
- "____, Brute?"
- Not now
- Frau's mate
- River of Spain
- Place to stick a comb
- Part of Y.S.L.
- Al of Indy
- Ringmaster's place
- False start?
- Addis _____
- Butchery selection
- Printer's need
- Keep an _____
- Hits with a phaser
- Educator of 18 British P.M.'s
- "____ & Stitch" (2002 Disney movie)
- Of the hipbone: Prefix
- Desserts that give chills
- Group seen in "Birth of a Nation"
- Publication with a cult following

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- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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Of the 154 entrants, 136 were correct. The winners are:

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CLAIREMONT/KEARNY MESA. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Very nice, spacious, amenities, laundry, parking, no smoking, no pets, close to all. 7827-67 Stalmer Street. 858-715-0735.

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. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs unit, laundry on site, off-street parking, no pets. 1204 Vega Street #2. Available approximately 3/28. K & R Properties. 858-490-1600.

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. \$1650. 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. \$1395. 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. \$1900. Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with large garage, beautiful landscaping, Gardener paid. Fresh throughout. 619-726-2733.

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/BAY PARK. \$850. 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/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.

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 Catoclin Drive. Please call 619-286-0441. www.sdreader.com/rent/2019.

COLLEGE AREA/ROLANDO. \$1895. Extraordinary 4 bedroom, 3 bath house, yard, jacuzzi. 1900 feet. Beautifully remodeled. Refinished hardwood. Newer carpets, paint, appliances. Available 3/15/2003. 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. \$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. \$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. 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. \$1650. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice well maintained house on quiet, attractive street. 2-car garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator. No pets. 5704 Adelaide. Open house Saturday/Sunday, March 1st and 2nd, 10am-4pm. 619-322-5498.

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/TALMADGE. \$725 includes utilities. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Remodeled with new paint, appliances and floor covering. Private and secluded. Available 3/1. Behind 4451 44th Street (#2). 619-401-3033.

COLLEGE AREA. Large, 4 bedroom, 3 bath house, hardwood floors. Yard. Pets considered. Laundry facilities. 6162 Mary Lane. \$2300/month. 760-603-0057, 619-871-6909.

COLLEGE AREA. \$770. 1 bedroom. Utilities included. Air conditioning, carport, on-site laundry. Walk to shopping, bus route. No pets. EOH, 619-299-8746.

COLLEGE AREA. Del Cerro view. \$1395-\$1795. Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, skylight, privacy, cul-de-sac. Remodeled baths/kitchen. New carpets. Fireplace. Roman tub. 858-270-0214.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath luxury condo. Washer/dryer

hookups, brand new appliances, fireplace, gated community. Close to parks. Available now. 619-426-5570.

COLLEGE AREA. \$690. Cute 1 bedroom apartments. Pool, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Close to freeways and shopping. No pets. 4333 College Avenue. 619-287-8380.

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 AREA. \$1300/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fenced yard, wood floors, new paint. Pets? 2 patios, parking. 3/4 mile to Cox Arena. 619-460-2887.

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. \$995. 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 AREA. \$1475. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, dining, hardwood floors, fenced yard, landscaper, pet negotiable. 4778 Aragon Drive. 619-698-6911.

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. \$2400. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Garage, new kitchen, barbecue, washer/dryer, private yard, covered patio. No pets. Available now. 619-583-8155.

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/TALMADGE. \$775. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, very clean, new carpet and range, on-site laundry, off-street parking, 5-unit complex. 858-278-2562.

COLLEGE AREA. \$550/month, studio. \$875, 1 bedroom, laundry hookups. Available 3/1. New carpet, bright many windows, garden view. No pets. 619-229-1570.

COLLEGE AREA. House, 3 large bedrooms, 2 bath, double garage, fireplace. Newer furnace, water heater, dishwasher. Quiet street. Lease optional. Clean, ready now. \$1800, includes water, gardener. 619-462-5335; 714-894-3180.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$775. 1 bedroom house. Hardwood floors. Gated parking. Water/gardener included. Cat OK. Open Saturday 10-3pm. 4563 Aladena Avenue (rear 4565). 858-272-1050.

COLLEGE AREA. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath plus bonus. Remodeled house. 2-car garage, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, central air. Cul-de-sac. No pets/smoking. Available 3/23. \$1800. 619-851-7845.

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. \$995-Large 2 bedroom home. \$1295-Large 2 bedroom home with garage, laundry. Hardwood floors. Great location, walk everywhere. Really cute! 619-295-6771; 619-889-6771.

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. \$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. \$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. \$1250. 2 bedroom, private storage space, laundry hookups, private parking, balcony, carpeting, huge closets. Pet on approval. Barb, 619-583-2444, or Lance, 619-222-6020.

COLLEGE/ROLANDO. \$775-\$950. 1 and 2 bedrooms, currently being renovated. Under new management. Tomic Apartments. 4902-4912 67th Street. Agent, 619-741-5621.

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.

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. \$2100. Townhouse. 2 bedroom plus office. View of bay from living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom, available now. 3844 Sequoia. Owner, 619-435-0101 x101.

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 CERRO. \$1095. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Pool. Near shops and freeway. 5757 College Avenue. 619-286-1777.

DEL CERRO. \$1195. 1 bedroom condo, new interior/appliances, upgrades, 2 patios, washer/dryer, awesome view, pools, near SDSU. No pets/smoking. 619-582-3161.

DEL CERRO. \$2450 rent. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Canyon views, upper deck and lower patio, fireplace, jacuzzi tub, 2500+ square feet. Available now! 619-295-4793.

DEL MAR. \$1600. 2 bedroom upper condo, ocean views near Torrey Pines beach and preserve. One block to scenic bluffs and lovely beach. 858-350-0477.

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. \$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. \$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.scubarentals.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.scubarentals.com.

DEL MAR. \$1300-\$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. One block to beach at 4th Street. Laundry, parking, pool, well maintained. 425 Stratford Court. Open house Saturday 3/1, 10-11am, or call Manager, 858-793-5651.

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. \$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/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 Pointe, 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. \$1750. 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, EAST VILLAGE. Warehouse loft in private building. 2200 square feet. Contemporary design with gourmet kitchen. Roof garden. Laundry in unit. Park indoors. Lease, \$2500. Call for appointment. 619-994-6991.

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, Spacious, 2 master bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet and paint. Fireplace, balcony, with green belt view. Underground parking, security building, pool, spa, exercise room. Walk to all. Only \$1750. Available now. Associated Realtors, 619-232-5077.

DOWNTOWN, Fabulous new 2-story loft in Renaissance. 2 bedrooms plus 3 full baths. 2 balconies, hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen, granite counters. Washer/dryer. 2 parking spaces plus storage, pool, spa exercise room. Pet OK with deposit. \$2700. Available 3/1. Associated Realtors, 619-232-5077.

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. \$2195. Huge Watermark, 2 bedroom, 2-1/5 baths with marble floors, new paint/carpet. 619-696-9935, Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist.

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. Cat Trey for an appointment at 619-233-4118, or visit us at www.sdllofts.com. For other availabilities in the Gaslamp or Little Italy call, 619-733-9181.

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. \$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. \$1400. Loft available in beautiful historic building, part of the Gaslamp. 1200 square feet, full kitchen full bath. Small pets OK. 619-544-4488.

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. 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. \$2200. Walk to Ralph's, Gaslamp restaurants, new ballpark, Sea-port Village! Top Floor corner unit of urban loft, hardwood floors, spiral staircase, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, all appliances, secured parking, gated entry city views. Available 3/15. 858-442-6361.

DOWNTOWN. \$1250. 1 bedroom knotty pine cottage. Hardwood floors, good storage. Total restoration just completed. Charming, secluded. 1139-1/2 19th Street. Stephanie, 619-234-9882.

DOWNTOWN. New 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath Treo complex. \$1695. First month free. Fireplace, balcony, pool, courtyard. Underground parking. Must see. Call 619-291-5555. www.utopiamanagement.com.

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. \$950. 1 bedroom plus balconies for living room and bedroom. Lots of storage. Light and bright. Hardwood floors. Total restoration just completed with all new pipes and wires, cabinets and appliances. In Victorian village setting. Very convenient location. Near City College. 1141 19th Street. Stephanie, 619-234-9882.

DOWNTOWN. \$1395. Park Row, 1 bedroom plus large loft, 1100 square feet, great complex, top floor. 619-220-8317.

DOWNTOWN. 8th Avenue Financial District. Studio with separate kitchen and bath. \$675. Utilities and cable included! No pets. 619-233-5330.

DOWNTOWN. Best offer! 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 KXP@pacbell.net, roomster@cox.net. 858-583-9476.

DOWNTOWN. \$2000. New 3 bedroom, 2 bath corner with tile floors, granite counters and large deck. 619-696-9935, Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist.

DOWNTOWN. \$2200-\$2800. Treo, 2-story, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse and 20th floor 2 bedroom 2-1/2 bath. New with wood/tile floors, granite and large decks. 619-696-9935. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist.

DOWNTOWN. \$1250/month. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, Park Row condo. Fireplace, patio, pool, spa, gated complex with underground parking. Call Darrin, 858-243-4444.

DOWNTOWN. \$445. Room. Upgraded, close to all. Very nice! Available now. 719 14th Street. James Burrell, A&J Property Management, 888-246-4584.

DOWNTOWN. \$4200. Penthouse. 2100 square feet. Brand new. All glass bay views, 2 level, 20' ceilings, 3 bedroom, den, 3 bath, granite counters, new appliances, pool, gym, 2 parking spaces. 619-297-7644.

DOWNTOWN. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, completely remodeled, wood floors, new carpet, fireplace, new kitchen, new bathroom, washer/dryer. 818-599-3746.

DOWNTOWN. The El Cortez. From \$1430. 1 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms and lofts available. T1 Internet, satellite TV, air conditioning, fitness center, pool, spa, night doormen, underground parking, on-site market, hair salon, Twigg's Coffee House. 702 Ash Street. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1029. Please call for details and appointments at 619-338-8338, x105.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1950. Sunny, elegant, old world, corner loft with (10) 11" wrought iron windows, French cornice on top, high ceilings, shiny floors in expansive 1375 square foot loft at 6th and Broadway. Views could be of Paris or New York. Modern appliances, carpet in bedroom and kitchen, central heat/air, dishwasher, on-site laundry, elevators, rooftop deck. Underground parking available. None other like it in San Diego. 619-239-3999.

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/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/EAST VILLAGE. Studio \$650-\$695; clean, nonsmoking building, hardwood/ceramic, 1 cat OK. On site laundry. Ball Park, 830 Park Boulevard (12th Avenue). 619-236-9117.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$995. 2 bright and cheery 1 bedrooms looking for long-term residents. Situated in amazing location atop Cortez Hill. Cable and phone ready, with new carpet/fresh paint. 619-277-4934.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$795. Come visit our 3 studios situated atop Cortez Hill, just minutes from Balboa Park and Downtown. All units feature marble or tile kitchens and bathrooms and new carpet/fresh paint. 619-277-4934.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$1200. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath in charming Victorian house. Features hardwood floors and high ceilings as well as a private entrance leading to a secluded gardener's dream. 619-277-4934.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. Studio. \$685. Limited access building. Charming, quiet, nice residential neighborhood. Utilities paid. On-site laundry. No pets. Available first week of March. EOH, 619-233-7067.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$1400. Live/work loft. 701 Island. 3rd floor. Hardwood floors. Parking. No pets. 619-291-4441; 619-920-4368.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$1295 plus utilities. 3 bedroom, 2 bath lower duplex. Hardwood floors, patio, 1 block to trolley, area under re-development. 357 13st Street. 619-235-4520.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, air conditioning, dish-washer, first floor, assigned parking. Gated complex. Downtown views. 1233 22nd Street. Rochelle, 858-490-6543.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP QUARTER. \$895. 1 bedroom. Brand-new carpet. Appliances. Intercom, laundry. Great location, just South of Market. Must see! 552 5th Avenue. Cogan Properties. 619-279-2183.

DOWNTOWN/BALBOA PARK. West Park Inn. Modern studio rentals from \$195/weekly or \$685/monthly. All utilities paid. Air conditioning and heat, refrigerator, microwave. Private baths, showers, private phones, free color cable TV. 1840 4th Avenue. www.westparkinn.com, call 619-236-1600. www.sdreader.com/rent/2037.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. Ask about our move-in specials! Luxury junior 1 bedrooms from \$1365, 1 bedrooms from \$1725, 2 bedrooms from \$2050. Gourmet kitchen. Washer/dryer. Central heat, air. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Underground parking. Near Gaslamp, Horton Plaza, Seaport Village!! The Heritage, 1471 8th, 888-707-3529. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2010.

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/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. 619-235-8820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Market Street. \$1500. Need to break my lease. \$1000 off first month's rent. Secure parking. New studio loft, bright, incredible view. 858-353-1593.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1595. Spacious top floor apartment with skylights

and 9' ceilings. 1 bedroom, bath. All appliances, central heat/air, controlled entry, parking included. William Penn Building, 511 F Street. Available 3/15. Agent, 619-298-7232.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$2100. Rare 2 bedroom, 2 bath loft. 17-foot ceiling, hardwood floors, balcony view, all appliances, washer/dryer, parking. Near all! 512-565-2820, <http://home.earthlink.net/~j.thompson>.

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.

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"I was always interested in history, and I had a great admiration and love of the photographic work these people were doing," Booth said in 1980, referring to the body of work done by early San Diego photographers.

"[Larry] did crazy things," Jane Booth, his wife, informed the same reporter 23 years ago.

Photograph from the San Diego Historical Society

"He was insured by Lloyd's of London.... There are some photographs [of Larry's] that look like aeriels but aren't; they were taken from the red-and-white checkered water tower on Coronado. We went out there and he tried to climb it but it was too windy. So he came down, went to a hardware store and bought some rope, tied the camera to his body, and went up again."

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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. \$875. Large 1 bedrooms, 1 baths. New carpet. Laundry. Assigned parking. Pool. Pets negotiable with deposit. Available immediately. 4053 8th Avenue. 619-297-0269.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom cottage. \$1395. With garage, fireplace, redwood deck patio, and sun porch. On best street in Hillcrest. Drive by 1237 Pennsylvania Avenue (in rear). Call 619-447-6556.

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. \$750. Completely renovated, upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath in gated courtyard. Laundry, off-street parking, no pets. Nonsmoking. 4011 Florida Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

HILLCREST. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Heart of Hillcrest, 727 Robinson at 7th. Parking, patio, laundry, fireplace. Pet. Nonsmoking. 619-297-2341.

HILLCREST. \$545. Studio, very large with own bath and kitchen. Stove, refrigerator. Water paid. No pets. Agent. 619-223-2524.

HILLCREST. \$1475. Spacious 2 bedroom craftsmen house. Hardwood floors. Fireplace. Private patio. Remodeled kitchen/bath. Washer/dryer hookups. Year lease. No pets. Available 3/15. 619-867-5400.

HILLCREST. \$850. Large 1 bedroom apartments. Near Mercy Hospital. Laundry, verticals, carport. No pets. 4045 Eighth Avenue. 619-269-5879.

HILLCREST. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, all appliances, garage, fireplace, upper unit. Available 3/1. 619-294-7867.

HILLCREST. Must see! Large 1 bedroom. Completely remodeled. Hardwood floors. Ceramic kitchen/bath. Garage with opener. Walk-in closet. Patio. Laundry. Walk to zoo. \$1095. 619-260-0824.

HILLCREST. \$1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint. Full-size appliances. Gated building/parking. Quiet. Great location. No pets. 1756 Essex. Available now. 619-298-4256.

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. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, completely remodeled. Deck, laundry. Pets OK. Excellent location. 619-549-4959.

HILLCREST. Must see, vintage hardwood floor 1 bedroom apartments \$875, studios \$675/\$700 at historic Casa Grande, 1751 University Avenue, available March. Charming studio 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. \$2100. 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. \$1095. 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. \$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. \$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. \$1150. Spacious, quiet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, tiled kitchen, appliances, garage. Nonsmoking. Available 3/7. 4048 Alabama. Manager, 619-269-5237.

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. \$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. \$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. Studio. Murphy bed, stackable washer/dryer hookups, balcony, freshly painted, spa, weight room. 619-296-2787.

HILLCREST. \$900. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, builtins, palm courtyard. Unique. 619-325-3700.

HILLCREST. Studio. Secure access and garage parking, recently renovated, jacuzzi, laundry. Good location. \$690. 619-425-0393.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom cottage, \$695. Totally charming, vintage 20's with built-ins. Quiet, very small complex. Sorry, absolutely no pets. Call 619-692-3658.

HILLCREST. \$625. Studio available. Best location. Hardwood floors, laundry, free utilities, parking. Charge. 858-279-9774.

HILLCREST. \$800. Very large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Carpeted. Assigned parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 3820 Georgia. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. Lovely 2 bedroom cottage. \$1100. Hardwood floors, breakfast nook, laundry facilities, street parking. No pets. 1821 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

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. \$825 studio. \$1200, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Deposit \$750. Hardwood flooring, beautiful view, available immediately. 2311 4th Avenue. 619-843-7827.

HILLCREST. \$1595. Deposit \$1595. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, 2 off-street parking spaces. 4064 First Avenue. 619-843-7827.

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. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, new full remodels for rent. Quiet and safe neighborhood. Conveniently located, close to everything! 2 parking spaces. 619-888-1058, 949-218-9364.

HILLCREST. \$1100 rent. \$500 Deposit. 2 bedroom apartment with balcony. No pets. At 4030 Front Street #12. Agent, 619-299-8515.

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. 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. \$625. Large studio furnished. Senior/55+ complex. All utilities paid. Newly decorated. No pets. 619-286-8487; 619-293-7544.

HILLCREST. \$1145. Spanish charm. One-of-a-kind corner, upper level, private, sunny 1 bedroom with spectacular views, balcony, hardwood floors, 9 foot covered ceilings. Small vintage property with laundry facilities on-site. Garage available. Georgia Street location. Call 619-298-1961.

HILLCREST. \$850. 1 bedroom apartment in the heart of Hillcrest. Hardwood floors, cozy, charming. 619-295-1254.

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/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/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/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/UPDOWN. 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.

HILLCREST/MORLEY FIELD. Huge, beautiful, three bedroom, one bath cottage. Hardwood floors, fireplace, full dining room, built-in cabinets, spacious bathroom and a garage. A dog with references will be welcomed. \$1695. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1275. Enormous, newer 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet/paint. Single garage, unit laundry, 2 balcony patios. 4545 Georgia Street (near Park/Adams). Cat OK. 619-255-7860.

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/BANKER'S HILL. \$2050/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath beautiful 3-level condo. Small complex. Great location. Hardwoods, washer/dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, balcony, 2-car attached garage plus one space. Available 4/1. 858-487-4245.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1300. Cheerful, quiet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, remodeled, storage, appliances, fireplace, balcony, garage. No pets. Open, Saturday-Sunday. 4212 Maryland. 619-297-3711.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1095. Huge, deluxe 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dishwasher, laundry, new carpet, storage, parking. 4469 North Avenue at Meade. 619-982-0385.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$675. Large studio. Upstairs. Lots of light. Large windows. Full kitchen and huge bath. Charming. Available 2/20. 3970 Goldfinch. Call 619-297-7368.

HILLCREST/BANKERS HILL. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright, large 900 square feet vintage apartment. Vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors. Immaculate. Laundry hookup. Garage. No pets. 108 West Upas. 619-296-8802.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1060/month. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Den, living room, dining room, washer/dryer, ceiling fan, garbage disposal, yard/patio. Small pet possible. Nonsmoking. 619-787-3291.

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/BANKER'S HILL. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New appliances, carpet, paint. 1800+ square feet. Quiet, secluded. Laundry room. Gated parking. Pet OK. Message, 619-293-3378.

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. \$750/month. Gorgeous, large 1 bedroom. Close to the water. Hablamos espanol. 619-584-5904.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$700. 1 bedroom apartment, rehabbed. Walk 1-1/2 blocks to the ocean. 619-584-5904.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$625. Studio. 1 bedroom \$750, attractive carpeted units in small complex, near everything. 1201-1217 Donax Avenue. (SE corner Donax/12th). 619-235-4520.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1300. 3 bedroom house. New paint, fenced yard, carpet, garage. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$929. Charming 2 bedroom units in courtyard setting with parking/on-site laundry. \$500 deposit. Must see! 1193 Florence. Call for details 619-280-8681.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$795. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment. Redecorated! Parking, laundry, 3 blocks to beach. 243 Ebony Avenue. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$775. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom in well maintained garden setting. Pool, parking, laundry. No pets. 1445 Grove Avenue. Manager, 619-575-0778.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$525. Studio in well maintained garden setting. Pool, parking, laundry. No pets. 1445 Grove Avenue. Manager, 619-575-0778.

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. 2 new condo conversions. 2-story, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, attached garage. Laundry hook-ups. Patio, near beach. Coronado/I-5! \$1400-\$1500, utilities. 619-723-1221.

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. \$1950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath quiet Spanish house. Fireplace, patio, deck, garage, hardwood floors, laundry, large yard, water and gardener paid. 4865 Vista. 619-282-0921.

KENSINGTON. \$1175. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner suite, view, skylight, all amenities. Security building. Garage available. No pets. Call 858-456-2098.

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. \$895. 1 bedroom, newly refurbished apartment on second floor. Parking and laundry, gated building. Available now. 4100 Adams Ave. #3. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, newly refurbished. Sundeck with great

view. Awesome location! Parking and laundry. 4100 Adams Ave. 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. \$900. Nice, large 1 bedroom with garage. Gated. Great Village location. 4101 Park Place. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, garden settings, yard, laundry. No pets. 5108 Marlborough Drive. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

KENSINGTON. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwoods, fireplace, 2-car garage, large yard, gardener included. 10 month lease. Available 4/1. \$2100 plus deposit. 4232 Hilldale. Agent, 619-280-7399.

LA COSTA. \$1600. Cute one story house, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, community pool, air conditioning, gardener, no pets. 760-752-2812.

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 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. \$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. \$1900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, 2 blocks to beach. Remax Associates, 858-454-6110.

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. \$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. \$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. Studio apartment for rent, 10 minute walk to beach. La Jolla Shores, \$1075/month includes cable ad utilities. Available 3/5. 858-454-8009.

LA JOLLA. \$1650. Utilities included. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2 blocks to beach. New hardwood floors. 5377 La Jolla Boulevard #2. Available 4/1. 858-638-7399.

LA JOLLA. \$1195. Large 1 bedroom. 1/2 block to Windansea beach! Newly remodeled! 363 Playa del Sur. 858-270-5500.

LA JOLLA. \$1275. Quaint 1 bedroom cottage. 1 block from ocean. Hardwood floors, laundry, refrigerator, stove. In village area. Cats OK. Available 3/15. 858-459-0909.

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. \$1325. Charming 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors. Walk to beach. Garage available. 350 Palomar Avenue. 619-886-5700.

LA JOLLA. \$2200/month plus last month's rent. Villa La Jolla condos. Fully furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Near Windansea beach. Pool, gym, parking. 619-661-0068.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 1 block to beach, street parking. No pets or smoking. 1-year lease. \$2375. 858-454-3140.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom house; summer rental; La Jolla Shores, \$7000/month. 1 bedroom unit, \$850/month. 858-454-5414.

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. \$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. 858-459-1102.

LA JOLLA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Cat OK, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdr rentals.com.

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. 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. \$3200. Steps to Windansea Beach. Fantastic ocean view. Elegant 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Cathedral ceilings, garage, balconies. Available 3/15. Helen, 858-459-8857.

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. Call for awesome open house schedule of deals! \$999 and up for super location half-block to ocean. 365 Bonair Street. 858-536-1900.

LA JOLLA. \$1600. Private and quiet townhome in great location. Move-in discount for one-year lease. Negotiable. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, den, balcony, attached 2-car garage. Washer/dryer, new appliances, fireplace. Swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi, tennis court. Walking distance from restaurants, movies, shops, UCSD. Small pet OK. 800-669-6890 mailbox 9172# or 678-938-2678.

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. \$995. Large studio. Move-in special, washer/dryer. Close to beach. 415 Graviola Street. Call 619-921-2829.

LA JOLLA. \$1650. 3 bedrooms. End-unit townhome. Living and dining room. Fireplace. 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. \$1900. Very nice, fully furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 5 minutes to La Jolla Shores/UCSD. 6-12 month lease. Russ 858-775-1812.

LA JOLLA. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story condo, attached 1-car garage, washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, balcony. Common pool/spa. 8320 Via Sonoma. Tyco, 619-425-1017.

LA JOLLA. Located on Girard Avenue in downtown La Jolla. Luxurious, ocean view, large deck, spa, all appliances, garage. \$2300. Call 619-293-3118.

LA JOLLA. Studio, cottage-like, awesome. Village, block to beach. Berber carpet, full kitchen, private patio, laundry, courtyard, skylight. Quaint. Utilities included. Available 3/5. \$975. 619-298-1666.

LA JOLLA. 2 brand-new 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhomes. Golf course and ocean views, attached garage. 1-2 year lease. 3500 square feet. All amenities. \$4500 - \$5500/month. 858-587-0139.

LA JOLLA. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, cottage style apartment above attached 1 car garage. Washer/dryer hookups, hardwood floors. No pets. Open house Saturday 3/1, 1-2pm. 640 Westbourne. (behind 636 Westbourne) Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. \$ \$2000. House with ocean view. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage with extra parking. Large yard, all appliances, near village. 858-587-0139.

LA JOLLA. Condo. \$1600/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Underground parking. Air conditioner. 1400 square feet. CB Property Management, 858-488-2228.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 blocks to beach. Quaint complex. Laundry, parking. 525 Marine Street. Open house Saturday 3/1, 11:30-12:30pm. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

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. \$700/month. Studio, 1st last and cleaning deposit required. Available now. 858-229-7315.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse style. 2-car garage. Pool, washer/dryer, new appliances. \$1500. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, security, jacuzzi, laundry in unit, patio, new appliances, parking, 2 block to ocean. Steve Richards Realty, 858-483-2844.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$795. Studio. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, coin laundry. Nice gated courtyard. 415 Colima. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1750. Modern 2-bedroom, 2.5-bath trilevel townhouse. New hardwoods. Pool, Jacuzzi, washer/dryer. 2-car garage. Huge master with sun deck. Behind PF Chang's. Pets welcome. Call Tim, 619-227-0495.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. \$1500 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo with 1-car garage with washer/dryer. Close to shops. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts and patio. Call 858-455-6968.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. New remodel, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath house. Ocean views, 2-car garage, everything new, work still in progress. \$3850/month. Mike Stalsby, Klatt Realty, 858-456-0407.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Stylish Italian sophistication! Courtyards with fountains. 4 resort style pools with spas, sun decks. High tech fitness center. Full time activities director. Studios, 1, 2 and 2 bedrooms plus den. Full size washer/dryer. The Villas of Renaissance, 5280 Fiore Terrace. 888-218-0377. rental-living.com, visit: www.sdrearder.com/rent/1051.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1450. Clean, top floor, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, skylights, 4 underground parking spaces, swimming pools, jacuzzis, racquetball, saunas, coin laundry. 619-589-9404. kerlick@cox.net.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. 1 bedroom plus loft. All appliances, upgraded, large master bedroom, garage. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Avanti 3 bedroom, 3 bath, family room plus garage. Largest townhouse floorplan. Feels like a house! Washer/dryer. Very light and bright. 619-296-2787.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Villa Europa. Newly painted, fireplace, balcony, security gate, garage. beichan@earthlink.net, 415-441-0407.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium. Balcony. New paint. Fireplace. Oak cabinets/trim. All appliances. 2 secure parking spaces. Pool, spa, tennis. \$1695. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 baths condo. End unit, second floor. Balcony, pools, jacuzzi, racquetball. Pines of La Jolla. Available March 1st. 858-695-0844.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. 1 block to beach! Luxury condo 2 bedroom, 2 bath, parking, all amenities, very secure, available 4/1. \$1800. 858-485-8121.

LA MESA Village condo. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1460 square feet. Dishwasher, washer/dryer, cable, underground parking, secure building, trolley downstairs. 619-549-6127.

LA MESA. \$1700. Block to village/trolley at Paseo. New Premier townhouse, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Double garage. Fireplace. 1300 square feet. All amenities. Available 3/1. 860-862-9634. whthree@aol.com.

LA MESA. \$1300-\$1385. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house with garage or 2 bedroom, 1-

1/2 bath townhouse duplex with garages. Laundries, yards, parking. 619-980-7520.

LA MESA. \$1100. Large 2-story condo in quiet area. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 1100 square feet. Wood floors throughout. Green belt view. Large windows/patio. Corner unit, fireplace, washer/dryer. Cable included. Cat OK. Available 4/1. 619-248-3277. 619-465-4559.

LA MESA. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. Small complex on quiet cul-de-sac. Off-street parking. Small pet considered. Available 3/1. Drive by 5045 Woodyard. Agent, 619-246-7715.

LA MESA. \$99 Move in special on approved credit. \$730. Deposit \$350. Studio. \$1050. 2 bedroom. Deposit \$500. Includes carport space and storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated community. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA. \$800. Large 1 bedroom condo. Air conditioning, patio, laundry on site, pool, jacuzzi. Off-street parking. Convenient location. Small indoor pet OK. 619-698-2573.

LA MESA. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1200 square feet, walk-in closets, air conditioning, amenities, pool, covered parking, cul-de-sac, no pets, close to all. 619-465-9849.

LA MESA. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 balconies. Spacious, air conditioning, amenities, underground parking, gated, no pets. 619-303-4969.

LA MESA. \$1300. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 2 parking spaces nonsmoking, centrally located, 8779 Lake Murray Boulevard, cross street Navajo Road. Pets considered. 619-464-4441.

LA MESA. \$1950. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Private yard, garage, fireplace, hardwood floors, gardener

LA MESA. \$900 plus move-in special! Spacious 1 bedroom. Newly renovated community. Air conditioning. Patio/balcony. New appliances. Large closets. Berber carpet. Wood flooring. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Saunas. Laundry. Near trolley, Grossmont Mall, SDSU, 32nd Street, Miramar. Cat friendly. Model Open! Villas at La Mesa, 8515 Chloe Avenue. 619-460-7955.

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LA MESA. First month's rent free (OAC). 1 and 2 bedrooms. Large units, quiet complex with park-like setting, parking, on-site laundry. 619-280-8681.

LA MESA. Newly redone 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$850/month. Swimming pool, on-site laundry/parking. 4365 Rosebud. Day: Tom, 619-892-2368; Evening: Ray, 619-337-0275.

LA MESA. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, air-conditioned apartment homes. Close to lovely parks and shopping centers. Enjoy quality, comfort and convenience at a price you can afford at Vista Amaya. Call us now at 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1035.

LA MESA/COLLEGE AREA. \$995. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath nestled in a quiet courtyard setting. Washer/dryer hookups. Like new carpet and blinds. Private balcony. Covered parking. Easy freeway access. Located 7007 Saranac Street. Please call 619-460-8773.

LA MESA/GROSSMONT. \$795. \$100 off first month's rent. Nice 1 bedrooms. Best area. Hilltop setting. Balconies. Pool. Rimrock. 8420 Buckland. No pets. 619-251-5614; 619-462-8420.

LA MESA/COLLEGE AREA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with yard. No section 8. Pet? Water paid, available 3/1. 7218 Amherst Avenue. \$1450. 619-895-4493.

LA MESA/FLETCHER HILLS. New luxury studio with large redwood deck, double jacuzzi, bathtub/shower, large walk-in closet, skylights, private, quiet, cable internet/TV. \$725/month, includes utilities. Call Roger. 619-461-5440.

LA MESA/MT. HELIX. Charming New Orleans-style 1, 2, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths from \$835. Completely gated community. Flower gardens. Parking. Small pet OK. 619-462-1212.

LAKE HODGES. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, extraordinary lake and mountain views, easy access to all trails. 760-746-0776.

LAKE SIDE. 2 bedroom, 1 bath from \$925. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Yard. Balcony. Assigned covered parking. Quiet gated community. Pet policy. 619-561-7086.

LAKE SIDE. Marilla Sundance Apartment homes located in scenic Lakeside. We offer spacious 2 bedroom, 2 full bath approximately 935 square feet. From \$925. Dogs/cats are welcome. Dog must be 40 pounds or less. Cats must be indoors. Two pet maximum. \$300 off move-in! 619-561-2922. Website: sdreader.com/rent/2024.

LAKE SIDE. \$1600. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, carpet, fenced yard, air conditioning. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

LAKE SIDE. \$650. Very private 1 bedroom, 1 bath with new carpet, vinyl, blinds and fresh paint. Off-street parking, on-site laundry. Small complex. www.cethron.com. Agent: 619-295-1100.

LEMON GROVE. \$1095. Huge 2 bedroom, with 2 bath. New: carpet, paint, verticals, microwave, ceiling fan, mirrored closet doors. Also, large private patio/yard and off street parking. 7525 Pacific Avenue. 619-280-4693.

LEMON GROVE. \$725/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled, new paint, carpet, linoleum, blinds. Appliances. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 619-280-2658.

LEUCADIA. \$1095, includes utilities. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, yard, 1-car garage, private, quiet location. West of I-5. Available immediately. 760-635-4251.

LEUCADIA. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome, 2-car garage. New paint and carpet, some ocean view, west of I-5. Gated community. \$1850/month, lease. Agent, 760-635-3800.

LEUCADIA. \$800. Studio in triplex. 1 bath, 1 car. No pets. 500 square feet. Laundry facilities. 261-C Hillcrest. Agent, 858-755-1139; www.scuba-rentals.com.

LINDA VISTA. \$845-\$945/month. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Convenient location, fenced backyards, assigned parking. No pets. Office at 2451 Ulric Street. Please call for appointment at 858-278-3610.

LINDA VISTA. \$650. Studio. Utilities included. Laundry, near bus, gated parking. Near Fashion Valley. No pets. 2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

LINDA VISTA. Genesee Summit, private. From \$695-\$1295. Garages available. Patio. Air conditioning. Laundry hookups. Central location. No dogs. 2219 Judson Street. 858-576-0420.

LINDA VISTA. \$845. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. On site laundry. Near USD. Agent, 858-597-6100.

LINDA VISTA. \$1100. Charming 2 bedroom, very near University of San Diego. Parking. Washer/dryer included in unit. Drive by 5736 Lauretta #5. Call Bob at 858-344-7418.

LINDA VISTA. Above fashion Valley Mall. \$1325. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in beautiful gated community. Pool, Jacuzzi, cable/HBO. Washer/dryer included. 858-569-1566.

LINDA VISTA. \$895. Cozy 1 bedroom duplex. Large yard. Small pet OK. Near bus/USD. Street parking. 2871 Comstock. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MESA COLLEGE. \$975. 2 bedroom. Large unit, pool, parking, laundry. Great location, easy access to highway 163. No pets. 7414 Mesa College Drive. 858-576-6396.

MIRA MESA. \$1375. Large 2 bedroom 2 bath, like new, air conditioning, washer/dryer, fireplace, pool, spa, reserved covered parking, large patio, no pets. 858-578-6997.

MIRA MESA, WEST. \$1550. Condo, 2 bedroom, loft, 2 bath. New Berber, fireplace, spiral staircase to loft. All appliances, pool, spa, sports park. 858-361-7442. homies. 150m.com.

MIRA MESA. \$1250. High Ridge. Two bedroom, two bath upper condo. Newly painted, carport, pool, spa, on-site laundry. No pets. Available now. Lease. 858-578-0266.

MIRA MESA. \$1650. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2-car garage with opener. Gardener included. New paint, carpet and vinyl. Quiet, west end location. 858-566-4300.

MIRA MESA. Condo. \$1350. Water paid. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Carport, pool, gym, sauna, washer/dryer, refrigerator, shutter windows, microwave. Vacant. Show by appointment. 858-695-8768.

MIRA MESA. Large 1 bedroom condo, panoramic view, covered parking, pool, spa, tennis, patio. 10278 Black Mountain Road, Quail Creek Condos. Call Sandy, 619-275-7202.

MIRA MESA. \$825. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, on-site laundry. No pets. 8777 Mira Mesa #5. 858-271-4380.

MIRA MESA. \$1600. 4 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house with large yard, enclosed patio off kitchen, 2-car garage. Near all. No pets. 10176 Embassy. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MISSION BAY DeAnza Cove. \$1100. Includes utilities. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 3 car parking. Steps to bay. Pets OK. Laundry hookups. Adorable mobile home. 619-726-7718.

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MISSION BAY/BAY PARK. \$675. Spacious studios in fantastic location. Laundry, controlled access. 2821 Morena. Manager, 619-275-1352.

MISSION BEACH. Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 3 bath with bayview decks, 2.5-car garage, 1500 square feet. \$2800. Year lease. 858-481-2411.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1850. 2 bedroom duplex, feet from beach! Newly renovated, hardwood floors, new kitchen/bath, garage, parking space, laundry, patio. 3518 Mission Blvd. 619-295-9017.

MISSION BEACH. \$1300. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Recently remodeled. 1 off-street parking space. 1 block to the beach and bay. 807 Venice Court. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom downstairs apartment. Off-street parking. Steps to the beach and the bay. 734 Island Court. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. \$1750. Sunny, bright 2 bed 1 bath charmer. All redone. Hardwood floors. Steps to sand. All appliances. Laundry. Parking. 712D Santa Rita. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH. \$1195. Sunny 1 bedroom cottage/duplex. 2 private patios. Parking, appliances, laundry. Super location. Steps to beach. 737 Wavcrest. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH. \$850. Sturdy, free-standing studio house. Could be used for office or residence. Parking, laundry, great location, near beach (across from Catamaran Hotel). 4050 Mission. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. Move-in special! 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 2-car garage. Patio. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. Hardwood floors. 618 San Gabriel. Cairncross Rentals. 858-490-1450.

MISSION BEACH. \$1300. Charming, big 1 bedroom with garage. Hardwood floors. Patio deck on courtyard. Bayside year-round. Shields Realty. 619-479-3120 or 619-838-3120.

MISSION BEACH. \$825. Nice 1 bedroom apartment with new carpets, linoleum, stove. Steps to the beach. Year-round. 721 Queenstown Court #B. Available 3/5. 858-689-0602.

MISSION BEACH. \$1695/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, ocean view, hardwood floors, dishwasher, laundry facilities, parking. Available 4/03. 712 #A Santa Rita Place. Call 916-835-1525.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$775. Studio apartment. No pets. 1 building from beach. Appliance, carpet, quiet, 1 parking. 719-1/2 San Fernando Place. Agent, 858-453-6115.

MISSION BEACH. \$800. Studio. Utilities included. Steps from the sand. Fresh ocean breezes. Parking. Charge. 858-279-9774.

MISSION BEACH. \$400-\$550. Office/loft space. Utilities included. Steps to beach or bay. Some views. Shared bath. 619-254-8703 or pager, 619-290-8261.

MISSION BEACH. \$995. 1 bedroom, apartment includes parking and partial utilities, steps to beach. 1 year lease. Available immediately. 858-488-1759.

MISSION BEACH. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, steps to bay and beach, new paint, great location, walk to all. No pets. 812 Island Court. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Steps to beach. SDGE included. Barbecue area. No pets. 715 Santa Barbara Place. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1/2 car garage, beach side, bright units. Must see! Steps to beach. Available. 720 Rockaway Court. Small pet OK. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, parking, very close to beach. No pets. 7272 Santa Barbara Place. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1695-\$2200. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large bedrooms, balcony, dishwasher, breakfast bar, steps from the beach, garage, laundry. 2954-3 & 5 Mission Boulevard. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1800. Full ocean view! 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, beachfront property, dishwasher, tiled living area, 1 parking, split level, deck. No pets. Laundry. 3261-1A Ocean front Walk. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH/BAYFRONT. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit with bayfront view. Parking, laundry. 3284 Bayside Walk. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

MISSION BEACH. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, bayside, large living and dining area, barbecue, no pets. 823 Kingston Court. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. Studio, \$650. Pets OK. New tile floor, one parking space. 1-year lease. Available 3/3. 846 Isthmus Court. 619-296-0471.

MISSION BEACH. \$2450. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Steps to bay/ocean. Beautifully remodeled, granite, new kitchen, fireplace, partial views. Indoor spa! Double garage. Nantasket. 619-528-2337.

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MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. 1 month free, select apartments! New homes, lots! 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1470. Parking. Crown moldings. Vaulted ceilings. Fireplaces. Walk-in closets. Washer/dryer. High speed Internet. Elevator, fitness center. Great location, near all! Lease. Cats accepted. Mission Hills Commons, 4021 Falcon Street. www.MissionHillsCommons.com, 1-866-579-6028. www.sdreader.com/rent/2032.

MISSION HILLS. \$1050. 2 bedroom apartment. Quiet, near market, bank and bus line. Canyon view. Garage. No pets. 619-298-6436.

MISSION HILLS. Auction of penthouse. 1500 square feet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, indoor jacuzzi, 2 fireplaces, washer/dryer, million dollar view of San Diego bay. Very romantic. Newly remodeled. 619-442-5483.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH/\$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Ground floor. Off-street parking. Laundry. \$600 deposit. No pets. 619-291-1711.

MISSION HILLS. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, small complex, view, yard, garage, laundry. Quiet street. No pets. No smoking. 619-275-2681. Cell. 619-518-4116.

MISSION HILLS. \$1025. Utilities, cable included, free laundry. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, new everything, 3 closets, harbor view, hardwood floor. Must see. No pets. 619-692-1975.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo/townhouse. Quiet dead end street. Fireplace. Garage included. Walk to shops and bus. Newly remodeled. Available 3/15. No pets. 3821 Albatross. 619-295-3555.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. Large 1 bedroom duplex, harbor view, new paint, carpet, and flooring, off-street parking. 1324-1/2 West Redwood. Agent, 619-295-6005.

MISSION HILLS. \$1995. Spanish 2 bedroom home, den, barrelled ceilings, hardwood floors, modern kitchen, fireplace, laundry. Canyon. Garage. No dogs. 4125 Ibis. 619-982-0385.

MISSION HILLS. Studio. Walk to everything. Small vintage building with charm and character, on-site laundry. Sorry, no pets. 619-296-2787.

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MISSION HILLS. 1 bedroom granny flat. Views. Quiet/private. Furnished or unfurnished. No pets/smoking. \$1250/month plus deposit, includes cable and utilities. 619-255-5182.

MISSION HILLS/LITTLE ITALY. \$895. Deposit \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, laundry on site. Parking. 2545 Columbia Street #1. 619-843-7827.

MISSION HILLS. \$775-\$950. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath and 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Top floor, parking, pool. Spectacular view. Very bright. No pets. 1767 Torrance #313. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION HILLS. 1 bedrooms from \$800. Pool. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Close to downtown and shopping. 3505 Reynard. www.sunriseliving.com, 619-683-9239.

MISSION HILLS. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful newer controlled access building near UCSD Medical Center. Gated parking. Laundry. No pets. 4022 Albatross. Manager, 619-293-0373.

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MISSION HILLS. Duplex, \$890. 1 bedroom, garage, yard, remodeled, hardwood floors, rooftop view deck, laundry. Available March 1. 1586-1/2 Linwood. 619-778-8888.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$750-\$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Small pet. Gated entry. New kitchen! Near malls. Laundry. No smoking. 4525 Texas Street. Must see! 619-987-2199.

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MISSION VALLEY, EAST. Spacious 2 bedroom apartments. Pool, playground, laundry room. Close to shopping and transportation. Great value. \$1025. Ana, 619-229-9741.

MISSION VALLEY. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1000 square feet, very nice, up-stairs corner unit, air conditioning, pool, amenities, no pets, close to all. 619-265-1645.

MISSION VALLEY. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Fully refurbished. Pool and covered parking. No pets or smoking. Lease bonus! Available March 1. 619-807-1726.

MISSION VALLEY. \$850. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Disabled unit with two entrances. View. Secure gate. Near Qualcomm Stadium and trolley. 619-284-0171.

MISSION VALLEY. \$875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Completely renovated, ceiling fans, microwave, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Deposit \$700. 2669 Mission Village Drive. Manager, 858-560-5780 or agent 619-725-3648.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1300. Completely renovated 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautiful. Brand new appliances. Pool, spa, fitness center, tennis, sauna, barbecues. Great location! Central air/heat, balcony/patio, carport, parking/storage, laundry. 619-549-1053.

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MISSION VALLEY/Fashion Hills. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath condominium. 1900 square feet. 4 decks, 2-car garage. New carpet, paint. Pool, spa, tennis. Convenient to shopping/Downtown. \$1895. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1400, deposit \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. Small pet OK. Appliances, 2 parking spaces, gated. Cable, air, 2 pools, clubhouse. Park Villas South. Available. 858-270-2303.

MISSION VALLEY. \$850. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. No pets. Quiet, carpet, appliance. 1 parking. Balcony, pool. 1621 Hotel Circle South #E111. Agent, 858-453-6115.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1125. 10400 Caminito Cuervo #241. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1100 square feet. Dishwasher, fireplace, balcony. Parking. Laundry. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$750. Top floor studio condo. Pool, spa, sauna, gym, tennis. Includes cable and gas. No pets. Available now. 1605 Hotel Circle. 619-316-6996.

MISSION VALLEY. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Huge 1800 square feet. Excellent neighborhood, fireplace, appliances, patio, 2-car garage, immediate occupancy. \$1850/month. Ron, 818-774-0666.

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MISSION VALLEY. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath house. Mission Gate complex. 2-car garage. Between Mission Valley and Fashion Valley malls. \$2095. To view call, 619-296-6399.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom condo. Air conditioned. Centrally located. One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$675/month. Studio cottage with extra bedroom next to new park. Walk to Kensington. Available 3/6. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-501-9350.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1200. Pride of Normal Heights! Totally remodeled, extremely large 2 bed, 2 bath, with 3 closets (one walk-in) plus linen closet, storage closet and pantry. Private fenced patio. New paint, new carpet and new ceramic tile flooring. Refrigerator, dishwasher and new stove. Huge pool and jacuzzi. Off-street parking. Laundry rooms. 1 block below Adams on Madison Avenue with easy access to I-805 and I-15. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$800. Pride of Normal Heights! Extremely large and clean, 1 bed, 1 bath, with 3 closets (one walk-in) plus linen closet and storage closet. Private fenced patio. New paint, refrigerator and new stove. Huge pool and jacuzzi. Off-street parking. Laundry rooms. 1 block below Adams on Madison Avenue with easy access to I-805 and I-15. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/City Heights. \$750. Extremely clean with carpet, ceramic tile floor, 1 bed, 1 bath, refrigerator, stove, in small, friendly building. Off-street parking. Laundry rooms. 1 block above El Cajon Boulevard on Felton Street with easy access to bus line and I-805. 858-695-1663.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$795. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet complex. Newly remodeled. Hardwood floors. Pets welcome. 1 year lease preferred. 3227-1/2 Adams Avenue, 619-417-5400, www.coastpm.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. Like-new 2 bedroom. 1000 square feet, quiet, new appliances, carpet, paint. Gated, covered parking, laundry room, convenient location. 619-925-7657 or 619-283-7643.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. New carpet, laundry, gated parking. Quiet. 3744 Ward Road. Agent. 619-295-1100: www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$625-\$725. 1 bedrooms. Charming units with new carpeting. Cottage with garage or apartment with parking available. No pets. Call agent. 619-296-3189.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$730. Quaint 1 bedroom, downstairs. Fireplace, parking, laundry, bar style kitchen, gated entry, access to Interstates 8 and 805. No pets. 4621 32nd Street #2. 858-483-5111.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Spacious 1 bedroom small complex. Fireplace. Off-street parking and laundry. Close to shops and buses. Agent. 619-298-7724.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. \$100 off first month's rent. Nice remodeled 1 bedroom, new paint, ceramic tile, laundry, security building. 4695 Bancroft/Adams. No pets. 619-291-1662.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1895. Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Quiet neighborhood. Newly remodeled. Hardwood floors. New appliances. Including stackable washer/dryer and dishwasher. Pets welcome. 1-year lease preferred. 4928 34th Street. www.coastpm.com. 619-417-5400.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$685. Large upstairs studio. Newly remodeled. Quiet 8-unit complex. On-site laundry. Pets welcome.

1-year lease preferred. 4440 32nd Street #8. www.coastpm.com. 619-417-5400.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1050. Condo-like modern lower 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Air conditioning, patio. No pets please. 4425 Illinois. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$900. \$200 off first month's rent. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, new paint/carpeting/vinyl, on-site laundry, parking. No pets. 3773 Ward Road. 619-281-4698.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. Spacious 1 bedroom, upper unit. Brand-new paint and carpet. Tiled floors, gated, off-street parking. laundry. 3458 Monroe. Cogan Properties. 619-283-2144.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Spacious 2 bedroom, \$890. No pets. Available now. 4670 34th Street #1. Call 858-483-5111.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. Spacious 1 bedroom, Quiet, laundry, parking. Access to Interstates 8 and 805. Close to all. No pets. Available now. 4639 Bancroft #3 and #8. 858-483-5111.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Front corner, includes dishwasher, microwave, full-size washer/dryer. Gated, underground parking. 4737 Felton. Cogan Properties. 619-283-2144.

NORTH PARK. \$685. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Fresh carpet/paint. Quiet. Laundry, parking. No pets/smoking. Deposit \$700. 858-458-9462.

NORTH PARK. \$735. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Carpet. Newer appliances. Lots of storage space. 4031-C Hamilton Street. Available February. Trident Pacific. 619-435-9442.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$900. Upper corner large 2 bedroom with view. Control gated. Charming garden courtyard. Small complex. 3975 Mississippi. Indoor cat OK. Laundry. 619-407-1134.

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.flooit.com. Call Patty, 619-280-5461.

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. \$840. Near Park Blvd. Cute 1930s 1 bedroom, 1 bath, refurbished. Hardwood floors, new appliances. No smoking/pets. 2219 Polk. Available 3/16. 805-676-1654.

NORTH PARK. \$750, upstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$975, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. 3711 Grim Avenue. New carpet, paint with vaulted ceilings, off street parking and laundry facilities. Courtyard. Garage available for additional \$50/month. 858-549-3000/page to see 619-999-9884. Visit website: www.dakotapm.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1200. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with yard. Dog ok. 4679 East Mt. View. Call 858-442-2590.

NORTH PARK. Move-in special! \$150 off 1st month! 1 bedroom, \$775. Quiet complex, pool, laundry, upstairs. Gated entry. 619-295-4583.

NORTH PARK. \$700. 3236 Herman Avenue #3, #5. Clean, recently upgraded 1 bedrooms. Off-street parking. Near all. On-site laundry. Cat Ok with additional deposit. Karen, 619-574-6909.

NORTH PARK. \$750-\$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath and huge 2 bedroom, 1 bath in garden setting. \$200 off first month's rent! New carpet/paint. Assigned parking. Laundry facilities. 4611 Ohio Street. 858-270-5500.

NORTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Sunny. No pets. 4328 Arizona Street. Four-plex. 619-298-9237.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom apartment. Laundry on site. Stove. Refrigerator. Garden courtyard. Hardwood floors. Walk-in closet. Small complex. 3736 Villa Terrace. Available now. Near Morley Field. No pets. 619-222-8177.

NORTH PARK. \$ 995. Refurbished 2 bedroom 2 bath. Garage access to unit. New carpet/vinyl, ceiling fans, mirrored closet doors, gated complex with intercom on-site, laundry. Close to Morley Field. 3685 Arnold Avenue. Agent 619-725-3648, 619-846-6615

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/HILLCREST. \$750. Deluxe 1 bedroom apartment. Air conditioning.

Dishwasher. Fireplace. Skylights. Gated. Intercom. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. 4025 Florida Street. 619-291-6427. 858-755-3255.

NORTH PARK. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Newly remodeled, new appliances, garage, washer/dryer hookups. 900 square feet. Small pets OK. 4365 Wilson. 619-665-2149.

NORTH PARK. \$800 plus \$75 garage. Beautifully remodeled, upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath, recessed lighting, Tecate tile, hardwood floors, charming courtyard. Laundry, no pets. Nonsmoking. 3617 32nd Street. Agent, 619-685-3960; 619-303-2187.

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. \$1395. 2 bedroom cottage with fenced rear yard, breakfast nook, fireplace, hardwood floors, pet negotiable. 2875 Lincoln. XILA 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, all new appliances including air conditioning, vaulted ceiling, skylight, tile fireplace, laundry on site, secured complex. Alex, 619-224-3037.

NORTH PARK. \$1495. 3 bedroom house. Garage, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, fireplace, dishwasher. 2428 Monroe Avenue. XILA, 619-683-7638.

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. \$875. Nice 2 bedroom apartment. Downstairs, new carpet and vinyl, blinds. Off-street parking. Coin laundry. No pets. 4136 Iowa Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

NORTH PARK. \$685. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. Small, quiet property. Upstairs, refrigerator, new stove, ceiling fan. Coin laundry. No pets. 4127 33rd Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

NORTH PARK. \$1295. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, condo. Wood laminate floors. Fireplace. Large garage. 4436 Arizona Street. XILA, 858-492-8745.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Adorable 1 bedroom cottage with hardwood floors and classic charm. Great neighborhood. Near restaurants and shopping. 1730 Meade. XILA, 858-492-8745.

NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$685. 1 bedroom apartment. Nicely landscaped. New carpet and paint. Lawn and plants. \$400 deposit. 4360 Alabama Street. 858-272-1550.

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. \$795. 1 bedroom. Clean, nice. 3094 North Park Way. Corner of 31st. Across from library and post office. Near shops and restaurants. 619-298-4256.

NORTH PARK/BALBOA PARK. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/tile. Laundry. Large 1960s apartment. Quiet residential neighborhood. Available immediately. 3236 Bancroft at Thorn. 619-281-6789.

NORTH PARK. \$950. Deposit \$500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry room on site. Parking on site. Close to shops and freeways. 4469 Kansas Street. Available now. Buddie, 619-692-0317.

NORTH PARK. \$650. Studio with private patio. On-site laundry, close to all freeways. 619-993-7128.

NORTH PARK canyon home. \$1495. Large 2+ bedroom, 2 bath house. Garage, large bonus room opening to deck and canyon, large fenced yard, wood floors, air conditioning. Gardener included. Pets OK. Quiet street. Great neighborhood. 2422 Montclair Street. Call first, 909-660-6802.

NORTH PARK. \$690. 1 bedroom. Quiet, laundry, parking. No pets. Close to I-805. Available now. 4344 Ohio #6. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Huge, downstairs 1 bedroom, in gated building with large office. New carpet, large kitchen, dining

room. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. Large 2 bedroom. Bright upper, end units, new carpet. Dining area, large closets. Laundry, parking. No pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

NORTH PARK. \$675 up. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Quiet neighborhood south of North Park Avenue. Small complex, off-street parking, laundry. No pets. Call 858-583-3194.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$1100-\$1200. Large 2 bedroom, appliances, verticals, patio, split-level courtyard, underground parking, on-site laundry, access entry. Quiet. No pets. 619-886-3147.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, \$860. Second floor. Pool, sauna, off-street parking, laundry room. Available March 1. Call 619-543-0730.

NORTH PARK. \$795. Upper, large 1 bedroom, 1 bath with single car detached garage. Hardwood floors, new paint, blinds, formal dining room, stove, refrigerator. 3944 Bancroft Street. San Diego 92104. Cat OK. Deposit \$500. 619-284-3324.

NORTH PARK. \$695-\$710. 1 bedrooms, upstairs. Quiet, pool, laundry. No pets. Close to I-805. Available now. 3051 Meade. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1600. Charming 2 bedroom craftsman, fireplace, hardwood, dishwasher, laundry hookups, new kitchen and bath. New paint in/out. Yard, covered deck, off-street parking. 619-296-4892.

NORTH PARK. Large newly renovated 2 bedroom apartment, \$950 plus 1 month security deposit. On-site laundry and manager. Parking space. 4170 34th Street. 619-203-4119.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, parking, small pet OK on approval. Available now. 3859 Swift Avenue, behind house at 3861. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

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. \$650. 1 bedroom, upstairs unit. 4228-B Hamilton Street, (behind house at 4226 Hamilton). Agent. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$700. 1 bedroom, upstairs. Newer carpet/paint. Great location. Laundry on-site. 4334 Hamilton Street, #8. Agent. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$700. 1 bedroom, large, clean, quiet, upstairs, laundry on site, cross street University. No pets. \$350 deposit. 3953-1/2 Louisiana Street. Call 619-697-6942.

NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$779. Huge 1 bedroom, upper, balcony, new interior, breakfast bar, ceiling fan, dishwasher, disposal, carport, laundry. No pets. 4225 Florida. 619-491-1548.

NORTH PARK. \$695. Great 1 bedroom apartment. Dishwasher, laundry, parking. 4169 Alabama. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Charming 1 bedroom in 4-plex. Near Morley field. 2636 Myrtle. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. On shared lot. Gleaming hardwood floors, large kitchen with built-in bar. Parking/laundry. No dogs. 619-234-9553.

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. \$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. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with garage, hardwood floors, new appliances. 4342 Iowa Street. \$1295. David, 619-666-1565.

NORTH PARK. \$800. Light and bright 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet. Eat-in kitchen. Huge balcony. Laundry room with hookups. Separate extra large 1 car garage. North of University on 32nd Street. No pets. Lease. RA Properties. 619-298-5697.

NORTH PARK. \$895. 2 bedroom, 2 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/MORLEY FIELD. \$700. Large 1 bedroom apartment, ground floor, new carpet/paint, new refrigerator. On-site parking and laundry. 3811 Arnold. 858-554-1214.

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. \$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.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Fully remodeled. Close to park, barbecue area, quiet complex, spacious, bright. Sorry, no pets. Available now. 4153 Idaho Street. www.cal-prop.com. 858-483-3534.

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. \$850. Clean 2-bedroom, 1-bath apartment located in gated community with on-site laundry and garage. 4371 Swift Avenue #1. Agent. 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$1575. Move-in special! 1/2 off first month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. New gas stove, dishwasher, washer and dryer and garage included. Cats spayed and neutered welcome. 3383 Grim Avenue. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

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. \$895. Bright, immaculate. Large kitchen/dining area. Large closets/vinyl. Off-street parking, coin laundry. 4676 Hamilton, by Adams. No pets. 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$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.

NORTH PARK. \$1250-\$1995. Charming 2-bedroom, 2-bath duplex and 3-bedroom, 2-bath house. 3666-3668 Louisiana Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Balcony. Washer/dryer available. \$975. 3662 32nd Street. 858-467-1776.

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ing. Coin laundry. Excellent location. No pets. 4109-1/2 Arizona. 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upper unit with balcony, keyed-entry building. Fully equipped kitchen, parking. Cat OK. 3952 Hamilton Street. 619-294-5784.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$945. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious, bright, breezy end apartment. Spacious kitchen/dining area. New carpet, vinyl. Carport parking, coin laundry. Walk to stores. No pets. 4030 Louisiana. 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. \$700. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom duplex. No pets. At 3033-1/2 Monroe Avenue. 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1500. Gorgeous 1 bedroom cottage, remodeled kitchen, dishwasher, washer/dryer, garage, gardener, storage, wood floors, private yard space. Available now. 619-501-7870.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, with wood floors, lower unit, garden duplex. 619-501-7870.

NORTH PARK. \$1500. Pets OK. Victorian house, 2 bedroom plus bonus room. Fireplace. Fenced yard. 6 blocks east Balboa Park. Available now. 619-426-3699 or 619-427-0700.

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NORTH PARK. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse, small gated complex, New carpet. Pet OK. 4371 Arizona Street #2. 619-640-7530.

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NORTH PARK. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment upstairs with deck, new carpet. No pets. 3942 Kansas Street #4. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK. \$875. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper unit. Off-street parking. Pets on approval. 4145 Swift. Cogan Properties. 619-283-2144.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper unit. Off-street parking. Laundry. New flooring. Updated. 4327-1/2 Louisiana. Cogan Properties. 619-283-2144.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Walking distance to beach. Newly remodeled, onsite laundry, off-street parking, gated community.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1550. Completely remodeled, 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Patio. Garage, laundry room, gardener. 2 blocks to beach. No pets. Nonsmoking. 619-224-9639.

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OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great place, private patio with lots of plants and fountain, new carpet, paint, stone tiles, stove, refrigerator. Spacious rooms are 15x9 and 11x9. Owner managed, 2 blocks to Newport, 4 to beach. 4731 Cape May Avenue. Credit and references required. Pets on approval. \$1325. Deposit required. 619-226-2157.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Upstairs. Dishwasher, parking, laundry. No pets please. 4944 Narragansett. 619-223-2988.

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. 619-501-6822.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$990-\$1125. 2 bedroom, 2 bath downstairs apartments. Laundry. No pets! 4231 Voltaire Street #1. 4241 Voltaire Street #4. Sunset Pacific Realty. Agent, 619-222-4836 x14.

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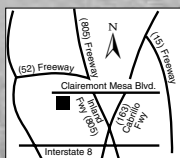
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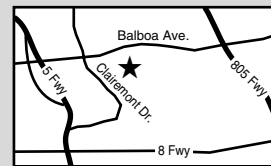
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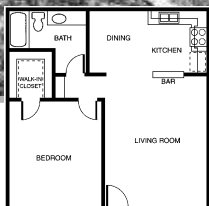
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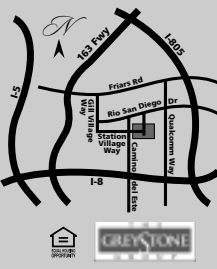
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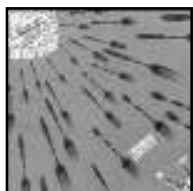
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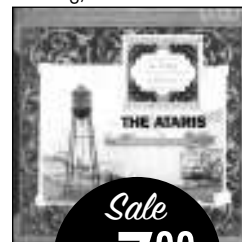
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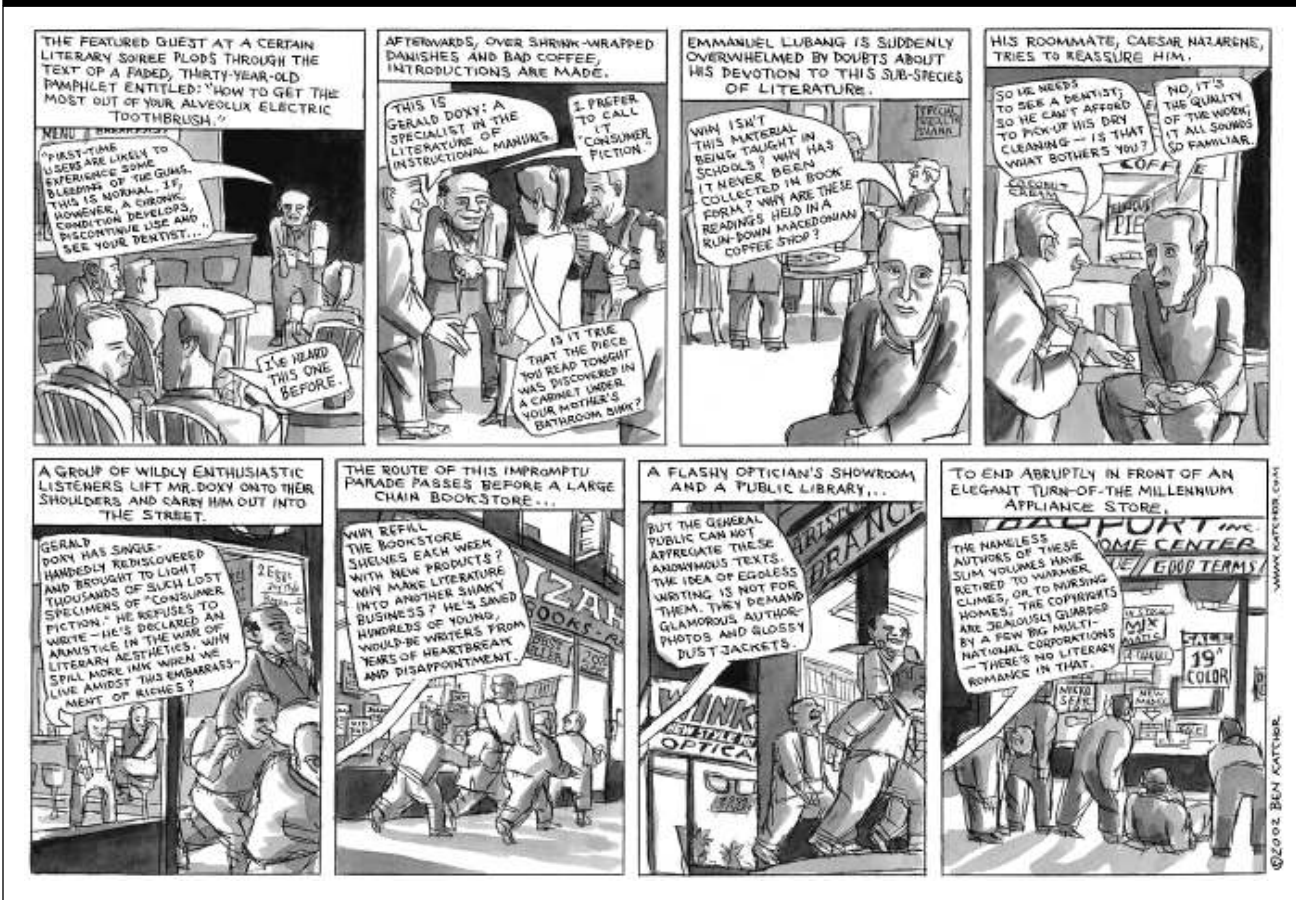
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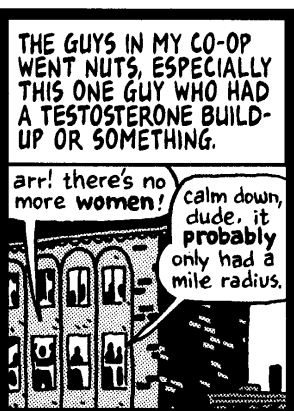
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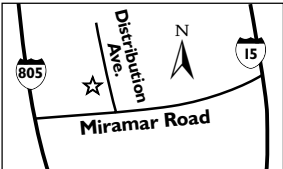
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LEAD STORIES

— Though state tax revenues are shrinking nationwide, Kansas reported in January that taxes paid on marijuana sales were up 5 percent and taxes paid on cocaine, methamphetamine and other hard drugs were up 20 percent. As other states do, Kansas sells revenue stamps (in denominations from \$10 to \$1,000) that dealers are supposed to affix to the drugs in order to sell them. Even though such sales themselves are illegal, law enforcement agencies are forbidden from accessing information on the sellers (and if they did, any conviction would probably be tossed out as unconstitutional based on self-incrimination). A Revenue Department spokesman guessed that most people who buy the stamps are merely collectors.

— A January *Wall Street Journal* report described “dB Drag Racing,” — a “sport” in which the winning car is not the fastest but the one with the loudest stereo system — but ordinary urban street cruisers are not in these drivers’ league. In the “Extreme” category, cars are completely rebuilt and powered with enough juice to operate several private homes. Extra-thick glass and concrete poured into the floor and doors keep the sound inside, where the measurement takes place. Last year’s winner, from Germany, registered 177.7 decibels.

War News

— People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals wrote to Yasser Arafat deploring public bombings, at least when the bomb is delivered (as one was on Jan. 26 in Jerusalem) on a donkey. (Said a PETA official, “It’s not my business to [comment on] human wars.”) And to help the U.S. military, a Las Vegas porno distributor offered 500 videos free of charge (except for postage) to servicemen as thanks for their sacrifice. And in Cebu, Philippines, in February, a German man, Frank Oesterle, was detained by police after knifing an American tourist at a bar; they were arguing over their respective countries’ views on imminent war in Iraq (i.e., U.S., fight; Germany, don’t fight).

Can’t Possibly Be True

— Allison Adams, 23, a veterinary technician for Wildlife Rescue in Austin, Texas, warms up

traumatized baby animals (squirrels, kittens, rabbits, etc.) by putting them in her bra (while she’s wearing it), according to a profile in the *Austin American-Statesman* in January. Her report: Squirrels are the hardest; possums the easiest; she’s done it about 75 times; no, they don’t itch; her fiancé is okay with it (even though he was deprived of a hug once because of “hissing possums”).

— Gloria DeFrancesco, 61, filed a lawsuit in Akron, Ohio, in December against TV evangelist Ernest Anglely, alleging that the muscle men who surround the stage during his healing sessions roughed her up in August 2001 while she was accompanying her 94-year-old, wheelchair-using, generously tithing mother to be cured. DeFrancesco said she was struck, grabbed and pushed by six men, resulting in a detached retina and other head, nose and body injuries that required hospitalization and surgery.

— According to trial coverage in the *Omaha World-Herald* in October, the prosecutor of accused Omaha sexual assaulter Akhiktemelo Braimah said that DNA evidence indicated that the probability of another “African-American” besides Braimah having committed the assault was “1 in 30.3 sextillion” (“303” followed by 20 zeros). (30.3 sextillion represents 5 trillion times the number of people of all nationalities on Earth right now and 303 billion times the likely number who have ever lived.) (Braimah pleaded no contest two days later.)

— The BBC reported in January that Holger Voss has been ordered to court in Muenster, Germany, accused of breaking its law against “glorification of a criminal act.” According to a complaint to police, Voss had written on an Internet message board, “Congratulations to the murderers of [Sept. 11].” Voss told a BBC reporter that he obviously meant to be sarcastic, but court spokesman Juergen Wrobel said that would be for the court to decide.

— Freshman Missouri state Rep. Cynthia Davis, at a legislative orientation session in December in Jefferson City, took her turn at learning how to preside over debates and interrupted Rep. Chuck Graham, who had the floor. According to a report in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Davis recited the rule that members must be standing in order to speak and that Graham was thus out

of order in that the veteran legislator Graham has been in a wheelchair for 21 years, the result of a car accident.

People with Issues

— Retired pediatrician Alva J. Hartwright, 63, pleaded guilty in February to sexually assaulting two boys, age 11 and 14 at the time, by giving them enemas (part of a 30-year pattern, said prosecutors, of administering enemas to as many as 40 boys). When police arrested Hartwright at his home in June in Morrisville, Pa., they found “feces everywhere,” with “so much feces in one room [that] it was impassable,” said an officer. Also found were “thousands” of photographic images of boys receiving enemas, all of which, insisted Hartwright, were “medically necessary” and not sexually gratifying to him.

Least Competent Criminals

— Tyrone Jermain Hogan, 20, pleaded guilty in Los Angeles in February to attempted carjacking, six months after trying to steal a van that unbeknownst to him at the time was carrying a martial arts team visiting from Florida International University; the students, said their instructor, held Hogan “like a pretzel on the ground” until police arrived. And Edgar A. Brown, 27, was arrested in Worthington, Ohio, in January and charged with robbing the First Merit Bank; police were tipped off after Brown paid his electric bill at a Columbus store using red-stained \$50 bills.

Our Civilization in Decline

— In a still largely underreported 1996 study by St. Louis University (revealed by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* in January), researchers concluded that at least 40 percent of Catholic nuns in the United States have suffered either sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual harassment, with nearly half of the instances perpetrated by priests or other nuns. The results were published in two obscure journals in 1998, but the study’s sponsors otherwise squelched the news out of a desire not to harm the church’s then-still-virtuous reputation.

Updates on News of the Weird Stories

— The late composer John Cage’s “As Slow as Possible,” now being played once, lasting 639

years, at a church in Halberstadt, Germany, has so far taken 17 months just to get the organ’s bellows inflated and now will take 18 months more just to play the composition’s first three notes, according to a February BBC report. And former stockbroker Warren D. Matthei, 51, who has sat in jail in Philadelphia since 1996 rather than pay his first wife child support that now amounts to about \$350,000, declined federal judge Jerome Simandle’s offer of release in January, claiming that he did not want to put pressure on his 82-year-old mother (who would have to sign over a security interest in her home as a condition of release); Matthei lived it up in Europe with his second wife but then inexplicably returned home in 1996.

Readers’ Choice

— The burglar who apparently broke into the A Little Bit of Country western emporium in Mineral Wells, Texas, on Feb. 8 was arrested shortly after the store opened at 9 a.m. in one of the state’s easiest collars: He had fallen asleep on a bed in a furniture showroom. It was an interesting caper: A few coins (the only money on the premises) were scattered on the floor; he had left his gun in the store’s restroom; and anyway, of all the places in town, he had picked a store owned by the wife of the Palo Pinto County district attorney.

Also, in the Last Month ...

— A disabled woman, noticing a fire in her apartment but having no telephone, alerted neighbors as best she could by firing several gunshots through a wall and out a window (Omaha, Neb.). State Sen. Ben Robinson introduced a bill to require restaurants serving barbecue meat to supply cloth napkins (which he said a campaign donor had asked him to do 15 years earlier) (Oklahoma City). The tourist director in the nation of Liechtenstein (60 square miles, population 33,000, between Switzerland and Austria) said corporations interested in holding conferences there would be allowed to rent the entire country, with the cooperation of all local officials.

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T.G.I.F.

I thought he might actually bust a gut at the snot-slingingly funny parody of the Lord’s Prayer.

By John Brizzolara

After an extended leave of absence to a sanitarium in the high desert, without television or any mainstream culture except a shelf of Louis L’Amour novels in the rec room, I thought theater would be just the thing. At a convenient bus stop in Hillcrest was the advertisement for *Fridays with Maureen* at the Actor’s Asylum on El Cajon Boulevard, out by San Diego State. Back on the job for a matter of hours and again I could combine work and play — literally. I called the director, Pam Benjamin of the Beacon Theater (she *is* the Beacon Theater, in fact), and I was in.

Lured solely by the word “Fridays” in the title and having decided this was a job for me (suitable for a “TGIF” comeback), I had no further clue as to what or who Maureen was/is or why anyone would want to spend a Friday night with her. I am still clueless, and you may feel free to dismiss any disparaging remarks about the dramaturgy on that basis.

Arriving at the Actor’s Asylum in the 6600 block of El Cajon Boulevard, I picked up the program, which provides “Author’s Notes” and includes the following:

“Inspiration for *Fridays with Maureen* came to me while reading Mitch Albom’s bestselling book *Tuesday’s with Morrie* — an earnest, heartwarming

story about friendship, albeit about two highly educated and relatively well-paid professionals. I thought to myself: ‘What about all those uneducated or under-educated individuals. Don’t they have a philosophy on life to impart upon the populace that is just as valid?’

“Maureen and Quetzal’s story shows us how dreams change with the passage of years.... Their...thread of commonality is a newfound interest in Spanish telenovelas (soap operas).... [T]hey follow the dramatic outpourings of *Esmerelda* [Esma], Maureen’s favorite Mexican telenovela. They would probably both agree that their lives are pretty close to pathetic, meandering through the days simply to fill up the hours.”

The playwright, Cuauhtemoc Q. Kish, adds that the play is a “dramedy — hopefully there will be lots of laughter,” and “Maureen’s philosophy may be that there is a time when it is more dignified to ‘cash in the chips’ before it really gets ugly.” But it is already too late. By the middle of the first act, we have seen Maureen, played by Adrienne Rene, as a flatulent, hideously made-up, candy- and pizza-snuffling Roseanne, complete with the whine-and-cheese-whiz delivery of lines that never let you forget they have been written — exhaustively — and not just spoken.

But Maureen is not so much the protagonist of the story as she is the butt of a single joke. Quetzal, played (with — what would a drama critic say? — flaming verve?) by Skyler Dennon, is the gorgeous and clever blonde ingenue (?), dizzy as a daisy wheel, but theoretically lovable, the luminary around which Maureen as fag hag revolves. If the play has a redeeming point, it is, I suppose, that the phenomenon of the fag hag represents a unique and pitiable form of loneliness worth examining, but it is secondary to Dennon’s Quetzal making sure the spotlight doesn’t lose him.

My girlfriend keeps insisting that I am gay, and I no longer argue with her since she’s usually right about everything else; but apparently I’m not gay enough. The man seated next to me was a real drama critic for some Web page out of Manhattan (“I’m stuck in San Diego because I live here!” Huh?) and had three of those pens with the little flashlights built in so you can read phrases like “Laff-riot!” as you write them. I thought he might actually bust a gut at the snot-slingingly funny parody of the Lord’s Prayer Quetzal carried with him, folded in his pocket, “Armani who art Versace, Gucci be thy name....” Or something



Fridays with Maureen

like it. I was trying to work up a respectable chortle, if not a guffaw, but my facial muscles seemed to be frozen in the kind of gaseous grin I haven’t managed since toilet training.

My inability to laugh or otherwise respond appropriately (that is, the way the rest of the audience was responding) I diagnosed as a passing wave of anhedonia, exactly what I was trying to avoid by not signing the liability waiver for lobotomy at the sanitarium. I must remain at the highest state of vigilance in regard to my symptoms. The post-intermission play might well have been chock full of pith and hilarity, but I am sorry to say my ass was unable to hang in there and reap the rewards indicated in Benjamin’s director’s notes: “I want to avoid judgment. I want to avoid stereotypes. I want the world to be a better place, free from insecurity, full of honesty.

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Suddenly, we're busy. After slogging through the January dol-drums and almost a month of various illnesses, I find myself moving so fast I can't keep up. Softball season started.

We've done competitive sports only one time before. Last year, my husband Jack and I signed up our middle daughter Angela for T-ball. Our across-the-street neighbor, Andy, coached Angela's team. Andy's daughter Morgan, Angela's friend, was her teammate. The season passed with little pain. I took Angela to practice once a week. She and her friends threw the ball and batted off the T and ran around the field while my other four kids played on the adjacent play-ground. We had games on Sat-urdays for about ten weeks. At the end, Angela got a trophy. So did all the girls on the team. Every-one had fun.

Every time we went to one of Angela's games, Rebecca, who was nine, would watch the girls her age fast-pitch the ball. She heard the clean, satisfying ping an aluminum bat makes when it hits a ball over the outfielders' heads. "Can I play softball next year?" Rebecca asked.

"Sure," Jack told her. "But we'll have to practice during the off-season. Most of the girls your age will already have been playing for a while."

Every now and again during the summer and fall, Jack and Rebecca would go out into our cul-de-sac. Jack would pitch to Rebecca. Rebecca heard and felt the ping as she hit the ball over Jack's head. Lucy or Johnny would run off into the park and retrieve the ball. "When does softball start again, Daddy?" Rebecca asked.

"The sign-ups are around Christmas. Prac-tice starts in February. You'll have games until sometime in May."

"Can I play this year again?" Angela asked.

"Of course."

"Can I play this year, too?" six-year-old Lucy asked.

"Sure. You can play T-ball like Angela did last year."

On a Saturday in December, Jack took the girls to the community gym near our home in San Marcos and signed up all three girls for softball. Lucy got put on a Pee-Wee team. Angela got placed on a team one division higher than the team she played on last year. "They'll pitch this year instead of using the T," the man in charge of sign-ups explained.

When the sign-up man turned to Rebecca, he asked, "Has she played before?"

"No," Jack answered.

"How old is she?"

"Ten."

"January 18, we'll have an evaluation for the older girls."

"She has to try out?" I asked Jack when he came home.

"That's what the man said."

January 18, Rebecca was coming down with strep. She went to the evaluation anyway. After Rebecca caught a few pop-ups and fielded some grounders, Jack brought her home. "It was taking too long," Jack explained. "They had 50 girls out there. If we'd stayed for the batting, we would have been there another hour and a half. Rebecca was getting feverish."

A few weeks later, we got a call from the sign-up man. His name was Kevin. "I've drafted Rebecca," he said. "Our first team meeting is Friday night at Rossi's pizza. We'll do intro-ductions, set up a practice schedule, and pick a team name."

Angela's team meeting turned out to be the same night. Jack went to Rebecca's meet-ing. I went with Angela to the team manager's house for pizza and cake. When we reconnoit-ered at home, Jack said, "Rebecca has two prac-tices a week starting next week."

"So does Angela. What days are Rebecca's?"

"Wednesdays at 5:00 and Saturdays at 9:00."

"So are Angela's. Where are Rebecca's practices?"

Jack told me the name of the park.

"Well, they have practice at the same place on Saturdays. But Wednesdays, Angela's prac-tice will be on the other side of town," I paused.

"Plus, Rebecca has piano on Wednesday after

school. I'll have to see if I can change that. Maybe she can do piano on Thursdays."

The next Monday, Rebecca came home from school and announced, "They're going to have a girls' soccer team after all." Rebecca had signed up for after-school soccer in Septem-ber. The school had canceled the team because it couldn't find anyone to coach. "They found a coach," Rebecca continued. "Our first prac-tice is this Thursday. We have a game next week."

At Lucy's first team meeting, the coach announced her practices would be Thursday after-noon. I called Rebecca's piano teacher. We rescheduled piano lessons to Tuesdays at 5:30. When I got off the phone, Angela waved a flyer in front of my face. "The talent show is in three weeks," she told me breathlessly. "My friend Rachel and I want to sing 'Traveling Soldier.' Can we ple-e-e-e-ez?"

I read the flyer. "It says here there's a mandatory dress rehearsal next Wednesday after school," I told Angela.

"I want to be in the talent show, too," Rebecca said. "Kari and Meghann and I want to do a skit."

I looked at the calendar that I keep in the kitchen. "I suppose you could go to the dress rehearsal and then directly to softball practice," I told the girls.

They cheered.

"But you'll have to do homework at school while you're waiting your turn at the rehearsal or in the car. I'm not going to have you stay-ing up until all hours."

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