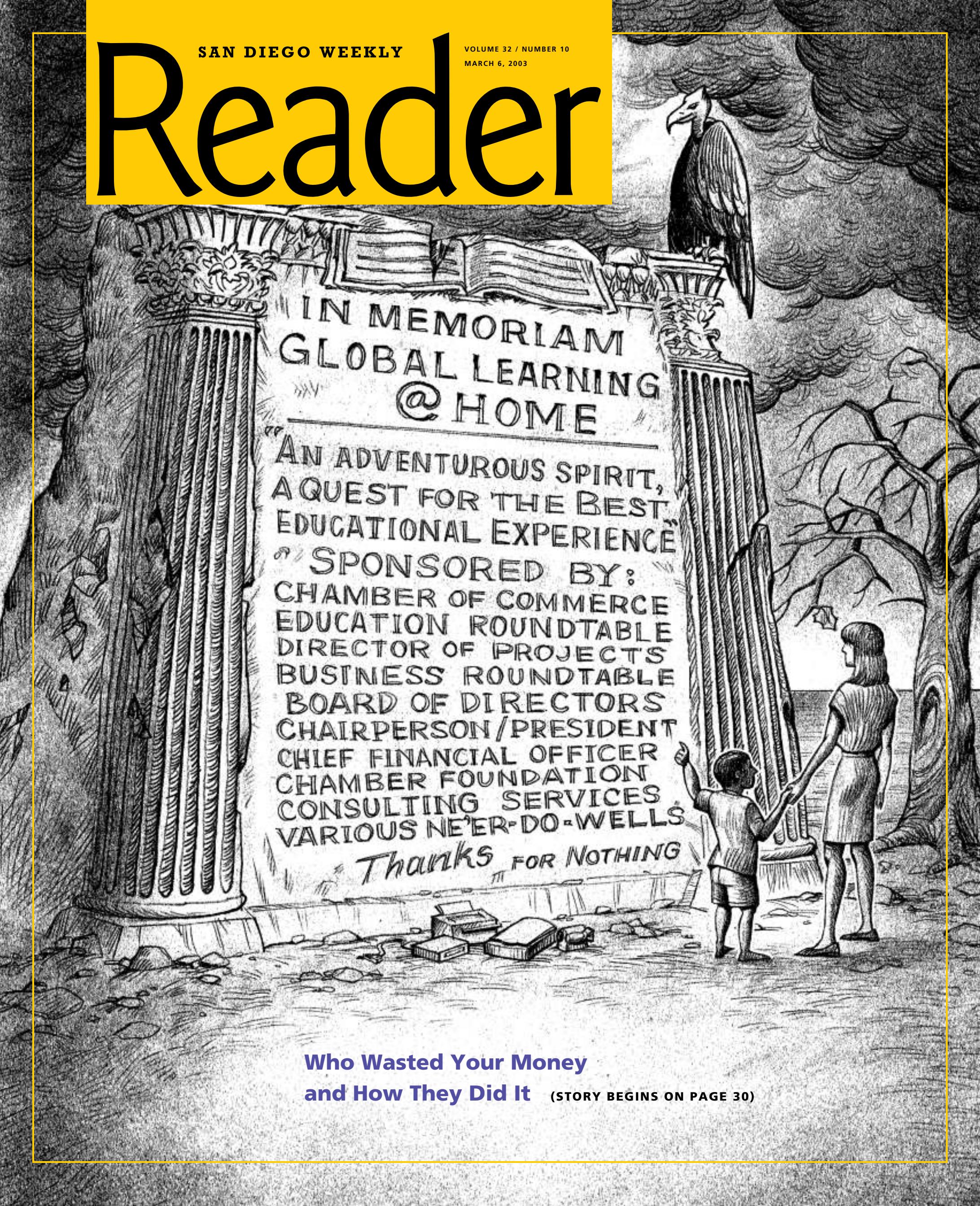


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Virtual fundraising Ex-San Diego city councilman **Byron Wear**, at least temporarily sidelined from electioneering after coping a plea to ethics charges over his campaign-funding practices, is keeping his hand in local school-board politics. He and wife **Bridget** were listed among sponsors of a recent get-together at the Savoy



Byron Wear

Circle house in Point Loma of **Kim Jessop** and her jeweler husband **Jim** for San Diego Unified School District board member **Katherine Nakamura**. "I would like to invite you to visit with one of our new School Board Members, Katherine Nakamura," wrote Bridget in a recent e-mail. "This is a great opportunity to meet with Katherine and speak to her about important issues we would like addressed in the Point Loma Cluster Community." Themes to be discussed, according to an online invitation, included "Are Our Schools Worthy of Our Children? Has the Golden State Missed the Golden Opportunity? Where Is the Common Ground on the School Board?" Other listed sponsors of the event included lawyer **Tyler Cramer**, a member of the city's housing commission and the Chamber of Commerce's "Education Roundtable" and his wife **Susan**; **Ted Cramer**, his wife **Julie**; and real estate man **Matt Spathas** of Sentre Partners, along with wife **Kris**. One attendee reports that fundraising envelopes were discretely passed around after Nakamura spoke. According to a February 3 filing, Nakamura's campaign had an outstanding debt of \$41,365 as of December 31 of last year. Unpaid bills included \$33,865 owed to consultant **Bobby Glaser's** La Jolla Group and \$1500 to Classic Yacht Charters. Nakamura lent her campaign \$7607, according to the filing. Wear was forced to forgo a \$139,500-a-year job as airport commissioner after agreeing to pay a \$2000 fine to the city's ethics commission to settle a seven-count allegation that he had failed to pay a campaign vendor within the required 90 days and had accepted contributions over the maximum limits.

Irish family boozing This year, San Diego's "Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Irish Family Festival," set to "celebrate Irish culture and tradition," is being sponsored by Guinness and Miller Lite beer. So who is getting the event's "Special Award"? **Pat Connors**, an executive with Mesa Distributing, the county's second-largest booze distributor, which handles Guinness and Miller. University of San Diego president **Alice Burke Hayes** is the parade's "Irish-woman of the Year." ... Retired San Diego police captain **Phil Jarvis**, who in 2000 was elected sheriff of Bonner County, Idaho, by a landslide, has been charged with the mis-



Phil Jarvis

demeanor crime of disturbing the peace in the small town of Sandpoint after a party at Eichardt's Pub involving his new girlfriend. According to reports in the *Spokane Spokesman-Review*, Jarvis has been separated from his wife, who lives in San Diego, for about a year. He reportedly met **Stephanie Flannery** while she was volunteering with the sheriff's office. On the evening of January 14, the paper says, Flannery promised to call Jarvis after she got home from work. When the sheriff didn't hear from her by 9:30, he called and left a message: "So you're off with somebody and I suspect it's a guy... You told me you were going to get home tonight early. Did you think I would not worry?" Then he headed over to Flannery's house, where, according to a police report, he said he saw her embracing another man on the sidewalk. Jarvis allegedly swung at the man, and the man swung back. Flannery allegedly punched Jarvis, breaking her little finger. A week later, charges were filed against Jarvis in the adjacent county after Bonner's district attorney recused himself from the case.

Countdown How does a convicted stock manipulator spend his last hours before going to the slammer? In the case of **Al Palagonia**, a former D.H. Blair brokerage executive who copped a plea two years ago in New York to pumping and dumping penny stocks, he heads for the Super Bowl in sunny San Diego for an orgy of pre-confinement partying. Ordered to pay several million dollars in fines, Palagonia, 35, is also reported by *Institutional Investor* to have recently played a small role in the new Spike Lee film, *25th Hour*, as — what else? — a crooked stockbroker ... San Diego political consultants are salivating over the prospect: as many as five or six propositions crowding next year's March ballot. Pro-business lobbyists are proposing a so-called "pay-check protection" measure, to limit the expenditure of union dues in local campaigns. There also might be up to three propositions about raising the tax on hotel stays. One sponsored by labor would earmark the money for salaries; another, favored by Mayor **Dick Murphy**, would leave spending the funds in control of the city council; and a third, authored by hotel interests, would set the money aside for tourist promotion. A possible utility-tax measure is also making the rounds.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Sandy Valley Showdown

By Joe Deegan

Perhaps because it started as Physicians Insurance Company of Ohio and still reports to shareholders as an insurance

business, PICO Holdings of La Jolla doesn't like to answer questions about water-resources development. The firm refers inquiries to its website and to its Nevada subsidiary, Vidler Water Company. But spokesman Rich Sharpe does say that PICO, now a diversified investment company, may

entering the water-resources-development business is "reasonable and beneficial use," a concept from western water law that also figures prominently in San Diego's dispute with Imperial County over use of water from the Colorado River. Though Imperial County can claim seniority in water



Irrigation canal, Imperial Valley

eventually be able to assist San Diego with its water procurement problems. And the company's chairman, Australian Ron Langley, states on the company's website, "I have been attracted to water assets as an asset class for many years. One of my first investments in North America was a water utility in the northeast... It is obvious that there is a looming crisis in meeting water demand in the western states."

Key to PICO's strategy in

rights on a first-come, first-served basis, officials from San Diego, among other counties, are criticizing Imperial Valley farmers for wasting water through inefficient agricultural practices. And that hardly qualifies as beneficial use. The argument runs that the water should go to where it is needed most, the large metropolitan areas.

PICO acquired Vidler Water in 1995. In the past several months, Vidler has turned up as the bully in a

David-and-Goliath showdown making headlines in the *Arizona Republic*, the *Las Vegas Review Journal*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. Its diminutive but combative opponent in the story has been the community of Sandy Valley, Nevada, population 2275, located on the California border 40 miles southwest of Las Vegas. Aspects of the story parallel the water dispute between San Diego and Imperial Counties.

The conflict started nearly four years ago when Vidler applied to the Nevada state engineer for permission to pump 2000 acre-feet of the water underneath Sandy Valley to nearby Primm, Nevada, on Interstate 15 leading into Las Vegas and also on the state border. ("Acre-foot" means a unit of volume equal to 325,853 gallons: one foot's depth over one acre). Primm wants the water so that it can go ahead with development plans that include a new casino.

In response to an administrative hearing deciding the matter in June of last year, both sides in the dispute have gone to district court in Las Vegas to reverse state engineer Hugh Ricci's ruling that Vidler could take 415 acre feet of water underneath Sandy Valley. On January 22, each side submitted briefs for the trial, which has yet to be scheduled, and had one additional month to reply to the brief of its opponent.

Crucial to the issue is the amount of water deemed available for the taking. Vidler vice president Steve Hartmann says only that supplies are "ample" for what his company wants to do. But Tom Buqo, the consulting hydrologist for Sandy Valley, disagrees. In the administrative hearing, according to Buqo, Vidler used results from a test drill to try "to portray that [the aquifer] they hit is part of this vast regional system. And that is simply not true. Sandy Valley is located in the upper reaches of one portion of that system. The only water that they have in Sandy Valley is derived from

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District Bulldozer Crazy, Foes Claim

By Ernie Grimm

Viewed on a street map, the 32nd Street canyon, as locals call it, is a patch of blank page interrupting the north-south grid of Golden Hill between Cedar and C Streets to the north and south, Edgemont and 33rd Streets to the west and east. To the San Diego Unified School District, it looked like a convenient place to build an elementary school with around \$30 million of Proposition MM money. The five-block plot was owned by the City of San Diego, which, by law, would have to sell it to the school district. And a few houses would have to be acquired — by eminent domain, if necessary — and razed to build the school.

But to some residents of the neighborhood, the canyon, through which a

building on the canyon's west edge. "We knew that there were three to four sites in the area being considered. Then all of a sudden we were sent a notice stating that the choices were being narrowed down and that it looked as though the 32nd Street canyon was going to be the site. This was just a big shock to all of us because we thought that there were still three or four sites being considered."

Since finding out about the school district's plans, Sandersfeld and a few other residents have fought to preserve the canyon. One of the others is Tershia d'Elgin, a writer who lives two



Tershia d'Elgin behind deer grass, 32nd Street canyon

seasonal stream runs, offers a verdant view, a place to take walks, look at native plants and wildflowers, and watch birds; a slice of nature through an otherwise typical urban-housing tract. So when news of the school board's plan to build a school in the canyon hit the neighborhood, many residents reacted against the idea. "I guess that would be about almost two years ago," says Mary Ann Sandersfeld, who lives in an eight-unit condominium

blocks west of the canyon on C Street. Tall and thin, her black hair streaked with gray, d'Elgin stands on the sidewalk on C Street, just east of 32nd Street, looking north into the canyon, which is green from recent winter rains. Though no water runs through the canyon, the creek bed is still moist and muddy, and the grass is thick and tall. The west bank of the canyon rises up 50 to 60 feet above the floor. The east bank is much lower. As an airliner



32nd Street canyon, Golden Hill

on its way to Lindbergh Field rumbles overhead, d'Elgin says, "They thought, 'We'll just put the school here and not have to worry about acquiring so many houses.' But when we took a careful look at the environmental impact report after the site had been chosen, it turned out that they had not done a careful or accurate biological assessment. So then everybody said, 'Wait a second here: if you are going to destroy things, let's look at this a bit more carefully.'"

In looking more carefully, d'Elgin discovered that the site had once been recommended by the Golden Hill Community Planning Group for permanent open space. But, unfortunately for her cause, the city council never fully dedicated the canyon as such. Still, d'Elgin, Sandersfeld, and a growing number of area residents continued to rally to preserve the canyon. And they brought the struggle to the attention of the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, and the California Native Plant Society. Eric Bowlby, a member of the Sierra Club, stands with d'Elgin on the C Street sidewalk overlooking the canyon. "Some people, when they look at this canyon, see a fragmented, impacted urban canyon that is half full of garbage and invasive

plant species and somewhat trashed. Other people look at it, and they see an opportunity for streambed restoration in a nature classroom for the school that is coming, and they also see an opportunity to restore the water-quality benefits of the riparian and wetland habitats that are associated with this type of ephemeral stream."

But, at one time, the San Diego Unified School District intended to encase the creek in a four-sided concrete culvert, like the one being built alongside Interstate 8 in the College Area as part of the new trolley

construction. After the stream was encased, d'Elgin says, "The plan was to grade this hill [on the west side of the canyon] to flatten out the canyon and then build a school on top of that."

Under that plan, a variety of native plants stood to be lost along with the creek. And, according to native-plant expert Dave Buchanan, the canyon is an example of one of the rarer types of native habitats. "It's a little pocket of southern maritime chaparral," he explains.

"It's a type of habitat that is very threatened by development all through-



Tom Mitchell

out Southern California because it's a transitional association between the coast sage scrub and the strict chaparral areas. That hap-

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Neal Obermeyer



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the mountains immediately to the east.”

Buqo also says that Vidler is “erroneously” claiming that the California residents who inhabit the

same basin as Sandy Valley residents “are pumping from a different aquifer. And that is not the case. The aquifers are interconnected, so that the people in Sandy Valley, Nevada, and the people on the Cal-

ifornia side use the same water as what Vidler intercepted in their well.

“The farmers on the California side of the basin,” says Buqo, “are using greater quantities of water than the perennial yield, and that’s

why we’ve had a continual water-level decline in that basin. To verify it, I used the information from the U.S. Geological Survey and also from the California Water Resources Department, and both data sets show a con-

tinual decline in water levels in Sandy Valley since about 1960.

“Vidler is trying to portray things in a manner that would come out favorable to them,” Buqo continues.

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"In so doing, they did some unusual things in their procedure. The thing that I had the most problem with is that they spent all this money to go out and drill

a well, and then they didn't bother to analyze the data. As I pointed out in a protest hearing, why in the world would somebody do that unless they didn't like the answer? I analyzed the data, and I came up with

the answer using accepted techniques, and I can see why Vidler wouldn't like the answer."

In its appeal of the results of the administrative hearing, Vidler is arguing that it should have access to

some of the water underneath Sandy Valley that is not being used. Says Steve Hartmann, "We believe that there were a number of old permits that had essentially been abandoned in that area. Those should

have been available. Under Nevada law, when you don't use that water, then those who want to put it to use should be entitled to do so. The law of the state is that the water belongs to the people of Nevada, sub-

ject to the beneficial use by individuals."

But Sandy Valley's attorney, Byron Mills, claims that the Vidler approach to acquiring unused water "would be a violation of the due process rights" of individual valley residents. "We do have a statute that says that five years of nonuse results in a forfeiture. But the state engineer has procedures he's supposed to follow. They have hearings. They're supposed to send out a one-year notice prior to any forfeiture of water rights. It's not an automatic, 'Oh, it looks like you haven't used for five years, your water's gone, we can give it to Vidler.' But that's what Vidler would like.

"We presented an opening brief as well," says Mills. "It was based on the fact that the state engineer ignored the evidence that was presented at the administrative hearing. Sandy Valley sits on the border of California and Nevada, and the California side is two counties, Inyo and San Bernardino. Both counties ended up becoming interested parties and testifying at the hearing."

(The California counties side with Sandy Valley in not wanting Vidler to pump any water out of the basin they share.)

"The majority of the farming in this little basin takes place on the California side," Mills continues. "And, in his decision, the state engineer acknowledged that the California side uses about 8000 acre-feet, and the Nevada side, obviously, a lot less than that. He then determined, however, that the recharge, the water coming into the basin, is 2200 acre-feet. And even though he acknowledges that this shows a huge deficit in the water, he said, 'I'm not even going to pay attention to the California side,' and granted Vidler the 415 acre-feet.

"We feel that it was an abuse of his discretion to ignore the use on the California side. It's all coming out of this tiny basin. To allow more water to leave the basin, in my opinion, is irresponsible and can result in severe damage to these residents. They have no

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In addition, Mills says, "Prior to an interbasin transfer, one of our statutes requires that they prove need for that water. Our allegation is that they did not prove there was a need for water. At the time of the hearing, they had over 300 acre-feet unused water in the Primm Valley already. All they did is claim that in the future they have these big projects planned. They're just projections of things that may or may never happen. Also, the Las Vegas Water District has a plan eventually to bring water down to Primm Valley, so they may never need additional water."

Joy Hyde Fiore is a resident of Sandy Valley. She complains that, in its appeal, Vidler protests the state engineer's "allowing water to be set aside for our future growth. I think that's mean-spirited. The state engineer would be required by law to do that. I guess what they're telling us is that we don't matter, and all that matters is that they make the money from sending water over the hill to Primm for its future development.

"Some of us believe that, in the law, the idea of beneficial use should not be applied to somebody making money off of selling water. They take public waters, they privatize them, and they sell them back to the public. They're public waters. I would like personally to see that no public water is awarded to a company or individual whose sole intention is to sell it for profit and not put it to beneficial use, such as irrigation or taking care of housing. I personally do not think a theme park on I-15 on the way into town is a truly beneficial use. It will make money for the person who owns it, but it's not a beneficial use of water in the desert."

In its own dispute with Imperial Valley, San Diego's large population constitutes a much stronger case for beneficial use. "The whole theory of water law," says Vidler's Hartmann, "particularly in the West, was to try

to encourage the use of that water and put it to beneficial use for developing the economic base of the West as it grew. That theory is still the same today. You don't see much difference in any of the western states as to

that."

Hartmann acknowledges the strong feelings many people have today against the "commodification" of water. "But the issue ultimately becomes the question of risk. Do you have the

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Byron Mills is skeptical. "Water in our state is gold."

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all over the state. They're obtaining water everywhere they can, any way they can, hoping to hold it and resell it, because Las Vegas is growing incredibly and will need way more water."

The water issues in tiny

Sandy Valley and behemoth San Diego both remain unresolved. But for PICO Holdings, business looks promising. On its website, the company brags in reference to another deal, saying, "On March 19, 2001, Vidler

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Bulldozer crazy

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pens to be where most of the suburbs sit. In my travels around San Diego, I've seen much less southern maritime chaparral than coastal sage scrub."

Among the species Buchanan has identified in the canyon are the coast white lilac, Nuthall's scrub oak, lemonade berry, and mission manzanita — all marker species for southern maritime chaparral. But one native plant in particular caught his eye. "There are a few good-sized clumps of deer grass," he explains, "growing down in that perennial stream bottom. I was very interested to see that because, though you'll see it in Torrey Pines Preserve and in a few other canyons by the Balboa Park golf course, usually you find that up in higher elevations and meadows all the way up to 6000 feet, maybe higher. You find it mostly in mountain meadows. It's also interesting because it's a plant used by the Native Americans in this area. So I thought, here's this deer grass, which would be an incredible on-site educational tool, but they want to just eliminate it. They could have this beautiful riparian stream that the kids could participate in. They could do something innovative and teach the kids about their environment and give these kids some connection to what came before them. Instead of just thinking of these canyons as places that are full of weeds that are brown in the summer, they could learn from them."

Sandersfeld and others brought these concerns before the school board at several meetings. "It's been a long siege," she says. "It's not fun dealing with the school board. They purport to care about what the community wants, and at the same time they totally ignore everything we try to place in front of them. We've been going through this for a couple of years now.

"We made an appointment," Sandersfeld continues, "to go down and meet

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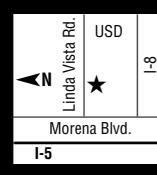


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over the reins at It's Just Lunch!, the national dating service for busy professionals.

"It's not the most conventional career shift," Mr. Dolan cheerfully admits. But, he says, "It's kind of a dream job."

The 40-year-old Mr. Dolan heads up It's Just Lunch!, a San Diego based dating service with offices in 40 cities and additional offices planned in Europe, Australia and Asia early next year. The upscale service arranges lunch dates for well-educated professionals in a civilized and discreet manner. "When I first heard of the company, I thought, this makes logical sense," Mr. Dolan said. "Working at a law firm or investment bank and being totally focused on the partner track, who has time to date? It makes sense to hire someone to do all the work."

Although Mr. Dolan has been married since 1994, he knows from years of experience that the pace of a law firm minimizes dating opportunities. "Many It's Just Lunch! clients are lawyers or business people - busy, successful men and women who want to be in relationships but don't have time to meet people," he said.

Mr. Dolan was looking to join a small, but established company with growth potential. He joined It's Just Lunch because the company's founder was looking for an experienced person to help expand the concept, both nationally and internationally. Although he was already certain of the company's growth potential, what convinced him this was the opportunity he was looking for was discovering that many of his co-workers and clients had been using the service for years.

Mr. Dolan looks like he is having a blast. "Yes, my friends are all jealous," he laughs.

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The company was born in 1991 in Chicago. After founder Andrea McGinty’s fiance jilted her, she began the tedious search for a way to meet “normal,” well-educated professionals. Her friends sent her out on blind dates, she tried personal ads and even thought about a dating service, but she just wasn’t comfortable with any of the options.

The ideal date, she decided, was a lunch date. Ms. McGinty launched the company with a simple premise: a dating service based on a personalized screening and a painless meeting with her to determine whether she had the type of people the client would like to meet.

The dating service caters to an upscale audience, Ms. McGinty explained. Nearly 95% have college degrees; many are lawyers, doctors, people in the arts and entertainment industry, bankers, teachers, entrepreneurs and business executives.

In fact, one of It’s Just Lunch’s recent success stories occurred in a matter of 6 hours. After reading an article on the company in Forbes, Elizabeth, a 33-year-old advertising executive came in at 10 a.m. and joined the service. Tim, a 37-year-old doctor, signed up at 4 p.m. “I was so excited during the interview with Tim because I knew I had exactly what he was looking for... Elizabeth. They were both passionate about the outdoors; he had just come back from mountain climbing in Denver and she had just finished biking in Italy,” says an It’s Just Lunch! director. Her gut was right on the mark! They have been dating for 7 months now.

After a client calls the service for information, a one-hour meeting is set up between the client and Director to discuss the type of person they’d like to meet. A wide array of topics are covered: age, education, background, hobbies, interests, people they have dated in the past and what their goals are. Within 48 hours, the company will call to tell the client all about their first date. The service handles all of the information in a confidential manner—while both people will know a lot about each other, last names and phone numbers are not given. It’s up to the clients to do so after they have met—and most of them do exchange phone numbers and make plans to get together again. Then, they each check in with the company and give feedback on the date.

Ms. McGinty smiles and confesses to being a romantic at heart. “It’s an absolute blast,” she says “And I believe there’s absolutely somebody for everyone.”



Andrea McGinty
Founder

Bulldozer crazy

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[city schools' chief of facilities] Lou Smith and to try to convince him that they should spare the highest side of the canyon, which they were going to fill in for a ball field. We proposed to him that they should consider acquiring more of those homes on the bottom of the canyon on the east side and put the ball field over there. He said he couldn't make any promises but that's something that they were considering. And so we felt really good, going away from that meeting, that there was going to be

some sparing of the canyon. At the next design-committee meeting, the architects stood up and talked from the old plan. They had absolutely no idea there was an alternate plan even in consideration. We were just appalled. So they went back to the drawing board again, and the next time they came to the design-committee meetings, they actually had amended the plan. But they still wanted to underground the creek, and they still wanted to destroy a lot of the native plants, and we still didn't have any assurances that any mitigation efforts that would occur will happen in our canyon."

But, according to Tom Mitchell, director of public involvement for the school district, the neighbors' concerns have been addressed. The canyon site was selected, he said, to minimize the number of homes that the district would have to buy, "Because if we are not careful," he explains, "we could take, in that area alone, hundreds of homes.... So in the summer of 2001, we decided to take a plot of land that did take some open area, the area that a lot of people say is open space, but if you go to the city, you will see that it is zoned as residential; they never did declare it open space. That is what we looked at; we

went to the board — I believe it was in September 2001. And the board voted to put the school at this piece of property. There was quite a bit of discussion after that about the canyon, and we went through a number of meetings with the community. They expressed their concerns about taking that much canyon, and we did listen to their concerns."

The creek, Mitchell says, will not be "undergrounded." And more houses on the east side of the canyon are being acquired by the district so that less of the canyon will be used for the elementary school, as yet unnamed. "We

ended up using a proposal from the community that took less canyon but, I think, 11 more homes. If you compare this most recent plan to the one first submitted in September of 2001, you'll see that we've swung the whole project around counterclockwise. The board of education obviously was lobbied very heavily by the proponents of not taking any canyon area. And each of the board members went out to the area, looked at it themselves, took a very careful look at it, and they came back and voted 5-0 unanimously — which is hard to get at our board meetings — to amend our plans that we

had approved the year before: to change it, to take more homes, but less canyon.

"Our last meeting was January 23," Mitchell continues. "I will tell you, except for 2 people in that group of 30, that plan was pretty well accepted. Those two told us, 'We don't want you there.' Well, fine. But unfortunately, we need a school, and the problem is there is no vacant land just sitting around anywhere in Golden Hill that is big enough to do what we need to do and is in an area that we can use. [The canyon] is not the optimum for any use, but it's the best place that we have been able to find." ■

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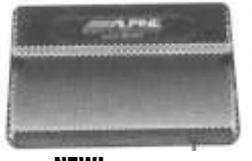


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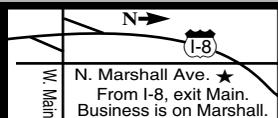
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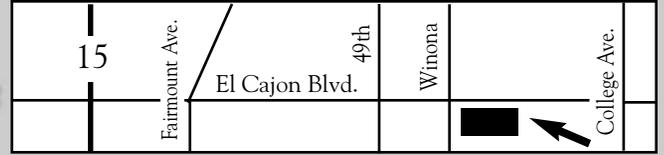
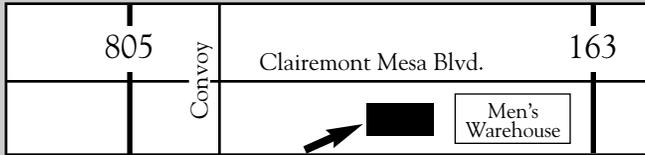
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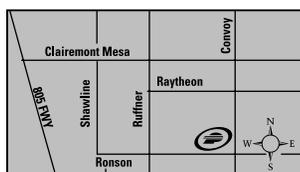


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Heymatt:

Boys Town, Chicago; the Castro, San Francisco; Greenwich Village, New York; Hillcrest, San Diego. How did these communities become Shangri-Las for the Fa La Las, in other words, GLBT? I would like to start my own community somewhere and need to know how to attract this type of demographic.

— Provide75, the net

With so many others to choose from, we'd love to know how your Shangri-La will be new and improved. Because you get to be mayor? Anyway, I'm not one to stomp on a dream, so let's see what we can do. An article in the spring 2000 issue of the *Journal of San Diego History* details the making of gay Hillcrest during the '60s and '70s. Social forces and the economy have changed, but this might give you some pointers.

Look for a neighborhood that has been in decline for a while. Make sure there are small, affordable houses and rental units ripe as fixer-uppers for singles and couples. The old Hillcrest had hit the skids post-WWII and when Mission Valley was developed. Then check the area's demographics. Lots of nonthreatening older people? They make the best neighbors for this kind of transition. Now find convenient social centers. When Hillcrest was coming up, it was bars. Do they already exist? Can you start your own? Hillcrest had the added advantage of being near Balboa Park, a long-established cruising area. If you can set up your GLBTville as a popular social center, you're sure to prosper. Then just move in and let all your friends know about it. Pretty soon the place will be so trendy, even you won't be able to afford the prices.

Heymatt:

I am male, over 50 years old. I know who my parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents were. That's easy. What I don't know is whether any of the actual cells, molecules, or tiny atoms of their bodies still exist in my own body.

— Inheriting in I.B.

Matt:

If I were to commit a crime and accidentally leave DNA evidence, could I then have a bone marrow transplant to change my DNA so as not to get caught?

— Lori, the net

Don't quit your day job, Lori. As an escape plan, this one is not foolproof. But UCSD geneticist Ethan Bier congratulates you on your devious turn of mind. The transplant would change only your blood cells, and there's no guarantee it would change all of them. You could end up with cells from both sources, depending on the dominance factor in the transplanted marrow. (In which case, your best defense might be split personality.) If the DNA evidence were hair, though, looks as if you'd need a hair transplant too — at the Hair Club for Felons?

So if we can't reliably pin the crime on the marrow donor, can we use molecular biology to finger Granny? Naw. The truth is, you don't even have many of the same molecules you had during your own personal babyhood, since cells are continually replacing themselves. Any common material would have long since been lost. You're a whole new you. And if you take a good look at the family album, would you really want Granny's actual nose anyway?

Hey, Matt:

My new Thomas Guide, page 1227, identifies the ocean just off Scripps as "Scripps Institution submerged land area (private)." Can Scripps actually own the ocean bottom? If I dove there, could I sue Scripps for any injuries incurred?

— Just wondering, Encinitas

Sorry to squelch your get-rich-via-the-courts plan, but the large offshore area in question does not belong to Scripps, and it's not private. It's part of the San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park. California won't let anyone own underwater land (some states do), but you can lease that land and declare it private. In fact, if you're building something like an oil rig or a marina, you have to get a lease from the state land commission. Scripps has a lease for its pier, and the pier is private. Maybe that's what the Thomases are talking about. FYI, "submerged land" differs from "tidelands" in that it lies below the mean low tide line and is constantly under water.

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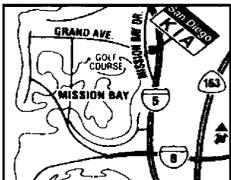
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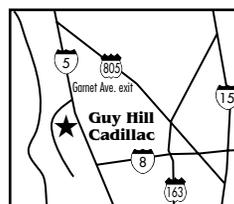
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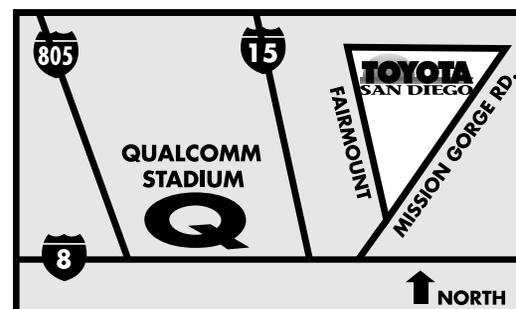
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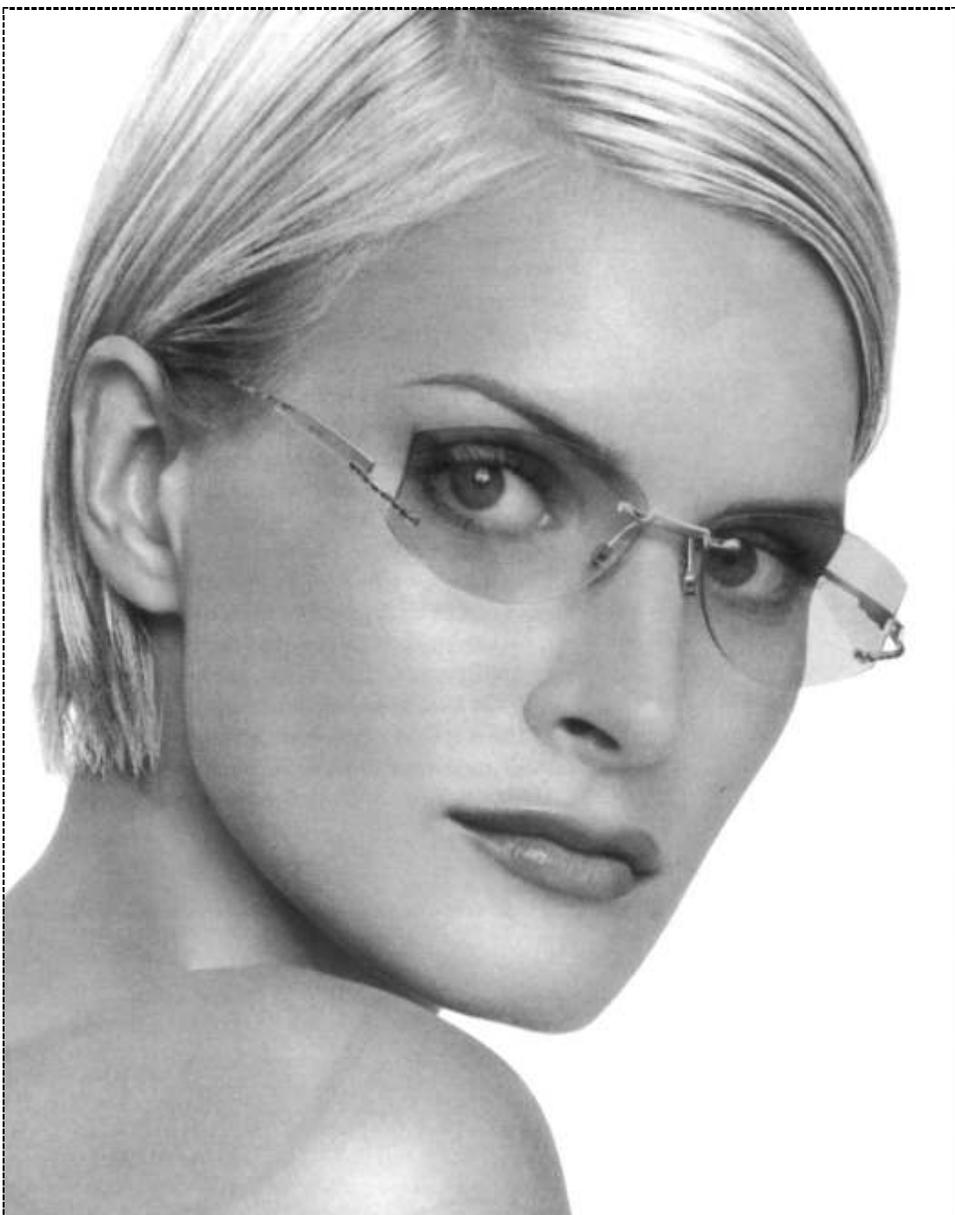
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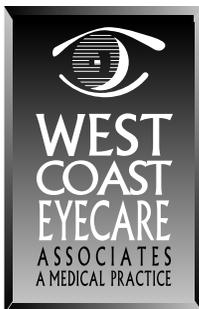
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By Patrick Daugherty

Sports Noir

Okay, you dumb mug, get your mitts off the moolah before I smash this heater in your kisser."

Yeah, that's me spouting off. I'm persuading, trying to get a point across to Fans, Taxpayers, and Business Alliance (FTBA). The morning fishwrap said local business leaders formed FTBA to promote a new stadium for the Chargers. Next thing you know, San Diego sports fans put me on the case to head off another shakedown. That's why I've slipped through the back door of this National City juke joint.

FTBA steps back from the counting-room table, his two red, beady eyes popping and bulging, looking like a seven-day-old mackerel in a room full of sick cats. In other words, the dirty rat thought he was alone. Rat whines, "We're going to advocate for a new stadium for the city of San Diego."

Sock! Slap! Slam! FTBA drops to the chipped cement floor, blood gushing from his nose and mouth. In my line of work, a little strong-arm is what you snack on at bedtime.

FTBA squeals, "We're not advocating any solution, per se. What we're advocating is a dialogue on finding a fiscally responsible solution to the stadium question."

Cuff! Bash! Smack! "Look, you weasel, anybody who uses the words, 'advocating,' 'dialogue,' and 'responsible solution' in the same sentence is a Wrong Gee from the get-go."

Funny, FTBA looks like the copper who gave me the old rubber hose the last time I went to the clubhouse. Then again, he does resemble that Fakegoo artist who came through town last winter, the one with all the dames and floozies on his arm and enough bad-end giggle juice to poison the entire Pacific fleet. No, couldn't be, that gink took a trip to the big house and got himself an electric cure.

I have it now. "Say, mister, aren't you with the San Diego International Sports Council? Weren't you 'advocating' the Chargers' 1997 lease, the one with the ticket guarantee, the one that's cost Dago taxpayers a downtown library, four recreation centers, 25 softball leagues, 400 teachers, 150 coppers, longer park hours, trash that gets picked up, and city employees who answer the phone?"

FTBA waggles his head and sobs "...want to be an honest broker of factual information for proponents and opponents!"

Thump! Knock! Whap! "Yeah, kiddo, an honest broker for the new Chargers stadium, my keeser. I know who your muscle is. You're backed by Cox Communications, Anheuser-Busch Sales of San Diego, Wells Fargo Bank, Coca-Cola San Diego, First National Bank of San Diego.... Want me to go on? Or maybe I should pour a slug into your carcass?"

FTBA is hysterical. The yellow-bellied cur rolls into a tight ball, continues to wail and howl, "...want...to be an objective news source on stadium issues!"

* * *

My baseball education continues apace due to the kindness of strangers. What follows is a portion of an e-mail from Phil in Carlsbad. Thanks, Phil.

"Usually, I can tell what kind of a pitch the pitcher throws. There are two kinds of fastballs. The 'four-seamer' or 'rising fastball' is thrown with a kind of backspin that makes it appear to rise. Actually, it doesn't rise, but its trajectory is higher than the batter expects, and so he usually swings under it, missing it or popping it up. The 'two-seamer' or 'sinker' is thrown with a sort of overspin so that its trajectory is lower than the batter expects. He usually swings over it, causing him to hit a weak ground ball.

"A curveball is a slower pitch thrown with lots of overspin. If a batter is not expecting it, he will swing over the ball and miss it completely, or if he is smart, he will know he has been fooled and not swing at all. A slider is thrown with a lot of sideways spin so that it will break to the right if a right-handed pitcher is throwing it. A screwball breaks the opposite way. I don't know how a screwball is thrown. Fernando Valenzuela used to throw them a lot. Throwing sliders and screwballs is really tough on a pitcher's elbow.

"There are several pitches that break sharply down. A spitball, a forkball, a 'split-fingered fastball.' The change-up appears to break down because it is thrown with the same motion as a fastball, but it drops because of gravity, not spin. A knuckleball behaves in unpredictable ways, because it is deliberately thrown with no spin at all, not even the normal spin of a normal thrown ball."

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Church of God of Prophecy
Address: 2107 I Avenue, National City, 619-474-6062

Year founded: early 1940s

Senior pastor: Reverend Tom Horton

Congregation: 70

Sunday school enrollment: 70

Staff: 1 full-time, 1 part-time

Annual budget: \$60,000

Weekly giving: \$1200

Singles program: no

Diversity: African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, white

Dress: casual to dressy

Services: Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m.

"I guess it's like any other religious, racial, or ethnic minority finally seeing one of its own in a position of national authority. I'm sure it's similar to the way the African-American community feels about Colin Powell or Condi Rice. At last, you're visible. We're pleased."

Last Sunday afternoon I spoke with Reverend Tom Horton of National City's Church

of God of Prophecy about how Pentecostals thought of John Ashcroft. At the beginning of the morning's service, the gentleman who first led us in prayer asked that, in addition to remembering our soldiers overseas, we keep the Attorney General in mind. ("But let's pay special attention to our soldiers overseas. The men and women. I've watched them go on television. They're so young. So many are from San Diego. This really is a military town.") Reverend Horton, too, mentioned Ashcroft in his sermon. I told Reverend Horton that I was surprised that the Missouri senator had such an impact in the Pentecostal world.

"Well, Ashcroft is Assemblies of God, which is probably the Pentecostal denomination closest to our own, the Church of God of Prophecy. If we had a sister denomination, the Assemblies would be it.

The other nice thing about Ashcroft is that he's not ashamed of his faith. He speaks about it in a very natural matter-of-fact way. That's something we admire about this administration in general. President Bush is comfortable with his faith. That's a pleasant change."

There's another change that Reverend Horton didn't address directly: Pentecostal respectability. The last high-profile Pentecostal in Washington that I could remember was James Watt, who served as Reagan's Secretary of the Interior from 1981 to 1983.

When you walk into Reverend Horton's spare church, you get an idea why Pentecostals have had such a hard time breaking into the American mainstream. In Reverend Horton's pews, you see African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and whites. Pentecostals were multicultural before multicultural was cool.

("Our denomination's been that way since it started," Reverend Horton told me about his church's ethnic make-up. "We were big on missionary work from the very beginning.")

Last Sunday, many of the Church of God's women were away for a weekend retreat. Reverend Horton, apologizing for his voice, led us in several old-timey hymns, like "When the Saints Go Marching In." An older gentleman played acoustic guitar. A young gentleman thumped drums. Reverend Horton said the hymns just didn't sound the same without all the church's women, including his wife.

He spoke to us last Sunday morning about relationships, about how the Bible offers us "wise counsel" on maintaining solid and healthy ones. Making reference to many verses, Reverend Horton outlined five Bible-based relationship tips: understand each other, keep commitments, respect each other, offer encouragement to each other, forgive each other.

He started his sermon by announcing that he'd been married for 23 years. Reverend Horton is 46 years old.

"People say 'love is blind,' but the problem is that love truly isn't blind. You see each other's imperfections and faults, and you have to live with them. When I was courting my wife, she

presented herself as someone who loved fishing, and hiking, and camping. The reality is that I can't get her to do any of those things. She likes to do what women call 'antiquing.' Some Saturdays when we're out for a drive, we can hardly get down the block. We have to stop at every garage sale."

In the pews, husbands and wives chuckled and hugged each other. Reverend Horton told us that in any relationship, we had to be aware of each other's shortcomings and be accepting of them.

"That's the way we learn about each other. It's not only shortcomings. By learning about the other person, we also learn about strengths and talents we didn't know the other person possessed."

On the subject of respect, Reverend Horton reminded us that our society has lost many such outward demonstrations.

"Men used to hold doors open for women. We were taught, 'Ladies first.' We did many things like that. *Not* because we believed women were weak or inferior. No. Because those behaviors reflected *respect* for women."

Men holding doors open for women? I was surprised that anyone nowadays would express nostalgia for that sort of thing. But after the service, when I was speaking with Reverend Horton, he asked the older gentleman who played acoustic guitar if he remembered when the church was founded.

"It must've been before the war," the older gentleman said. "I remember when this church was on Acacia Street, before it moved down here. I was out here because of the Navy. And I remember that wherever they sent me, I looked up a Church of God of Prophecy in the phone book, and I went. All the other guys talked about being 'blue.' But I said, 'I'm never blue. Heck, you ought to come to church with me. I have a wonderful time!'"

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND TOM HORTON

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National City**
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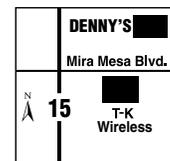
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I'm a married guy with three kids and a good job in advertising. I work hard and travel frequently for work. In the last year my company, like many in the current economy, has been on shaky ground. I've had to work even longer hours to help keep the company together. My wife is on my back every minute for not being home more. I'd love to be home more, but with the kids in private school, the fact that my wife has a nanny and maid, and other expenses associated with the lifestyle she demands, I have to hang onto this job if I can. I'm supporting five people. Whenever I'm home now, all she does is berate me. How can I make her understand?

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Dear Joe,

You're doing the best you can. Keep talking to your wife. She needs to pitch in and be your partner and not your adversary. The nagging only wears you down, makes things worse. You're both making sacrifices. Remember to tell her you love her, and that this situation won't last forever. Remind her you are under incredible pressure, trying to keep being the star breadwinner she counts on you to be. The only way you can keep it up is with her loving support.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My 13-year-old son "Bob" has been friends with another boy, "Jon," for about five years. Jon lives with his divorced mother in another community. He goes to our neighborhood school because his grandmother lives in the area. I used to enjoy having him over. He'd eat dinner with us and stay the night. The boys would play nicely. But as time passed, Jon came over more and more, and now he's over at our house all the time. Jon's a nice kid, but he overstays his welcome. He is a bottomless pit, eating all of our household snack foods. He doesn't leave when we eat dinner; he sits in my son's room and waits for him. Then he stays until 9:00-10:00 at night until his mother decides to come pick him up. Even on school nights. His mother never thinks to reciprocate or to teach her son some manners. The few times Bob has been over to Jon's, he's been on his own for food. Afterward, I was told that he had donuts for breakfast and Slim Fast and chips for lunch. The mother is not responsible at all. Recently, I've laid down some rules to my son about Jon coming over all the time and about eating our food. Now Bob doesn't come home right after school, and he sits alone in his room at night. I'd rather Bob found a new friend, but I can't choose my son's friends for him, can I? Can I tell Jon to get lost? I don't want to have my son resent me for that and, essen-

tially, Jon hasn't done anything wrong. It's his mother that has the responsibility issue, and I can't get over the resentment I feel toward her for her neglect. I feel like I'm punishing the boys for the mother's mistakes. That's not right either. What can I do?

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Dear Angry,

Of course you're peeved at being forced to become Jon's default parent because his mom won't do her job. Whatever manners Jon learns at this age he may learn from you. That's a gift you are giving him. Your kindnesses to Jon are good deeds. When he's a grown man, I bet Jon remembers your generosity with gratitude. The fact that Jon spends so much time at your house is flattering to you and quite understandable. Your home is a haven for him. He knows he can get a square meal, companionship, and attention under your roof, where there's a real parent present. These things are sorely lacking for him at home. But it's your house, so whatever guidelines you need to lay down for your son and Jon about meals, how often Jon comes over, when it's time for Jon to go home, and what is proper conduct for them both in your house, that's your call. You might have to explain some things to them about your decisions, and drive Jon home yourself or send him home on the bus once in a while. I would plead with you not to bar Jon from your house entirely, though, because your son is so fond of him, and because you say Jon's a good kid. Limit his visits however you see fit, but if you can remain patient with him and separate your justifiable anger at his lousy mom from your feelings about this unlucky kid, I think that ultimately good may come of it.

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I don't smoke. I don't do drugs. My drinking slowed way down after college, and even more after childbirth. I've gotten to the point where anything more than half a cup of coffee makes me jittery. But I still have one addiction: whenever I encounter the dark, mysterious sweetness of chocolate, like a servant, my will bows down before it.

With tax season fast approaching, my hubby Patrick told me that we needed to tighten the belt on unnecessary spending. Clearly, eliminating chocolate from the budget was not an option, but I wanted to do my part. I figured that sometimes, you have to spend money to save money. So, I started buying chocolate left and right, searching for the best-tasting chocolate bar under a buck.

I fluttered from store to store with wings on my ankles, gathering chocolaty goodness at every stop. A few hours later, I alighted back home with my findings: 18 chocolate specimens. I called my friend Bernice for help with the tasting; she was at my door before I hung up. Three more calls garnered quick responses; within half an hour I had added Shawn, Julie, and Maureen to my tasting panel.

We started with the bargain-basement stuff I'd snagged at the 99-Cent Only Store. The Nestle Giant (\$1.99 for 5 oz.), while light and sweet, offered only a small hint of cocoa flavor, and only in the aftertaste. Next came the Elite Sparkling Chocolate Bar (\$1.49 for 3.5 oz.) — milk chocolate with popping candies inside. The smell was waxy, the taste was stale, and when the popping started in Bernice's mouth, she just about hit the roof in outrage. The other gals thought the chocolate was passable and that kids would go bananas over the popping. We turned to the more august name of Cadbury and its Dairy Milk Milk Chocolate Bar (\$1.99 for 4.5 oz.), but we were disappointed by its failure to actually taste like chocolate. "It tastes only like caramel. It's a poser chocolate," quipped Julie.

Our last two — a couple of European confections, the Elana Mocca from Belgium (\$1.33 for 1.6 oz.) and the Milka from Germany (\$1.33 for 1.41 oz.) — received high marks, especially in light of their price. The Milka proved silky, with a strong hazelnut core and a light orange finish. "But the chocolate isn't drowned out," smiled Maureen. The Elana Mocca brought even bigger smiles with its strong cocoa flavor, complemented by a rich espresso cream filling. Not the straight stuff, but the extraneous bits were welcome enough.

Smiles turned to frowns as we bit into our second round of samplings. A Brach's Solid Milk Chocolate Bunny (\$1.99 for 2.75 oz. at Target) tasted like sugar water, except it also had a bitter aftertaste. The Milk Chocolate Original Fundraising One-Dollar Bar by Van Wyk Confections, purchased from the Lakeside Girls' Softball Team, tasted only of vanilla, and artificial vanilla at that. After those rocky experi-

"It's a poser chocolate."

ences, most of my friends were comforted by the rich cocoa/light sweetness of the classic Hershey's Milk Chocolate Bar (\$1.59 for 1.55 oz. at Vons), but they agreed that the Mr. Goodbar (\$1.59 for 1.75 oz. at Vons) tasted of peanuts and little else. I longed for more.

I hoped to find it in two chunks of Ghirardelli chocolate, the dark (\$1.78 for .51 lbs. at Trader Joe's) and the milk (\$2.02 for .58 lbs. at Trader Joe's). I was disappointed. They averaged out to under a dollar for a bar-sized portion, but they weren't even worth their weight in charcoal. Burnt cocoa overwhelmed the milk chocolate, while the dark dried our mouths with its acrid aftertaste.

Mixed reviews came in for the Trader Joe's Pound Plus bars, both bittersweet and milk chocolate (\$2.99 for 17.6 oz.). Julie and I were transported by the harmony of sweet and bitter; Shawn and Bernice thought it tasted too much like sugar and cocoa powder. "It's like I'm snacking on chocolate chips," said Bernice. "I need more of a dessert taste." They leaned toward the milk chocolate, but decided that the light caramel flavor detracted from the pure chocolate experience.

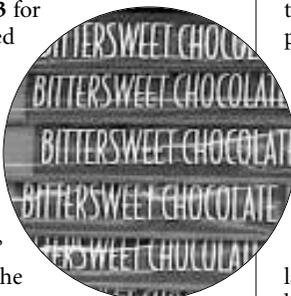
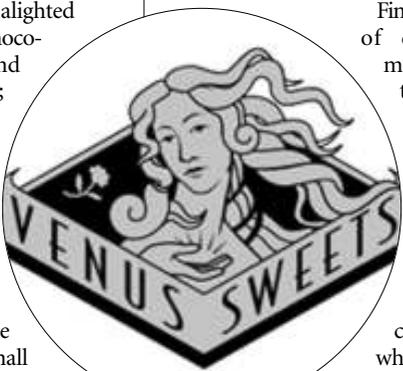
Finally, success. A parade of delightful flavors marched across our tongues, courtesy of the Satin Milk Chocolate Bar and the Double Dark Truffle Bar from Venus Sweets (each \$1.89 for 1.76 oz. at Trader Joe's). Hints of cream and coconut came off of the Satin, while the Double Dark worked its black magic on me with Amaretto kisses. But the real triumph came with our final

sampling, a bar that united the bittersweet and milk chocolate camps seated at our table: the Terra Nostra Organic Milk Chocolate (\$1.59 for 3.5 oz. at Trader Joe's). It gave us the straight dope: chocolate, chocolate, chocolate, without any distractions or flaws. A firm-yet-yielding exterior gave way to deep smoky interior flavors, tempered by gentle creaminess.

I phoned up fifth-generation chocolatier Karlo Flores, producer of both Venus Sweets and Terra Nostra, to get the (not-so) skinny on chocolate. "Chocolate is made with cocoa beans and sugar," he began. "Milk chocolate is made with milk powder. First, the beans are harvested. They come inside a pod, like a papaya. The beans are taken out and dried. That is when the fermentation process takes place, which is very important to flavor. Then they are roasted, which separates the shell from the bean. You end up with little pieces, which are known as the cocoa nib."

The nib is milled into a doughy lump known as the cocoa mass. "To make chocolate, the mass is put in the conch, which is a big machine of agitation and heat. At that point, you add sugar, and if you're making milk chocolate, milk powder. The conch mixes it and takes some moisture out, and it becomes chocolate. Good chocolate stays in the conch for anywhere from 12 to 72 hours, depending on the recipe. The conching process takes out a lot of the off flavors, like burntness or acidity. It also makes for thorough blending."

After conching, Flores adds more cocoa butter — the fat contained in cocoa beans — to the mix, "so that it's very smooth and has a good melting point in your mouth, which releases the flavors."



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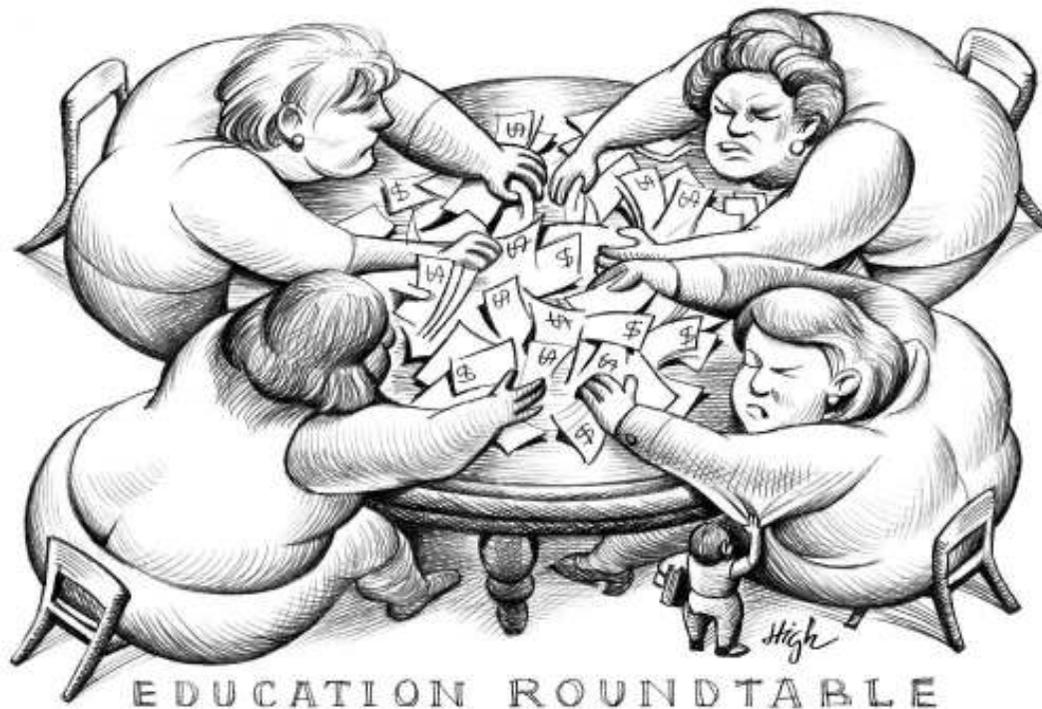


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It was supposed to be a showcase for the dot-com era, dedicated to the proposition that students from kindergarten to 12th grade didn't need a "brick and mortar" school with old-fashioned teachers but instead could be taught at home, via the miracle of the World Wide Web. In the fall of 2000, the best and the brightest from the Greater San Diego chamber of commerce's "Education Roundtable," key backers of San Diego Unified School District superintendent Alan Bersin and his controversial education reform efforts, brought the proposal to the school board for quick approval and funding.

The new school was to be called "Global Learning @ Home" and, according to its sponsors, it would do nothing less than revolutionize education. "The four main criteria for the Global Learning family," according to the presentation made to the board that October, "will be an adventurous spirit, a quest for the best educational experience, a high regard for the use of technology as a vehicle for learning, and the desire to be directly involved in their child's education."

Though details about the proposed curriculum and teaching methods were scarce, backers promised, "Global Learning @ Home will follow a rich, theme-based technology-embedded curriculum that emphasizes parent/student interaction, computer-assisted instruction, project-based learning and performance-based assessment. The learning materials will be both traditional and innovative in nature and come from rich and varied

sources, and the curriculum choices made now and in the future will reflect changing standards in the state, country, and the world."

But two years and about \$125,000 of government funding later, plans to start the school were abruptly abandoned, with little to show for the effort. "On January 30, 2001, the Board approved the granting of a charter for the Global Learning @ Home Charter School, an independent study charter school," wrote school district general counsel Jo Anne SawyerKnoll in a memo dated May 31, 2002. "The school had initially proposed to open in September 2001. This opening date was later postponed to the Fall of 2002."

"We are now advised that the charter school corporation will cease operating and that the charter school corporation will be dissolving due to less than favorable

prospects for operating the school. The termination of operations should be completed within the near future. Global Learning @ Home is the first District charter school to voluntarily terminate its charter."

What happened? A review of school-district records, along with interviews with many of those involved with the startup, reveal that early plans lacked focus and suffered from poor accounting and business practices. Others close to the situation claim that interference from the chamber of commerce, conflicts of interest, and excessive spending on consultants, travel, entertainment, and dining doomed the effort.

A chamber of commerce source contends that there never really was a plan for the school, just a brochure filled with educational jargon and technical buzzwords. The school's last director, Hank Harris, says he was forced to give up and take a job in Santa Monica when the software and curriculum material promised him when he was hired by the school's board of directors failed to materialize.

Critics say that the school's failure illustrates what can happen when charter-school sponsors are too closely aligned with political interests with influence over the school district. They point to the fact that the district's assistant counsel, attorney Tad Parzen, is chairman of the chamber of commerce foundation. Others say the idea for the school was just too ambitious for the chamber foundation's limited consulting talent to deliver on.

The district and its chief, Alan Bersin, have remained

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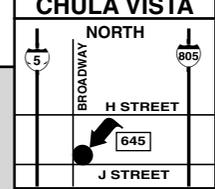
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silent about the school's failure. Parzen failed to return repeated phone calls. The board of education has never been briefed on the matter or discussed it at an open board meeting. "It's as if it vanished into thin air," says one district insider familiar with the case. "The people at the chamber of commerce spent all of the money on planning and travel, and then it went *poof*." The state's office of education, which approved the grant, acknowledges that the charter school never opened but has not conducted an audit to find out why, saying that such oversight is the responsibility of the district.

"I came in rather late," says Harris, who is now principal of Lincoln Middle School in Santa Monica, where he moved after leaving San Diego in the summer of 2002. "It had been two or three years in the planning. I was hired as a last possibility to see if the school could get

open. I came to see in fairly short order that that was not likely. Since there was a grant involved, I thought we might as well wrap it up, and the remaining funds should go back to the state. So I tendered my resignation."

Chamber of commerce officials are reluctant to discuss the school and its troubled history. Ginger Hovenic, the school's chief architect and president of the chamber's foundation, hung up the phone after repeat-

edly demanding to know who had provided the school's financial records used in the preparation of this story. Two of her associates, Eden Steele and Diane Hadfield, listed in school-district documents as paid consultants to the

venture, also declined to discuss their roles.

"I discontinued working with them because I went on disability," Steele said in a brief telephone interview from her home last week. "Call Ginger Hovenic and ask her about it. I heard a year later they were no longer in existence." When asked how much she was paid by the school and whether she ever claimed reimbursement for meals and travel, Steele terminated the conversation.

The petition for Global Learning, required under the state's charter-school law, was signed by Steele and two others, listed as "teacher petitioners," Hadfield and Rosemary Rodman. Steele's address was listed as 402 West Broadway, Suite 1000, the same address as the chamber of commerce. Both Hadfield, who also works for the chamber foundation, and Steele later became paid consultants to the school. Sandy Mur-

phy, a former executive with Cox Communications, also says she had an early role in developing the school's notion of "distance learning" via the Internet.

The Global Learning academy is no longer mentioned on the Business Roundtable's website. But that was not always the case. Two years ago, the site prominently featured the new charter school. "The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation Business Roundtable for Education is actively involved in creating educational models that improve student academic performance," according to the website, which listed Global Learning as one of four charter schools that "are the result of the Roundtable's efforts since 1994."

Hadfield is currently listed on the foundation website as "Director of Projects." According to her biography on the site, "Ms. Hadfield, a 26-year class-



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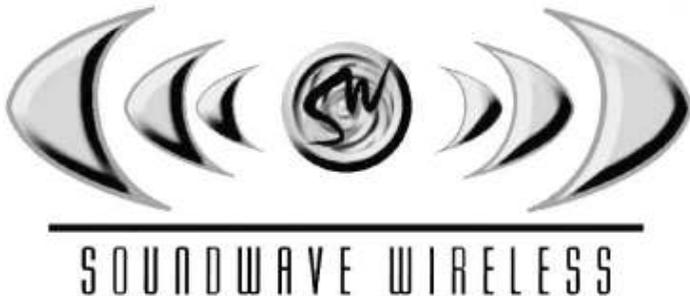
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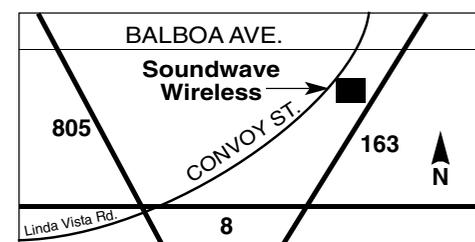


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room veteran, is a technology enthusiast and educator to the core. As computers began to enter the classroom, Diana was there — on the forefront — learning, experimenting, and finding innovative ways to harness the power of technology in the classroom.”

Reached by telephone last week at her office at the roundtable, based at the chamber of commerce, Hadfield acknowledged she had been a consultant to Global Learning but could remember few other details. Asked if she had a contract with the school, she replied, “I don’t even remember.” Her duties, Hadfield said, included writing grant applications as well as Global Learning’s “business plan.” She then terminated the call, saying she would call back



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the next morning. Her assistant later called and said she would not be calling back as promised. Subsequent calls to her office went unreturned.

But the real power behind Global Learning

@ Home, most of those interviewed for this story agreed, was Hovenic, a graduate of San Diego State University and former principal of Clearview Elementary School in Chula Vista. Hovenic

worked for the county’s Office of Education before being recruited in 1999 to become president and chief executive officer of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce Foundation, as well as executive direc-

tor of the foundation’s Business Roundtable for Education. According to one of the foundation’s annual Internal Revenue Service filings, Hovenic was paid \$110,000 by the foundation in 2000.

The foundation and the roundtable, which claim to be “The voice of business to improve education in the San Diego region,” are technically separate from the chamber itself, although the two organizations share offices and much of the same agenda. Chamber president and CEO Jessie Knight sits on the foundation’s board of directors, which is chaired by Tad Parzen, who now works as assistant general counsel for the San Diego Unified School District.

Under Hovenic, the foundation began to accel-

erate the start-up of so-called charter schools — small, nonprofit educational institutions that are run independently of the school district but funded by tax dollars. “Charter schools are held accountable for how well they educate children in a safe and responsible environment — not for merely complying with state and local school district regulations,” wrote Hovenic in August 2000. The op-ed piece ran in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* just as Global Learning backers began lobbying the school board for a charter. “They are judged on how well they meet the student-achievement goals established by their respective charters and how well they manage the resources entrusted to them.

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required to operate lawfully and responsibly," continued Hovenic. "They must achieve equity and excellence. Like conventional schools, charter schools must teach the state curriculum and give the annual standardized reading and math exams. Unlike conventional public schools, charter schools that fail are closed.

"The Business Roundtable fully expects charter schools as a whole to continue to excel and eventually surpass their conventional public-school counterparts in academic performance. Indeed, self-governing schools that offer students, teachers,

and parents innovative and creative learning resources are beginning to bear fruit."

In the fall of 2000, Global Learning @ Home was listed as one of four charters that the chamber foundation was sponsoring. The foundation's charter-school effort, according to a brochure of the time, included "developing strategic business plans" and "hiring exceptional leaders to carry out the vision of a powerful learning environment." Diane Hadfield was listed in the brochure as Global Learning's contact.

Another close tie between the chamber

foundation and the Global Learning charter school was Heather Carmichael, who is listed on the school's 2002 letterhead as president of Global Learning's board. According to the chamber foundation website, Carmichael currently serves the foundation as a "business development consultant," in which she "provides expert advice to companies and nonprofit organizations on corporate strategy, marketing, and public relations."

Before that, the website says, Carmichael "served as the campaign manager for Carrie Kelleher's 1998 U.S. congressional campaign in the

heart of Dallas, Texas, where she recruited over 150 volunteers, managed fund-raising activities, and developed public relations and media strategies, among other duties."

Hovenic was the school's first chairperson and president. The chief financial officer and treasurer was Peter Sibley, proprietor of Edmin.com, a vendor of educational software to school districts and a member of the chamber's education roundtable. The third member of the board was Cox's Sandy Murphy, another roundtable member, who says she left shortly after the start-up of the non-

profit corporation.

"I was asked by Ginger Hovenic to be on the board," Sibley said in an interview last week. "I think she was the founder and executive director of that. It was kind of her brainchild."

The start-up was financed by a federal "planning and implementation" grant totaling \$150,000, funneled through the California Department of Education and the San Diego Unified School District. Though the chamber of commerce said it was sponsoring the school, neither the group nor its foundation appears to have ever given it any

money.

In an August 29, 2001, letter to school district attorney José Gonzales, Hadfield presented the school's first financial report. "Enclosed are the financials for Global Learning @ Home Charter School. The records encompass the grant period from October 2000 through June 2001. I have instructed the accounting firm, Ocean Point Financial, to forward monthly reports to the management team, which will, in turn, submit them to you for your files. In addition, for your records, please note that Global Learning @ Home is not

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planning on opening until Fall 2002.”

But, records show, Global Learning officials were not always prompt in filing the financial documents required under state law, and the records indicate that the school district was lax in monitoring Global Learning's progress as well as its expenditures. In a letter received by the district on February 19, 2002, then-

incoming director Hank Harris promised to be more timely in his accounting. “It is my understanding that you have not received anything from us since at least November 2001, and I wanted to rectify that situation immediately.

“Do know, however, that between November 1, 2001, and January 1, 2002 (when I officially came on board), the school

did not conduct any financial transactions. Financial operations resumed at the beginning of January 2002, and I am enclosing an expenditure report for the month of January. I will send you a February report in the next few weeks.”

While he was head of the school, Harris also billed it for food and other expenditures, the records show. For example, on

November 8, 2001, he spent \$37.14 for breakfast with Diana Hadfield at the Wyndham Plaza Hotel's grill. On November 15, 2001, he spent \$18.52 for breakfast with Sherree Dannee at Mimi's Café. He also billed the school \$18 for “cell phone + shipping and handling.”

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included a compact disc writer (\$1037), a Sony digital camera (\$644.99), and a digital scanner (\$213.88). According to a note on the inventory document, “Equipment purchased with grant funds should have a label or other identifier clearly marked on it that identifies the items as having been purchased with federal grant funds. The label should provide an identifier that clearly

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The record shows that Hovenic and others were repeatedly reimbursed from school funds for food, travel, and hotel stays. In April 2001, for instance, she collected \$43 in “mileage/parking.” In January 2001, according to the documents, she was paid \$174 for “Travel & Hotel.” Under the category of “Food & Entertainment,” she is shown receiving a total of \$191 for January 2001 and \$265.28 for April 2001.

Many other expenditures made by Global Learning during the same period are listed only as payments to credit cards. During the period between October 2000 and July 2001, the records show, Global Learning spent \$3948.78 for “Travel and Hotel.” Of that, Hovenic was listed as receiving a total of \$198; Diane Hadfield, \$402; Eden Steele, \$775.86; and Cynthia Finelli, \$149.56. Two-thousand six-hundred twenty-two dollars and forty-one cents was listed only as being paid to four credit card companies.

In the nine months between October 2000 and July 2001, Hadfield collected a total of \$10,000 in “Professional Fees” from Global Learning — \$5000 on December 13, 2000, and the same amount again on February 15, 2001. The 2000 tax return of the chamber of commerce foundation lists Hadfield as receiving \$60,000 for “consulting” services.

Allegra Printing was paid \$2395.24. Eastridge Group, a temporary employment provider, was paid \$6156. The San Diego Chamber of Commerce Foundation itself received a total of \$2800, as “cost of administration.”

One company, whose proprietor says he never performed services for Global Learning, also shows up as receiving payment from the school. RMD Communications of Escondido was paid

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\$1507.50. Dick Daniels, RMD's proprietor, was executive director of communications and community relations for the San Diego Unified School District between 1997 and 1999. Before and after that, his clients have included the chamber of commerce, for which he conducted seminars for chamber-endorsed school-board candidates on how to deal with the media.

According to Daniels, he did no work for Global Learning, other than to briefly serve as an unpaid member of its board of directors. "I didn't work for Global Learning," he said in a telephone interview last week. Asked why his company was listed on financial documents the school submitted to the district as a vendor to Global Learning, Daniels responded, "I wouldn't be able to explain it. They were not a client." He said his records showed he had invoiced the chamber of commerce's Business Roundtable for Education, not Global Learning, for \$1507.50 in December 2000. "That was for work I did for the Business Roundtable, not Global Learning."

Rod Tompkins, who is listed as receiving \$3083.33 from Global Learning on the same date as the payment to RMD, has also been a consultant to the Business Roundtable for Education since the early 1990s. Tompkins, former chief administrative officer of the now-defunct Great American Bank, a victim of the savings-and-loan scandals of the 1980s, is listed on the roundtable's website as a consultant to its charter-school consortium.

The chamber foundation's 2000 tax return lists Tompkins as having received a total of \$23,686 in fees that year for "Consulting." According to Peter Sibley, who served on Global Learning's founding board and was its corporate secretary, Tompkins also was retained by the school to help wrap

up its business prior to dissolution.

Another person of interest, said by several of those interviewed to be close to much of Global Learning's activities, is Cynthia Finelli. According to the partial finan-

cial records, Finelli received \$149.56 from the school for "Travel & Hotel" expenses and \$12 for "mileage and parking" on April 19, 2001. She was also paid \$84.98 for "Printing & Publications" on March 7, 2001, the records

show.

A news release dated in March 2002 says Finelli, who is listed as a current member of the business roundtable, linked up with Global Learning early in its short history. "Cindy Finelli, vice president of

Generation Next Education, and education technology expert Diana Hadfield are founders and advisors."

According to a statement on its website, Finelli's company, La Jolla-based Generation Next Educa-

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Both Peter Sibley, Global Learning's board secretary, and Hank Harris, the school's last director, say that it was their understanding that Finelli and Generation Next (which records show is run by Daryle Coleman, said to be a close associate of Finelli's) were to provide educational software and related services to the school. "There had been some sort of agreement that they would be the primary vendor," recalls Harris. "They were a start-up. They got into the pic-

ture because they had been involved in the founding of the school prior to my coming aboard."

Said Sibley, "There was a recommendation and approval of the board of a firm based out of La Jolla, Generation Next. I think there was ongoing work with the executive director and a demonstration of some of the work that was completed. I don't know whether it was completed or not. I don't recollect what the final deliverables were. I would be fairly certain payment of some kind was to go to them at some time."

Contacted by phone,

Finelli declined to respond to specific questions about herself or her company and its role with the school, saying she would instead reply with a written statement. "Generation Next Education volunteered services to assist Global Learning @ Home during development," she said in a subsequent e-mail. "Generation Next Education did not receive any payment for these services. No one from Generation Next Education served on the Board of Directors for Global Learning @ Home. Generation Next Education was donating time and creativity to improve education in San

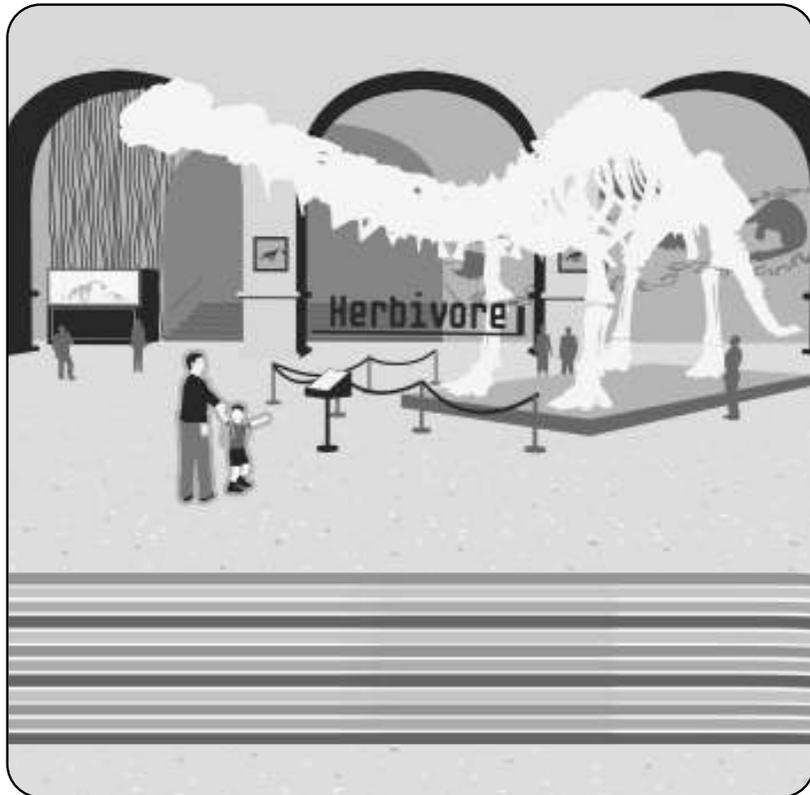
Diego." She failed to respond to follow-up requests for further comment sent to her e-mail address.

According to records from January 2001, Global Learning had by that time spent \$17,761 on "Consultancy and Technical Fees." A document titled "Interim Evaluation Form (Grant Cycle — January 2001)" says that the school's "underlying technical core is 75 percent complete. System integration design work is ongoing. Independent study matrix is in final-draft form and the complementary eCourseware has been completed for Grade 8. Content mod-

ules are in process. Initial parent module, networking, collaboration, and communication components are in place."

Fifteen thousand dollars was budgeted for "marketing materials," including a logo. "A school logo has been developed to use in print and online materials. Informational brochures have been designed, and an initial print order has been placed. Community outreach has begun, and fundraising events are in progress.

"Fees to date include: Public Portal Content Developer, \$2000; Tech Academy/Tech Training



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Courseware, \$15,000; and Technical Consultant, \$761."

Sibley and Harris say they don't know who received those fees or what material had been developed as a result. Neither does Bobbi Deporter, president of Learning Forum, Inc., an Oceanside-based consulting firm, which, according to a statement on its website, "trains educators in Quantum Learning methods; and works with major companies to shift training environments and corporate culture." Deporter says she was asked by Hovenic and Hadfield to join the board of Global Learning. She became the school's treasurer.

"I was on there only a short time. It was only a matter of months that I was involved," Deporter said in a recent interview. "I'm active in the business roundtable at the chamber, and I knew Ginger and Diana and they asked me to join that board."

Asked about Daniels's statements that he had done no work for Global Learning, and whether there might have been an exchange of funds between the chamber foundation accounts and those of the school, Deporter replied, "I would not have full knowledge of whether there was commingling of funds. I did not sign the checks. It was a short period of time, and I'm up in North County."

Asked whether she recalled authorizing issuance of checks, Deporter responded, "It's quite a while ago, so I feel uncomfortable talking about it right now. I don't remember. My mind's on something else, and you are pressing me." She said she would examine her records later and call back to clarify, but she had not done so by deadline.

In any case, Hank Harris says, he never received any of the promised computerized curriculum material. And that was the primary reason he decided he had no

choice but to quit. "I was hired the prior October and was doing some pro bono work for them for a while. By then, there was not a lot of money in the coffers, so I didn't get paid until January. In mid-March I tendered my resignation.

"It had been going on two or three years," Harris recalls, noting that he had suspicions, but no specifics, about how money had been unwisely spent in the past. "Pretty soon it became obvious they didn't have a chance and no software, so I pulled the plug."

In March of 2002, according to an internal communication, the district learned that Global Learning @ Home was officially defunct and would never open. All the taxpayers had to show for their \$125,000 investment in the venture, according to the records, was a tiny cache of used electronic equipment. "I just had a conversation with Ginger Hovenic, and she has informed me that the Global Learning @ Home Charter will not open at all," wrote district employee Patricia Trandal in a March 25, 2002, e-mail to higher-ups, including Kerry Flanagan, assistant to district chief of staff Terry Smith.

"She will be notifying the state that remaining funding in the desimination [sic] will not be used," added Trandal. "She has four pieces of equipment that the charter purchased that she would like to transfer to another charter. They include a scanner, fax, digital camera, and...she could not remember the fourth piece, but it was not a computer. We both feel Cortez Hill would use the equipment and would like to transfer it there. What paperwork do we need to complete to make this transfer? She will be happy to drop it off at Cortex [sic] Hill once the correct paperwork is done." ■

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After waiting, and calling people who'd said they'd come, we went on with the party. Two of the people were kids I ate lunch with — "Ellen" and "David" — and then there was a girl from drama, who I'll call "Melissa." Melissa knew who the others were, and they knew who she was, but that was the extent of their association. Sometimes, combining people from different cliques works well; sometimes it doesn't. This time, it didn't.

I have a pool in my back yard, although it's always cold. So we tried swimming but gave up. And, my bathing suit was too small. This was especially bad, considering that it was a triangle top, meant to be exposing. I covered up with a towel at all opportunities.

We tried playing some games. I'd learned a game that involved dipping marshmallows in chocolate syrup and dropping them into the mouth of a partner who was lying down covered with a towel. So, we tried that. I was just getting warmed up, throwing marshmallows at Melissa, when I heard a yelp from David. I looked down and saw that his face was covered in chocolate syrup. "What just happened?"

Ellen looked flustered. "Oh, I'm sorry — I thought you were supposed to try to get the syrup in your partner's mouth!" We cleaned him up as well as we could, but he still had a little choco-

late in his ears that we couldn't remove. That game ended soon thereafter, as did the party.

It just wasn't fun. I mean, I guess it could've been worse. Nothing exploded, and the cake was pretty good. But we were all bored and uncomfortable. Since then, I don't do birthday parties. I go out for dinner or movies or do something with my family and friends.

— *Mariah MacCarthy,*
Clairemont H.S.

The worst birthday I ever had was during my freshman year of high school. All my life I had known the same people because I'd attended a private school from kindergarten to eighth grade. For high school, I went to a public school, where the fend-for-yourself environment hit me hard. Especially because I felt everyone at my school knew each other, I knew I had to stand out. I wanted to be popular, so I tried to throw a big 15th birthday party.

I got a DJ from my school — a cool upperclassman — and I invited mostly upperclassmen since they were the people I hung out with that year (something I prided myself on). I ordered tons of food, and since we were going to have dancing in my garage, I criss-crossed ballooned streamers above the dance floor. I also created two different flyer designs and distributed them everywhere on campus. On the big day, some friends came early and helped me set up, and inside my house I had a buffet with all of my favorite foods and foods I knew everyone would enjoy. I ordered a huge cake and called up certain people to make sure they were

coming.

Finally, the time for the party to start rolled around, night fell upon my little house, and for two hours nobody came! I felt like a loser, and the few people who were there tried to comfort me. The DJ was late, and I started to panic because even if people arrived, my entertainment was absent! Eventually the DJ appeared, and it seemed the whole party appeared with him. He started spinning his music and I became relieved that the floor was flooded with people.

I didn't know if they were there for me, for my DJ, or for the food. This insecurity overwhelmed me, and it was hard to bear. At the cake-cutting ceremony, half the people there learned my name when they looked at the cake. They counted the candles and realized I was only 15. I felt embarrassed. What was I doing? I realized that I did not fit in with these people.

As the party closed, I made lots of new friends, and the party did serve its purpose of inducting me into the society I had coveted all year long, but I hated how much I had neglected the real me, had traded myself in for superficial profits. I resolved that, in the future, I would throw parties not to prove anything to myself but to have a good time. Ever since, my parties have been much smaller but much better.

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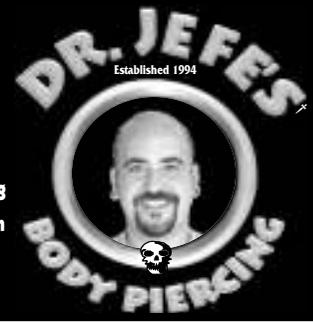


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(March through November), you wouldn't know how much pain a January birthday causes. It comes during the "retail Death Valley days," when no merchandise is available, and the only party supplies are sad streamers and icicles left over from Christmas. Every birthday is a crummy birthday.

The most despondent I've ever been in this annual crater of despair had to be four years ago, when nobody in my family remembered it. I think my parents were trying to stretch the Christmas gift-giving season to cover the day I was hatched. But it shouldn't have been that way — not even a crumb from Betty Crocker appeared on our table that night. The Christmas tree (that nobody had bothered to take down) stood in mockery of my most important day. The television blared with Home Shopping Network's Richard Simmons, Denise Austin, Suzanne Somers, and other gurus of medieval torture masquerading as fitness instructors. I searched the house for a ribbon or wrapping that wasn't red and green, but there was none to be found. The nearest thing I could find to candle wax was my mother's hair removers. No cards...

At nine o'clock that night, I reminded everyone that there was an important occasion that they hadn't remembered. No one cared; in fact, they tried to make up excuses. My mom said that there was a blizzard and they were too snow-bound to go out (in San Diego?), while my dad stuck to the ole chestnut of denying my existence completely (too much eggnog for him!). Even my sister said she was too broke to cough up a present, having already spent her holiday loot on midnight consultations with Miss Cleo. They all promised to give me a present when

they returned merchandise to the stores. So, about two months later, on March 15, I got some new socks, underwear, and a naked Barbie that my sister tried to pawn off as "Nudist Colony Barbie," because she had already snatched her clothes. Birthdays? Bah, humbug!

— Stephanie Feldstein,
Bonita Vista H.S.

My worst birthday would have to be my 15th, and I was a sophomore in high school. Call it intuition or plain old teen paranoia, but from the moment I woke up I had a feeling that things were going to go wrong.

That morning, before school started, I walked up to my friends expecting to be greeted with a birthday salutation. However, when I got there, nobody said one word to me regarding my birthday. They all instead talked about how fun or horrible their weekend was. Even my best friend had forgotten that it was my birthday, which is what probably made me feel the worst. And then the bell rang and I walked off feeling rejected.

My first class of the morning was the worst (and, as I would find out, the worst would get worse). It was marching band, and I hated every moment of it. I only stayed in it as long as I did because my parents insisted that I would "learn to love it"...but that's another story. That morning, like every other morning, I had to march on a cruddy field that always stained my pants with grass while a large-bellied man sat at the top of the bleachers and yelled at us through a megaphone. After practice, the band and I went back to the band room to put away our instruments. After putting my flute away, while walking back to my seat, I tripped on the stairs and fell down all three steps by the instrument cabinet.

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ankle injuries spawned from softball playing. Every time I stepped the wrong way, I would sprain the ankle, and this time was no different. I had indeed fallen and could not get up. And all the while I was thinking, "I just made a fool out of myself in front of the entire marching band." All the people I hated and many of the people that I wanted to impress were there in the room and saw every moment of it. As much as I tried to laugh it off, I could not because of the pain. My eyes began to well with tears and then the tears fell. They called the nurse to bring a

wheelchair in to take me to the office, where my mother picked me up and took me home. I spent the rest of the day stuck on the couch, unable to move.

— Yen Nguyen,
Junípero Serra H.S.

It's September of 1994, one year since I've seen my grandpa. My tenth birthday is coming up soon, on October 3, but on October 1 we get a phone call late at night from the Philippines... my grandpa has died of a heart attack. As much as I wanted to be there for his funeral, there was no way I could have been because of my

immigration status.

Almost a year later, in August of 1995, on my grandpa's birthday, I was not thinking about him all day. That night, my family and I had rented a few movies. After eating dinner, I went to my room to fix a few things before watching the videos we rented. Suddenly, I heard a voice calling me. I thought it was my dad calling me. When I went into my parents' room to see what my dad wanted, he said he hadn't called me.

When I fell asleep that night I had a dream about my relatives in the Philippines visiting us here in the U.S. While

my cousins ran off to go to the park, they left me behind in front of my house. Our next-door neighbor's garage was open, and inside was my grandpa, sitting on a lawn chair. He stood and asked me to go with him to this white, glowing door. I started to walk toward him, to go with him, then, my youngest cousin appeared and gave me a hug. Next thing I knew, my grandpa was gone. After experiencing that, I have never wanted to celebrate my birthday. If I celebrate it, I feel like I'm celebrating my grandpa's death.

— Alecsis Ducusin,
Morse H.S.

As a child, you often know what to do for your birthday party. When you are 6, you go to Chuck E. Cheese. When you are 11, you go miniature golfing. However, when the time came to plan a 14th birthday party, problems arose.

Everyone dreams of turning 14 because 14 signifies that you have advanced and matured from the first "teen" year, 13. At 14, you are in high school and have a chance to associate with those who are 15, the sophomores; those that are 16, the driver's-licensed juniors; and those that are 17, the college-bound seniors. So, the 14th

birthday has to be special because, at that age, reputations are made that stick to you like glue throughout the rest of your high school career.

I have a summer birthday, making matters difficult because almost everyone is gone on vacation. I was too busy to plan my 14th birthday party. Therefore, I left the task in the hands of my mother, as I had so confidently done for the past 13 years. Turned out that my mother forgot — and understandably so — that it is the 21st Century and that in the 21st Century, teenagers have parties with their friends and friends only. My mother had invited my friends



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and their families. All of a sudden, I was bound by the necessity of proper etiquette, as were my friends. My mother is a wonderful party planner, but at the time, she failed to realize the differences between a "grown-up" party and teenage party.

My friends and I sat on the couch and turned on the TV. We sat there the whole night, flipping through channels and talking about boring topics, which had to be G-rated for the adult audience. While I was sitting there, bored out of my mind, my parents were having a wonderful time, "hanging out" with their friends. I am glad that someone had a good time.

— Sirisha Prathipati,
Torrey Pines H.S.

My worst birthday was my second. I remember my parents cleaning the house before the guests were to arrive. The vacuum stood silent in the living room. By some inclination, I went to the living room and approached the vacuum. I began to inspect it. I turned it on. As it roared, I lowered its handle to the ground and viewed the workings on the underside of the machine. I could not help but touch the beating brushes.

The pain is the only thing I don't recall. Soon my parents, led by my wailing, entered and saw the vacuum and me. I was rushed to the hospital. No bones were broken. My hand was fine. With a bandage wrapped around my left hand and forearm, I went back to my birthday party, looking like a Civil War veteran. While the party was alive, I was bashful. So, when it came time to open the presents, I was not as excited as my twin brother. After opening his gifts and seeing me attempt to unwrap presents, he came to my aid. The gifts were wonderful. All the toys a little kid would want. Unfortunately, I couldn't play with them due to my hand.

— Matthew de Lira,
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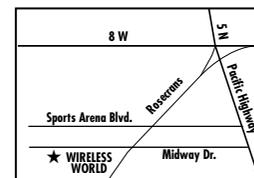
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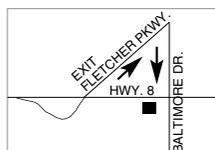
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Q: How old are you?

A: I'm 27.

Q: How long have you been plus-sized?

A: Oh, I'd say from high school on.

Q: Could you tell me your height?

A: I'm 5'1".

Q: And your weight?

A: Roughly 300 pounds. I'm guessing — I don't know for sure, because it's been a long time since I've been weighed.

Q: Did anything special happen in high school that started the gain?

A: No, basically I have been struggling with my weight all my life. I was home a lot. I don't know if that has anything to do with it. I did go places and stuff. It's just the way I am, I guess.

Q: Did it happen slowly?

A: Yeah, because when I was in junior high school, I wasn't as big. It started gradually as I grew older. This is the biggest I've been. And I had a son two years ago. Before that I had been on a diet. I lost 45 pounds. I got off the diet when I found out I was pregnant. After I had my son is when I started gaining more weight.

Q: How much would you say you weighed right when you found out you were pregnant?

A: It was maybe 235, I think. I was on a diet from TJ. They would give me a B-12 shot, I would get pills, and we would have to take



Cynthia

vitamins. We couldn't eat any fried foods, no red meat — just chicken, fish, and fruits and vegetables. And we had to exercise: walk and do aerobics. I did my aerobics when I woke up, in the middle of the day, and then before I went to bed. So that helped me a lot.

Q: So was that like Weight Watchers?

A: It was, sort of. I know over here it would be a lot more. I paid about \$35 or \$45 each time I went. They were charging us for the medication and the program at the same time. Each time we went, we would get measurements. Sometimes, we would lose weight, and then other times we would just lose inches.

Q: You gained muscle and lost fat.

A: That was the only time in my

life that I'd ever lost weight, and that was with pills and with the shot that they gave me.

Q: Do you happen to know what the pills were?

A: I think they were fat-burner pills. Some of them that they gave us for a while, I couldn't go to bed when I took those. And I did get hot flashes at the same time. It was hard.

Q: Was your weight just going up, or did it ever go way up and down?

A: It's always been going up. Always up. And it doesn't help that I cook a lot too. I have to cook for my family, so it's hard. I have three sisters, and I've even been bigger than my older sister. Everybody else has been kind of...you know,

they gain weight and everything, but I've always weighed more than her. I thought I was going to lose weight and then keep it off, but when I found out I was pregnant, you know, I stopped doing the diet and stuff.

Q: Oh, yeah, you wouldn't want to hurt the baby.

A: Yeah. Actually, a couple months before that I had stopped going because of the expenses of going down there and stuff, and paying for the medicine and stuff. I guess I got kind of lazy, but I still had medication and stuff — we'd still lose weight — but to me it didn't seem like it. The first time somebody told me that I lost weight was when — I work for the school; I serve kids lunch. We had, like, a two-month period that we don't go to work, and that summer I had been on the diet, and when I came back, everybody told me that I had lost weight.

Q: So you were not heavy in high school?

A: Yes. I was just kind of chunky.

Q: Were you heavy enough that the kids teased you?

A: I don't know. Maybe it's because there were kids that did tease me, but I ignored it. In grade school they teased me. I was chubby in grade school. I could fit in the desk and everything. I mean, I didn't pay too much attention to that. I didn't get really teased like

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to where I would cry or something. But now when I'm walking I see people laughing at me. I just go about my business. It doesn't hurt me now, but when I was little it did.

Q: What's the worst recent incident of someone...?

A: It's a while ago. Some guy honked, and he said, "Are you hungry?" or something. I was standing at the bus stop, and he made a comment to me. I just told him to shut up, but that was about maybe a month ago.

Q: How does your boyfriend feel about your weight?

A: He doesn't mind, because he's a heavy guy. He's six foot and he weighs — probably less than I do, but he's still a big guy. Funny you say that. I met him when I had just went on the diet, and he didn't care, 'cause I wasn't this big, but I was still big. I told him I would like for both of us to lose weight so that we can grow and be healthy and see our son grow up.



Denise

Q: Has he ever tried to lose weight?

A: Him? No.

Q: Do you think your weight affects your sex life?

A: For me, no. When I was thinner, it was kind of better, but it doesn't stop me, even in any other thing I do. There was a little

girl...we were in a fast-food place. We had taken my son to a McDonald's down here, and a little girl told her mom, "How come she's fat?" — you know how little kids are: they just blurt stuff out — and her mom goes, "Get over here and come tell her

you're sorry!" I told her, "No, that's okay, it's not her fault." You know, because I'm the way I am. Kids are just noticing stuff, you know. If she'd been an older kid, maybe, but you know, that was when it clicked in my head that I need to lose weight.

I don't like to go to restaurants and eat unless I have a chair — I don't like to sit in a booth, because I don't really fit.

I won't go in, and my boyfriend gets mad at me. Q: Say, if there's a booth, you would have to put a chair at the end of the booth?

A: Yeah. If I won't fit, then I won't sit there. My boyfriend, you know, he gets mad at me, and he tells me, "Who cares what other people think!" but I told him I don't want to get stuck and be embarrassed.

Q: Have you ever been stuck?

A: No, 'cause I won't attempt it.

Q: Have you ever sat down on anything and had it break?

A: [Laughing.] Yes. A couple of weeks ago on my niece's birthday we were singing happy birthday to my niece, and I sat on one of those garden chairs and I broke it. My mom got mad. But generally I use my own judgment. If it

doesn't look sturdy, I won't attempt to sit on it.

Q: How about airplanes?

A: I've never flown. Actually, I'm afraid.

Q: Movie theaters?

A: We go to the movies, but it's been a while. I have to sit in the front, and I have to be near a bathroom. Now that I'm heavy like this, I have to go to a bathroom a lot. I know it has to do with my size.

Q: Have you had any health problems because of your weight?

A: Not any major ones. I'm asthmatic, and it tends to be worse because I'm heavy. I didn't have to use my inhalers before; now I do. If I walk up a hill or something, I get out of breath and I have to stop sometimes. I try not to stop until I get up the hill. I walk everywhere. As much as I walk, I should be skinny. We don't have a car. So my mom walks as well. She's heavy too. I cook, and how I eat. I know deep inside I could lose weight, but sometimes I

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don't want to 'cause I'm scared that my attitude is going to change. I'm scared to lose people over it, because sometimes people don't like it if you change. Maybe I'm scared to try anything new.

Q: Does your weight protect you?

A: Maybe!

Q: Because I've had a couple of the people I've interviewed say that the weight helped them not to feel like a sex toy — like people are just looking and whistling at them.

A: You know, when I had lost some weight, guys would look at me, and I felt uncomfortable. And now nobody looks at me, and I just do what I have to do. I felt weird 'cause I never got any kind of attention before. Another thing is, I am eating more because my father passed away two years ago, and after that, I was depressed.

Q: You said something about losing people. You were afraid to lose people.

A: Yes, I'm afraid to lose

my boyfriend. I had mood swings when I did lose weight. I think maybe it was the pills. I don't know. Now, like in the morning, I get grumpy sometimes, but that's the way I am. But before, I would get mood swings, like one moment I would be happy and the next moment I'd be angry at something.

Q: Kind of like when people say they can't stop smoking 'cause they'll lose their job, 'cause they'll get all mean!

A: Yes! But, like, I don't go to too many places. I like to stay in the house, and my boyfriend gets kind of mad. He wants to go out more and stuff.

Q: So could you go on this way forever?

A: Well, actually, I want to lose weight. My sister is getting married in September. That way I could fit into a nice dress. We took pictures during Christmastime, and I hadn't been photographed in a while, and when I saw myself, I kind of got discouraged.



Hank

The only time I look at myself in the mirror is when I am putting makeup on my face and doing my hair. I know I could never

be real, real thin. I know it's going to take a lot of work, but I'm determined to do it!

Q: Does food feel like a

friend?

A: Sometimes, if I'm angry. Yeah, if I'm angry at something, sometimes I'll eat, but not overwhelmingly to where I would get sick or something.

Q: What's your favorite "angry" food?

A: Potato chips!

Q: Oh! Not ice cream?

A: No, I don't like a lot of sweet stuff. It's the potato chips!

Q: What advice would you give to other people in your situation?

A: To not be, like, depressed, or to just go about your business. To not let anybody discourage you, because being big is not a handicap. You can do what you've got to do, and you can have the same things a thinner person has. I have a son, I have a boyfriend, and I have everything that I want, and I'm a large woman. I'd tell them to keep their heads up and not to get discouraged. Sometimes you have to ignore what people say, you know. That's what I think.

Anna

Q: What is your height?

A: I'm 5'2".

Q: And your weight?

A: I weigh 240.

Q: Have you been heavy all your life?

A: I started in high school, gaining weight. Other than that, I was always just a little chubbette.

Q: So prior to high school...?

A: Just a little chubby kid. Not fat, just chubby.

Q: And did anything special happen in high school that inspired that change?

A: No, nothing different happened. I had a very normal, happy, loving childhood. I think that my entire life I was always chubby. My mother and father had a little bit more control of what I would eat, and my entire life I remember always feeling hungry. Just hungry. So as they lost a little bit more of their control and I gained more of my control, I would eat! I have been on a diet for 52 years. There's never been a day when I have not been

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on a diet. In fact, I always thought "Diet" was my name!

Q: What is your diet?

A: Right now, I'm totally off sugar. This is the new diet. I'm not having any sugar, so I eat pretty much like a normal person except I'm not eating sugar. Is it helping? No! I wish it was, but I don't know, I believe that weight is predisposed, as well as what the type of person you're going to be: what your personality is, what your intelligence is, your height, the color of your eyes. You can gain some control of some of these things, but it's a very hard battle.

Q: So if one is predisposed to their height, weight, and size, then genetics has something to do with it?

A: My brothers and I, we're all the same height, they're all the same size, the same hair color, the same eye color, and we're all *fat!*

Q: Do your brothers have that feeling of being hungry?

A: I don't know. We never



Mary Ellen

really talked about this a lot. And I can't believe I'm sitting here talking to you about this, because weight has always been a very personal issue. We talk a lot about things, my brothers and I, but we've never really discussed why we are all fat.

Q: Are your parents heavy?

A: My mother was. My dad is a diabetic. He stays on a very strict diet. He has never had a weight problem, but my mom struggled her entire life.

Q: And your grandmother?

A: My grandmother was just a little chubbette. She

was the cutest little thing that you could ever look at, but she was *fat!*

Q: Did you ever have any trouble in high school with people making fun of you?

A: No, I wasn't that fat in high school. In high school, I can remember I went on a diet and I lost 25 pounds

in my junior year. I always struggled. I waged a war against my weight! Every single day, it was just "You can't eat, you can't eat, you can't eat!" In those days, I was a lot more active. I did lots of things. There was a real core group of our friends, and sometimes we did a lot. And that helped! As we all know, input-output. But unfortunately in my case, if I would eat an apple and they would eat two tacos, they wouldn't gain the weight. I would eat the apple and I'd gain a pound.

Q: Have you tried any other diets?

A: Oh, I have been on every diet that's in existence. I went on the Diet Center diet, and I lost 70 pounds. That's a diet where you eat less than 500 calories a day. You're thin, and you don't understand how little 500 calories a day is.

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A: You see, I guess I find that strange, because why would you want to lose any weight? That's not weight! That's just age. You should exercise. Ask a fat person and they will tell you they could be the best personal trainer to anyone. If some normal-sized person said, "I want to lose ten pounds," the fat person could tell you how to do it. But can they do that for themselves? I don't think so. I'm not making an excuse here. Five hundred calories a day, I did that for seven months! It's nothing! How fast did it come back on? In no time.

My mom passed away two years ago, and it's been a struggle for all of us, because we loved her dearly. So I did gain some weight after that, because I didn't do anything. You know, I just stayed in the house and mourned. So now I'm back to my regular "Hey, come on, let's go!" attitude. We are a very active family. We get up and go, and that's my recommenda-

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Q: Has your weight ever affected your health?

A: Oh, I think all overweight people have issues with health. We all know that if you are fat, you tend to have high blood pressure and you can get diabetes, or your heart can become enlarged. I have high blood pressure.

Q: Do you take medication?

A: I don't take medication. Don't let my doctor hear that part. I'm just trying to do some more exercise, and exercise will help high blood pressure. But then, I know you're predispositioned to that. As thin as my dad is, he has high blood pressure.

Q: Does food feel like a friend?

A: Oh, food is a nice friend, a kind friend...a good friend. Food is a good thing. Food is not negative, and food should never be negative. But you can't use it as a crutch. You know, like if you're mad, then you should say, "I'm angry!" instead of saying, "Oh, well, I'm really angry, so I'm going to have that Hostess cupcake." I don't do that! Weight's a war! It is! It's just a war. Some days, I feel like a burlap bag in a chiffon world! [Laughs.] "What clothes am I going to find today? Oh, well, I have that burlap bag back there. Okay, get it out!"

Q: Do you have more than one set of clothes? You know, the thin clothes...?

A: Oh, I have clothes that are 20 pounds lighter. But clothes have never been my thing, other than to make sure that I'm always dressed appropriately. So I don't buy a lot of clothes, but in my earlier years they were so hard to find in my size. That's probably why

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I have never made clothes my thing. But now I'm really happy that they have come out with really wonderful fashions for fat people. Kmart and Target really do a good job, lately, and just lately! Because they hadn't before at all. When they first came on, it was

just terrible. But I'm happy that it's getting easier to find the same styles that thin people wear, only in fat-people sizes.

Q: So this ease of getting plus sizes in regular stores is a recent thing?

A: Oh, yeah. I mean, we'd always look like we were

wearing clothes for 80-year-olds. Sometimes I would just buy maternity tops. You know, the smock kind. I'm a child of the '60s, and so, heck, that would work — that and a pair of jeans. After I had my first child, then it just got impossible. I just could not seem to get back down to a reasonable weight, so I just wore my maternity clothes.

Q: Well, you already had some.

A: Um-huh!

Q: Then you continued to shop at the maternity store?

A: I would look around to see what they had, and sometimes they would have something. You didn't have a lot of clothes in the early '70s, in the '80s. There were not a lot of clothes for fat people to buy, and they were absolutely horrendous! I mean, in the '70s and '80s, I was 20 and 30,

and they were horrendous. I don't think anybody really knows how really awful the clothes were.

Q: I can think of a couple of outfits that I saw, but I never thought about it.

A: Yeah, now these young girls, they are lucky. I mean, they have really attractive fashions that they can wear. It's nice. You know, it's nice to go shopping at Robinsons-May. The problem is that if you don't have money, you can't shop at Robinsons-May or Macy's, and so, I'm happy to see that Kmart and Target are finally coming online with some more attractive clothes for the young girls and then more age-appropriate clothing for myself.

Q: Weight prejudice appears to be the last acceptable prejudice.

A: Absolutely true! Have you ever heard anybody

say, "A big skinny liar!"? No, everything is "You're a big fat liar!" Does anybody ever say, "Oh, you skinny liar, you!" "You're just a fat slob!" Well, aren't some people who are *thin* "thin slob"?

Q: "A fat head!"

A: Yeah, do you ever hear anybody just go, "You skinny liar, you" ... "You skinny slob, you!" I just want to hear that one time. [Laughs.] Just *one* time! I don't want that word to be negative. I want it to be a descriptive word. "Large," "huge," "big" — that's okay! Not negative, not dirty, not obscene, not gross. "Fat" means large.

Q: You know, I never thought about that. I mean, a liar has nothing to do with weight.

A: Yeah, right! "Slob" has nothing to do with weight. You walk into my house,

you could eat off of my floors, they are so clean.

Q: Did you see the movie *Shallow Hal*?

A: No, I did not! I heard about it, and what I heard about it probably stopped me from going to see it. Trust me, I'm not an activist; I'm not a fat-person's activist. I just... I'm not cruel; I'm not mean-spirited, and I heard that it was pretty mean-spirited.

Q: Actually, in the end, it becomes a pro-diversity movie. I can't say anything else, because if you do see it, you'll see. It's interesting.

A: I mean, do those things really happen in real life? I heard, like, they step on this thing and this person goes flying. I think that overweight people or fat people really worry about preconceptions of other people, so I think that they go out of their way to kind of shrink a little bit when they walk around.

Q: Well, for instance, air-

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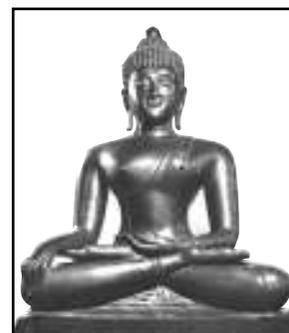
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A: Right! And I mean, I don't have a problem with that, because they could sell that other seat to somebody, so I don't find a problem with that at all.

Q: So you've never had any trouble breaking anything?

A: No, no. I'm cautious.

Q: Do you feel that your size gives you power?

A: No. I think that's more personality-driven than weight-driven.

Q: Are there any advantages to being heavy?

A: No, none, zero!

Q: Does your husband have

any feelings...?

A: Never! But, and you can put this in there, he's exceptional! We've been married 32 years. I had just turned 20 when we got married. And I hadn't reached my full bloom, but I was not real thin either. Of course, we have known each other since I was 14, so he's seen all the different shapes and sizes. I've been on a diet my whole entire life. I mean, there were years when I would lose 50 pounds in a year.

Of course, most of my friends are thin. Jessie, that you met back there, I've

known her for 25 years. We were friends before I brought her to come here to work. I've worked here 16 years, and she's worked here 14 now. Her size has never changed! I think that most perceptions of fat people is, like, when they get in trouble, they go to the "white psychiatrist." You know, they open up that door, and they just start shopping in there! Well, you know, I'm not so sure that's so true with everyone. I'm not sure that we go to the refrigerator for everything. I think that if you don't stay in 100 per-

cent control, that that pre-dispositioning just takes over, and if you are not in control 100 percent all the time, your "real" person comes up! And I really believe that! And maybe that's how I had to think about it to be okay with it. Q: So your "real" person is lurking, and then you relax your control and your "real" person walks out. A: Yeah! Q: You have been here for 16 years. Has weight ever played a part in your finding employment? Have you been turned down because of it?

A: I hear that happens, and maybe that's why I've stayed here for 16 years, because I find real comfort here. [Laughs.] I only live two miles from here, and I work with my best friend. So there are trade-offs! I must say that I was terrified to come and apply for this job, because of my weight. That other company that I worked for ceased to exist so I had to look for another job. Q: Did you start that other job lighter and then get heavy? A: I may have been 20 pounds lighter.

Q: No big difference. So then you had experience getting a job that you liked while you were heavy. A: Right! But I was worried. I needed to get a job, and I knew I was overweight, and I was worried about how I would be perceived. Q: Well, there's a tendency to believe that if someone is overweight that they are going to be messy or unable to control themselves. A: I don't know where that idea came from. Does the general public think that we all just wallow around and have our candy wrappers

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laying all over the floor and our fast-food bags around our beds, just in case we need a midnight snack? I couldn't even imagine that.

Q: What would you like to say to anyone who is plus-sized and reading this article?

A: Enjoy life! This is your only chance. If you want to live it fat, then by God, live it!

Q: Thanks. Now let's get a photo.

A: Oh, yes, and on the subject of posing for photos, you kind of, like, turn to the side, and you put your foot out like this [demonstrates]. Straight on is *not* a good thing. And always kind of lift your leg a little bit and hold in your stomach, and pull your jacket down in the front and the back — or get

in back — then *smile!*

Carmen

Q: Have you always been plus-sized?

A: No, it went through periods. Like when I was a kid, I was kind of overweight. Then when I was 13 or 14, I lost, like, ten kilos, which would be around more than 20 pounds. I never was thin for a long period of time. I have lost weight, but then I gain double of what I have lost. So it's up and down all the time. I know what it is to be thin and be able to wear clothes and go to places and be able to find your size.

Q: How long is the longest that you were thin?

A: Six months.

Q: Does anything special happen in your life right before you start gaining

again?

A: There's something psychological there, for sure, but I'm not quite sure what. It's a kind of punishment that you do to yourself — gaining weight and losing it and gaining and losing it and gaining. When I was thin, as a teenager, I was eating very little food and exercising a lot. I also had bulimia or anorexia. So I definitely had an eating disorder. When I was 20, I had a lot of friends who were really sick with bulimia. I wasn't doing it every day, but once in a while, yes. So I decided to stop doing it and just be conscious of what I'm doing and take the consequences. Some people can eat whatever they want and they don't gain weight. But I do gain weight, especially with

chocolate. My boyfriend is really thin, and he eats whatever he wants. So there are certain things that I can't eat. All those can'ts — no, no, no — horrible.

Q: So when you would eat, you wouldn't necessarily plan to vomit. But would you eat and then feel guilty and say, "Oh, that was bad"?

A: Yeah, that's why I gained weight. Yeah, because when I was thin, I was doing all that bulimic stuff. Like I had to pay to be thin, be like the rest, to fit into society.

You have to understand, in Argentina it's very different from here. Society is harsh on fat people, and they discriminate against people for their weight. Here it's not as bad. For example, I'm not considered like overweight people. Like my landlord

told me, "You're not that fat!" and people tell me that. People don't tell me this just because they like me; it's because they're used to seeing really fat people. I think I'm really overweight. But with the U.S. standards here, I'm kind of okay. In Argentina, I will be really, really fat.

Q: How tall are you?

A: Can I tell in meters and then you can convert them? One point seven one [5'7"].

Q: You haven't been in the U.S. long?

A: Yeah, but I never get used to that. [Laughs.]

Q: Your weight?

A: Right now, 220 pounds. And I want to lose 50 pounds. That will be my weight, I think, according to my height.

Q: How are you planning to lose that?

A: I'm not planning to lose that! [Laughs.] Well, I gained so much weight when I came here because of the different food. My whole life changed. Like in Argentina, I used to walk a lot. I didn't have a car — here I have a car; I don't walk. You need your car to go everywhere. So I have to do exercises in the gym. I have no other choice, and I hate going to the gym. I pay every month, but I go, like, twice a month or three times a month. Plus, I always have good excuses, like I don't have time, or I have to do this or that. I gained a lot of weight here — I gained, like, 30 pounds here — since I got here almost two years ago. And the food, the style, the...for example, in school, I don't have time to eat

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ple outside. I don't know if they hide in their house, because I'm sure there are fat people. Same as people in wheelchairs or disabilities: you don't see it in the streets. And the streets and buses are not prepared for them. Here you can see wheelchairs can go everywhere — at school, in the buses.

Q: Have you ever broken anything, sitting on it?

A: Well, once, but I wasn't that fat, and it was really — the chair was broken. It was one of those director's chairs, so it was the chair's fault. But I do feel uncomfortable in airplanes, *very* uncomfortable! I can't move my legs, and your knees don't fit either.

Q: Have the people next to you ever complained?

A: I don't think so. And I

heard that plus sizes have to buy two seats in airplanes. I don't know if that's true or not, because I don't do that, and I hope I never have to.

Q: Did you see the movie *Shallow Hal*?

A: No, and I don't want to see it. I saw the ads, and I think that's horrible. They just make fun of fat people. It's insulting. My boyfriend wanted to go, and I told him, "I'm not going to go. If you want to go by yourself, go, but don't come back home!" I mean, go ahead and do whatever you want, but if the person I choose to be with, let's say, is racist and he likes to call "nigger" to black people and discriminate against them for their color or go and see movies that humiliate black people —

I don't want to be with that person, because I'm not a racist. So the same thing is with overweight. I know that everybody discriminates over overweight people. You're not going to date an overweight girl. Nobody wants to date a person like that. You have to be weight-confident of yourself. Here, I see it more often. Like, I see overweight people going out with other overweight people. I see them on campus. But it's very unusual to see a thin guy with an overweight girl. And I'm talking *overweight*; I'm not talking a little bit. And I think that movie was all about that stuff. If my boyfriend finds this funny, then what kind of values does the person I am going out with have? I don't want to be with a

person like that. So I explained him all that. I don't think he saw it. He would have told me.

Q: So you raised his consciousness a bit, perhaps, just by talking to him about something he probably never thought about. Has your weight affected your health?

A: Yeah, like the stretch marks and all that. But it's not like I'm going to die because I have the stretch marks. Of course not. But that is something that is attached to fatness, and it's not nice. Because I'm 27 and I don't have a child, but I have stretch marks like if I had one, you see? And it affects you here, because, of course, you're not going to wear anything to show that. Society says it's not nice, and you grow

up in this society. I cannot think and say, "I don't care!" because I do care. Because I'm a part of this society, and I have all the mentality and everything that everybody else has. Like, what do you think when you see a fat girl wearing really short stuff? Showing all the stomach out and stretch marks and little shorts and... You don't think that's nice to see, right? I think the same thing, so I don't show it. I think that's more psychological than physical. But as for physical, I don't have, like, any disease. Amazingly, I don't have high cholesterol, that I know of, but I could have that.

Q: Do your feet hurt?

A: No, but the thing is that I get tired a lot. Like if I go upstairs. When I was thin,

I will go like this [briskly snapping fingers] and I wouldn't get exhausted. Now, I do!

Q: You don't have to answer this question, but does it affect your sex?

A: Oh, yeah, because I feel, like, embarrassed or shy. When I was thin it was different. So you see, I've seen both sides. I know what it is to be thin and do everything, and I know what it is to be fat. Yeah, it does affect it. When I was thin, I would do anything and wouldn't care if he sees my stomach or my stretch marks, or whatever.

Q: Are there any advantages to being heavy?

A: No. But at least you can find a lot of clothes here in the United States. In Argentina, you cannot buy clothes except if you go to

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a store that it's specifically for plus sizes. If you go to Guess? in Argentina, the large is this [pointing to herself, laughing]. I'm not kidding! And I don't want to wear what the old ladies wear. You know, these big skirts with these horrible shirts. It's for old people!

Q: Does food feel like a friend?
A: No. It's my drug, but it's not my friend. Because a friend doesn't hurt you, and food hurts you. Like everybody tells me, "Well, just get on a diet and lose weight!" It's easy to say, but it's hard to do it. Or, if you smoke: "Stop smoking! You're hurting yourself. Stop smoking! Tomorrow, you're going to stop smoking!" You might try, but then you're going to want a little bit. My boyfriend told me, "If you lose ten kilos, I'm going to quit smoking!" so we have this deal. But still I'm working on the first kilo, so he keeps buying cigarettes.

Q: Have you ever lost a job because of weight?

A: No. I didn't get jobs because of weight, but never lost one because of weight.

Q: How did you know that you didn't get the job because of weight?

A: Because I was qualified for the job. I'm working towards my degree right now. So you go to those jobs where you know they can hire you without a degree, which is receptionist or a salesperson, something like that. So I go to these places, and I speak two languages, and I know how to use the computer, and I'm an educated person, so what else could it be? Because if you're a woman, that's what they hire for — receptionist. It's rare that they hire men for a receptionist. And if you go to Argentina, you're going to see every receptionist and she looks like a model. Maybe I'm not going to the right places. You go to, like, a hotel, and the receptionist is just a normal person — could be an old lady, could be a fat lady, it doesn't matter.

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Denise

Q: How long have you been a plus-size person?

A: Oh, since I've been 35, and I'm 48.

Q: Did anything special happen to start the gain?

A: Well, I thought I was pregnant. I was a real strict vegetarian at the time. But I was worried that the baby wasn't getting enough protein. So I started eating different foods, like fish, at first. Then I just started eating anything I wanted. As it turned out, I wasn't pregnant. I didn't go get tested or anything for a while. I started eating more and more foods that I would not normally eat. After a while, for some reason, I just started eating all kinds of junk food and anything I wanted, and I'm still doing it, for 13 years now! [Laughs.]

Q: What's your height?

A: I'm 5' and 5".

Q: And your weight?

A: Two hundred forty-eight.

Q: How much did you weigh before, while you were a vegetarian?

A: I pretty much maintained 115.

Q: Have you ever gained and lost, or did you just gain that once and then keep it on?

A: Well, maybe about four or five years ago, I went back to my real strict vegetarian diet for about two months, and I lost about 20 pounds, and I started feeling better. My health, just everything started feeling better. Then I gained it all back. And I'm still fat! I don't look fat, because I'm solid. I tell people how much I weigh, and they say, "You look so tiny!"

Q: You said before we started that you were homeless. Has this affected your weight?

A: Yes, it has. I've been homeless on and off for some time now.

Q: Did anything special happen to make you

homeless?

A: Well, let's see, how did I become homeless? I was depressed over this guy that I liked, and I felt like I was going through this really heavy depression, and I started seeing psychiatrists and psychologists, and they diagnosed me as depressive. I liked this guy, and he was going out with all my friends and my family and going out with everybody but me,

and so I just became homeless and sloppy, and I've been that way ever since. Oh, and I started smoking cigarettes.

Q: Has your weight affected your health?

A: Definitely! I have a hurt back and a hurt neck and a hurt leg. I have a slipped disk. Being overweight has pulled all the muscles around that disk. Carrying all this weight on my legs is hurting my knees. My

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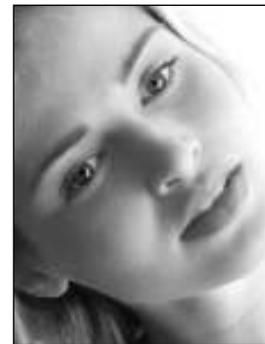
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neck — I have a neck injury, and it's pulling on my head. I can tell my head has gotten smaller, just from having to carry so much weight; it pulls on my head, and I can see that my head has shrunk. [Laughs.]

Q: So were you lighter in elementary school and high school?

A: No, I was always a chunky child. I was chunky until I was 19, and then I went on drugs. I used to do a lot of speed, and so I

lost all my weight, and then I became a strict vegetarian, and I maintained my weight from 23 to 35. I was 115, and then at 35, I just started eating all kinds of junk food, and I gained lots. First, I gained 100 pounds, and then I just kept going up. So I'm way overweight!

Q: What are your eating habits?

A: Ummm, different days, different ways of eating. I ate good yesterday. I ate a

big salad and some yogurt. The day before, I ate a lot of fruit and I think maybe a salad. The day before that, I think I ate Burger King, so it depends on my mood — it depends on how much money I have.

Q: How does your weight affect your sex life?

A: How does my weight affect my sex life? Well, I haven't had any sex life in a while, so I wouldn't know. But I don't usually let anything get in the way of it.

If I like the guy, that's all that matters. [Laughs.]

Q: Weight in society sometimes seems to be the last acceptable prejudice. They can't harass you because of color, but they can treat you differently because of weight. Are there any examples of people treating you differently because of your weight?

A: Yeah, every once in a while somebody will call out to me, tell me to go on a diet, tell me that I'm sloppy, or to do something to lose some weight.

Q: Complete strangers? They just walk up to you and offer you this advice?

A: No, for some reason they seem to instinctively pick up that I'm homeless, and you get approached more than a normal person. People think that they have the right to do anything they want with you.

Q: What are some of the classic things that people approach you with?

A: Well, it used to be guys that harass you want to take you out and...

Q: So you get asked out on dates?

A: Yes, it used to happen more when I was younger. I'm not as nice as I used to be. When I was younger, I got taken advantage of. I was polite to everybody. You find after a while that not all of them are nice — they have other things on their mind, or whatever — so I kind of stay to myself more than I used to.

Q: Are there any advantages to being heavy?

A: Well, it's easier to shop. Because there's a section of fat women's clothes, and you have to shop in that section. At first, there were no clothes out there for heavy women. I had been

heavy for about 13 years. And they had all these ugly clothes. I didn't like that. I was a lot younger, and I thought, "I don't want to wear all of these ugly clothes! I want to wear something sexy!" So now they are coming out with all kinds of pretty, sexy clothes, instead of all these bag-type things.

Q: What word is the best word for you when someone is describing you: "fat," "heavy," "Rubenesque," "plus-sized"?

A: Probably "heavy."

Q: Has being heavy affected your ability to work?

A: No. Well, I can't get down as easily as I used to be able to. I used to clean houses, when I was younger, and I try to get down on the ground now or on the floor, and I can get down, but I can't get back up. So I try not to get down there.

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[Laughs.]
 Q: Does food feel like a friend to you?
 A: Sometimes. But sometimes I like food, and sometimes I hate it. Especially when I was a strict vegetarian. They told you that you had to chew your food to get the most value out of it, and I started hating to eat, because it was like a job. I would have to sit there and chew and chew and chew, until it was broken down. And I decided I didn't like to eat — a job, and I don't like jobs.

Hank
 Q: What is your weight?

A: I believe that I weigh about 425 pounds.
 Q: How long have you been heavy?
 A: I have been heavy all of my life. I think it could be part of my Polish heritage. Maybe we're supposed to have more weight on us because it's cold there. I feel real comfortable with my obesity even though it's restricting. For instance, I can't just put my socks on immediately, it takes me a while. Just walking to the restroom and back makes me breathless, and I have to take breaks. I tell myself I have no plans to lose weight right now. My

philosophy is, do it till the wheels fall off. I'm 37, but you gotta look at me like I'm in my own retirement years. I'm a smoker and a drinker and I'm overweight, and so realistically I'm in my later years if I don't change.
 Q: That's interesting. Sort of an accelerated retirement.
 A: Yeah, trying to compete with people who are quicker for jobs does not work. There are discriminating undertones.
 Q: How does your weight affect your sex life?
 A: It really does. I don't really even try to pursue it. Only one time I got this

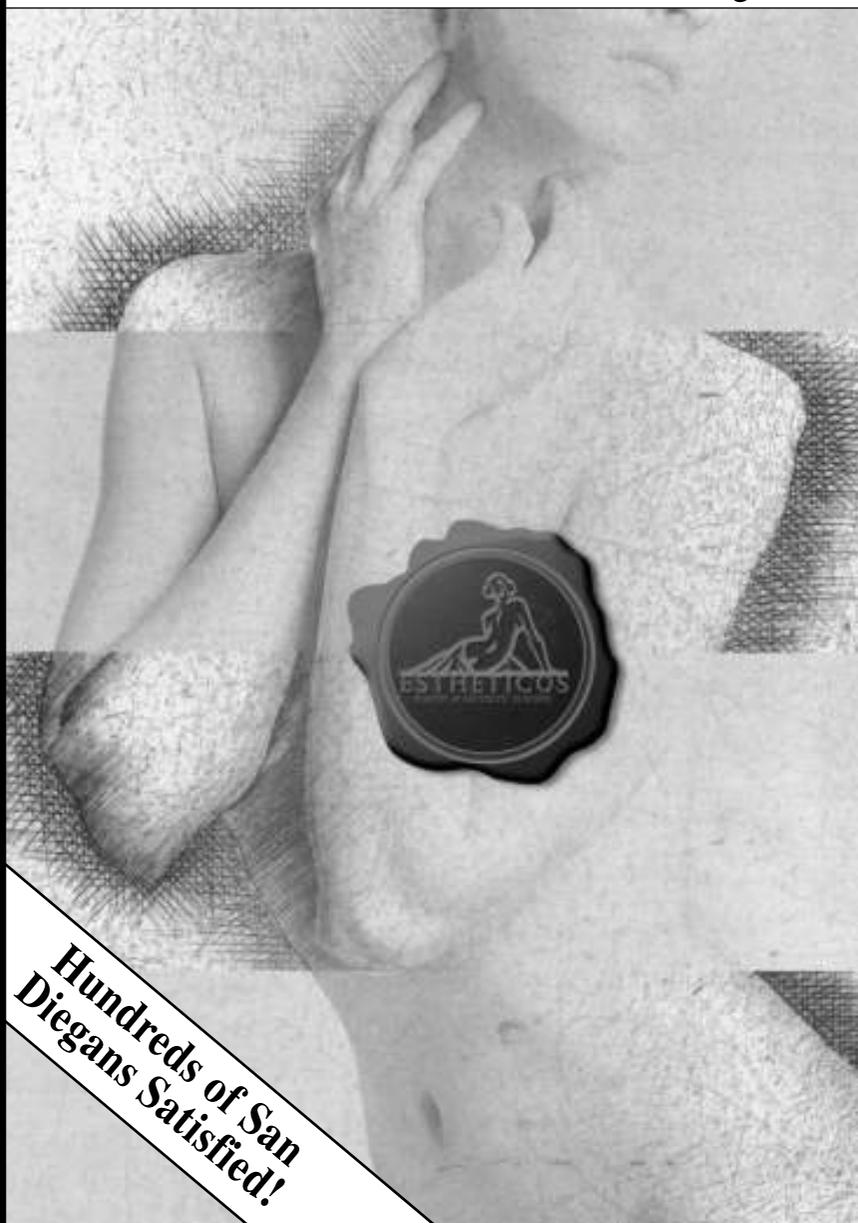
wingnut — you know, nymphomaniac. That was about it. I've been in Ocean Beach for ten years, and that's about it. So, yes, the sex life is pretty much down to zero. I see myself as a spectator of other relationships, and some are really bad examples to follow. So it makes me feel good sometimes that I don't have a relationship.
 Q: Are any of your family plus-sized?
 A: Yes. My sister is overweight. When she was a teenager she wasn't, but now in her adult years she's heavy.
 Q: How did the kids in

school treat you?
 A: Pretty bad. There was a lot of psychological hazing I had to go through. So much and so bad that I would skip showers in the gym. You know how cruel teenagers can be. And I found myself ditching school, skipping classes. Even to this day I'm conditioned to respond to the same type of hazing. Nothing's changed, I've just grown older. Sometimes I remember going to the counselor and the counselor tried to make it seem like I was the problem, like I was complaining. Now, in this day and age, you see all

those things, like what happened at Columbine High School, violent incidents. It's the same situation, hazing of emotional students. Perhaps I was manic-depressive with my reactions, but I don't think so. Back then, the schools didn't really do much about that sort of thing. The counselors just processed you in and processed you out. But I've got to admit that it does build character, like they say.
 Q: Is that why Roseanne Barr's funny?
 A: [Laughs.] Perhaps. Levity is a good defense against hazing and animosity. It

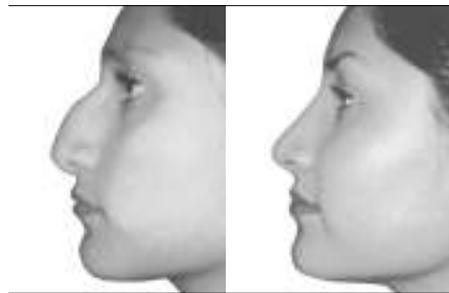
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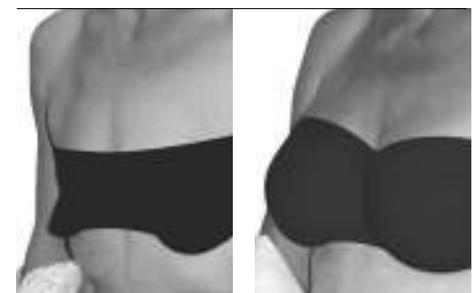
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has contributed to my good-natured personality. And if I ever catch myself doing that to someone else, disrespecting them or hazing them about the way they look, I stop myself 'cause I don't want to ever do that to someone else. I can definitely say that my mind is scarred from all that when I was younger.

Q: So that's made you more sensitive to all sorts of differences.

A: Yeah, we have a bond, like we're in a union. [Laughs.]

Q: Do you find yourself lobbying for the cause when you see someone hazing someone else?

A: Yes, I do. I'm compelled to 'cause I feel for them.

Q: Have you had any health difficulties because of your weight?

A: Shortness of breath, and my legs are swollen. I've got my shoes set up so I can slip them on and kick them off.

Q: Have you been hazed recently?

A: The only thing I can think of was the Fourth of July, when some kids cut out the corner of a ketchup bottle and threw it at the table where me and my friends were sitting. And I hope it was not a direct assault on me because I'm overweight, but that's how I've been conditioned to react. They may not have been thinking of me at all. The worst one I think that happened was the neighborhood kids were kicking a soccer ball around, and I'm sittin' there at the table in the park, and the way I saw it was they waited till they were right behind me and they spiked the ball right into my head. And what I did is, I did not turn around and yell at them. I did the qi-change thing, where you just don't react.

Q: Oh, like the '70s show *Kung Fu* with David Carradine?

A: Yes, a retaliatory reaction is exactly what they would enjoy. I learned that in school. Don't yell back and say, "You bad people, why did you do this to me?" and get all enraged. I just don't give them the joy.

Q: So the thrill is gone and they go away?

A: Yes, they do. You would think that they might see it as a challenge to see if they could bother me, but that has not been the case. So here is another example of character building.

Q: To turn the other cheek.

A: It takes a lifetime to get that one right. [Laughs.]

But other than that, things are good. I have good friends around me and they help me a lot. But lose weight — right now, I'm not even planning on it. I have not been on a diet or anything. But I could get fed up at some point, and then maybe I could make a change. I do have my own self-respect still. A lot of people let it get worn down. But still I am concerned about discrimination if I tried to enter the working

world. So I don't even try to dip my toe in there. The last thing an overweight person wants is scrutiny.

Q: Do you remember any particular instances when you tried to get work and you were discriminated against because of the weight?

A: Well, when they were picking teams in school and I was the last one picked — that's what I would compare it to. I'll give you an example. The last time I worked was for a temporary agency. I worked for an electronics firm. And they had a problem with my hygiene. I could shower once a day like a normal person would. But after moving around a little and sweating, I would start to smell. And my coworkers did not complain directly to me. They go to the supervisor. Same thing happens in jail. The first thing they say when I get there is, "Hit the shower," 'cause they see you're over-

weight and all. [Laughs.] So when I go to jail, I take one or two showers a day, and I make sure everyone knows so I won't get that hazing. It's rough to do the hygiene thing and keep up in this social world.

Q: I know even when I'm 15 or 20 pounds overweight my sister says I look pregnant. I'll walk up to a girl and she'll look at my face and then glance at my stomach. 'Cause I gain it all there. So at this time, you have no intention of losing weight?

A: If I did, it would probably be for a woman instead of for myself. You would think one would do it for oneself, but I might feel good doing something for someone else. A lot of times that's how people get to feel good about themselves. I used to really think ill of myself when I was young because of all that negative stimuli I was getting from the hazing and from many other directions. But

I think I've grown above that. I'm a good person. I have good friends. I interact with people. I don't want to be alone. I figure part of my salvation is that I spend most of my time outside, so I'm not a couch potato. I gotta move around. So basically I'm at peace.

Janice
Q: How much do you weigh?
A: Well, I was more than 100 pounds overweight. I still have 100 to go — 370, how's that? We'll just say that's where I started at, okay? It's very embarrassing. I don't know where to start.

Janice

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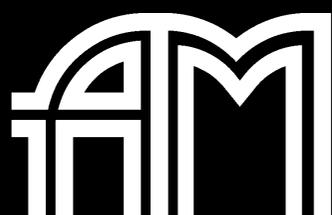
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and all the stuff that a lot of people who are overweight never have an opportunity to do. Then when I got married at age 25, I probably weighed 200, but I can solidly pack on 200 pounds and not look too awful. And in those days, a little long hair and makeup, and you don't look so bad. I was happily married for 24 years, and during those 24 years I gained 10 pounds here, 10 pounds there. I packed on probably another 50 in the course of that marriage. We had no children.

I had gone back to school and gotten my bachelor's and master's. I had a good job. My husband worked for Kraft Foods, and he was finishing up his grad school. And one day I accidentally picked up the phone and heard him talking to his girlfriend, making a date. When I asked him about it, he confessed.

Well, this doesn't sound like a big deal, maybe, in California, but where I'm from, those things don't really happen, and it was a very...one of those things that they call a significant emotional upheaval. It was real hard on me. I was so worried that I had these big decisions to make. What would I do? I just felt like the air had been completely knocked out of my body, like if you're a kid and you're playing ball and someone runs into you. So then I just kept eating and working. It was hard to see him and hard not to. Being a nurturing person, I was constantly trying to take care of everybody else, and I wasn't taking care of me.

Q: How did your eating habits change?

A: Oh, I comforted myself with food. I felt bad, and so I'd eat. And I ate the wrong stuff. I was eating fast foods and high-fat foods and snack foods.

Q: Did you ever get up in the middle of the night to eat?

A: No. But I wasn't sleeping well. I felt I had no control over my life. The only thing I ever felt that I couldn't do if I put my

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mind to it was to take weight off and maintain that loss. I didn't know how to comfort myself. The only thing I did was eat. I should have talked to somebody, accepted some help, but I was trying to protect them. I realized that I would not survive there in that town and that close to my family, my husband, and his family. So I decided that if I was going to survive, I had to move. I got a nursing license in Arizona, New Mexico, and California, so that on my way out here, if I ever had a breakdown I could stop and get a job.

Q: Were you still at the height of your weight?
A: Oh, yeah, it got even higher in the next few months. I mean, I had no job. I had a certain amount of money that I had set aside for my California experience, but I knew it was going to run out eventually. And I felt this pressure.

Q: Was it difficult getting

a job, at your weight?
A: No, because there's a nursing shortage, and I have a really good résumé. But as far as working in the operating room, on my feet for 10 to 12 hours a day, I knew I wouldn't have the stamina to do that anymore. So all of a sudden, here I am in California. I only know one person, who lives 45 minutes away; I have a job I don't like; and I'm living in one room. It was tough. I had never driven on a freeway before I came here. So I felt totally out of it! And, of course, I ate! I had nothing else. I would come home after work, and I would go to the deli section and just get a bunch of everything and go home and eat it. That was my entertainment. And I don't know if you've ever heard this, but you can overeat just as an alcoholic drinks to become numb. You numb out with food. I knew I was in a bad way. So I quit the other job.

I just went in one day and wrote a note, put the key on it, and slipped it under the boss's door and went back to hunting for a job. Luckily, I found a wonderful job working for an insurance company, and I have a nice boss; the people that I work with are great. I couldn't ask for anything more, and I have been there now a year and a half.

Q: Your excuses were dwindling.

A: Yeah, and all this time I'm changing. Then I thought, the only way I can put this divorce behind me is if I can come out of it better than I went in. I looked in the mirror, and here is somebody that weighs almost 200 pounds more than when she got married. Here is a woman who has been able to get her master's degree — she's not stupid — but she can't figure how to get over this divorce thing. She's in poor health from all the weight.

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Q: So they are able to staple your stomach without making a big incision?

A: Yes, that is the standard of care now. The recovery, you know, is so much less, and you do so much better. So anyway, I started researching. I had seen a website that told what insurance companies now pay for you to have this surgery, and I just happened to notice that my new employer gave you several options on your health care, and one of them was one of the ones that would pay for it.

I did a lot of research about the different programs here in town. Alvarado Hospital, where Dr. Alan Wittgrove has a program, seemed to be the best. He's been doing it a long time. And they also had what I felt was the most comprehensive preparation and follow-up program. I was very aware of what goes on in the operating room, and I knew that a lot of people could do any surgery. But the really important thing is

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I didn't want to do anything until I had worked at my job for a year. In the meantime, I started going to the support group. They have some informative sessions where the surgeons talk about what the surgery is like. I mean, they answer every question of every person in the room.

Q: So you were technically signed up for it?

A: No, no, no! Anybody can go. So I went, and I was still on the wall about it, because it is a very big thing, and I know that not everybody has 100 percent perfect results of any surgery. You can die having surgery, you know.

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tained their weight and they were still coming to the support group. They went around and got to talking about complications, and it just happened that there had been a young man who had this surgery, and he had complications. Something was leaking. He had to have a second surgery. He was in a coma for two weeks. He had every complication you can imagine and nearly died. He had lost all of his weight — I mean now, many years later — and he looked great. And in the end, the moderator asked them, "Would you do it again? After all you have been through, would you do it again?" And he had everyone go around and say, and every one of these people, including this guy who had had all the complications and nearly died, they all said, "Not only would I do it again, I'd do it every year if that's what it took to make these changes in my life." So I went home that day and I said to myself, "I'm doing it! I'm doing it!" And it was kind of a freeing feeling to make that decision.

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and they're probably worth every penny that they charge. So I had to come up with some money on my own, which was okay; that was my choice. Before surgery, I made sure that I had a power of attorney and that my will was in order.

One of the girls where I work offered to be my "buddy" and to come with me that day to the hospital. She's someone who has a weight problem too and is considering having the surgery and was kind of standing back watching to see how it went for me, what it's really like.

Okay, so I had the surgery on Saturday, and at the last minute the office people had all warned me, "Well, if you've had your gallbladder out with an

incision, then you have to have an incision when they do this surgery because you may have adhesions from that surgery." I told the doctor it would mean a lot to me if he could do it laparoscopically, because I'm my sole support and I've got to get back to work. Well, I found out afterwards that it took him three hours because I did have adhesions from this gallbladder surgery, but he stuck it out and did it that way. I had the surgery on Saturday afternoon, I went home from the hospital on Monday afternoon, and I never had any severe pain or anything. It was a little uncomfortable, but it wasn't anything worse than a bad case of menstrual cramps. I went home with some drains, bandages, you know.

Walked out, and a nurse friend drove me...

Q: Walked out?

A: Oh, yeah! I was walking in the hospital. I got up the first night and was walking around.

Now, my aunt had insisted that I should come and stay with her for a week after the surgery. I was able to go there. On Wednesday, I was to come back to the hospital for a little class that they have, and she brought me, 'cause I couldn't drive that first week. I was able to get up that day — I was able to fix my hair, put my makeup on, and put on my own pantyhose, which is no easy feat, and come to the class. And they said, "Have you used any of the Vicodin pain pills that we gave you?" And I said, "No! I haven't

taken any!" They said, "Then you can drive! But don't overdo it."

I had allowed myself six weeks off from work, thinking that if they had to make the incision, I would need the full six. After one week I went to see the doctor and they said, "We don't need to see you for a month." I was like, "What? Oh, my God!"

So I went back to work. The day before the surgery I worked all day, and I hadn't decided if I would tell the people that I worked with. I didn't want to lie to anybody, because you can tell people that you are having your gallbladder out, or some people just make up stories, you know, and I decided at the last minute that I'd tell them. So I went around to — we

have cubicles in the office — I went to each row and gathered people together and I said, "Now, I want you to know that I'm going to be gone for four to six weeks, and I want you to know where I'm going to go and why." And when I told them I was having this surgery, overwhelmingly everyone said, "I wish you luck." "I know someone who has had it done. They've done well." "If there's anything I can do, let me know." The response and the love and caring that came back to me, and the hugs, really were wonderful.

When you grow up and you live in a place all your life where everyone knows you since you were a baby, and your family before that, you think that

when you move to a new place and you only know people for a year, that you don't have any really tried and true... you don't have the same kind of friends. This whole experience has one thing that came out to me, that wherever you go, the faces are different, but the people are the same, and that really touched me.

Now, I won't say that I don't have a few anxious moments still, but I feel more at peace about a lot of things. The first month, I think I lost 35 pounds. When it was time, after the first couple of weeks, they let you eat. You can have soft things like yogurt or maybe some soupy refried beans — protein things — and Jell-O. There were times when I just wanted to eat something so bad. Some

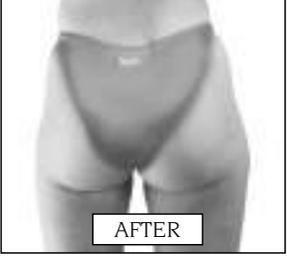
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days I smell food, I want it...I want it...I want it. I'm not even hungry, but I want it.

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Q: So the food bypasses part of your intestine so it cannot be absorbed?

A: It's like short-circuiting, but the bad part is that you're not getting all the vitamins and minerals maybe that you would get from the food, which means that you have to take vitamins for the rest of your life.

Q: So with this surgery, one can eat exactly what one ate before but not gain weight?

A: Well, you couldn't eat that much, because you've got a little stomach. At first, it's all you can do to eat a Yoplait yogurt. Two or three bites of something, and that's it. But that eventually stretches a little bit. I was at one of the classes and someone raised their hand and said, "Well, how long until I can eat like a normal person?" The facilitator said, "You people have never eaten like a normal person!" She said at the end of a year, you'll be able to go out with your friends and nobody is going to be the wiser. But there's four rules: you always eat your protein first, always drink 64 ounces of water a day, never snack between meals, and take your vitamins for the rest of your life.

Q: So you will never have this undone?

A: No, why would I?

Q: With stomach stapling, don't they do it and then you lose the weight and then they undo it?

A: No! There's a band that some people have put in that can be adjusted. You know, they can adjust it

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later. But I didn't opt for that. I just felt that this was the best for me.

Q: Wow!

A: So it's a thing to get used to now. This little pouch is going to stretch eventually, and people report that, at the end of the year, they can eat... maybe before you could have eaten a whole sandwich and potato salad and coleslaw. Now, you are only going to be able to eat half.

The other thing is, you don't drink a half hour before you eat, because that might fill your stomach. You need that space for your food, and you don't drink while you're eating. Q: [Looks at diagram of procedure.] So it creates a small stomach pouch that holds about an ounce that stretches rapidly to accom-

modate about half a hamburger, several french fries, and about a half of a small soft drink. The operation bypasses the remainder of the stomach, and 100 to 150 inches of the small bowel, thus also interfering with digestion. How fast does the weight go, month by month?

A: Well, the first month, maybe 35 pounds, but, you know, that's the first month. After that, it gradually slows down. I've lost like 25, 30, 25, 23, and then this last month, 15½.

The money that you save on food, after your surgery, you are spending on keeping yourself clothed, because you have no idea how fast you go from one size to another.

Q: So how does your weight level out?

A: It does slowly. Some people have a problem with nausea. I was one of those kids that barfed every time she got excited. If I hadn't had this nausea, I may have been tempted to eat things I shouldn't have. This has been a gift, a special little gift for me. And also, I want to get this over and done with. I want to get on with my life. After the fifth month, they said you can eat anything you want; you just have to eat small amounts and follow the rules.

Q: So let's say you're down to 135 or 140 pounds...

A: I have no idea where I'm going to end up. I don't know. They don't give you a number. They don't look at those charts, and they never say your ideal weight is 150. So I just try and fol-

low the rules.

I could probably cheat and still lose, but one of the gals at one of the support-group meetings hadn't even had her surgery yet, and she was thinking about how she was going to cheat. And there's this beautiful woman — I mean, like a model, blond hair, gorgeous clothes, just lovely — sitting next to me and I thought, certainly she didn't have a life as a fat person, and when they went around the room, she told us that she lost 150 pounds. And she said, "In response to the lady over here that was thinking about how she could cheat and still lose, we have cheated ourselves all our lives by not being all that we could be." And she said, "I've followed every rule for a year, and

I'm not sorry I've lost 150 in a year." So, you know, I'm sitting there looking at her, hearing what she said, and I had been trying to follow the rules, but you know what? That just made me more committed, 'cause what's one year out of all these years that I've lived as a fat person? So what if I give up a brownie now and then. So what if I never have another good meal in my life? And, I've had plenty.

Q: What would you say to the person reading this who's thinking about having this done?

A: You have to come into it knowing that it's not magic. It will not solve all your problems. If you go to these support groups, you hear people talking and they still have prob-

lems in their lives. And I will too, but it is a way that you can get control. And I feel great.

Mary Ellen

Q: Age?

A: Forty-four. I was born August 31, 1958. I'm a Virgo.

Q: Height?

A: 5' 7½".

Q: Weight?

A: Right now, I'm 269 pounds, but three weeks ago, I was 284 pounds. I've been on the Optifast Program, which is a protein liquid diet that is 400 calories a day, and you drink five shakes a day.

Q: Have you been plus-sized all your life?

A: No! Seven years ago, I started gaining approximately 20 pounds a year. I gained 120 pounds in

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seven years. I was runner-up for prom queen in high school. I looked perfect. I've had three children, and I wore a size 12 after I had kids. Right after I had my third child, I had some upsetment in my life, gained a little bit of weight, and lost it when my significant other — the person I had my third child with — died. I went immediately back to my normal size. So I was heavy for about a year, but that was about 85 pounds less than this when I was heavy that time, and I was heavy for a very short period of time.

Q: Did anything special happen to start this weight gain?

A: Seven years ago, I was ending a relationship with a man who beat me. He was a Vietnam vet with PTSD; he had a lot of anger. A friend of mine at the time said that I had battered wife's syndrome from looking at how I was handling my life. I never knew if he was going to be in a good mood and I was the angel or in a bad mood and I was the devil. And one day he just started to beat me, and he told me I was too fat to fuck. I had probably gained about 15 pounds and gone from a size 12 to a size 14. He was very concerned about my image and the way I looked.

I guess the whole cycle of the abuse, as well as the fact that he didn't think I looked good, caused me to gain weight. I was celibate for three and one half years after this. Somewhere in the middle of that I did date a little bit, but I was much too promiscuous. When I stopped being in that situation I was about 220 pounds, but I'm very buxom and very curvaceous. I was about an 18 at that point, and I met a man who had also been celibate by choice for about a year and a half. He was not a man I would have typically have gone out with. His socioeconomic situation and education was very different than mine, but he was very gentle and accepting of me and my three raucous boys.

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We had good chemistry and had the same sexual proclivities. He looks at me like a Barbie doll. My body has changed, but I do go to the nude beach on Long Island. I'm originally from New York, and I go back there in the summers. I don't care who sees me nude. There are other people at the beach that are not pretty looking. I would say that there's 10 percent of the people who *are* pretty looking — the rest of us are *not* pretty looking! [Laughs.] So anyway, I had a photographer this summer approach me who wanted to photograph me nude, because I still have — because I am so buxom — pretty much of

an hourglass, even though it's a big, puffy hourglass. Anyway, next question? [Big laugh!]
 Q: Has your weight affected your health?
 A: No, I have low blood pressure and regular everything. I have perfect health, actually.
 Q: All throughout high school and college you were thin?
 A: Yes, perfect, and approached to be a model, and all of those things. I didn't come from California. Back East it was rare that you had blond, beautiful people. And I was one of the blond, beautiful people, so everybody wanted to look like me in school, wanted to dress the way I

did. I was very popular. So, no, I was never heavy before.
 Q: You mentioned not wanting to look for work until you're lighter.
 A: Yes, I ran a really popular trade show in San Diego. I gained 60 pounds while in that business. The person who hired me was an older woman who had been a professional model and was very appalled by heavy people. She had met me socially and had hired me anyway, but she never let go of the fact that I was heavy, and it was really hard for her. She couldn't stand the fact that I was fat, and then I continued to gain weight. I did very well. People enjoyed working with me, and the show flourished. We increased the sales 40 percent over three years. When she decided to retire, she originally said that I was going

to run the business. Instead, she decided to sell it, and the new folks who bought it kept me for the transition. Then they ran the company on their own. I had enough money saved that I was able to not look for work. I am scared to look for work in the level of capacity that I was in, because I really believe there's a lot of prejudice against heavy people.

I think that people look at your weight and think that you can't get control of your life, so how can you be a good businessperson? You must be sloppy, you must forget things, you must be too clumsy, you must not be strong enough, you don't have enough stamina. I would work 16-hour days when I worked the show, sometimes two days in a row. I happened to be very

strong. There are lots of people maybe who are thin people who are *not* strong. I'm scared to look for an executive position, and a lot of it is self-sabotage. I've seen professional counselors who said, "Bullshit! There are people who don't get hired because you remind them of their uncle that they hated!" But still I do really feel that it's a handicap. I feel like I'm missing an arm, and it's like I'm from a race that people would not want to hire.

Q: What term is the least objectionable to you? People have had all these different terms: "fat," "heavy," "Rubenesque," "plus-sized."
 A: What is the least objectionable? I always used to say "Rubenesque," but Rubens was talking about people who are size 16 or 18, if you take a look at the

art. You're not Rubenesque when you're a size 22 going on a 24; you're *fat*. But people don't say the word "fat," because "fat" sounds mean. But you're either thin or you're fat or you're medium, so I'm fat. But I would not want someone to walk over and say, "How do you like being fat?" "Plus-sized" is an okay thing to say. I mean, it's not that objectionable, but it also puts you in a lot of categories — there's 1X, 2X, 3X, the way some clothes are sized, you know. And when you're a 3X, where do you go next? Those are what normal fat clothes come in, and there's actually a few fat stores. I've heard there are 4X, 5X, and 6X that are sold. I've never been to one of those stores because I'm not a 4X, but if I didn't stop the weight gain, I would have been a 4X.

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A: I haven't found that to be a problem. I have a really good sense of style. I have fabulous clothes and fabulous fabrics. I still get a lot of attention from men. It's really funny, because the man I date is absolutely aware of the attention I get, and it drives him insane! [Laughs.] I also laugh about the attention that I get too, because I think that the thought of going out and trying to date at this weight... I don't know which would prohibit me from finding someone more — the three kids or the fat. I think people want you to feel good and look good.

I'm not just looking at how nice they are to me; it's "What comes along with this?" You know, how well can they take care of themselves? So when somebody would look at me being fat, I'm sure that they would think of me maybe as an octogenarian, you know? That they would have to worry about whether this weight would affect my health. You know, now my health is perfect and always has been, but that doesn't mean in five or ten years it will be. The onset of diabetes because of obesity is a true fear. The wearing down of joints is a true fear. I have huge breasts, and back pain is a big fear.

Q: Are there any advantages to being heavy?

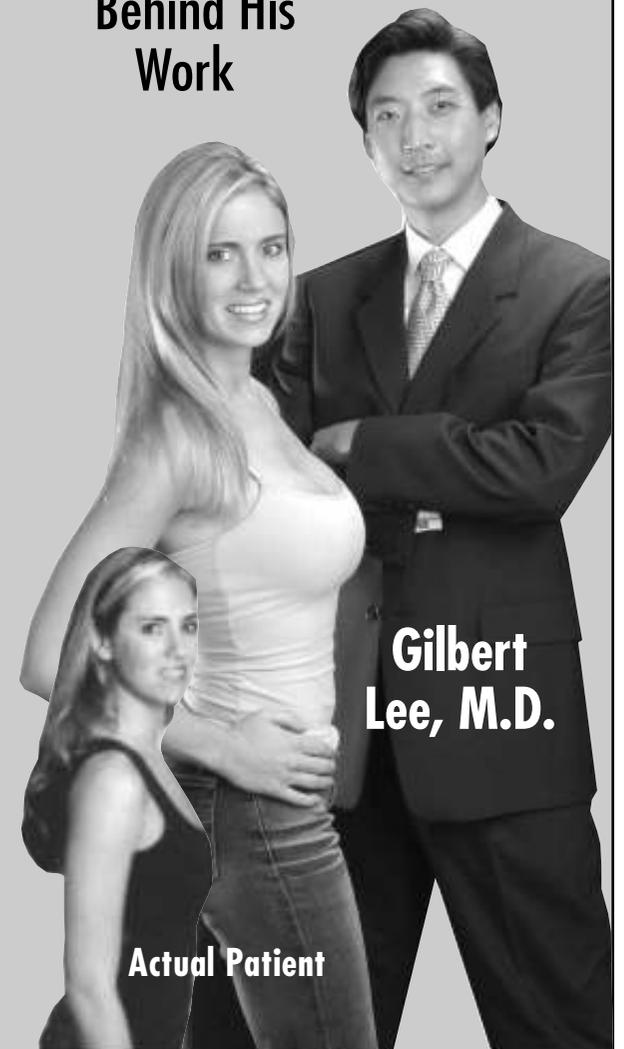
A: I don't know, because I was very powerful at whatever weight I was. But I have three sons that I raised by myself, and the amount of testosterone in these kids... and I am father and mother to them. My weight did not help me be more powerful over my children. Having appropriate boundaries, logical consequences, and sticking to them was the best thing to do.

Q: Does food feel like a friend?

A: Late at night, sitting in bed eating ice cream is very friendly. I like to cook, and I'm a good cook. People

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know me for cooking and serving large quantities of food. That has not been a friend to me. There are lots of folks who can cook for friends and never eat the damn stuff. [Laughs.] I didn't get fat because I ate the food I cooked. I got fat because I was eating ice cream in copious quantities late at night. I also think I got fat because I craved a lot of carbohydrates and I didn't match proteins with them. So my blood sugar was constantly going up and down, and I would be craving more food because of the selections I made. Food was not my friend. But I thought it was because my life was so out of control. At least I could

have food to make me feel better.

I can remember when Joe was dying, I started eating ice cream, probably around four o'clock in the afternoon, to feel better. So I had started that pattern years ago, but because I was not a naturally fat person, or my fat memory cells weren't there, I didn't gain that kind of weight. It was after I had just pretty much given up hope. I needed to get through raising my kids, and I just got heavier and heavier as I became more in despair over the fact that my children were not the people that I had thought and hoped they were going to be, and I certainly did not

have enough control to change all of that.

Q: Is there anything that you would like to say to people in a similar situation?

A: I went through a 12-step program 15 years ago that helped deal with weight called Overeaters Anonymous, and there was a huge amount of emotional support and spiritual support. You know what, every small step leads towards your goal, and even if you have a couple of steps backward, you've got to keep walking forward, no matter what happens.

Mitch

Q: How old are you?

A: Fifty-six.

Q: How much do you weigh?

A: Three hundred fifty pounds.

Q: Have you been plus-sized all your life?

A: Nope.

Q: When did it start?

A: When I went to jail.

[Laughs.]

Q: Oh, so they fed you well?

A: No, but I didn't have the drugs to keep the weight off. Then, not long ago, I went in to see the doctor. I thought I had a cold. The doctor said, "You have double pneumonia; you might not live." So they rushed me over to Sharp Hospital emergency. Next thing, I wake up and there's hoses stickin' out of me, and they've got me wired down to the bed, strapped down. They said, "You almost died, kid."

Q: So you lost some weight?

A: Yeah, I went back down to about 300 pounds. It was amazing, lying on your back doing nothing but watching TV. So I did five or six days in the hospital, and I was sick for quite some time before that. And the doctor said, "How long have you been smoking?" I said, "I never really gave it much thought.

Forty years, I guess." He said, "Do you want to live longer? You might think about givin' it up." So I quit smokin'. Now I taste my food. [Laughs.]

Q: A lot of people gain weight when they stop smoking. How has it been for you?

A: Well, after 40 years of not tasting my food.... Yeah, I have to watch it. Everything tastes so good.

Q: Have you had any health problems related to your weight?

A: Oh yeah, I can't walk anymore. My knees are sayin', "What the hell's wrong with you?" 'Cause I put on 50 pounds in less than three months since I quit smoking. I couldn't believe it. I told the doctor, "The problem is my hand." [Laughs.] The doctor said, "That's easy, we'll just stitch it to your leg." He said, "You can eat, but you can't just eat so much at one time. You need to

spread it out."

Q: Are you trying to eat smaller meals more often?

A: Right, and smaller portions of everything. You gotta get yourself into a pattern. And I had to get away from the soda. The soda was really putting on a lot too. So I'm switchin' to water after 20 years of drinking soda. But I still hit it once in a while, but not like I used to. It's the same with drinkin'. I gave that up about ten years ago. I'll drink once in a while, but I'm not gonna go on a binge no more.

Q: How has your weight affected your love life?

A: Bad. It's hard. I'm looking for some more Viagra. If you haven't tried Viagra, you are in for a treat. It takes you back to when you were 21. You won't believe it. You're on for hours, being ready to roll.

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Q: So your plan is to eat more often...

A: Stay away from the sweets, the sugar.

Q: So you are under the care of a doctor for this.

A: Myself, and my own doctor. But I'm taking advice from other ones too. I could go back to the speed again. But that ain't where it's at. When I came out of the hospital, they put me on steroids. You ever done steroids?

Q: No.

A: It's worse than tweak. It makes you so crazy. I mean, like turning into King Kong. I called the doctor and I said, "I gotta stop these pills, man. They're driving me crazy." He said, "We have to do it slowly." After two weeks of taking them, me and the old lady, we were ready to box. [Laughs.]

Q: What advice do you have for other people who are fighting their weight?

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CHAPTER 20

The sun looked pale and timid rising into the ice-blue sky, like a tourist from the north on her first tiptoe into the ocean. Either the temperature hovered around zero, or Hickey'd caught a deadly case



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of the jitters, or both. Quaking spasmodically, he hitched a ride in a jeep whose driver hunched

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A half dozen soldiers paced outside the gate, wearing scarves and earmuffs, hands beating against their sides or stuffed into the pockets of their long coats. The wind seemed to gust from both east and west, as though it had raced across the Great Plains, driven by some evil purpose, and had gotten thwarted by the Rockies and sent flurrying back toward its home. Hickey kicked snow off one end of the bench and sat, his butt numbing, all of him stupefied by the cold, until the trolley bus arrived like an angel of mercy, its overhead cable sparking.

As he began to thaw, Hickey quizzed the private sitting across from him, a red-nosed, snuffling kid. He learned that the Brown Palace Hotel — where the master and Venus's itinerary placed them — was downtown, a few blocks from the mint and the state capitol. The bus turned right at a city park where children pulled each other and sleds and kicked balls around on hard-packed snow. It passed a row of brick mansions surrounded by trees gray and gnarly as a witch's hand, made a left on Colfax, fell in behind a convoy of olive-drab flatbed trucks, their loads covered with tarpaulins. The stubble of last summer's wheat and corn blemished a half mile of snowy fields, across the road from a suburb of flat-roofed brick houses cramped beside each other as if land were scarce, as though nobody'd yet discovered the billion acres

of plains.

The trolley bus stopped every half mile or so, letting on school kids and workers until they jammed the aisles and warmed the car with their body heat. By now Hickey's shivering had quieted a little. His teeth only clacked in momentary spasms. The road had widened into two lanes each way, bordered by brick shops which stirred Hickey to remember hearing that Mayor Stapleton owned a brickyard, which he obliged local builders to patronize. Eastside Ford's showroom was boarded up, and the gravel lot, at least an acre, displayed fewer than a dozen cars. The newest was a '36 Chrysler. The picture window at Weckerly's Tire and Brake was blackened and lettered VISIT OUR REOPENING SALE — AFTER THE WAR. Over the door hung a sign: U.S.

A furnace near the booth, the coffee, and finally an omelet soaked in Tabasco warmed him everywhere except the heart.

ARMY RECRUITERS. Oscar's Grocery, Wholesale and Retail, had a half-block line outside. Word must've leaked that a stash of some rarity like coffee had appeared. Vince's Café was next door to Eldorado Dry Cleaners.

Hickey grabbed his bag and wedged his way between seats and bodies to the door. He leaped off the bus, hit the icy sidewalk, skidded, and braked by grabbing onto a light pole that had nearly whacked his skull. His feet catching hold about every third step, the wind pushing him from behind, he walked back to the dry cleaners. A sign on the door promised the place would open at 9:00 a.m., 20 minutes away unless Hickey'd turned the hour too far when he'd set his watch to mountain time. He stepped into Vince's Café, checked the wall clock, and flopped into a booth with chilly clear-plastic seat covers over checkerboard fabric. A hairy Italian fellow deliv-

ered a menu and coffee that smelled as rich as Judy Garland might've to a lonely boy stationed a hundred desert miles out of Tripoli. Hickey guzzled it, got a refill, and ordered a Denver omelet. A furnace near the booth, the coffee, and finally an omelet soaked in Tabasco warmed him every place except the heart, which remained gripped by the mightiest chill, the one you're not likely to shake while staring at your own mortality.

He reasoned that the odds were on his side, no matter if Katoulis were ten times the gunfighter. Unless Cynthia had gotten suspicious and made contact with Donny, or with Charlie Schwartz, who might pass word along, Katoulis wouldn't be looking over his shoulder for Hickey or anybody. Not in Denver. Besides, they hadn't met

face-to-face in nine years. Unless he walked up and said howdy, chances were slight that Donny'd recognize him. The man would be concentrating on his business. Hickey held all the best cards, except one. Katoulis had the ace of spades — he was a pro, while Hickey barely qualified as a novice killer. It had been years since he'd shot anybody; only once had he gone out intending to kill. Then he had frozen, watching Donny Katoulis's grin.

Next door at the dry cleaners, after greeting a stub-nosed older man as cheery as a blizzard, Hickey cast his eyes down. "See, pal, I been working out on the coast. Last year, day after Pearl Harbor, my mother calls and says I oughta join up. I promised her I was gonna. Damn proud, it made her, and I tried, but the louses wouldn't take me — on account of I'm a borderline diabetic. I was too shamed to tell her. Now, with her bragging to the

neighbors and all... I bet you've got a uniform about my size somebody's forgot to pick up." He plucked a couple 20s from his billfold. "Seventeen neck. Thirty-four waist, thirty-four inseam. A cap and tie, if you've got 'em, and the heaviest coat you can rustle up."

The old guy sneezed, wiped his nose, and turned to the back room. A few sneezes later, he returned with an outfit all pressed and starched, on a single hanger. He led Hickey past the machines, racks of dresses and suits, a Chinese girl washing linens in a tub, to the storeroom and flicked on an overhead light.

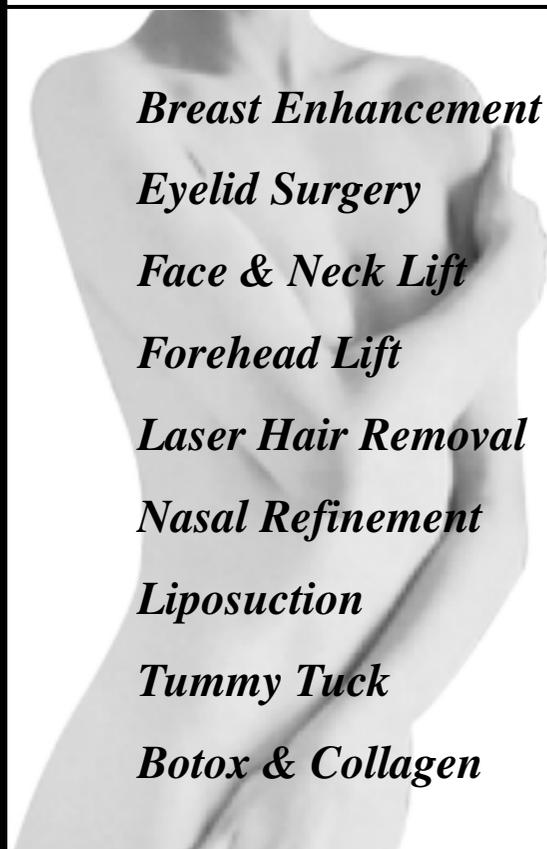
The uniform fitted Hickey a little snugly around the waist and neck but loosely enough through the shoulders. He crammed the civilian clothes into his suitcase, except his hat, which he carried so it wouldn't get squashed. He crossed the street and walked down to the bus stop, filled his pipe, and concentrated on lighting and sheltering it from the wind until the trolley bus came. There was standing room only. Riders pitched and swayed unconsciously, reading their dime novels or morning papers. Hickey gazed over their heads and hats, between newspapers. Other than that the trees appeared dead and the Victory gardens frozen, and that Stapleton's bricks prevailed, Denver looked like home. The same flat-tired cars waiting for the price of rubber to go down, the blackout curtains people had failed to lift after daylight, the same resolute expression on most every face. They'd known worse times. They might be harried or plagued with nightmares about their brother fighting in Algeria or New Guinea. Still, they had work and purpose. They didn't go hungry anymore.

A copper-skinned woman whose elbow had been jabbing Hickey the last couple miles showed him his stop, a block past the frozen slope leading to the state capitol.

The last mile or so he'd gotten lost in a glo-

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rious dream, about the Christmas gift he desired. A walk around the bay at twilight, tomorrow evening, with Madeline squeezing his right hand, Elizabeth clutching his left. He jumped off the bus and landed in another realm, wherein every shadow to his side or rustle behind him could be Donny Katoulis, and where he felt as conspicuous as if he wore signboards advertising his name and his mission. The wind snatched his hat, which bounced and flew up Broadway. He ran, slipped, skidded, finally cornered it against a newsstand.

You couldn't miss the Brown Palace, it was so tall, brown, and triangular, like a Hollywood studio mountain that covered the block between Treemont, 17th Street, and Broadway. At the 17th Street entrance, the doorman wore a braided cap, earmuffs, and a long blue coat with epaulets. Hickey nodded and stepped into

the lobby. Before he noticed the décor, he scanned the room for any face like the master, Venus, or Donny K. He'd never seen Venus or the master, in person or photo, but he'd know them. Already they seemed like familiars.

Finally he stared in awe at the lobby, a grand atrium with pillars and arches of onyx on the ground floor and mezzanine, the six upper floors railed in tarnished copper. Hickey would've bet that there were more palms here than alongside San Diego's harbor, only these were in pots beside the potted red-, green-, and white-lit cedars. The floors were polished tile decked with Oriental rugs, velvet- and leather-covered stuffed chairs and sofas, white mahogany and cherry wood dining and coffee tables. Yet the rest looked drab compared to the chandelier, a Christmas tree about 50 feet high, made of a thousand tiny crystal starlights.

Beneath it, beside a grand piano, a woman in a floor-length white tunic fingered a harp, making tunes that drifted through the atrium sounding as if they came from beyond the moon.

Hickey dropped his suitcase and hat on the tile. The desk clerk had sleek hair combed back

He got the Smith & Wesson .38 service revolver and shoulder holster out of his suitcase, strapped them on, and laid his rumpled suit coat and slacks on the bed.

without a part and a lipless mouth concealed behind a bushy, drooping mustache that looked stolen from a cowboy.

"Single, one night," Hickey said.

"We're sorry," the man said primly. "You know how it is, with the war and all."

"Yeah, I know how it

is. What'll it cost?" Hickey grumbled, flashing the contents of his billfold.

After Hickey'd checked in and sent a bellhop carrying his bag to room 306, he asked to use the telephone and got ushered into an alcove with two chairs, each beside a wall phone. Hickey dialed the operator and

gave her Leo Weiss's home number.

"Vi, it's Tom. In Denver. The old man keeping out of trouble?"

"Hi, Tom. He seems to be. He figured you might call. Left a message that the girl sang like her angel self last night, went right home afterward, and hit the sack. Leo dozed

a few hours, got back to shadowing her not long past dawn. That's the last I know. Now, what're you up to in Denver?"

"I ran away to join the rodeo. Do me a favor, huh? Call Madeline, tell her I love her."

"You two still fussing?" "Yep."

"Call her yourself, Tom, if you want her to believe it."

"There's things I gotta do today that require I don't get preoccupied brooding about Madeline, which is what'll happen if we talk."

"What things?"

"Can't hear you, Vi. Bad connection. Tell him I'm at the Brown Palace." He placed the receiver on the hook as softly as if someone were sleeping beside him, got up, and walked outside. The doorman was scraping ice off the steps with a shovel that, compared to his bulk, looked the size of a tablespoon. Hickey asked him for directions to the Trinity Methodist Church,

where Venus and the master would perform that evening. The doorman suggested he go to the corner and look to his right, up Treemont.

The church was brick with a conical spire, topped by a cross, the tallest thing in sight. The brickwork looked old as the Brown Palace, too ancient to blame on Mayor Stapleton.

Hickey walked past the church, continued around the hotel, scouting for entrances and exits. Only one on each side led directly into the Palace. You could also enter through the Ship Lounge. At Broadway and Treemont he crossed the intersection to get a longer view, check if you could spy through upstairs windows. On the far corner a woman in a Salvation Army uniform played "Greensleeves" on an oboe. As Hickey passed, her keying hand shot out and brushed his sleeve. Her face was the color and shape of a peeled

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potato, but Hickey fell for her meek smile, tossed a dollar into her kettle. A few steps farther he stepped on ice, ran in place, then crashed, and bruised his tailbone. He sat awhile, cussing and puzzling why anybody lived here — back in antiquity when tribes were migrating across the earth, why didn't they keep moving until they reached the tropics? If nothing else, the walking might've helped keep them warm. A man in a bank guard's outfit offered him a hand. He used it, thanked the fellow, and hobbled back to the hotel.

Three-oh-six was a corner room, diamond-shaped but vast compared to most old hotels where only the public rooms were elegant and spacious. Hickey's room had a private bath, a fireplace with three logs, and a bundle of kindling. He tried out the bed. Firm, with no lumps. He lay staring at a floral design in the ceiling plaster; he groped for

a scheme that would let Katoulis do his job, make sure he'd get hung for it, and guarantee that Cynthia wouldn't. For a minute or so, his overcharged mind blanked. Then it flicked to a new preoccupation — wondering, if he survived Denver, could he make good his promise, give up Hickey and Weiss, to hold onto Madeline? Yeah, he thought. People live without arms and legs.

When his temples began to throb, he rose, kicked off his shoes, replaced his socks with two clean woolen pairs, tightened his shoelaces. He got the Smith & Wesson .38 service revolver and shoulder holster out of his suitcase, strapped them on, and laid his rumpled suit coat and slacks on the bed. After slipping into his long coat and soldier's cap, he checked himself in the mirror above the dark oak vanity, tugged the cap down lower to hide most of his graying hair. You saw

plenty of middle-aged corporals, but gray ones were still an oddity.

He walked out, passed the elevator, wanting to keep space around him, and trekked down the three flights of stairs. In the lobby he picked a love seat near a couple high-backed chairs he could duck behind should he wish to become invisible. The harpist must've taken

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lunch early. Between Hickey and the piano, three old dames in mink wraps sat arranging each other's hats and brooches at the most flattering angles. On a coffee table lay a picture book about Denver and the hotel. He picked it up and started to browse but gave up. Knowing the quirks of his mind, he feared getting engrossed by some

stupid article while the master and Venus passed him by. Or while Donny K. spotted him, strolled over, and popped him between the eyes. So he sat gazing around at the guests as they entered from the street or one of the several cafés and saloons around the atrium's perimeter, at the bellhops, and at the cabbies who carried in lug-

gage. He got up and made a turn past the elevator to assure himself that the ancient Negro operator wasn't Katoulis disguised, and returned to his chair wondering how long it would take before the desk clerk or the cigarette girl got suspicious and sent a house dick to grill him.

Every 20 minutes or so he wandered outside,

made a turn around the hotel or crossed the street and glanced through the window of the drugstore or scanned the newsstand racks with one eye while he fired up his pipe and smoked a half bowl. The third trip he bought a deck of playing cards at the newsstand.

Back in the lobby, the harpist was playing. Surrounded by celestial music, a décor he would've bet the pope's house couldn't match, and the fragrance of 30 or so cut cedars, Hickey kept snapping to attention in shock to remember he was waiting here to kill a guy.

He dealt five games of solitaire, slow ones, on account of his looking up and around between every card while he thought about his own life and death and those of Pravinshandra and Katoulis. There was some truth, he mused, to Cynthia's observation that evil people thrive because good people don't have the heart to kill them. Try to act right-

teous and peaceful — you and a continent full of innocents get skinned by Nazis. Choke when you should've wasted Donny Katoulis, the man returns to haunt you. Likewise, if you save a freak like Master Pravinshandra...

There might be a way to exterminate them both, Hickey thought. If he let Donny snuff the master first, before he silenced Donny, the girl might go free. Maybe he could cover for her, pitch a tale about the contract on the master being the work of Henry Tucker, who'd probably die before the New Year anyway. Not likely Cynthia's daddy would deny the story. He might glory in saving his daughter's neck and depart counting on a martyr's reward. Only Charlie Schwartz and his chauffeur had the knowledge to botch things. What would Charlie do? Hickey sat wondering as Venus entered the lobby.

If she'd been surrounded by a dozen beau-

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ties her age, all with cinnamon hair, Hickey could've instantly picked her out. First, even in the flat pumps, she stood taller than most men, erect as though she marched in a drill team. She wore a tan business suit, but the hems of the jacket, the sleeves, and the skirt, as well as the collar, had been trimmed in rainbow fabric of red, orange, and blue. There were gems hanging off her ears and a big one, mounted in silver, pinned to the little hat that rested on the back of her head. From across the room he could see that her eyes were like Cynthia's, emeralds in sunlit water. When she stopped just inside the door to let the man beside her remove her wrap, and she surveyed the room, Hickey caught himself ducking away from her eyes, as if he feared she had the power to recognize even somebody she'd never seen. It was Venus all right.

Her escort wore a turban. A slender man in his

prime, built remarkably like Venus only without curves. Their chins, shoulders, hips, and knees all at the same altitudes. He wore a banker's suit, gray with pinstripes, double-breasted, a cream-colored shirt, and a red tie. The only peculiarity except the turban was his footwear, beaded sheepskin moccasins. His skin appeared soft and dark as caramel, the trim, angular face serene as if he'd either faced every trial and vanquished all the demons or had his feelings gutted. His eyes were deep and steady, pale brown. He walked gracefully, arms swinging loosely at his sides.

Two bellhops followed the pair. The Negro labored with a steamer trunk across his shoulders; the white fellow juggled three large suitcases. As they followed the master and Venus to the elevator, Hickey gathered his cards, pocketed them as he got up, and walked to the stairway. When the ele-

vator door shut, he double-timed up the stairs, peered around a corner and down the hallway while the elevator passed, then hustled up the next flight, and so on, until the elevator clanked to a stop on the fourth floor. He stayed out of sight behind a wall while the elevator door opened and shut and footsteps drummed softly along the hallway. Peeking around the corner, he watched one of the bellhops usher Venus and the master into their room. When the door closed behind them all, Hickey entered the hallway and ambled slowly toward the room. In a minute the bellhops stepped out and passed him by with hardly a glance, too busy laughing at something. Hickey sauntered past the room — 409, wide as a suite — listening for a shot or a scream, just in case Donny had threatened to boil the desk clerk's mother in oil, gotten the room key, and gone to wait in a closet, to greet

them. Hickey circled the landing and turned down the stairs.

Venus and her pretty-boy would be freshening up, unpacking, for at least long enough to give Hickey the chance to use his toilet. After making that stop, he climbed back to the fourth floor, encountered nobody suspicious in the hallway, returned to the lobby. He scanned the place for newcomers, then wandered outside, stopping for a minute to chat with the doorman, who'd bought his nine-year-old a rusted bicycle and spent all last weekend at a cousin's place sanding the thing, making ready for Christmas. His kid wanted to be a paperboy. Hickey admitted he hadn't yet bought his daughter a gift.

He crossed the street considering what might happen if he took an hour off — he could buy Elizabeth a sheepskin coat, Madeline a silver fox stole — and returned to find Venus wailing over

the master, who lay missing the back of his head. There'd be one less monster on earth, was all, and a slight chance they'd trace the murder to Cynthia. Hadn't Donny been executing folks since 1929 and going free? It was almost enough to make you admire the guy.

Hickey returned to the hotel lobby, to the love seat from where he could watch three entrances and the doorway to room 409. He flagged a cocktail girl, ordered coffee, lit his pipe, and sat trying to anchor his mind on the business of watching while it kept floating off toward visions of a party dress, a swimsuit, a set of paintbrushes he could buy Elizabeth. Here in Denver he could probably find her a swell pair of cowboy boots that she'd love to wear in a couple months when the mountains warmed and they drove up to ride stable horses in the Lagunas.

Over two cups of coffee, he fought so hard to

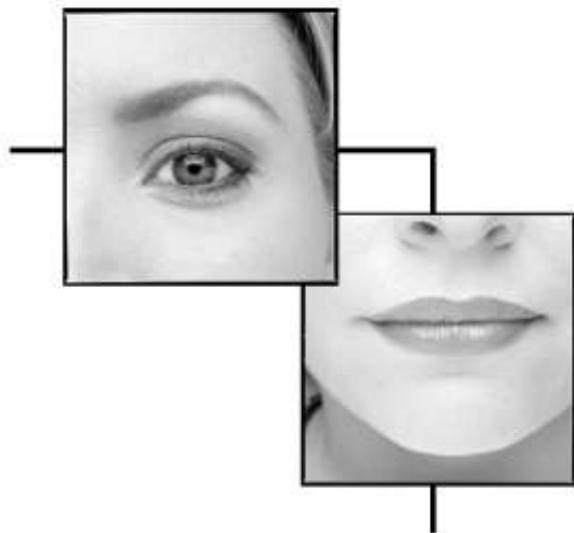
keep his mind on the job that an illegitimate fury brewed inside him. Not over Katoulis's crimes or the master's. Rather because it was on account of them that he couldn't do what he wanted — go Christmas shopping. He was acting childish but didn't give a damn. If Katoulis had entered the café, Hickey would've been tempted to exterminate the monster immediately and then run out and see if he could buy something special for Elizabeth before the cops tracked him down. Otherwise, he thought, he might go to hell and leave his daughter nothing but grief and a bitter taste on Christmas morning. ■

Next week: Venus holds court

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these people's problem? Our seniors are more important than the Chargers, so I feel that the City, Donna, and the De Anza Corporation ought to get it together and help the residents to find new homes. Don't wait till the last day. Just pretend they are your parents and treat them accordingly. They are not asking for a handout, just a hand up!

So get busy. These people put you in office, Donna, so do your job and help them now.

Name Withheld
San Diego

Favorite Angel

Of all the things I've heard about the Great White disaster, the *Reader* is the only one that mentioned my favorite song, the appropriate "Angel Song" ("Blurt," February 27). Good job, guys.

Karen Johnson
Oceanside

Ridiculous Zeal

In the "Blurt" column of February 27, the portion about the ASCAP action taken against a small local coffeehouse shows, once again, the absurd extremes to which some laws and regulations are taken.

One of the things often heard about American society is that we've become a nation of shut-ins, people who return home from work and watch TV, spend time on the computer, and play video games — all at the expense of contact with other human beings. An all-too-accurate characterization — and one I'm as "guilty" of as

the next person (a person whose name, of course, I don't even know).

Then we read a story like this one, about a small coffeehouse that might be exactly the kind of place someone like me might want to go to. I'm too old to be interested in the hot clubs or the music played in them. But a small coffeehouse with acoustic music is exactly the kind of place I *do* go to, on the rare occasions that I go out. That, and house concerts, are about the only types of places to hear the kind of music I prefer, the kind I play myself: acoustic folk (or folk/country/pop) music.

It seems especially ironic that this type of music is often called Americana, given that America seems to have very little interest in it — and, based on this story, fewer and fewer places to hear (or play) it.

I can only hope that the people who go to such absurd extremes as were described in this article will not only stop before they eliminate *every* place like Kensington Coffee (or, I hope not, actual house concerts!) but that something will cause them to reassess their position and realize that their zeal is causing far more harm than *any* good they think they're doing — and that that harm is, at least in part, being done to the very artists that they think they are serving and protecting.

If I were an artist whose songs were being sung in coffeehouses, covered by local musicians — and listened to by people who, possibly being exposed to my music by that local musician, might buy my CD — I'd think that was a *good* thing! I wish

artists being "represented by" ASCAP, BMI, the Harry Fox Agency, et al., would *tell* those organizations, "This is *not* the type of help I want you to undertake on my behalf!"

Carey Driscoll
Spring Valley

Prison Problems

The "Tin Fork" printed in the February 20 issue states, "Call Donovan re prison shuttle from Iris Avenue" and "Call the prison's public affairs office at 619-661-6500 to ask if it's possible to visit."

Problems arise from these two statements. First of all, the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility does not provide shuttle services, and secondly, the cafe is not open to the public to visit and eat; however, we do provide tours where the public is allowed entry with prior approval from the hiring authority.

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R.J. Donovan
Correctional Facility

Ed Bedford responds: According to the people at Su Casa, the family reception office of Donovan, Donovan provides a shuttle on Thursdays and Fridays leaving Iris Avenue Transit Center at 1:00 p.m. and returning at 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, leaving Iris Avenue at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and returning at 1:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

I think I made it clear that public access was restricted when I quoted the restaurant owner telling us, "I tell them they'd be welcome to come out to the prison, if only the public had access."

Unredeeming Violence

Instead of titling the February 20 cover article "What Made Them Kill," thereby inducing readers to think that the writer, Leslie Ryland, will probe into deeper issues of human motivation and formative childhood experiences, you should have called it "Three Gruesome Murders and All the Gory Details." Once again, unredeeming violence and sex sells the day, and I am not impressed.

Silvia Ward

Very Real Murderers

Thank you so much for Leslie Ryland's contribution in the February 20 *Reader*, "What Made Them Kill." It was a very controversial subject, I know, but it was written so clearly and concisely, and it painted some very real pictures of why these people are where they are. I'm not really sure of where I stand on the subject, but after reading it, it did convince me that they need to be where they are. It was extraordinarily written, and I can't stop thinking about it.

Jennifer Schroeder
La Jolla

Impossible Irony

Re "What Made Them Kill," February 20.

Perhaps San Diego's next Susan Eubanks will murder her children using one of the .38 specials offered for sale on page 49 of the *Reader* right next to the story of how it is "impossible to imagine the terror these young boys must have felt as their own mother [Eubanks] stuck the muzzle of her .38 to each of their heads and repeatedly pulled the trigger."

I find it impossible to imagine how these items ironically found their way into the same issue, let alone the same page.

Robert Totty
Rancho Peñasquitos

Old Gringa Speaks

I read with great interest the article "Code Switching" by Susan Luzzaro (February 20). Living and working on both sides of the border has never been a problem for this old gringa. I speak a mélange of English, Spanish, Italian, and French and never have had a problem being understood. I'm sure there are times that fluent Spanish speakers laugh behind my back when I make mistakes, à la Filner and Bush, but my Mexican neighbors are far too polite to chide me for it. Too bad there is such a rift between two Western American peoples based on the use of proper language skills. Those who live in the borderlands better get used to it. To misquote a line from Ms. Luzzaro's sign-off, I guess "I'm Mexican in ways I know." Me. A pork chop, stuffed with that Trojan burrito, stuffed with a pizza with croissant on top.

Lois Drake
La Misión
Baja California, Mexico

Shepard On Shepherd

My name is David Shepard (no relation, I suspect), and I produced the DVD of the Jennings films which Duncan Shepherd discussed with passion and eloquence in his column of February 13 (Movie Review).

I'm not a regular reader; his column found me by a

fluke. The mother of a friend sent it to her, and she sent it to me.

Making DVD editions of little-known classic (mostly silent) films is lonely work in the sense that one rarely knows whether the films I try to restore to life actually reach and affect anyone, and Shepherd's column has provided reward to sustain me for the next six months.

I've done a few DVD editions of early docs, including *Nanook* (published by Criterion) and *Man with a Movie Camera*, *Berlin: Symphony of a Great City*, and *Kino-Eye/Three Songs of Lenin* published by Image. *Turksib/Salt for Svanetia* is waiting in the wings.

I'll send a copy of Shepherd's review on to Dean Duncan (also no relation, I suspect) and to the folks at Image who keep threatening to stop the "madness" of DVDs that sell only a few hundred copies in order to concentrate their entire energies on schlock.

Thanks again for celebrating Jennings, who is one of my heroes also.

David Shepard

Post Reviews

I sure wish that you would post the book reviews on the Web. They are wonderful.

Kip Thompson

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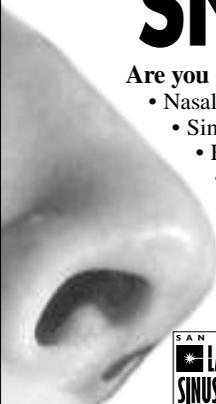


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Calendar

Cement Memory

Forgotten Craft Medium

Theater work exposes you to every kind of building material," says Erik Hanson, a restoration consultant who spent 20 years as a theater-prop maker for the La Jolla Playhouse and the Globe. "Working in the theater shows you what's real and what's fake; how to make the fake out of the real, and vice versa. For the same show you might have to make wood look like metal and metal look like wood" — because, of course, the ersatz is often cheaper, lighter weight, or stronger than the actual.

"What I didn't like about theater work is that you were always building something temporary," says Hanson.

"Restoration work is the opposite; it's permanent, or supposed to be. And hopefully you're also using only authentic materials."

Cement is one material that Hanson has thought a lot about lately. "Cement is the forgotten craft material of the Arts and Crafts period," he says as if coining a phrase. "Why are people in the Arts and Crafts revival movement obsessed with furniture-making and metalwork, when cement crafts were every bit as popular?" He answers his own question. "They aren't collected because people follow the brand names, and there are no national brands of cement products. These were made locally, with local skill."

Hanson names folk sculpture — gnomes and squirrels — as common cement crafts of the era (officially 1890 to 1915). But what he likes particularly are the porch urns. "Every bungalow house has a place on the porch that's meant to have two or three of these urns.



Combination planter/bench by Irving Gill

They're for dracaena, Southern California's favorite. Or maybe an agave or a ball-headed rose bush." These urns are colorful. They were made of tinted cement — green, brown, yellow, and other earth tones — to go with the tinted cement floors and walls of the bungalows themselves.

Many urns got broken by expanding plant roots, or simply dropped, like comparable numbers of gnomes and squirrels. The remainder are consequently valuable. You can buy reproduction Arts and Crafts lamps from L.L. Bean, but Hanson knows of no one making reproductions of cement crafts on a national scale. It's still an industry with local potential, he says. "With a thousand dollars, you could set up a cement shop. The same thousand wouldn't buy you a tenth of a woodshop."

Hanson is immediate past president of the Save Our Heritage Organisation. This weekend, he will talk about cement as part of SOHO's Sixth Annual San Diego Arts & Crafts Weekend. He is also a book and ephemera dealer these days and has a website, www.irvinggill.com — or Irving Gill Central. It's devoted to its namesake,

San Diego's preeminent architect of the period. And there's a lot of cement talk to be found there, including excerpts from a vintage magazine called *Cement-Concrete Age*. Hanson is on the prowl for issues from 1915 and 1918, because they have references to Gill.

To read what Hanson has already posted about Gill and cement is to know that the architect truly loved the medium. In 1915, Gill wrote in *Sunset Magazine*: "Before it has set, cement is a wonderfully plastic material, more wonderful than clay. It can be colored, modeled, shaded, surfaced, and then of itself hardens into an everlasting expression of the workman."

Like many places in Southern California, San Diego has dozens and dozens of cement bungalow courts — a series of small homes built around a central courtyard. "They were built back when people wanted a little house and big garden," says Hanson. "Now they want a big house and little garden. Which is a shame, because you can have the latter anyplace. The whole point of Southern California is that you can live outside so much of the year."

"Erik's Bungalow Manifesto" is on the website, too. "Remove your window bars and security doors: nothing you own is worth having a pitiful home" is one of his edicts. "Keep interior walls dark: white walls are for bathrooms. Do you want your dining room to look like a bathroom?" he chides would-be

bungalow bunglers. A third imperative — "Plant climbing roses" — has relevance to cement. Roses climb cement walls willingly, and, according to Hanson, "Climbing roses enhance 'the bungalow look.' They integrate the house and landscape. Planting climbing roses is what everybody assumed would happen when these houses were built, and they aren't complete without them, because they compensate for the lack of ornament."

But, says Hanson, you don't often see houses festooned with roses the way they used to be. (Check out chases in old Laurel and Hardy movies, he suggests. You'll see authentic bungalows in those scenes, filmed along the streets of L.A.) "On every block, every third house used to be swamped. Nowadays people don't like to grow them because they do trap moisture. But they don't have to be on the house itself. They could be on fences or trellises."

— Jeanne Schinto

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Cement porch pot, c. 1910

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BAJA

“Diana’s Tree,” Amaranta Caballero, Mariana Martínez, Lucila Villa, Juan Carlos Reyna, and others will read poems from this book on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Admission is free. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Mexican Country Music will be performed by Carlos and Jose on Thurs-

day, March 6, starting at 9 p.m., at Rodeo Santa Fé (in the Zona Río). Tickets are \$20 U.S. Dial 011-52-664-682-2938 for details. (TIJUANA)

Eighteen Bands from 14 Countries are on tap to perform for the seventh annual Baja Prog International Rock Festival, continuing through Saturday, March 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)

Gustavo Cerati performs in concert at the Auditorio Municipal at 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 8. For further information, call 011-52-664-681-6474. (TIJUANA)

International Running Week is being commemorated with runs on March 8 and 9. On Saturday, the 20k for women starts at 2 p.m., and the 20k for men steps off at 4 p.m. There’s a 50k walk slated for Sunday, starting at 10 a.m. All events begin on Paseo de los Héroes in the Zona Río. Questions? Call 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

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

information, call the museum at 011-52-646-178-7192. ENSENADA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, every Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the center (CE-CUT) 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 CE-CUT 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

Strong Sunshine of late has triggered the emergence of bright green leaves on sycamore, liquidamber, and other decorative deciduous trees around San Diego. Cruise down Highway 163 through Balboa Park to appreciate the vernal splendor of the sycamores growing in the landscaped center divider. Or walk across the El Prado bridge and look down upon the same.

Mexican Coral Trees or “naked corals,” are showing their stuff this

season by bearing and baring scarlet, flamelike flowers on the tips of their twisting, leafless branches. Commonly planted as park and freeway landscaping, this and other species of coral are blooming along State Route 94, Interstate 5 through Oceanside, along Harbor Drive near the airport, at the San Diego Zoo, on the lawns in front of San Diego City College downtown, and on the San Diego State University campus. The bloom may continue into late spring, when the naked corals will cover themselves with eight-inch-long leaves, just in time to provide shade for the warm months.

Ornamental Peach Trees, with radiant white and pink blossoms, are lighting up the manicured landscape around Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street in Balboa Park. These and other “stone fruit” trees, with and without edible fruits, belong to the genus *Prunus*. Several native *Prunus* species contribute to San Diego County’s natural vegetation as well — among them, hollyleaf cherry, choke cherry, desert almond, and desert apricot. The desert apricot, now in full bloom on the rocky hillsides of the Anza-Borrego Desert, attracts swarms of bees with its sweet-smelling nectar.

The Anza-Borrego Desert flowers best this month, with peak blooms expected early in the month in low-lying, warm areas like Borrego Valley, the Borrego Badlands, Coyote Canyon, and along Highway S-2 in the south end of the park. Among the many annually appearing wildflowers you’ll find in the low-lying areas are desert sunflower, dune primrose, lupine, desert chicory, sand verbena,

and desert lily. On slightly higher ground and up along the hillsides, you’ll spot blooming brittlebush, chuparosa, ocotillo, apricot mallow, and more. Due to recent warm weather, several varieties of cactus, which normally start blooming in mid-March, are already exhibiting flowers. For the latest update on this season’s continuing bloom, call Anza-Borrego Desert State Park’s special hotline, 760-767-4684, to hear a recorded message.

Gaze at Heavenly Bodies when the San Diego Astronomers Association sets up telescopes for night sky viewing on Saturday, March 8, at 7 p.m. (and through the night) at the Vallecito Stage Station (near Agua Caliente County Park, 39555 Great Southern Stage Route S-2). The day-use fee is \$5 per vehicle. For information, call 858-694-3049. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Explore Your Park! The Anza-Borrego Foundation hosts hikes each weekend in March. The destinations are Palo Verde Canyon on Saturday, March 8, and the Vallecito-Fish Creek Basin on Sunday, March 9. Future weekends promise treks to 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)

Clean Up and gain some “hands-on nature training” in the Calavera Mountain Nature Preserve on Saturday, March 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. Bring gloves and gloves and wear hiking shoes. Find the preserve southeast of Tamarack and College

Avenues; park on Strata Drive and walk to Lake Calavera. To make the required reservations, call 760-720-2003. (CARLSBAD)

Rediscover Old Escondido East during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Saturday, March 8. The outing starts at 10 a.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Call 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207 for details. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

See the Indian Grinding Holes and learn about the village life of the Ipai tribe during a ranger-led nature hike planned on Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m., at Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). There’s a \$2-per-car day-use fee. 760-745-4379. All ages welcome. (ESCONDIDO)

Bear Carving and Nature Walk, Dan Farrington will share his wood-carving skills during the program planned at Lake Jennings on Saturday, March 8, at 10 a.m. Ranger Brian Fulton leads a nature walk at 11 a.m., followed by the raffling of the finished carved bear (raffle participants must attend both parts of the program). Call 858-694-3049 for details. (LAKESIDE)

Star Party, check out the heavens when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumeyaay Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, March 8, 6 to 8 p.m. Find the park at Two Father Junipero Serra Trail; 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

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and landscape value of palm trees in the park on Saturday, March 8, beginning at the visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Locate and Identify the common resident and wintering birds of the Bernardo Bay area during a walk sponsored by the San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, March 8, from 8 to 11 a.m. Free. To make the required reservations, call 858-6474-2275 x31. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, take a nature walk hosted by the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy at 9 a.m. on March 8. Free. Call 760-436-3944 for directions and information. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Walk the Only Suspension Bridge in San Diego, as well as a wooden trestle bridge built in 1905, and take in other surprises when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari walking tour of Bankers Hill on Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$10. For reservations and departure point, call 619-944-9255. (BANKERS HILL)

Walk Under Live Oaks and Twisted Sycamores along Hell Creek — named for the "hell of a time" early settlers had getting their wagons across it more than 100 years ago — when the Canyoners lead a moderate hike in Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve. Participants will explore the chaparral and look for flowers and various birds. The Escondido Canal was built through the area in the 1880s, mostly of dirt and wood, and abandoned portions of the canal serve as part of the hiking trail at the bottom of the canyon.

The walk is slated for Sunday, March 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Find the

trailhead at 19324 Santee Lane. Free. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (VALLEY CENTER)

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). (LAKE SIDE)

Where's a Hidden Victorian House in Point Loma? Climb hills and take a walk to the site with Walkabout adventurers on Monday, March 10. This casual walk starts at 9 a.m. at the Vons at the southwest corner of Rosecrans and Nimitz Boulevard. Free. For more information, call 619-231-7463. Free. (POINT LOMA)

The Gaslamp Quarter, Then and Now, take an informative guided walking tour of the district on Tuesday, March 11, at 6 p.m. The fee is \$10. To make the required reservations, call 619-239-1766. (DOWNTOWN)

Bird Reconnoiter, join naturalist/birder/author Tom Lyon on an easy 2.5-mile reconnaissance of Daley Ranch hot spots on Tuesday, March 11, from 8 to 11 a.m. Possibilities: canyon wren, rufous-crowned sparrow, and ruddy duck, among many others. Bring binoculars. Join the group in the main park-

ing lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. To make the requested reservations, call 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

Continental Contradancing, JoAnn Koppány calls and the Continental Drifters provide the tunes for the contradance on Friday, March 7, 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)

Learn Basic Steps and Partner Connection techniques when Ken Boozer leads West Coast Swing Dance lessons every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Mind, Body, and Soul Dance Studio (2971 India Street). The next six-week series begins on March 7. The fee is \$10 per class, or \$48 for the series. To register, call 619-957-1090. (MIDDLETOWN)

"New Agey," this site-specific dance theater presentation by Head On Off is set for Saturday, March 8, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Crosby Park (at the corner of Crosby Drive and César Chávez Parkway). Using improvisation scores and skills, the troupe will "transform diverse environments by exploring their specific atmosphere, design, function, history, and sociopolitical role through their moving bodies." The requested donation is \$5. Questions? Call 619-852-7312 for answers. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Wear Your Beads and Feathers and get into the Mardi Gras spirit when

LeRoy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners perform for a dance party hosted by the Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, March 8, at the Recital Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., dance instruction starts at 6:20 p.m., followed by dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m. The Recital Hall is located on Presidents Way off Park Boulevard. Admission is \$12. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Stompin' at the Aubergine, the swing band the Chicago Six performs for the dance planned on Sunday, March 9. The American Boogie Patrol, an all-women '20s Charleston dance troupe, will present a dance performance as well (10 p.m.). Find Aubergine at 500 Fourth Avenue (at Island). Doors open at 7 p.m., with an introductory swing lesson at 7:15 p.m. and dancing from 8 p.m. until midnight. The cover is \$10. For information, call 858-395-6060. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Fancy Ways to Swap Partners in group dances that get everyone involved will be taught when Jim and Margie lead an "All Things Swing" workshop on Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (\$15 at the door, \$12 in advance). Also on tap: beginners' East Coast swing lessons (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; \$3 for first-time students) and open swing dancing from 9 to 11 p.m.; \$5. The whole shindig takes place at the Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal, near Shelter Island, off Rosecrans). 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

Women in Dance, women dancers and performers will demonstrate a variety of dance styles and traditions on Tuesday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m., in arts building room 101 at CSU San Marcos. Free. Find the campus at 333

South Twin Oaks Valley Road; 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Hip-Hop, You Don't Stop, lose weight and learn to dance with Prince, who teaches the latest dance moves "to the hottest music" for beginners (6 p.m.), and advanced dancers (7 p.m.) on Wednesdays. Classes for beginning-intermediate dancers are also offered every Thursday, 7:54 to 9 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (3982 30th Street). The fee is \$10 per class. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

FILM

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)

A Chinese Film Series is being presented by the San Diego Asian Film Foundation. The roster includes *Across the Roaring Horizon* on Saturday, March 8, and *Journey to the Western Xia Empire* on Sunday, March 9. Both films — in Mandarin with English subtitles — screen at 1 and 7 p.m. in the community room at the Senior Garden Apartments (438 Third Avenue). Tickets are \$5 general. For information, call 858-616-8525. (DOWNTOWN)

The Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films continues its ongoing Not-So-Silent Film Festival on Saturday, March 8. The audience helps the live orchestra create the sound effects on a wind machine, the thunder sheet, rain wheel, and a theremin (if you dare!). The raucous fun begins at 11 a.m. in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Noisemakers, admission, and parking are free. Call 858-534-8074 for information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

The Perils of Modern Courtship are charted in Julie Davis's tart and saucy romp, *Amy's O*, in which a 29-year-old self-help author has made it her mission to convince women they don't need men but finds herself drawn to a man who personifies everything she thought she despised. See the flick when it screens for the Film Forum on Monday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Admission is free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Argentina — Piqueteros and Possibilities," three short films documenting the movements and struggles of the *piquetero* (unemployed) assemblies of Argentina are being screened at the San Diego Independent Media Center on Tuesday, March 11. The screening runs 7 to 9:30 p.m. at La Casa (4862 Voltaire Street). The suggested donation is \$5-\$20, although no one is turned away for lack of funds. 619-233-5002. (OCEAN BEACH)

The Meeting of the Two Worlds film series at the San Diego Museum of Art continues with Henry King's *Captain from Castile* (1947), a saga about a 16th-Century Spanish nobleman who joins Cortez's expedition to Mexico, on Wednesday, March 12,

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"Madcap March" is celebrated in the films screening for the Carlsbad Library film series this month. Hugh Grant bumbles into being a full human in *About a Boy*, screening on Wednesday, March 12, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

The Tenth Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival runs March 13-23, promising over 90 feature and short films from across Latin America and the U.S. screening at the Madstone Theaters Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Featured films include *12 Horas*, *Anita No Perd el Tren*, *Antonia*, *Una Casa con Vista al Mar*, *El Bruto*, and *Chasing Papi*, among many others.

Tickets are \$8 general, \$6 for students and seniors. For showtimes

and other information, call 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the center is celebrating its 30th anniversary with an After 5 p.m. Classic IMAX Film Festival. The public voted on its favorite films, and the winning 13 will be screened March 12-April 27. Endurance Week includes *To the Limit* (6 p.m.) and *Everest* (7 p.m.), with films running Wednesday through Sunday, March 12-16. Admission to these screenings is only \$5.

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.

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

LECTURES

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)

The California Innocence Project seeks the release of wrongfully convicted prisoners in California; law students at California Western School of Law assist in the investigations, write briefs, and advocate. The wrongfully convicted Jason Kindle and former Arizona death row inmate Ray Krone will discuss their experiences on Thursday, March 6, at noon, at Cal Western (225 Cedar Street). For information, call 619-515-1545. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

"The Evolution of the Blues" is the subject for a lecture-demonstration series offered by author/composer/performer Jack Wheaton at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. Evenings include performances and demonstrations of blues styles, recordings, and videos.

Explore the "New Orleans and the Mississippi Delta (1920s to 1940s)" on Friday, March 7. The class will also focus on the influence the blues had on composers including George Gershwin, Igor Stravinsky, Aaron Copland, Maurice Ravel, Leonard Bernstein, Duke Ellington, and others. The fee is \$17. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street. To make reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Head for the Hills — A History of East San Diego County" is the subject for the 38th annual conference hosted by the Congress of History of San

Diego and Imperial Counties. Events run 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, at the Olde Lakeside Community Church (9906 Maine Avenue). The \$20 fee covers attendance on both days.

Speakers will focus on topics including "Preservation and Politics," "Historic Trails and Roads of East County," "Granny Martin — The Last of the Mountain Empire Vaqueros," the "History of the Laguna Mountains," and more. For information and space availability, call 619-469-7283. (LAKESIDE)

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

Acrylic Painting Techniques will be demonstrated by artist Norma Soulé when the Clairemont Art Guild meets on Saturday, March 8, at 12:30 p.m., at the Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Back to Basics, the North San Diego County Genealogical Society offers a beginning genealogy course. The class meets on Saturday, March 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the community room at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For further information, call 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

To Commemorate International Women's Day, explore "The Economic Impact of War on Women's

Pocketbooks" during a panel presentation slated for Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Speakers will focus on women in union organizations, in Tijuana's maquiladoras, refugee women in micro-enterprise, and women in U.S. employment. Free. 619-233-3970. (HILLCREST)

Care for a Violet? Head to the San Diego Natural History Museum for a program on "Edible Flowers" slated for Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn about common edible flowers and their culinary uses; recipes will be shared. The fee is \$25. To register, dial 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Is Hearing Loss affecting your relationships? Deaf Community Services hosts a family communications workshop for hard-of-hearing and "late-deafened people" and people in relationships with them on Saturday, March 8, 1 to 4 p.m. Find the center at 3930 Fourth Avenue, suite 300. The fee is \$10. For information, call 858-278-9630. (HILLCREST)

The Legal, Ecological, and Spiritual Issues regarding funeral and burial practices in the U.S. will be discussed by registered nurse Barbara Kernan on Saturday, March 8, 11 a.m., in the community room at O.B. People's Co-Op (4765 Voltaire Street). Kernan is the director of Thresholds Home and Family Directed Funerals; she'll talk about how to plan your funeral. 619-390-1411. Free. (OCEAN BEACH)

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Love The Lord of the Rings? Professor Fred Farrar spent an afternoon with J.R.R. Tolkien at Oxford in 1958, and he'll present "A Conversation on Tolkien" on Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2881. (LA COSTA)

Make an Appalachian Rib-Style Melon Basket (a.k.a. an egg basket) when Carol E. Lang presents a workshop on Sunday, March 9, noon to 5 p.m., at the Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). The fee for nonmembers is \$55, plus \$10 for materials. To reserve a spot, call 760-431-1645. (OCEANSIDE)

Hispanic Immigrant and Migrant Experiences in the Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Vista areas are the subject for a slide-illustrated panel discussion planned on Sunday, March 9. The discussion is based on the exhibit "Taking the Early Bus: A Photographic Project About Hispanic Immigrants and Migrants," currently on view. The event begins at 2 p.m. in the community rooms at the Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Free. For information, call 760-435-5586. (OCEANSIDE)

"Marco Polo and the Silk Route" is the subject when Priscilla Lowry speaks for the Palomar Handweaver's Guild at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 10, at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (1087 Country

Club Lane). Free. For information, call 760-743-0347. (ESCONDIDO)

"The United States and the European Union: Power and Weakness" is the topic when Etienne Balibar, professor emeritus of philosophy at the University of Paris X and current professor of critical theory at UC Irvine, speaks on Monday, March 10, at 4 p.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD. Balibar is described as "a leading figure in current international debates about citizenship, nationalism, and social change." Free. A reception and booking follow. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Good Behavior vs. Obedience — They're Not the Same," according to Dennis Fetco (a.k.a. Dr. Dog), who will focus on the innate, hard-wired behaviors of canines, how to avoid rewarding problem behaviors, and more on Monday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Tickets: \$8. For information, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

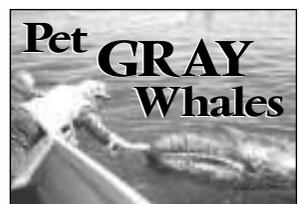
"I Am (Not) What I Am: The Fallacy of Nature vs. Nurture" is explored when teacher, author, and film producer Adrienne Lyles-Chockley speaks on the interaction of environment and genetics on Tuesday, March 11. The talk commences at 2 p.m. at the Manchester Conference Center at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. To make the required reservations, dial 619-260-4815. (LINDA VISTA)

Meet the Masters, Héctor Rivero Borrrell, who is director of the Museo Franz Mayer, will share his insights into the art on exhibit in "The Grandeur of Viceregal Mexico" at the San Diego Museum of Art on Tuesday, March 11. Lectures begin at

11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$36 with lunch) and at 5:30 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Census Research on the Internet" is the topic when Joan Lowrey, past president of the Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego, speaks on Tuesday, March 11, for the Computer Genealogy Group of the North San Diego County Genealogical Society. The talk starts at 1 p.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 858-453-8469. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"Attracting Songbirds" is the subject when Frank Basilico presents a lecture on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m., at Coastal Sage (3685 Voltaire



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For Mind, Body, and Soul, learn all about outdoor cross training during the clinic planned on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. Dial 858-279-4400 for more information. (KEARNY MESA)

"Pleasures of Poetry," this workshop led by poet Harry Griswold runs Tuesday, March 11-April 22, 12:30 to 3 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Free. To reserve a space, call 858-569-1248. (SOLANA BEACH)

"He Yi's Postman and the New-Age Maoist" is the subject when Wendy Larson speaks on Wednesday, March 12, at 4 p.m., in Solis Hall room 104 at UCSD. Larson is a professor of Chinese literature, currently dean of humanities at the University of Oregon, Eugene. Free. For information, call 858-534-5991. (LA JOLLA)

"Piano Music from Theresienstadt" is the topic when Phillip Silver from the University of Maine speaks

for the Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-5338. (SDSU)

What's Korean Onggi-Style Throwing? Find out during the "large Korean onggi-style throwing and slip demonstration" planned on Wednesday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hyde Gallery at Grossmont Col-

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lege (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Free. 619-644-7000. (EL CAJON)

"Beyond the Usual Sources: Less Frequently Used Records" will provide the topic when the England/Wales interest group of the British Isles Genealogical Research Association meets on Wednesday, March 12, at 10 a.m., at the LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. For information, call 619-469-1677. (MISSION VALLEY)

Whaddaya Know About Meta-Tags? Get the skinny on "Internet Marketing and E-Commerce for Small Business: Keys to Successful Online Marketing and Sales" during the workshop planned on Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the second-floor computer lab at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. To register, call 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

Explore How We Learn to See and experience art and how art museums develop and build collections during the community dialogue planned in conjunction with "Look. React. Engage: The Art of Collecting at Two San Diego Museums" at the California Center for the Arts Museum. The first dialogue is set for Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Free. For further information, call 619-839-4175. (ESCONDIDO)

"U.S. Foreign Policy in an Age of Terror" is the topic when George Lopez speaks at noon on Thursday, March 13, in Academic Hall 102 at CSU San Marcos. The campus is found at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Dial 760-750-4366 for more details. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

"Ceramic in Its Own (W)rite: The Word Made Clay" continues at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. In conjunction with the exhibit, Irene de Watteville from the Tile Heritage Foundation presents a slide-illustrated lecture on historic and contemporary tile work on Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Find the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Dyed Eggs Par Excellence! Easter egg season fast approaches, and the House of the Ukraine is hosting its annual *pysanky* workshops from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 15 (and March 22 and 29). *Pysanky* are created using the dye-resist method with tools called *kystka* and beeswax and a wealth of ancient and lovely pagan symbols. The workshops are offered at the Ukrainian Catholic Church Parish Center, 4400 Palm Avenue. The fee is \$25. Call 619-291-0661 to register. (LA MESA)

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," currently on view at the Joseph Bellows Gallery. 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. Fusco visits the Museum of Photographic Arts (1649 El Prado) to discuss the images on Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m. Free. For information, call 858-456-5620. (BALBOA PARK)

A Horticultural Happening, the San Diego Home Gardening Seminar, offered by the San Diego Master Gardeners, is slated for Saturday, April 5, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Marina Village Conference Center (1945

Quivira Way). New and experienced gardeners are invited to the selection of 40 classes on all facets of gardening; topics include "Backyard Orchid Culture," "ABCs of Home Composting," "Growing Heirloom Vegetables from Seed," "Safe and Easy Rose Care," and much more. For space availability and fees, call 858-694-2860. (MISSION BAY)

IN PERSON

"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)

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-up "in the shadow of Hollywood." Free. For more information, call 619-223-7873. (OCEAN BEACH)

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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, March 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 "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)

Internationally Acclaimed Irish Poet Eavan Boland will read from her recent works, including the recent collections *Against Love Poetry* and *The Lost Land*, on Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the library at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Admission to "An Evening with Eavan Boland" is \$8 general. For more information, call 760-795-6612. (OCEANSIDE)

HOMEWORK

Lest the fair cheeks begin their shriveling before a keeping eye has lit on their fairness, I pluck from the stony world some that can't cling to stone, for a homely, transparent form to bless.

Smothering Elbertas, if not Albertines, in the thick, scalding sweetness of my care, I add a touch of tart malice, some spicy scenes and stirring, and screw the lid on love's breathless jar.

There in a frieze they stand, and there they can stay until, in the fickle world's or the jaded heart's hunger for freshness, they are consumed away. Oh I know, I know that, great or humble, the arts

in their helplessness can save but a few selves by such disguises from Time's hideous bite, and yet, a sweating Proust of the pantry shelves, I cupboard these pickled peaches in Time's despite.

— Mona Van Duyn



From *The Vintage Book of Contemporary American Poetry*, Second Edition, edited by J.D. McClatchy; Vintage Books, 2003; \$17

The Celtic Folk Music Trio Golden Bough plans a concert on Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Expect to hear "pristine vocal harmonies and an array of acoustic instruments." Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for those 16 and younger. For information, call 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

The Fallbrook Americana Music Series continues with a performance by the Golden Bough on Saturday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for those under 17. For information, call 760-723-7255. (FALLBROOK)

"Washington Post" Journalist Dana Priest visits Current Affairs Bookstore to sign and discuss her new book, *The Mission: Waging War and Keeping Peace with America's Military*, on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 2536 University Avenue, and by dialing 619-795-9899. Free. (NORTH PARK)

Mystery Author Robert Wilson will discuss and sign *The Blind Man of Seville* on Friday, March 7, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Off-Broadway Musical "and theatrical journey exploring the role of women through popular music" entitled *A Woman's Voice* will be presented by Vanderbilt University professor Dorothy Marcic on Friday, March 7, at 6 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Listen for selections by J.S. Bach, Saint-Saëns, Bruch, Mozart, Sallinen, Lalo, and Wieniawski. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Violin and Viola Students of János Négysy and Päivikki Nykter will perform classic works on Friday, March 7, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Listen for selections by J.S. Bach, Saint-Saëns, Bruch, Mozart, Sallinen, Lalo, and Wieniawski. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Echoes" is described as a work of poetry, music, film, and performance art centered around the injustices and murder of the women of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. The event — with performances by Raquel Salinas, Arturo Arranda, and Marlene Beltran, music by Dos Dientes and Camelo Otero, and video by Azul Luna — is presented by the Viejas Escandalosas Society on Saturday, March 8, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Donations accepted. For information, call 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Hailing from Tuxpan de Bolaños in Jalisco, Mexico, Jesús González Mercado is an 80-year-old Huichol shaman. He'll visit Wisdom Traditions Bookstore on Saturday, March 8, from noon to 4 p.m., to recite myths, perform traditional songs, and answer questions, as well as display examples of Huichol art. Mercado will be accompanied and translated by anthropology professor Jay Fikes.

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Spend an Evening with renowned South African playwright Athol Fugard, who will read from his latest work, *Pages from a Notebook*, on Saturday, March 8, at 8 p.m., at Eveoke Dance Studio (644 Seventh Avenue, between Market and G Street). The evening begins with a reception at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to this San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre fundraiser range from \$15 to \$35. For reservations, call 619-831-1931. (DOWNTOWN)

Latina Opera Singer Juanita Ulloa will present "Latinas" to commemorate International Women's Day on Saturday, March 8, at 8 p.m., at the Centro Cultural de la Raza (2004 Park Boulevard, in the Pepper Grove area, north of Presidents Way). The mezzo-soprano will accompany herself on piano with percussion by Ray González, and then perform with the Mariachi Chula Vista. Tickets are \$10. For information, call 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

A Twisted Version of Chicago entitled *Chicago Slammer* is being presented by the Like Being on Stage Theater Company on Saturday, March 8, at 3 p.m., at Martini's Bar and Grill (3940 Fourth Avenue). The musical is directed by Paul Terrell. Tickets are \$10. For information, call 619-293-0232. (HILLCREST)

Important Lessons About Mutual Respect are taught in *The Breeze, the Gust, the Gale, and the Wind*, a play by Hilly Hicks Jr. being presented by the La Jolla Playhouse on Saturday, March 8, at 6 p.m., at the City Heights Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). For information, call 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Over 700 Concert Band and Orchestra Students from Carmel Valley to La Costa will present a benefit performance in honor of the Foundation to Advance Music Education on Saturday, March 8. The concert runs 1 to 7 p.m. in Thompson Performing Arts Center at La Costa Canyon High School (3451 Camino de los Coches). Admission is free. Call 858-755-4888 for information. (LA COSTA)

And the Winners Are... there's an awards ceremony and reading for the winners of the San Diego Writers' Cooperative fourth annual writing contest planned on Saturday, March 8, at 2:30 p.m., in the Green Room at Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Free. 619-296-0616. (NORTH PARK)

Auschwitz Is Destroyed by Bombers during World War II in Harold Aster's novel *The Court Martial of Captain Alan Roth*. Aster will discuss his book for the Humanistic Jewish Congregation on Sunday, March 9, at 10:30 a.m. The fee is \$8 for nonmembers. Find the congregation at 9466 Black Mountain Road. For information, call 858-549-3088. (MIRA MESA)

The Cuban Grassroots Community Theater Project La Colmenita began small but now has some 10,000 children participating in local productions. The group's first U.S. tour includes a bilingual performance of Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* on Sunday, March 9, at 7 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). (LINDA VISTA)

The group presents the classic Caribbean folk tale *La Cuarachita Martina* on Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m., at the Kroc Community Center (6845 University Avenue). Tickets

for either show are \$20, benefiting pediatric medical aid programs in Cuba. For information, call 415-575-5559. (LINDA VISTA, DOWNTOWN)

"Engaged to Die: A Death on Demand Mystery" will be signed by author Carolyn Hart on Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Korean Komungo Performer and composer Jin Hi Kim will perform on Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m., at the Northminster Presbyterian Church (4324 Claremont Mesa Boulevard). The *komungo* is a Fourth-Century Korean fretted board zither. Tickets are \$12 general, \$8 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 858-490-3995. (CLAIREMONT)

National Park Ranger Anna Pigeon returns in Nevada Barr's new book, *Flashback*, set in Dry Tortugas National Park. Barr visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss her work on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. Signing tickets are available with the purchase of *Flashback*. Find the galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. For more details, dial 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Author Antonio Damasio will discuss and sign *Looking for Spinoza: Joy, Sorrow, and the Feeling Brain* on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-0347 for information. (LA JOLLA)

The Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series continues with a reading by poet Wanda Coleman on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m., in room 2203 of the Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Coleman resides in Los Angeles and is the author of many books of fiction, po-

etry, and prose. Call 619-594-5318 for more details. Free. (SDSU)

"Get Published!" says author Penny Sansevieri, who plans a seminar on the topic and book signing on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

TV Personality Louie Anderson signs his new book *TheFWord* on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). 619-795-9899. Free. (NORTH PARK)

A Poetry Reading is planned by the Magee Park Poets on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m., in the community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

Straight-Ahead Jazz is on tap when students of Jimmy Cheatham improvise with songs by Ellington, Monk, Coltrane, and others on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m., at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Admission is \$5. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

A Tapestry of Acrobatics, Dance, Comedy, and fantasy are offered in iL CiRCo, running March 13-23 at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). The show is said to reinvent the commedia dell'arte style with an original musical score. For showtimes and ticket prices, call 800-HARRAHS. (VALLEY CENTER)

Singing and Jokes are promised when Shirley Jones, Shelley Berman, and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra take the stage at the East County Performing Arts Center on Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$21 and \$28. Find the center at 210 East Main Street. To reach the box office, dial 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

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FROM THE DUST JACKET: Lillian Faderman was the only child of an uneducated and unmarried immigrant Jewish woman. Her mother, whose family perished in the Holocaust, was racked by guilt at having come to America and left them behind; she suffered recurring psychotic episodes. Her only escape from the brutal labor of her sweatshop job was her fiercely loved daughter, Lilly, whose poignant dream throughout childhood was

to become a movie star and "rescue" her mother. Lilly grew up to become Lil, outwardly tough, inwardly innocent, and hungry for love and success. A beautiful young woman who was learning that her deepest erotic and emotional connections were to women, she found herself in a dangerous but seductive lesbian underworld of addicts, pimps, and prostitutes. Desperately seeking to make her life meaningful and to redeem her mother's suffering, she entered college (working her way through as a stripper) and

became a brilliant student, ultimately achieving a Ph.D. At last she became Lillian — loving partner, devoted mother, charismatic and influential writer, and groundbreaking scholar of gay and lesbian studies. Told with wrenching immediacy and great power, this is the nakedly honest — and very American — story of an exceptional woman.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: While Faderman (*To Believe in Women*) is well known as the foremother of gay and lesbian studies, few would suspect she was the illegitimate child of a guilt-obsessed single mother, that she tried to please her mom by becoming a movie star or that she worked her way through college as a pin-up girl. Faderman's mother and aunt left Latvia in 1923 to work in New York and send back money to their family. They did, but neither could save their loved ones from Hitler's Holocaust, which tormented Faderman's mother endlessly. Mother and daughter moved to Los Angeles, where they supported each other's fragile mental health with a single dream: Lillian could become a movie star. She took acting classes, suffered various crushes and even endured advances by her mother's suitors, all in a blind stumble to find herself, or at least to escape the burden of her mother's unhappiness. While a guidance counselor steered Lillian back to school, she still had to fumble her own way to a sexual identity. Pre-liberation, this meant cop hassles, job paranoia, and fake marriages to gay men, as well as the usual broken hearts. Still, by the end, Faderman became a bigwig at Cal State, with a baby and a lover and a gay studies program. Exceedingly honest, endearing, and profound, Faderman truly shows readers the distance she's traveled, from "little momzer" to esteemed academic.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Lillian Faderman was born in 1940 in the Bronx. She grew up in Los Angeles. She received her B.A. from the University of California in Berkeley, her M.A. and her Ph.D. from UCLA. Since 1967, when she completed her doctoral work, she has

served in various positions at California State University in Fresno. Those positions, in addition to teaching English and creative writing, have included serving as dean of the School of Humanities and as assistant vice president of academic affairs.

Professor Faderman is author of *Surpassing the Love of Men: Romantic Friendship and Love Between Women from the Renaissance to the Present*; *Scotch Verdict*, *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in 20th Century America*; *Chloe Plus Olivia*; and *To Believe in Women*. She has received numerous awards for her work and is widely published in various magazines and journals.

Professor Faderman and her life partner, Phyllis Irwin, are parents to one son, Avrom.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: I asked about the meaning of the name Faderman.

Professor Faderman explained, "I found my birth certificate when I was 24. I needed to get a passport, and I had to have my birth certificate. So I sent away for it. There was no first name on the birth certificate, but the last name was Faderman, which is the usual way of spelling it. Having read my book, you already know that my mother was not really literate, and so I think what happened is that when she enrolled me in school, she gave them my name, and they said, 'How do you spell it?' She tried to sound it out phonetically and said 'F-A,' and it's been Faderman, with the *a*, ever since."

Professor Faderman was born "out of wedlock." I said that nowadays we think nothing of a child's being born to an unwed mother. But when the professor was born, to be born to an unmarried mother was considered a social and moral blemish. Not only was the mother considered corrupt, but the child, too, was considered morally infected. I asked if she could tell me what being born out of wedlock was like for her, as a child.

"Well, at one point, after we moved to Los Angeles, my mother, in my hearing, said to people that she was divorced. Obviously, it was something very difficult for her. She had two abortions with

She Grew Up in a Small Arkansas Town and became an infamous person when she refused to answer questions about the development known as Whitewater, and now Susan McDougal will sign and discuss her book *The Woman Who Wouldn't Talk* on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

Faith and Begorra! The 24th annual St. Patrick's Day open reading of Irish poetry and prose is slated for Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Members of the public are invited to read favorite passages from James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, Jonathan Swift, George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, and others. Messrs. Guinness and Harp will officiate the proceedings. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

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 Spring Training, the San Diego Padres' spring training season continues with games against the Colorado Rockies (Thursday, March 6), the Chicago White Sox (Friday, March 7), the Arizona Diamondbacks (Saturday, March 8), the Chicago Cubs (Sunday, March 9), the Anaheim Angels (at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, March 10), the Milwaukee Brewers (Tuesday, March 11), the Chicago Cubs (Wednesday, March 12), and the Angels (on Thursday, March 13).

Except where noted, the 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.

Gulls Hockey, the San Diego Gulls host the Fresno Falcons on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, and the Idaho Steelheads on Wednesday, March 12. Games begin at 7 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)

Hard Corps Competition, the Camp Pendleton 30-Mile Bike Road Race is slated for Saturday, March 8, at 8:30 a.m. The challenging course is for civilian and active-duty military members. For more details, dial 760-725-6836. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Surf's Up, Bro, the National Scholastic Surfing Association hosts competition from 6:30 a.m. until evening on Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9, at the Oceanside Harbor south jetty. For additional information, dial 714-536-0445. Free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

Fun in Terrain presents a Winter Commemorative Orienteering Series at Buena Vista Park on Sunday, March 9. Orienteering is the sport of using a map and compass to navigate to various control points. The group offers bicycling orienteering, foot orienteering, an adventure run, and terrathlon.

Registration for each event begins at 9:30 a.m., with starts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Courses close at 3 p.m. Instruction is available prior to each event. Fees range from \$8 to \$20, depending upon the event; compasses rent for \$3. Find the park at the Antigua and Shadowridge Drives (just west of the intersection of South Melrose and Shadowridge). For further information, call 760-598-2630. (VISTA)

(Nearly) Cross the Border with Knickerbiker bicyclists on Sunday, March 9. This 52-mile ride for intermediates commences at 9 a.m. at the south end of the J Street Marina. Riders will ride to the Otay border crossing. For information, call 619-255-2890. (CHULA VISTA)

Get Your Kicks on Route 56, this 5k run/walk event is scheduled for Sunday, March 9. Day-of-event registration starts at 6:30 a.m., with the jump rope 1-miler starting at 8 a.m., the 5k run/walk at 8:30 a.m., and ColeKids Get Your Kicks Jr. at 9:30 a.m. The events start at the west end of Highway 56, at Carmel Valley Road and El Camino Real. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Alpine Express, join Sierra Club bicyclists for a ride on Sunday, March 9. The outing starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Mission Valley Target parking lot (park in the back of the lot, closest to Camino de la Reina). The 50-mile ride features a challenging climb up to Alpine for lunch at the Breadbasket Restaurant (bring money). The group will return via a different route, with several downhill. Expect a steep grade and brisk pace. Questions? Call 858-565-7262 for answers. (MISSION VALLEY)

SPECIAL

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 USA. 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)

Celebración del Día de la Mujer Internacional (International Women's Day Celebrations) hosted by Calaca

Press are planned on Friday, March 7, 6 to 8 p.m., in the auditorium at Memorial Academy (2850 Logan Avenue, at 28th). This year's event showcases *danza azteca*, poetry, *teatro*, ballet folklórico, and more from a variety of female artists. For more information, call 619-434-9036. Admission is free. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Discover the World's Treasures during the gem fair planned March 7-9 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show hours are noon to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 general, free for kids under 12 (and expect to pay \$7 for parking). For information, call 760-747-9215. (DEL MAR)

Look Up! There's a three-part program planned at the Palomar College planetarium on Friday, March 7. The evening begins with a look at "The Sky Tonight" at 7 p.m.; the show highlights the prominent celestial objects visible from San Diego County. Weather permitting, the audience then views the night sky through telescopes on the roof of the adjacent Earth Sciences building. Participants then return to the planetarium to enjoy "Galaxies," narrated by astronomy author Timothy Ferris, at 8 p.m.

Call 760-744-1150 x2833 for the recommended reservations. Admission is \$1 for the first hour, \$2 for the "Galaxies" show, or \$3 for all three segments; children 5-11 receive a \$1 discount; children under 5 are not admitted. The campus is found at 1140 West Mission Road; the planetarium is located in room ES-1 on the west side of the science quad on the campus. (SAN MARCOS)

Tee Time, Golf Fest 2003 runs March 7-9 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. It's a consumer golf show showcasing what the golf industry has to offer from over 125 vendors and "interactive" activities for the family including clinics, celebrity appearances, golf hitting cages, putting contests, virtual golf, swing analysis, and a children's area.

Fest hours are noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, free for those under 12. Call 858-586-1202 for information. (DEL MAR)

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my father. They had been together for eight years when I was born.”

I said that from Ms. Faderman’s account of the relationship between her mother and father that it was obvious her mother adored him.

“Oh, clearly she did, yes. He was obviously very insistent that he didn’t want children, at least not with her. So I think for her to have a baby out of wedlock was probably a very difficult thing, but on the other hand, I think she also realized that she had to have a baby, that her relatives were in danger at that point. She understood how threatened her family was, and I think for that reason it was vital to her to have me. I imagine she also believed that eventually my father would marry her. He would make an honorable woman out of her.”

Ms. Faderman, reflecting on her own out-of-wedlock child, said, “Even in 1974, when I decided that I wanted to get pregnant, it was already so much easier. But I realize, too, that the times had by then just changed so drastically that I wasn’t worried about it.

I knew certainly I wouldn’t be fired from the university because I was having a baby and I wasn’t married.”

“In 1940, had your mother been teaching in a university and had a child out of wedlock, they likely would have fired her.”

“I’m sure, I’m sure they would. Yes. But 35 years later there was just all the difference. But my mother, you know, she was so brave. I don’t think she ever thought of herself as being brave, and certainly as a kid, I never thought of her as being brave. I thought of her as being wounded. But she was more than that. And just the idea that as troubled as she was, as awful as her life was, with —

not only with my father but also with what happened, of course, to her whole family — with as much reason as she had to go crazy, still she supported us. She supported us, and that was so remarkable. I didn’t think I realized how remarkable that was when I was a kid. It took growing up to understand it, and the fact is that this book helped an awful lot for me to really think about and to really figure out who this woman was that was my mother.”

“I thought to leave the East Coast and go to California was immensely courageous.”

“My mother was traumatized when she got here. But I think she thought that absence would make my father’s heart grow fonder. I think it was incredibly difficult for her when she understood that he wasn’t going to come after her, and she was in California, and California was the other side of the continent. I think that was really difficult for her.”

Ms. Faderman supported herself through most of her undergraduate schooling by working as a dancer and stripper. In San Francisco she worked at Big Al’s Hotsy Totsy Club. She talked about Big Al’s, saying, “I guess it was probably late in ’59 and early in ’60 that I worked there. It was in North Beach. I know it continued to be there for several years afterwards. I don’t think it still exists. It was an attempt to copy the speakeasies of the 1920s.”

Certainly, I said, it was unusual for a college-educated woman of her generation to have supported herself through college by posing for cheesecake photos and by stripping and dancing in clubs.

“I think it was easier for me to do because I saw myself as being outside of the pale from the very beginning.”

Did her colleagues at Fresno realize she had put herself through school working at places like Big Al’s?

“They do now. The reason they do is that part of the book was excerpted in *The New Yorker’s* issue on work. There were half a dozen writers. Joyce Carol Oates and Stephen King and others, and each one of us got one page. My page was called ‘Take It All Off.’ My chair sent it over e-mail to everyone with congratulations to me. And several people from the department sent me an e-mail con-

gratulating me. What they say when I’m not around, I don’t know.”

We talked about how perceptions of lesbians and lesbianism have changed since the 1950s when Ms. Faderman was coming of age.

“I hope,” Ms. Faderman said, “that young people who read the book will understand how difficult it was in the 1950s. I don’t know if I even emphasize that enough. I focus in the book on my relationship with the woman I call Jan and some of the terrible neighborhoods these bars [bars frequented by lesbians] were in. There were no alternatives for working-class women outside of bar life.

“I hope that young people who read the book will understand how difficult it was in the 1950s. There were no alternatives for working-class women...”

For middle-class women, as I learned a few years later, there were house parties and dinner parties, but for working-class women it was pretty much the bar scene. For me it was not a happy time.”

During the era when Ms. Faderman was first meeting other lesbians, women in the lesbian scene tended to take on stylized roles. I asked Ms. Faderman about this. “They did, yes,” she said. “Absolutely. There were femmes who were ultra-

femme, much more feminine than heterosexual women. Oh, yes, it was very stylized. And Elvis Presley and Jimmy Dean were wonderful icons of the working-class lesbians. It was the DA [duck’s ass] haircut and sort of sexy clothes, tight pants and very often shirts with long sleeves that ballooned a little bit the way Presley’s did. And these women took on the Jimmy Dean stance, the way he would smoke cigarettes, for instance.”

“When did that stylized behavior change?”

“With the feminist movement, I think. Probably in the late

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Be Part of the Art, visit the Studio Arts Building and tour working artists’ studios on Friday, March 7, 5 to 9 p.m. Three commercial galleries and more than a dozen artists will display work for sale. Find the building at 2400 Kettner Boulevard. For information, call 619-233-3443. Free. (LITTLE ITALY)

Whaddaya Know About Alpacas? Increase your knowledge during the International Alpaca Odyssey hitting the Del Mar Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hundreds of alpacas and their breeders will gather for judging, seminars, and “all things alpaca.” Spinners and weavers will be on hand to demonstrate their craft. Alpacas, cousins to the llama, have been bred for their luxurious fleeces for hundreds of years. Admission is free. For more information, call 530-787-0007. (DEL MAR)

Belgian Beer Bonanza, Pizza Port hosts its 12-hour Belgian beer party on Saturday, March 8. More than 70 different Belgian and Belgian-style beers will be featured on draft, in regular bottles, magnums, and three-liter bottles.

The party runs 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at 571 Carlsbad Village Drive. The \$20 admission fee includes a glass and four four-ounce tastes (pay \$1 per additional taste). Dial 760-720-7012 for details. (CARLSBAD)

“Brilliant Impressions,” an exhibit of works by Katherine Shyu Keeling, is on view through March at the Rancho Santa Fe Library (17040 Avenida de Acacias). Meet the artist during a reception set for Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m. Free. For information, call 858-756-2512. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

How Sweet It Is, head to La Jolla Village Square when over 100 cakes created by amateurs and professionals are on exhibit for the 20th annual San Diego Cake Show on March 8 and 9. The event promises hourly demonstrations, and a cupcake and cake corner, where guests create works of art (cupcakes are 50 cents) or purchase cakes.

Admission is free (donations benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association). Show hours are 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For further information, call 619-994-8400. (LA JOLLA)

Watercolor, Acrylic, and Oil Paintings by members of the Point Loma Artists are on view through Saturday, March 29, at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). You’re invited to a reception for the artists on Saturday, March 8, 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 619-224-1045 or 619-222-9019. (POWAY)

History Comes to Life during the Julian Historic Days, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9. Individuals, couples, and groups are invited to use the town site as their stage, attired in period costumes from 1850 to 1913 with the hopes of being awarded cash prizes, meeting and greeting visitors. The Concord Rangers present Civil War hospital reenactments in the Town Hall. Free. For information, call 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

Wolves of North America, visit the California Wolf Center — providing a home for North American, Alaskan gray, and Mexican gray wolves — in the Cuyamaca Mountains during an outing for adults hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, March 8, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The fee for nonmembers is \$12. To reserve a spot, call 619-255-0203. (CUYAMACA MOUNTAINS)

Here, Kitty, Kitty! Many cats and dogs will be offered for adoption when FOCAS (Friends of County

Animal Shelters) sets up at the South County Animal Shelter (5821 Sweetwater Road) on Sunday, March 9, noon to 4 p.m. Call 619-685-3536 for further information. (BONITA)

My Peace I Give Unto You, artists were asked to depict where they find peace or how they pass it on for the 40th annual religious art festival hosted by St. Mark’s Methodist Church. The awards ceremony and reception are planned on Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m. This year’s art juror is Edwin Wordell, with poetry judging by Jack Webb.

The show is open for viewing Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. and by appointment through April 20. Find St. Mark’s at 3502 Clairemont Drive; 858-278-0255. (CLAIREMONT)

Write What You Observe during an outing along Dog Beach planned on Sunday, March 9. Participants will “walk, observe, discuss, and then settle down to write about it” from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring notepad, pen, and your imagination. The fee is \$5. Join the group at Newbreak Coffee, 1959 Abbott Street (at Newport), across from the lifeguard station. 619-299-6462. (OCEAN BEACH)

Put 30 Candles on the Cake and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center on Monday, March 10. The Fleet’s five exhibit galleries will be open with free admission, and IMAX admission will be only \$2.75 (the ticket price in 1973).

San Diego Astronomy Association members will have telescopes outfitted with solar filters from noon to 2 p.m. for safe looks at the sun. Students from the Ocean Beach Elementary Choir will be on hand to sing “Happy Birthday.” For more information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Two Quichua Indian Potters from Ecuador, the mother-daughter team of Estella and Mirian Dagua, will showcase their art and demonstrate their techniques from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, March 12-15, at the San Diego Museum of Man (1350 El Prado). The demonstrations are included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). Call 619-239-2001 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

“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)

The Loves, Lives, and Work of Latino Families in the United States and Latin America are examined in the bilingual book discussion series planned in the Turrentine Room of the Escondido Public Library. Multiple copies of the books are provided in both English and Spanish.

Led by journalist Miriam Ruvinksis, the series continues with Gabriel Garcia Marquez’s *News of Kidnapping* on Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m. Free. For information, call 760-839-4329. Next up: Clorinda Matto de Turner’s *Birds Without a Nest* on April 10. (ESCONDIDO)

One of the Six Required Talents for scholars in ancient Chinese dynasties was calligraphy, with artists expressing their emotions on paper with a brush and ink. See “Calligraphy and Sherry Jenn’s Crystal Jewelry” while it’s on exhibit Tuesdays through Sundays through March at the Taiwanese American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Free. 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

FOR KIDS

Enjoy Rapunzel when the Phoebeke Puppets perform through Sunday, March 9, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Mother Holly*, presented by the Weaver’s Tales March 12-16.

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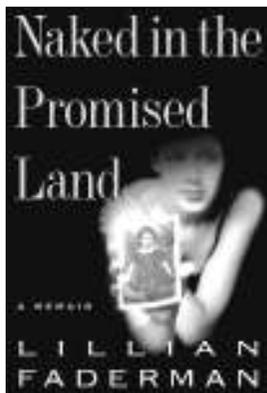
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1960s, the early 1970s. Styles changed drastically.”

Reading *Naked in the Promised Land* I enjoyed Ms. Faderman’s account of how she, a working-class child, discovered literature.

“One of the things that I’m so grateful for in our culture is that it’s possible for a working-class kid to go to the library, as I did, avidly, when I was eight and nine and ten. There was a library several blocks away. Also, it is possible in this country for a working-class kid to dream of going to college and in one way or another to get there. I think it is so taken for granted. Of course, in the 1950s it wasn’t taken for granted. I knew it was possible. But I think that most of the kids I went to school with didn’t understand that it was possible. At least the kids in East L.A., where I went to grammar school and junior high school, didn’t realize this.

“It was even more difficult for working-class girls. My mother, as I write in the book, thought that a great career for me, until I got married, would be as a bookkeeper, without going to college. That I would go to college was simply unheard of, certainly in the culture that she knew best.”

“How did people treat your having a baby?”

“Mostly, they tried very hard to ignore it. They would ask my partner, Phyllis, about the pregnancy, but they would never, never ask me. And at one point, I was in administration when I was pregnant, and my son was born, and one of the secretaries was pregnant too, and our bellies sort of grew in tandem. And, of course, we threw a shower for her, and I attended the shower, and there I was sitting right next to her, and everybody was talking about how wonderful her pregnancy was. And it was like I had a flat tummy.

I mean nobody, but nobody acknowledged it. Nothing at all. They didn’t know what to say. I mean, what could they say? ‘I see you’re pregnant,’ or, ‘Are you going to get married? Who’s the father?’”

Doing this book, I said, must have stirred up many memories from Ms. Faderman’s past.

“Oh, yes. I’m so much closer now to my mother and aunt than I had been for so many years since their death, because they’re just so fresh now in my mind. I realized how much they gave me that I didn’t realize as I was growing up. They gave me so much of absolutely unconditional love.”

“As I read the book,” I said, “I continually was impressed at how, no matter what obstacle you faced, you kept going.”

“If I didn’t keep going, where would I have ended up? I didn’t think there were a lot of choices. I could work in the garment industry like my mother did, or I could use my body. I had to keep going.”

“Did you find as you worked on *Naked in the Promised Land* that your memory for detail was pretty good?”

“Yes, and my memory got better after I got started. I really despaired about what I could possibly remember. But once I got into it, I realized I remembered so much that I thought that I’d forgotten. Or so much that I hadn’t thought about for a very long time. I really came to understand the notion of the unexamined life not being worth living. I hope readers will get a lot out of the book when they read it — but I got so much out of it when I wrote it. Just the way it brought my life together and the way it made me understand something so vital. Once I got a Ph.D., once I became a professor and a writer of scholarly books, I thought I had put those other two phases of my life, Lillian and Lil, so far behind, but writing the book made me realize that it was all of a piece, that the same person who could be a stripper is — that’s me. And that’s something that I had to learn. How much it really is all me. It’s not three different people, it’s not that I kept changing my life; underneath there was something that’s very sturdy that I still am. I imagine that that’s true for most people: that who you are, when you’re young, deep, deep down is who you still are as an older person.

“I was a stripper for a good reason. I was a stripper in San Francisco and I was going to Berkeley because I needed to survive on my own terms, which meant that I wanted to keep living with the woman whom I call Dora, which, of course, isn’t her real name, and I wanted to keep being a student, and I didn’t want to make \$1.25 an hour in the library. I can understand how someone like me would have been a stripper in those circumstances.”

“I bet you were a good stripper,” I said.

“I don’t think I was. I learned how to dance and I moved around, that was the whole idea — and then you take one garment off after another, and you move around and try to look interesting.”

Naked in the Promised Land’s pages offer photographs of Ms. Faderman’s mother and aunt and of Ms. Faderman as a child and young woman. “You were lucky,” I said, “that you had all those wonderful pictures. I don’t think people took as many snapshots back in the 1940s and 1950s as they do now.”

“No, they didn’t. I have, in addition to the ones in the book of my mother and myself and my aunt, maybe half a dozen more, but that’s it.”

One of my favorite photos (on page 85) shows Ms. Faderman, mouth sensually puckered, in a cheesecake shot. “Tell me, please,” I said, “before we hang up, about that amazing striped dress you are wearing in your pinup photo.”

“Oh, where I got it? I don’t know. It’s a very cute dress. I must have picked it up somewhere for, like, \$5 and just thought it would be a good modeling dress. I think it was probably some cheap cotton.”

“Where did you learn to pucker your mouth so perfectly?”

“Probably,” the professor laughed, “looking at other girlie magazines.”

— Judith Moore

Lillian Faderman will read at Obelisk, 1029 University Avenue, Hillcrest, on Sunday, March 9, 5:00 p.m.

mission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

A Very Real Yellow Brick Road and live orchestra are part of the fun when the J*Company presents *The Wizard of Oz* March 8-16. A cast of 80 local children will bring Dorothy’s story to life in this production directed by Becky Cherlin.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Saturdays, March 8 and 15, and at 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sundays, March 9 and 16, in the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets range from \$11 to \$15.50 for nonmembers. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Shake Stuff Up Tour, two local teen bands will compete for \$200 and “a shot at professional recording time” when the Battle of the Bands takes place on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at Westfield Shoppingtown Mission Valley (1640 Camino del Rio North). Organizers promise a milk mustache photo contest and “Karaoke Krziness.” For information, call 312-988-2356. (MISSION VALLEY)

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 continues 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)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides from noon to 3 p.m. on March 8 and 9 in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). The requested donation is 25 cents. For more information, call 619-421-5227. Children under 48” must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

“**This Land Is Your Land**” is the theme when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents Carnival Concerts on Saturday, March 8. The Navy Band of San Diego, Native American Inter-Tribal Dancers, and the San Diego Pantomime Theatre will join the orchestra for patriotic songs to celebrate America.

The performance begins at 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club, preceded by activities at 12:15 p.m. and at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center (3800 Mykonos Lane), with preconcert activities at 3:15 p.m. The fun includes an instrument petting zoo, face painting, and crafts. Tickets in Carmel Valley are \$7 for children, \$12 for adults; with attendees in Balboa Park paying \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. For reservations

and information, call 888-848-7326 x7. (BALBOA PARK, CARMEL VALLEY)

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and Purim (a Jewish holiday starting at sundown on March 17) when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents “Children’s Classics” on Saturday, March 8, at 11 a.m., at L’Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes *Purim, Purim!*, *Daniel O’Rourke*, poetry, and songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Arts and Activities, kids three and older are invited to the crafts and activity program planned on Saturday, March 8, at 10 a.m., at the shade structure at Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

The Classic Tale of Bravery and Friendship, *Tom Sawyer*, will be performed on Saturday, March 8, at 4 and 7 p.m., at the Poway Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). For reservations, call 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Tour “Tom Wudl: You’ve Got to Be Kidding” and then turn your favorite characters into a work of art while learning about black and white compositions and contour drawing from artists during the Family Open Studio planned on Saturday, March 8. The events run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the courtyard at

the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. (LA COSTA)

Sensory Awareness, children in grades one through three are invited to awaken their senses and find out how animals see, hear, and move hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, March 8. The class runs 9 to 11 a.m. at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. The nonmember fee is \$15. To reserve a spot, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

The Animals Benefit from the three-mile Walkin’ for Paws event planned on Saturday, March 8, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Rancho Coastal Humane Society (389 Requeza Street). Proceeds from the walk will buy food, medicine, toys, and bedding for animals. After the walk, kids will be given a tour of the shelter, participate in animal-care workshops, and play with puppies. The registration fee is \$4, with a minimum pledge of \$15 required. For more information, call 858-278-7371. (ENCINITAS)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum’s activities include locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agri-

culture, but to the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, a country kitchen and parlor, a steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. For further details, call 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district’s 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

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

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star*

newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, this historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an “Industrial Product Collection,” with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with “some classics and a concept car.”

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

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

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

Also on display is “Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State.” These beautifully designed labels once adorned crates of produce in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Among the more than five dozen on display are three of Lemon Grove’s own labels, designed for the original Lemon Grove Fruit Growers Association between 1893 and 1900.

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

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

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

Ongoing exhibitions include “Technovation,” “About Faces,” “Smoke and Mirrors,” and “Skyscapes II.” The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Roam-O-Rama

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

The remote and rugged upper reach of Anza-Borrego’s most famous “palm canyon,” Borrego Palm Canyon, has suddenly become much easier to explore. Last summer’s mammoth Pines Fire, which originated near Julian, swept many miles north and northeast, eventually consuming thousands of acres of mature chaparral and high-desert vegetation on the desert face of the San Ysidro Mountains — including much of Borrego Palm Canyon.

For any exploration of the canyon, short or long, you can begin at the Borrego Palm Canyon parking lot on the west edge of Borrego Palm Canyon Campground. Follow the main, popular trail up a broad alluvial fan toward the narrow mouth of the canyon, where the “first grove” of palms comes into view up ahead. In the coming month you should enjoy the best display of spring wildflowers hereabouts in years.

At 1.5 miles, in the narrows of the canyon, you reach the end of the nature trail

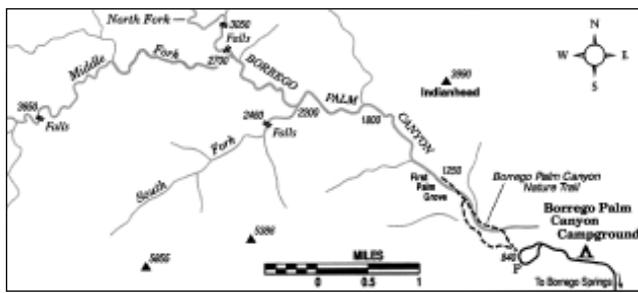
and fences that discourage further travel. To go farther, take a side path on the right, leading to a viewpoint overlooking the grove, and proceed up the canyon by hopping over boulders. Hikers have “voted with their feet” in the next mile or so, wearing in an intermittent, sometimes circuitous trail alongside or near the currently lively stream in the canyon bottom.

Before long, you reach the edge of the burn zone, where the combination of dense riparian and desert scrub vegetation has been incinerated, allowing relatively easy passage for now and perhaps during the next year or two. The scattered groups of palms you’ll encounter in the miles ahead have, as a whole, shrugged off the effects of the fire, their blackened trunks readily sprouting fresh green fronds. Wherever water has been flowing, greenery is rapidly returning. With continuing rain showers, a spectacular display of fire-following wildflowers may occur here by late March or early April.

At 3.3 miles from the start, Borrego Palm Canyon’s South Fork branches off to the left (southwest), away from the main Middle Fork. Follow this canyon 0.4 mile to discover a thin but beautifully cascading waterfall — assuming rain this season



Palms in lower Borrego Palm Canyon



San Diego Automotive Museum, “Motorcycles in the Park” runs through Friday, March 7. Over 100 motorcycles are on exhibit, including “vintage beauties, racing champs, wildly modified street bikes,” and more. This year’s show includes a salute to Harley-Davidson, in celebration of its 100th year.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum’s permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

A history of the motion picture

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

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

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, during the 18th Century, Europeans and Americans developed an interest in the art and culture of the Far East. The desire for “all things Chinese” sent the great clipper ships across the world’s

oceans with cargoes of exported Chinese art. “Mariners and Mandarins — Seafaring and the Arts of the China Trade” highlights both the traders and the sought-after goods that drew them around the world. The Maritime Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego are collaborating for this exhibit, which opens on Saturday, March 8. View “The Race for Riches” onboard the *Star of India*, highlighting the historical, maritime, and sociological aspects of trade with the Far East. The exhibit features rare early charts and navigation instruments used on the dangerous ocean voyages, examples of the cargoes, ship models, letters, photographs, and personal items of the sailors and merchants that participated in the enterprise. The show closes on Sunday, September 14.

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

continues to fall at average or better rates.

Since the fire, a number of hikers have succeeded in traveling the entire 10-mile stretch of the Middle Fork leading into the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation. They have reported this journey as much easier than before, but certainly no leisurely amble!

Whatever your goal is, be advised that any travel beyond the first 1.5 miles requires sturdy footwear and the ability to negotiate potentially ankle-busting terrain. As the springtime weather warms in late March and April, don’t underestimate your need for potable water.

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

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

Working in conjunction with Amnesty International, the Survivors of Torture, and the International and San Diego Friends of Tibet, the museum has re-opened and expanded “Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance.” The new component focuses on the reality of torture in the world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. The collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some of them extremely rare, primarily used

from the 1400s up to the early 1800s. All of the pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Ongoing.

The permanent anthropology exhibit “Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution” features five galleries filled with “more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine).” The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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

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

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A Bang-Up Concert

You could see the Athenaeum audience recoiling in their seats.

Barbara Nissman gave a recital at the Athenaeum.

Instead of reviewing this concert in the usual retrospective way (recollected in tranquility, all passion spent), I have to narrate my whole Barbara Nissman experience in chronological order. Indulge me — there's a point to this.

I first heard Nissman on the radio (when I still listened to radio), several years ago. She was playing Liszt, and she was terrific. Every pianist worthy of his or her salt (but why do they need salt?) programs some Liszt, if for no other reason than to show off a technique that isn't scared of anything. Nissman, however, really seemed carried away by the music, and she carried me away too.

I attempted to get hold of her Liszt recording (or anything else played by her), but not a single CD was available anywhere. I wrote her name on a list I keep for such purposes, and put it aside.

Years later, the Athenaeum's Geoff Brooks, giving me the lowdown on the next season's concert roster, told me that Nissman would be one of the artists. "What a great idea!" I cried (or something to that effect). "This is some pianist! And maybe she can tell me where I can get her recordings."

Another year passed. The night of Nissman's concert arrived. And there, sitting on the Athenaeum's front table for sale later in the evening, were no fewer than four recordings by the pianist, all newly issued or reissued on the (otherwise unknown) Pierian label: a Liszt CD, a Bartók box, an integral collection of the Prokofiev Sonatas, and the complete solo piano music and piano-chamber music of Alberto Ginastera. Talk about cups running over. I asked that a copy of all of the CDs be put aside for me (they weren't selling them before the concert) and proceeded into the intimate chamber where the seven-foot Hamburg Steinway (a B) and the faithful Athenaeum audience were waiting.

Nissman's program, it turned out, was closely connected with these recordings, offering a sampling of them (as it were). It included the Liszt B Minor Sonata, Prokofiev's Sixth Sonata, and Ginastera's Sonata No. 3, as well as several short pieces by the latter two composers. Only Bartók was missing. While waiting for the pianist, I spent several minutes reading the extraordinarily intelligent and insightful notes on this unusual program, which had been written by Nissman herself. Then the artist arrived, a stately, beautiful, elegantly dressed woman *d'un certain âge*. With an air of utmost confidence and mastery,

she sat down to play.

The opening group of four pieces from Prokofiev's *Visions fugitives* went well enough, except for Nissman's odd predilection for omitting discernible pauses between numbers (she

would do the same thing with the movements of the Prokofiev Sonata, later on, and even with the mixture of short pieces by Prokofiev and Ginastera, which

she played virtually as though they were all one work). But already it was noticeable that the pianist was playing too loudly. The room is a small one, with most concertgoers seated only a few yards away from the piano. The volume of sound produced for the little Prokofiev "fleeting visions" tended to overwhelm their charm and wit.

The problem of the sound became acute in much of Nissman's subsequent playing. This was, by and large, a program of big, aggressive music. The late (1982) Ginastera Sonata belongs to the composer's violent, abstract, modernist period (completely different from the colorful nationalism of his earlier and more romantic works, such as the brief *Danza de la moza donosa* and *Rondo sobre temas infantiles argentinos* on Nissman's program). Ginastera dedicated this unrelentingly percussive work to Nissman, and he certainly chose right, because she banged the hell out of it. It was all so loud and so hammered that a listener could scarcely differentiate its sections or follow the course of its ideas. What we heard was one massive unmitigated assault on the eardrums.

When I used the word "bang," I was not being metaphorical. There are different ways to produce loud sounds on a piano. The right way results in a big, rounded, blooming resonance. The wrong way results in a hard, dry, ugly bang. Nissman seemed to be a partisan of the second way. Things were little different in the louder sections of the Liszt Sonata, and they were if anything worse in the Prokofiev Sonata No. 6. This is filled with episodes of angry, warlike music, but as exponents such as Gyorgy Sandor, Boris Berman, Matti Raekallio, John Lill, and Frederick Chiu have shown, it is not necessary to distort the piano's timbres or to make the sounds physically painful in order to convey the Sixth Sonata's urgency. On the contrary, the balanced tonal palette and robust but not harsh articulation of those pianists brings out the emotional intensity of this work far more effectively than a performance in which bass chords sound like artillery explosions, ferociously whacked treble chords sound like breaking windowpanes, and

single notes in the midrange are rammed out like gunshots to the heart. In the final pages of the last movement, you could see the Athenaeum audience recoiling in their seats, as though to get away from what sounded like the destruction of the instrument, the strings snapping, the soundboard cracking, the legs about to collapse.

The Liszt Sonata presented a more varied picture. Its constant changes of mood allowed Nissman sometimes to show her lyrical abilities, with quite remarkable subtlety of expression in the slow movement. But the passages of huge struggle and tormented drama — and they are legion in this super-Romantic Faustian masterpiece — were once again rendered almost unlistenable by the screaming, crashing, shattering piano tone. Through it all, if you could bear it, you could hear a pianist of gigantic Lisztian sensibility, with a sweep of imagination and an originality of interpretation that under other circumstances might have left you gaping in admiration. You might have thought of magnificently daring voyages by captains courageous over immense waves, plowing through every danger toward their splendid goal. But the ultimate experience was rather one of helpless coastal towns smashed to bits by a tsunami, or reduced to ashes by merciless Viking marauders.

An encore brought balm to the spirit: an exquisite performance of Chopin's Nocturne in D-flat, Opus 27, No. 2, with the floating lyrical lines surrounded by the most delicate gossamer tracery, and the intuited presence of a warm, nourishing soul, expressing itself in this lovely playing. The piano, sounding like a normal instrument instead of a weapon or a wreck, seemed to have recovered from the previous devastation.

I had not, however. Staggering out, I decisively renounced the idea of buying all the Nissman CDs. Why would I ever want to hear such playing again? Still, there had been something grand about the Liszt Sonata, for all the suffering it caused, and Nissman's take on the work was sufficiently novel to make me want to investigate it further, and to compare it with other performances. So I bought her Liszt CD, and left this appalling concert in a hurry, not even stopping to partake of the generous postconcert reception the Athenaeum regularly puts on.

That is the first part of the story. Now the tone changes, in every sense. The next day, I listened to the CD, beginning with the Sonata. It was the same pianist, without a doubt. She was playing a larger nine-foot Steinway, a D (the venue was a recital hall at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh). The recorded sound was just a bit shallow and glassy. But nowhere was there a hint of banging,

smashing, clanging, or shattering. What I heard was authentic, deep-rooted power. The climaxes were maximal, but they grew and unfolded from the depths, instead of being shot out of a cannon on deck. The lyrical melodies sang, with the swells and diminuendos of a human voice. And with the acoustical problems of the Athenaeum recital eliminated, I could hear in full detail the suppleness and sensitivity of Nissman's musicianship.

At the concert, her face had shown a constant flickering of extreme expressions, sometimes changing within a phrase, sometimes even within a note. I had found them irritating and distracting. Now, however, I could perceive the moment-by-moment transformations of musical thought that those looks of ecstasy or agony or resolution or beatification reflected. Every-



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where within Nissman's reading, there are individual nuances of rhythm, dynamics, and phrasing that make the familiar score astoundingly fresh. She knows and feels the music from the inside; it belongs to her. This, I realized, is one of the truly great recordings of the Liszt Sonata.

The rest of the Liszt CD turned out to be of similar quality. The *Rhapsodie Espagnole* dazzles (the fiery technique is breathtaking). The "Paganini Études" (which Nissman plays in their later revision, the *Grandes Études de Paganini*) are not only dazzling but — good heavens! — wonderfully rich as music. And there is a heartbreakingly tender performance of the *Consolation* No. 3, Liszt's intentional imitation of the Chopin D-flat Nocturne (and in the same key).

I was once more a Nissman fan. But that meant I had to have her other recordings — now. And just the evening before, I HAD HAD THEM IN MY HANDS. Curses! (Every collector — of anything — knows this feeling.) I ordered them immediately online, second-day delivery, from ArkivMusic, which always seems to have everything in stock. The Bartók, apparently, was not yet to be found anywhere (except on that table at the Athenaeum — curses! curses!), but the Ginastera and the Prokofiev CDs arrived promptly in the mail.

I hastened to put on the Prokofiev Sixth Sonata. No difference in interpretation from the Athenaeum performance (although the recording dates from 15 years earlier); but with more comfortable listening conditions, the major virtue of Nissman's Sixth reveals itself as her ability to make sense of this erratic, mercurial music, to hold it together in a continuous process of invention and construction. The sanguinary chaos at the very end exhibits the same ugly, anti-pianistic sounds, but since they are no longer right in your face you can appreciate how thrilling they are in their very ugliness: this, you think, is just what Prokofiev wanted. (Svyatoslav Richter, in his numerous performances of the score, took a similar approach.) The entire set — which includes many of the shorter pieces, in addition to all the Sonatas — is indispensable for Prokofiev lovers — although, all in all, I still prefer Raekallio.

As for the Ginastera Third Sonata, it came as a surprise to discover that it is only five minutes long (since it had seemed so much longer in the live performance), and that its dissonances and its savage *toccata*-like rhythm make it a sensationally exciting work, when played with such virtuosity and in such limpid, full-bodied sound. The rest of the two-disc collection reinforces the notion that Ginastera was a major 20th-

century keyboard composer, beyond his more familiar (and terrific) Piano Concertos.

What are we to make of the radical contradiction between listening to Barbara Nissman at the Athenaeum and listening to her on her CDs? Here is her own comment on the subject: "As a pianist I am always faced with the challenge of making music with a given instrument in a defined acoustic space. Adjustments can be made to the piano to maximize its effect, but very few changes can be made with the acoustics of a given hall." True — but can't the pianist make some changes in her way of playing the music?

Maybe not. When she is deeply involved in the inner life of these impassioned compositions, as Nissman appears to be, it may be impossible for her to tone things down without thwarting the whole purpose of the performance, which is to tell the truth about what the composers are doing. Maybe she didn't even know in advance what the Athenaeum's minuscule concert space looks like. So, confronted with an impossible dilemma — either deafen the audience, or cripple Liszt, Prokofiev, and Ginastera — she just bit the bullet and went ahead as though she were playing in the Albert Hall (and we know how many holes it takes to fill *that*). Nevertheless, the least she could have done was to lower the piano lid.

Still, with a pianist like Nissman, and a space like the Athenaeum's, and a program like the one she proposed and the Athenaeum accepted, the consequences were pretty much inevitable. I don't care. I've got the CDs. And Barbara Nissman is one smashing pianist. (Oops!) ■

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Celebrity Series, the La Jolla Chamber Music Society hosts a concert by violinist Sarah Chang and pianist Lars Vogt on Thursday, March 6. Their program boasts pieces by Beethoven, Franck, and Ravel. This recital takes place at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets range from \$15 to \$95. For reservations and further information, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

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.

Tickets range from \$19 to \$49. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, dial 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Composers Known for Versatile Styles and Poetic Expression will be showcased when student singers at UCSD perform on Thursday, March 6, in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. The program includes "La Tura Tu" by Bruehler, "Salve Regina" by Orlandus Lassus, and Schubert's "Gloria Incielo" and "Mass in G." Admission is \$5 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Irish Music of the 17th and 18th Centuries, featuring the compositions of Turlough O'Carolan (1670-1738), may be heard when the Granada Consort recorder ensemble performs on Friday, March 7, at 8 p.m., at Red's Espresso Cafe (1017 Rosecrans). 619-523-5540. Free. (POINT LOMA)

"Some of the Most Beautiful Music Ever Written" may be heard when soprano Cynthia Leigh Karp performs duets, songs, and opera arias on Friday, March 7. Karp will be joined by mezzo-soprano Georgetta Psaros, pianist John Danke, flutist James Miles, and cellist Lorie Kirkell. The program includes selections by Handel, J.S. Bach, Schubert, Liszt, de

Falla, Delibes, Bizet, Bernstein, and others.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. The music starts at 8 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). For information, call 760-632-5345. (LA JOLLA)

The Jacobs Masterworks Series hosted by the San Diego Symphony continues its "New World Season" with concerts March 7-9. 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.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from \$15 to \$70. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Spotlight Series, British pianist John Lill catapulted to acclaim when he won Moscow's International Tchaikovsky Competition in 1970. Lill will perform Mozart's "Fantasie in C-Minor," the "Sonata No. 6 in A" by Prokofiev, Beethoven's "Sonata in C (Waldstein)," and Chopin's "Nocturne in E Minor" and "Nocturne in C Minor No. 1" for mainly Mozart.

Enjoy the concert on Friday, March 7, at 8 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets are \$35. (LA JOLLA)

Lill will perform on Saturday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets for this recital are \$18 general. For reservations, call 760-434-2920. (LA COSTA)

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"This Land Is Your Land" is the theme when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents Carnival Concerts on Saturday, March 8. The Navy Band of San Diego, Native American Inter-Tribal Dancers, and the San Diego Pantomime Theatre will join the orchestra for patriotic songs to celebrate America.

The performance begins at 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club, preceded by activities at 12:15 p.m. and at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center (3800 Mykonos

Lane), with preconcert activities at 3:15 p.m. The fun includes an instrument petting zoo, face painting, and crafts. Tickets in Carmel Valley are \$7 for children, \$12 for adults; with attendees in Balboa Park paying \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. For reservations and information, call 888-848-7326 x7. (BALBOA PARK, CARMEL VALLEY)

An Evening of Chamber Music of the highest quality is promised when the Spoleto Festival USA Chamber Ensemble performs on Saturday, March 8, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Ensemble members include artistic director Charles Wadsworth (piano), Chee-Yun (violin), Andrés Díaz (cello), Todd Palmer (clarinet), and Stephen Prutsman (piano). The program features the Saint-Saëns "Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Piano in D Minor," Dvořák's "Waldesruhe" for Piano, Four Hands, the "Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano in B-Flat Major" by Beethoven, Debussy's "Première rhapsodie" for clarinet and piano, and the "Trio No. 2 for Violin, Cello, and Piano in C Minor" by Mendelssohn.

Stick around for the post-performance talk with the artists. Tickets are \$42. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations and information, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Music by Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, and others may be heard when the Camerata Centrale performs in concert in Linder Hall at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South) on Sunday, March 9, 7 p.m. Ensemble members include Phyllis Irwin (harp-sichord), Teresa Beaman (flute), Jose Diaz (oboe), Susan Doering (violin), and Dieter Wulforth (cello). Child care is available by reservation; an offering will be received. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Ecumenical Masterwork Choral — consisting of the choirs of Pioneer Church, St. Andrew's, and St. Andrews-by-the-Sea — presents a concert on Sunday, March 9, at 4 p.m., at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea (1050 Thomas Avenue). The choir

will offer Mozart's "Coronation Mass in C" and "Ave Verum Corpus," and Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" and the "Cantique de Jean Racine."

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"Les Preludes" by Liszt, the "Slavonic Rhapsody No. 3" by Dvořák, and Mozart's "Piano Concerto No. 24" may be heard when the Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra performs on Sunday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista (915 Paseo Ranchero, at East H Street). Offering. 619-656-2525. (CHULA VISTA)

A Scandinavian Concert is being presented by the Grossmont Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, March 9. The concert opens with Edward Grieg's "Triumphal March" from *Sigurd Jorsalfar*, followed by Grieg's "Piano Concerto in A Minor," featuring pianist Dan Yu. The concert concludes with the Sibelius "Symphony No. 2 in D Major."

The music begins at 7 p.m. at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$13 general. For reservations and information, call 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Classic and Contemporary Works are on tap when piano students of Aleck Karis present selections by Scarlatti, Mozart, Debussy, Enescu, Cage, and Carter. The recital is slated for Sunday, March 9, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Admission is free. Dial 858-534-4830 for more details. (LA JOLLA)

"Sundays at Seven," this San Diego Performing Arts Association series continues with a recital of baroque works by oboist J. Scott

Janusch on March 9. The music begins at 7 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Admission is free. For information, call 760-752-5078. (LA COSTA)

Beethoven Violin Sonatas may be heard when the Dreiling-Fink Duo performs on Sunday, March 9, at 2:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Duo members include violinist Alyze Dreiling and pianist and composer Myron Fink. Free. For further information, call 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

"Opera Composers Write for the Piano" is the title for a recital planned by pianist George Fee on Sunday, March 9, beginning at 2 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church (3598 Talbot Street). The composers in question include Donizetti, Rossini, Verdi, Puccini, Wagner, and Liszt. Tickets are \$15 general, \$7.50 for students. Call 858-274-8832 for information. (POINT LOMA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m. Call 619-702-8138 for information on the free concert. (BALBOA PARK)

Beethoven's Sonatas No. 5, 6, and 7 may be heard when violinist Alyze Dreiling and pianist/composer Myron Fink perform for the mini-concert planned at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at noon on Monday, March 10. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Masterworks: Brahms and Beethoven," it's the theme when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents concerts March 10-14. Violinist Jean-Marc Phillips-Varjabédian joins the orchestra for Mozart's "Overture to La clemenza di Tito,"

the "Violin Concerto in D Major" by Brahms, and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 8."

The program is offered on Monday, March 10, in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street); on Tuesday, March 11, at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club (15150 San Dieguito Road); and on Friday, March 14, at St. Joseph's Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue).

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. For ticket information for all performances, call 1-888-848-7326. (LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE, DOWNTOWN)

Hailing from Cremona, Italy, Siro Saracino will present a solo piano recital in UCSD's Recital Hall at Mandeville Center on Monday, March 10, 8 p.m. The program includes contemporary works by Carlo Landini, Luigi Dallapiccola, Leonard Bernstein, Carmelo Caruso, Livio Bollani, Barbara Rettagliati, and Arvo Pärt. Tickets: \$10 general. For further information, call 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Classic Chamber Music by Händel, Cui, Copland, Mozart, Brahms, Telemann, and Debussy may be heard when students of János Négyesi present a concert on Tuesday, March 11. The recital starts at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Rhapsodic, Dynamic Works will be performed by the UCSD Wind Ensemble on Thursday, March 13, at 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. The program includes selections from "The Planets" by Holst, the "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" by J.S. Bach, Weinberger's "Polka and Fugue," the "Toy Trombone," and Verdi's "Nabucco Overture." Admission is \$5 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)



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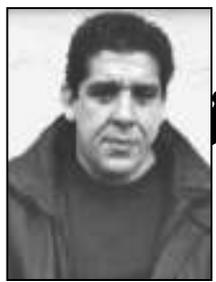
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Just off Piazza Maggiore, the main square in Bologna and my favorite public space anywhere, stands a heroic bronze fountain of Neptune by the 16th-century sculptor Giambologna. Neptune was Roman antiquity's version of the Greeks' Poseidon, lord of the seas, the essence of marine and terrestrial turbulence. (Blame tsunamis and earthquakes on him.) He extends his arm imperiously to calm the seas. At the corners of his pedestal, *putti* fool around with dolphins, and the four Sirens on the fountain's bottom tier are so sumptuously modeled you want to imagine the perilous song they sang. The god — or *il Gigante*, the Giant, as the Bolognesi call him — flames upward, a torqued, hyperarticulated mass of muscle, mighty but (for the moment) beneficent, with unspeakable power held in store, casually holding behind his back his earth-shaking trident.

Giambologna was Giovanni Bologna, who began life as Jean Boulogne, born in Douai in French Flanders in 1529. After apprenticing there, Giambologna made his life in Italy, working often in Rome — he met and got useful criticism about finishing from the aged Michelangelo — and Florence, where he settled and worked under the patronage of Francesco de' Medici, producing large public commissions and statuettes destined for collectors' cabinets. If you've been to Florence, you've seen his tremendous marble group *The Rape of the Sabine*, in the Piazza Signoria. The extreme *contrapposto* tensions in his work, and his way of flexing a figure's vertical axis, broke with the more academic productions of mid-1550s Florentine sculpture and influenced later generations.

A neatly packaged exhibition of Giambologna's work is now at the Timken by way of New York City's Salander-O'Reilly Gallery, which along with representing contemporaries like Paul Resika, Gregory Amenoff, and Michael Mulhern, mounts museum-quality historical exhibitions. Because the pieces on exhibit are necessarily of shippable size, we don't get much sense of the cultic heft of Giambologna's public work, but they do give us a fair view of his gifts, not to speak of those of Antonio Susini, the brilliant studio assistant who cast most of his master's models and contributed crucially to their final form.

In their suspended actions, Giambologna's

figures have an unearthly poise. Unearthliness is, in fact, one of his motifs. He made several versions of *Mercury in Flight*. The challenge of the subject was to represent mercurial reality, a figure solidly present in a space it's flying from.

Mercury stands *en pointe* on a puff of air frothing from the mouth of Boreus, lifted up through a long muscled torso and arms, one grasping the staff at his side, the other raised to hold a torch. It has speedy contrapuntal energies — Mercury intimates the swiftness of his own absence. One version, where the figure wears wings on his pot helmet and heels, is a perfectly balanced distribution of corporeal exertion in space. A *Mercury in Flight* from around 1579 has such elastic, balletic extension that it looks much taller than its 25½" height. The lifted right arm ending in the index finger gestures us back down around the imaginary oval joining the hand to the figure's raised right leg. The whole thing is mystifyingly ethereal while being solidly *there*.

The Timken show contains many small *corpora Cristi*, figurines of the crucified Christ that would have been mounted in a chapel, cabinet, or room, where only the front of the figure would have been visible. But Giambologna expended much energy on the back of the body, obsessed as he was with its fleshy rotundity in space. His is a Counter-Reformation Christ, not a Grünewald withered tree of flesh but a weary creature in repose. His *Cristo vivo* (living Christ) lifts His head to ask the final question as if curious for the answer; his *Cristo morto* suffers death as sleep.

Giambologna also sculpted animal figures. I'm partial to his turkeys, whose short, flat dorsal feathers look thumbed into shape. Their excitable detailing celebrates the particulars of physical reality. His most sensuous works are statues of women bathing. The most thrilling bends on one knee, her spine and head dipped in a meditative curve; the towel draped from her raised hand winds behind her back to the other that dries her lifted breast.

In a letter about his complex two-figured bronze titled *Rape of a Sabine*, Giambologna said that the two figures "may be interpreted as the rape of Helen, or perhaps as that of Proserpine, or of the Sabine women: the subject was chosen to give an opportunity for the knowledge and study of art." He's not exactly saying that subject

matter is arbitrary, that form is its own end, but his position will stick in anyone's mind who visits the Ellsworth Kelly exhibition, *Red Green Blue*, at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Kelly (born 1923) was associated early on with the group of so-called hard-edge abstractionists that included Kenneth Noland, Agnes Martin, and the young Frank Stella. Their subject was form-making and problems specific to it. "What you see," Stella liked to say, "is what you see."

The critic Lawrence Alloway described hard-edge abstraction as painting that "combined economy of form and neatness of surface with fullness of color." Kelly didn't like the designation. "I'm interested in mass and color, the black and white," he said in 1963. "The edges happen because the forms get as quiet as can be." When he moved to New York City in 1954 after several years in France, Kelly distinguished himself with broad, flat, carefully planned-out color fields on odd-sized supports. This led in the 1960s to investigations into figure-ground relationships modulated by color mass and temperatures. He was scooped up by the Minimalist movement because he used a minimum of operating means, but he was an odd fit because he wanted opulent, complex effects.

The MCA exhibition surveys the work Kelly produced from 1958 to 1965, mostly large-format paintings using two or three colors, usually red, green, and blue (sometimes white and black), in rectangular and oval shapes, along with studies, lithographs, and sketches that he called "Tablets." The selection exposes the process by which he pulled and pushed color fields into differently contoured and stressed figure-ground relationships. You'd think that studiously flat color would produce the stillest — or in Kelly's terms, the quietest —



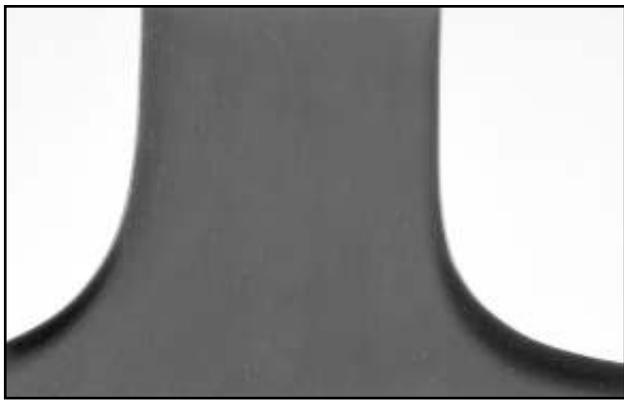
Woman Bathing (Kneeling Venus), late 16th-early 17th century, Giambologna



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Ellsworth Kelly: *Red Green Blue—Paintings and Studies, 1958–1965*
Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street,
La Jolla
Through Sunday, April 13. For additional information,
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White and Black Relief, 1958, Ellsworth Kelly

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of pictures, but some of them are anything but "at rest." They swell, pulse, and cast wobbly auras. The high-contrast luminescence creates unnerving optical effects, and the figure-ground contours warp to a blinding fuzziness. You can't look very long without feeling intense retinal pressure.

Some of the 1950s work that passed for hard-edge painting isn't quite that, because often the edges are rubbed or faintly washy or aspirated. And even in the most resolutely colored large pictures, such as the culminating piece made last year, the three-paneled *Red Green Blue*, the contours have ashy shadow horizons. My personal preference is for the color studies and sketches, because the working hand is more visible and the handling freer, more enthusiastic and plastic. Though my favorite thing in the show is the oil-

on-canvas *White Black* from 1959, in which Kelly constructed a stele-like black pillar on (and against) a frosty white ground. The viscous black pigment compresses the white ground so heavily that the modestly sized picture looks monumental. ■

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GALLERIES

Works from the "Forbidden Fruit" and "Forbidden Flowers" series by Keisuke Mizuno are featured in conjunction with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts 2003 conference at the David Zapf Gallery. The works are crafted in highly detailed china-painted porcelain, placing the sculptures in the realm of memento mori. The opening reception is slated for Friday, March 7, at 6 p.m.

See the work through Saturday, March 22, noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and by appointment. Find the gallery at 2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004. (LITTLE ITALY)

Practical and Aesthetic Sculpture by Paul Linsley goes on exhibit at Chet Wooding Graphics with a reception on Friday, March 7, at 6 p.m. Linsley throws his forms on the potter's wheel and transforms them into the finished sculptural shape, texturing on the wheel and by hand. See the show through Friday, March 21, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The gallery is found at 1733 University Avenue; 619-295-5993. (HILLCREST)

"132 Royal Palm," featuring work by DB Poulin and Jee Young Sim, closes with festivities on 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)

"On Black," a photographic exhibition of work by Michael James Slatery, opens with a reception on Friday, March 7, at 6 p.m., at Photo-Synthesis (658 Ninth Avenue). The show includes a collection of portraits on black backgrounds on view from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday through Thursday,

April 3. For information, call 619-231-9061. (EAST VILLAGE)

Clay Days, the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts 2003 "Clay National Exhibition" is on exhibit through Saturday, March 22, at the R.B. Stevenson Gallery. There's a reception set for Friday, March 7, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery at 2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 103. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 619-595-0558. (DOWNTOWN)

"As Fresh as All Outdoors," the March membership show hosted by the San Diego Watercolor Society, opens with a reception on Friday, March 7, at 5 p.m., at the Showcase Gallery. The juror for the show was Norma Soule. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The gallery is located in the Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-338-0502. The show continues through March. (DOWNTOWN)

"27@999: A Teapot Invitational," another show coinciding with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts conference, opens with a reception on Saturday, March 8, at 6 p.m., at Artgallery999 (3822 Ray Street). The show, curated by Heather O'Brien, features 27 teapots. The show closes on Saturday, March 22. Gallery hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, call 619-521-4803. (NORTH PARK)

"Ed's Eye," an exhibit of watercolors by Ed Wordell, opens with a reception on Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m., at the Artists Gallery (7420 Girard Avenue). Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 858-459-5844. See the show through Saturday, March 29. (LA JOLLA)

"March Madness," an exhibit celebrating Women's Month, opens with

a reception on Saturday, March 8, at 6 p.m., at the Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard). See the show through Friday, March 28, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on weekends by appointment. 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

"Invaders from the North," an art show featuring work by six artists, opens with a reception on Saturday, March 8, 6 p.m. to midnight, at the Muse Gallery (2911 University Avenue). View the show through Monday, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. For information, call 619-296-8539. (NORTH PARK)

Ceramics on Ray, the local, national, and international ceramicists involved in the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts 2003 Clay National Exhibition will be exhibiting work for "Ray at Night" festivities on Saturday, March 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. Events take place in the 12 galleries on one block of Ray Street, at University Avenue (off 30th Street). There's another reception planned on Thursday, March 13, at 6 p.m. Free. 619-260-1815. (NORTH PARK)

"Mythological Works in Clay," this exhibit of ceramic sculptures by Envelo opens with a reception on Saturday, March 8, at 6 p.m., at Lost Your Marbles Too Gallery (3819 Ray Street). The show closes on Saturday, March 22. For information, call 619-291-3061. (NORTH PARK)

The 53rd Annual Membership Award Show hosted by the Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery begins with an awards reception on Sunday, March 9, 2 to 5 p.m. The juror was nature, portrait, and mural artist Sally Lynn Davis. The show hangs through Sunday, April 6. Find the gallery at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 101. For information, call 760-434-8497. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. (CARLSBAD)

"Ceramic in Its Own (W)rite: The Word Made Clay" continues at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library with a reception on Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. Works expanding clay to a "poetic form" using an interpretation of the book format are included. The parameters were that "ceramic surfaces should reflect a narrative perspective with the written word incorporated." The juror was Richard Shaw.

The exhibit concludes on Saturday, March 29. Find the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at 1008 Wall Street. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Wednesday until 8:30 p.m. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"The Maids Project" was inspired by the "invisible" women who performed the most common occupation for women in Britain and the

United States in the 1800s; "to look into the life of a maid is to see into the way society perceives gender, class, and the symbolic nature of 'domestic service.'" This installation by Cheryl Parry opens with a reception on Wednesday, March 12, at 3 p.m., at the CSU San Marcos library.

The show runs through April. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. For viewing hours and other information, call 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

The Blending of Aesthetic and Conceptual Approaches of ceramics through inherited traditions, contemporary concerns, and across national boundaries are celebrated in "Before + Now," featuring work by Margie Hughto, Yi Chiu Tseng, and Katherine Taylor. This exhibit, coinciding with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts 2003 conference, opens with a reception on Wednesday, March 12, at 4 p.m., at Sushi Performance and Visual Art.

The show concludes on Saturday, March 15. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For more information, call 619-235-8466. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Generations: Impending Lineage" opens with a reception on Wednesday, March 12, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Art and Industry Gallery (171 14th Street). Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 619-251-2792. (DOWNTOWN)

More Ceramics! Lana Wilson juried the "Figurative Work in Clay and Glass" exhibit opening with an artists' reception on Thursday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m., at Gallery Alexander (7925-A Girard Avenue). The show features work from 39 primarily Northern Californian clay and glass artists with membership in the Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California.

The exhibit continues through Sunday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Questions? Call 858-459-9433 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

Art and Landscape Design are blended in the paintings, sculpture, and installation by San Diego native Wick Alexander on display in "Cultivar," opening with a reception on Thursday, March 13, at 11 a.m., in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery. Alexander describes his art as "an examination of culture in context."

The show continues through Thursday, April 10. The gallery is located in the student center; the campus is found at One Barnard Drive. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with additional hours from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday (the gallery is closed March 17-21). 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

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ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, traditionally, the act and the art of collecting have been at the heart of what art museums do, and many assess a museum's success in part by the scope, size, and quality of its collections. "Look. React. Engage: The Art of Collecting at Two San Diego Museums" explores themes ranging from issues of connoisseurship, challenges of documentation and collections care, and the relationship collectors, curators, and viewers develop with particular artists and periods. Prints and paintings by George Bellows (1882-1925), Harry Sternberg (1904-2001), and experimental photographic prints by Herbert Ohm (1898-1972) are on exhibit through Sunday, April 13. The works are drawn from the collections at the San Diego Museum of Art and the Center Museum itself.

"Public Projects" is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center's 12-acre campus. Through Monday, June 30, see the work of San Diego public artist db smith. The show was curated by Sally Yard, professor of art history at the University of San Diego.

In "the playground," the artist explores themes of childhood and childhood memories from the perspective of an adult. "the instruments," on display in the museum's Tower Gallery, is a swing and a seesaw designed specifically for adults. The remaining six works are rendered as two-dimensional shadows that could be cast by some of the objects and activities associated with youth: jacks, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope, also on adult scale.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, in the silver-producing city of Taxco, William Spratling trained silversmiths in the 1930s. The remarkable changes in Mexican silver design are traced in "Maestros de Plata — William Spratling and the Mexican Silver Renaissance," continuing through Sunday, May 11. From this workshop emerged talented Mexican silver designers who in turn began their own workshops, many of which continue to create today. Works by Spratling are included in the exhibition, along with pieces by designers such as Héctor Aguilar, Valentin Vidaurreta, Margo de Taxco, Ana Brilanti, Antonio Pineda, Salvador 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, during the 18th Century, Europeans and Americans developed an interest in the art and culture of the Far East. The desire for "all things Chinese" sent the great clipper ships across the world's oceans with cargoes of exported Chinese art. "Mariners and Mandarins — Seafaring and the Arts of the China Trade" highlights both the traders and the sought-after goods that drew them around the world. The Maritime Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego are collaborating for this exhibit, which opens on Saturday, March 8. View "The Celestial Cargo, Treasures from the China Trade," featuring examples of Chinese export art, through Sunday, September 14. Visitors see more than 100 works of art — some of it dating as far back as the late 17th Century. Pieces include a rare soapstone carving of Peter the Great, examples of Chinese porcelain, elaborately decorated traditional Chinese fans, jewelry and other artifacts in silver and gold, and paintings on paper, canvas, and silk.

"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. See his untitled sound sculpture through Sunday, April 27, 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.

"The Grandeur of Viceregal Mexico: Treasures of the Museo Franz Mayer," opening on Saturday, March 8, presents approximately 130 works of decorative and fine art from the renowned museum in Mexico City. Mayer was a German immigrant to Mexico City in 1905 who became a successful banker and financier; he began seriously collecting art in 1920 and left his collections as a legacy to the people of Mexico. The collection reveals the confluence of cultures from Europe, Asia, and Mesoamerica. Religious objects are said to be among the highlights of the collection, which includes Talavera earthenware, portraiture, furniture, and objects. The show closes on Sunday, May 18.

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 masterpiece *A Young Girl Reading* (circa 1776) serves as the focal point of "Painting Women: From Fragonard to Bouguereau," a gallery installation of 12 paintings of women from the museum's collection. On loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Fragonard's painting presents an image of bravura brushwork and rich color that embodies the painting aesthetics of his time, particularly in how they were applied to the depiction of women. Enjoy these women through Sunday, May 4.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, originally created for court occasions, diplomatic gifts, and political purposes, sculptures by the 16th-Century sculptor Giambologna were admired for their high quality and incredible detail. An exhibition of bronze sculptures by Giambologna and the artisans and artists who worked in his studio is currently on exhibit. "Giambologna: Sculpture by the Master and His Followers" includes approximately 70 works, with a diverse range of subjects such as animals, historical, and mythological figures. The exhibition closes on Sunday, March 30.

The museum's permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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In the late 1920s, Berliners coined an expression: *amusmang*. Roughly translated, it meant "amusement" but also connoted a top-speed escape from reality. They went to beer taverns, nightclubs — one, the Residenzkasino, had telephones at every table — to vaudeville and music halls, home of revues and "girlie" shows, and to cabarets.

"The revue was passive escape," writes historian Wolf Von Eckardt, "the cabaret was more demanding. Dating back to the 1890s, the Berlin cabaret was based on the French model — short revues, usually topical, often political in nature, interlarded with songs. It was the place to go for those on the go in Berlin. It was out to startle, rather than convert."

The cabarets had masters of ceremonies, called *conferenciers*. The most famous, Werner Finck, opened the Katakombe in 1929 (model for the Kit Kat Klub in the musical *Cabaret*). The other MC headliner, Hellmuth Kruger, included daily prayers as part of his act. In one, he begged to become an American. Why? Because "they pray to God to deliver them from their true selves and give them chewing gum instead."

John Kander and Fred Ebb's *Cabaret* opened on Broadway in 1966 — at a top ticket price of \$12. (Kander and Ebb also did the songs for *Chicago*.) Lotte Lenya, wife of Kurt Weill (on whose music the score is loosely based), played Fraulein Schneider, the landlady who falls for

Herr Schultz, a German Jew. Asked if the musical's desperate "leave your troubles outside" hedonism overstated the times, Lenya said no. Berlin in the late '20s, early '30s, she said, resembled children playing full tilt, knowing their parents would be home soon (her reply became a line in the libretto). And the more brownshirts appeared on the streets, the more manic became

Berliners' parties.

Cabaret divides into halves. Act One, apart from the eerie Kit Kat Klub environment — where menace lurks behind the makeup — builds like a comedy. Lovers join, make vows. Clifford Bradshaw, young writer, falls for Sally Bowles, whose life could be a novel. They plan a future together (she says, "Why should I wake up? The dream is going so well"). Fraulein Schneider and Herr Schultz announce their engagement. Marriage is in the air. In Act Two, Nazism invades inner sanctums and dreams evaporate.

Stagings of *Cabaret* come in two types: 1. Broadway musicalized, show-busy, geared to entertain; 2. authenticity of period and story (i.e., "out to startle, rather than convert"). The North Coast Rep's *Cabaret* opts for the latter. Audiences expecting Harold Prince/Bob Fosse pizzazz might be disappointed. The production never hypes for showstoppers, or even to endear. Instead it concentrates on people trapped in denial mode, and the consequences of avoiding reality.

Scenic designer Marty Burnett makes the Kit Kat Klub a seedy joint. Nobody comes here for eye candy. The decor is worn; the tinsel no longer shimmers. Galleries of paintings hang on the NCRT's walls, putting the audience inside the Klub itself. We are in Berlin, amid the urgent gaiety of the times (the show doesn't even stop during intermission; led by musical director Don LeMaster — Prince Valiant bangs, grammar school girl's uniform — the Kit Kat Klub continues to perform, keeping the illusion alive). For those who came to the NCRT for more than entertainment, the production offers striking contemporary parallels.

NCRT hasn't lauded the characters either. Cliff (a passable but uninspired Greg Tankersley) isn't vaguely bisexual, as in the original. A former male lover provides ocular proof of his preference(s). At one point, Sally snorts cocaine (Berlin, a "city of pushers," had "coke cafés"; you could even buy morphine, coke, and heroin at hot dog stands). And Jeremiah Lorenz's white-faced Master of Ceremonies — always ca-



Jeremiah Lorenz in Cabaret

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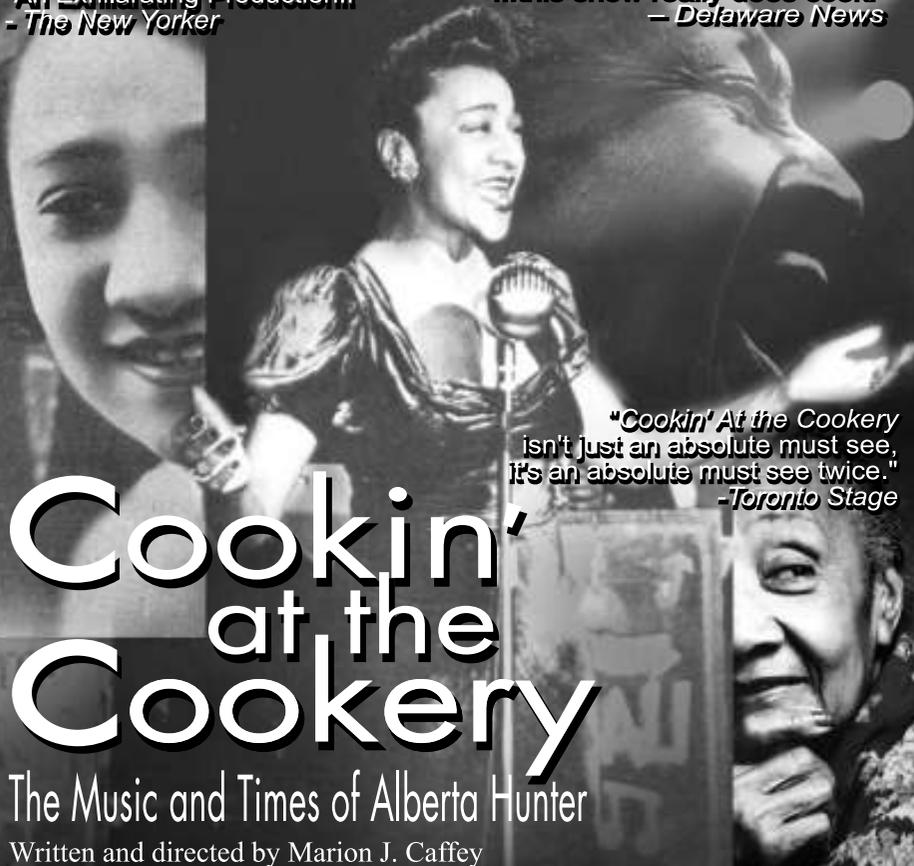
Directed by Sean Murray; cast: Jeremiah Lorenz, Greg Tankersley, Dennis J. Scott, Linda Libby, Jim Chovick, K.B. Mercer, Athena Espinosa, Lizette Kent, Lee Lampard, Greta Wasserman, Matthew DeMeritt, Victor Ha, Braden McKinley, Patrick McNaughton, Michael Cullen; scenic design, Marty Burnett; lighting, Mike Durst; costumes, Shelly Williams; sound, Peter Hashagen, Jeff Jones; choreography, David Brannen; musical director, Don LeMaster

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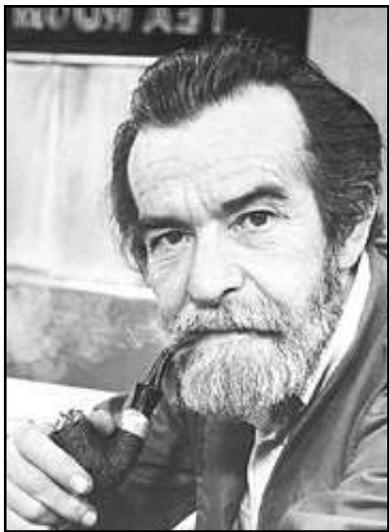
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date as warm, emotionally spry Herr Schultz. Like the two-faced song "Tomorrow Belongs to Me" — a gentle melody announcing Third Reich horrors — Dennis J. Scott makes Ernst a mild monster. On the surface he seems engaging enough. Then he reveals the swastika on his armband.

Best of show: Linda Libby is outstanding as Fraulein Schneider. She once was, she says, beloved and rich. Now she's not, but "so what?" Against everything life has taught her — and while the rest of Berlin flees from feeling — she falls in love. As Frau Schneider opens her heart to Herr Schulz, she will break yours.

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FIELD NOTES — Special event: *An Intimate Evening with Athol Fugard*. As a fundraiser for the San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre, the South African playwright will read from his latest work, *Pages from a Notebook*, on Saturday, March 8, at the Eveoke Dance Studio (644 Seventh Avenue, downtown) at 8:00 p.m. A reception begins at 7:30 p.m. The cause is worthy, the attraction world-class.

For reservations call 858-831-1931. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'" back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the

evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Being-Becoming

UCSD Theatre & Dance presents the results of a course in collaborative theater, written, designed, and managed by students and directed by Amy Cook. Admission is free. GALBRAITH HALL STUDIO 157, UCSD, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, THROUGH MARCH 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Berzkerkergang

In Kirsten Brandt's world-premiere script, Wagner's *Ring Cycle* gets reset in corporate America. One-eyed Wotan is a CEO, daughter Brunhilde is next in line, Valhalla is a 98-story superstructure, and hostile takeovers lurk in every cubicle. For Wagnerites, at least, shrinkage results from the relocation, especially when Seigfried opines, "This is so cool." Call it *CD of the Nibelung*. But though the giants don't walk as tall — and though the play stuffs way too much in too small a space (major revisions needed) — the ambitious Sledgehammer production is always watchable and at times achieves the visual equivalent of opera. Codirected by Michael Severance and Jessa Watson, this is the company's most capable work since the mad-dog days of founder Scott Feldsher. David Lee Cuth-

bert's lighting and Jeff Mockus's sound are both excellent (when feet stomp, for example, they echo through Valhalla). Overall, the production is more fascinating than emotionally gripping (the many climaxes tend to defuse each other). Strong leads — Ruff Yeager's decaying Wotan, David Tierney's weasly Alberich, Laura Lee Juliano's harried Brunhilde (one of the most betrayed figures in all mythology) — and the codirectors craft images and stylized movements worthy of (and here the highest praise) Anne Bogart.

Worth a try.

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Cabaret

Reviewed this issue. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy

Mystery Cafe's interactive dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Chalk It Up to Murder

H.I.T. Productions presents a dinner theater-mystery: life in Cactus Gulch is pretty much normal, of late, "but things change." SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

The Children's Hour

Poway Performing Arts Company stages Lillian Hellman's drama about a malicious youngster, an

unfounded scandal, and tragedy. Caprice Woolsey directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, FRIDAY, MARCH 7, THROUGH MARCH 30; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

The Comet of St. Loomis

OnStage Playhouse presents Ed Simpson's "gentle comedy" about Charlie Loomis, stargazer, and earthly problems that swim into his ken. Brent Stringfield directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, MARCH 7, THROUGH APRIL 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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

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Calendar THEATER

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.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 16; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

The Dining Room
Patio Playhouse stages A.R. Gurney Jr.'s series of vignettes about a fading institution: the East Coast dining room, where decisions got made, lives altered. Jay Mower directed.
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The Good Doctor
Moonlight Stage Productions presents Neil Simon's comedy, based on short stories by Anton

Chekhov. Patrick McBride directed.
AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, THROUGH MARCH 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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 reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. They read in a semi-circle. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: *Children of Heracles*, March 31.

Worth a try.
6TH @ PENN THEATRE, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION AND A LIST OF FUTURE READINGS, CALL 619-622-9012.

Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde
Beginning in April 1895, Oscar Wilde was tried three times, allegedly for his promiscuity but also for his radical art. In his writing, Wilde contended that society is a "tissue of lies" and cannot function without them. To preserve that tissue, the trials demolished him ("after the Wilde trials," says NYU professor Marvin Taylor, "people began identifying themselves as a specific type of person based on their attraction to people of the same sex.... It created the modern homosexual as a social subject"). As played by stylish, engaging Farhang Pernoon in Diversionary's fine production, Wilde is as much a hero as a sad and needy showman. David Weiner's set (lit with grace and subtlety by Jennifer Setlow) enhances this double view: it's at once a courtroom and a Victorian music hall (Liam M. O'Brien's excellent costumes complete the image with white-tie British finery). Moises Kaufman's repetitive script — intertextuality from journalism, reminiscences, biographies, and occasional historical inaccuracies — could play havoc with non sequitur cues. Director Rosina Reynolds deserves credit — nay, a commendation! — for melding nine actors of varying abilities into a rapid-fire ensemble.

Worth a try.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Guest in the House
The Lamplighters Community Theatre stages Hagar Wilde and Dale Eunson's drama about the havoc a "sweet-faced cousin" creates for a family. Lois Corbett directed.
THE LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 9; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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The Hollow
The Coronado Playhouse opens its 57th season with Agatha Christie's "cozy murder mystery," in which an unhappy game of romantic entanglements explodes into murder. Keith A. Anderson directed.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MARCH 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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An Intimate Evening with Athol Fugard
As a fundraiser for the San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre, playwright Athol Fugard reads from his latest work, *Pages from a Notebook*.
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Community Actors Theatre presents Judi Ann Mason's award-winning comedy about a poor family, the bag of money they found, and the second thoughts they have about keeping it. Jennie Hamilton directed.
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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 ActoTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.
MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

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Ellen Burstyn performs solo in an adaptation of Allan Gurganus's epic novel. And she amazes. She's on-stage 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 desensitized 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 tasty 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.

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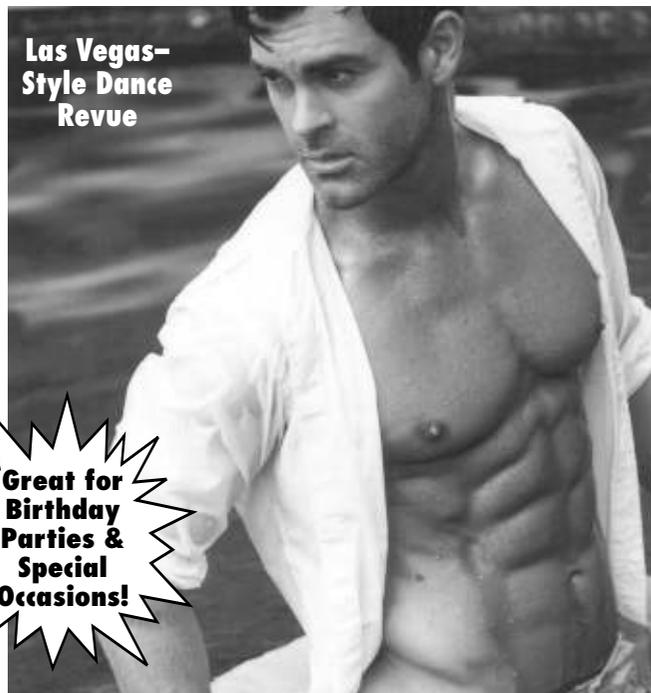
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Quilters

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the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

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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 Casius 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 Caf-finated 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 comedi-

ans are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a cracker-jack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-234-9583.

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"KUSI is notorious for giving bands...one mike for the whole band and say[ing], 'Good luck.'"
Singer/bassist Sol

snippet [going into commercials], they told us he had to put his shirt back on. I thought it was ridiculous. But we finished the show. He played the other songs with his shirt on. While we were breaking down, we were just farting around, and we took our picture on the set with our pants pulled down a

Center set up the band's KUSI appearance to support a series of Friday night Safety Orange gigs at the center's IMAX theater. The band played before a screening of the Buena Vista extreme sports feature *Ultimate X*. Safety Orange has three songs on the soundtrack.

Turpin also said he got a call from KUSI's production manager, Joe Twohig. "He said, 'I saw the photos, and they have to come down immediately.' I thought it was funny that a TV station is telling us we can't have a photo on our website. You would think they would care about freedom of speech."

And what's even more odd, says Turpin, is KUSI is the local TV home of Jerry Springer. "I watched Springer right after that happened, and they had people on who said things like, 'You fucked my sister.' And 'You're a dirty whore.'"

Turpin said he took the photos off their website February 25.



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

SAFETY ORANGE GETS CHEEKY AT KUSI

"I talked to an attorney, and he said the worst-case scenario would be that they could get a court order to force us to take them off. I don't care about KUSI, but I did it for the people at the theater. They were good to us."

KUSI's Twohig said, "I have no comment at this time."

— Ken Leighton

Harley Davidson says he has no plans to abandon the pyrotechnic display that has become the onstage signature

of his 11-year-old voodoo-billy band Deadbolt.

"Our sparks can't ignite anything. If they hit you, it feels like pinpricks to the skin. Nothing could happen unless you have a container of gasoline onstage."

Great White lost a guitarist and many fans when their onstage fireworks triggered a nightclub nightmare two weeks ago, but Davidson brags, "We played in Costa Mesa at the Tiki Lounge the night after the fire. We demonstrated that we just aren't that flammable."

Casbah owner Tim Mays told a Channel 8 reporter the night after the Great White disaster that he has never allowed pyrotechnics in his club, but Davidson said he will continue his power tool spark show at his upcoming Casbah show.

That St. Patrick's Day show is the release party for a best-of Deadbolt compilation from Cargo, the local label that once featured blink-182 and Rocket from the Crypt. Deadbolt is the only local band left on Cargo.

"We put out six albums on Cargo," said Davidson. He said the most rabid Deadbolt cities are Seattle, San Francisco, and Austin. And outside the U.S.?

"Stuttgart, Berlin, and Madrid.... We were just in Germany last December. We try to be nice, but people are so anti-American. They say, 'You and your George Bush and your war.' We took a tour through Dachau. It is



SPARKS WILL STILL FLY AT THE CASBAH

pretty humbling. We tell them, 'Fuck you guys. What about your Hitler?' You bring up the H-word and that pretty much ends the conversation."

Deadbolt's March 17 CD release is at the Casbah with guests the Downs Family, the Scotch Greens, and Red Eye Gravy.

— Ken Leighton

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the inside track

Turpin's big beef with KUSI-TV is not with its lack of technical support. He said he was happy to do what it took to make his three-man Safety Orange band sound as good as possible for a recent live appearance on *The KUSI Morning News*. "I went in before and miked everything myself."

But Turpin said things got a little weird after their first live set.

"Our drummer usually plays with his shirt off. As soon as we played a short

little."

Those photos, which clearly show the members mooning under the KUSI logo, were posted on the band's website, www.safteyorange.com, in October.

"I didn't think anything about it. But four months later I get a call from someone at the Reuben H. Fleet Center. She said, 'I'm looking at your butts right now, and I'm a little embarrassed.'"

Turpin said the Fleet

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Jefferson Jay is probably the only member of the SDSU staff who wears a feather boa.

"I like platform shoes and colorful, shiny, fuzzy clothes. Either really tight or really loose."

While he works on his master's thesis on how the media treated the 1967 Haight-Ashbury hippie explosion, he maintains employment at SDSU as a graduate teaching associate.

Jay is also one of the more flamboyant players on the local music scene. He dresses up when he fronts his Zappa-esque band Brainstorm or when he hosts acoustic open mikes.

"I definitely bring my own personality to class. It comes in handy when I work with freshmen who are 17 and 18 years old," says Jay, 28.

Through SDSU's college of extended studies he is teaching a course called "Songwriting and Collaboration." The course

runs five consecutive Thursday nights starting March 13 and costs \$79.

I ask why an aspiring songwriter would rather take his class over a three-hour seminar presented by the Learning Annex. That \$49 one-day class is entitled "How to write songs and get them published with top music publisher and 'song placer' Jason Dauman."



JEFFERSON JAY—SONGWRITING LUBE

"That guy is just trying to play on people's desires to get rich and famous and dangling that in front of them. My course is just a class for regular people who want to write songs or improve the songs they are writing. My class is about the creative process. I spend the first couple classes on the basics, then I put people in groups of two to three, and I walk around group to group.

I'm like the songwriting lube, making sure everything goes smoothly."

I ask Jefferson Jay — born Jeff Gottlieb — how he arrived at his stage name.

"I was a history major. It was a combination of Thomas Jefferson and John Jay, who was the first chief justice. Plus, that's what my dad called me when I was a baby."

Jefferson Jay hosts the Wednesday night open mike at Twiggs in University Heights. Brainstorm appears March 14 at Rosie O'Grady's in Normal Heights. Both are free. For information on Songwriting and Collaboration, call 619-594-5152.

— Ken Leighton

Carol Channing

was supposed to show up at the Current Affairs bookstore on University Avenue a couple of Wednesday nights ago. The store manager kept saying things like, "Her driver just called. They will be here in 20 minutes. They just passed Temecula." To which the crowd groaned, knowing it was a much longer trip than 20 minutes.

Since the bookstore is small, they had 50 seats

outside, and another 50 or more stood there, waiting for the singer, dancer, and star of *Hello, Dolly!* When Channing finally showed up an hour later, she told stories for half an hour, which included singing in foreign languages. She also announced that she was engaged to be married to the Mervyn's department store co-owner. The emerald engagement ring hanging off her finger was an unexpected choice for the woman who used to sing "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend."

Somebody in the audience said she used to have the best legs in the world, and she said, "I still do," and pulled her long



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dress all the way up to her hips. Her legs were covered by long boots, and we all laughed.

The funniest question came from a younger lady

who said, "Can you sing 'Hello, Dolly!'" To which Channing replied, "Honey, I didn't sing that. I was Dolly! They sang it to me!"

I asked Channing how often she comes to San Diego, and she said, "Not much. I live in Palm Springs, which is one of the reasons we were so late getting here. All the rain and traffic."

Current Affairs' next famous singer will be Nancy Sinatra. No date has been set for her appearance, but you can check www.currentaffairsbookstore.com for details.

— Josh Board

On a rainy Tuesday

night, February 25, a thousand fans packed into Tower Records in La Jolla to meet local band Switchfoot.

They're a Christian rock band, but singer/songwriter/guitarist Jon Foreman tells me, "It's more like spiritual music for thinking individuals. When people refer to Christian music, those songs can have an overbearing message."

At 5 p.m. a crowd started forming for the 7 p.m. appearance.

Switchfoot had five songs on the movie soundtrack *A Walk to Remember*, which went gold, meaning that it sold 500,000 copies. They've had over 40 songs used on various TV shows, and they

got a Grammy nomination for an album in 2001.

I heard a few fans complaining that they couldn't buy a CD because Tower ran out. I asked a manager how they could run out when this was a CD-release promotion.

"Well, we had 600 CDs. We didn't think that many people would show up." He was handing out

promotional posters of the band for free, so the fans didn't leave empty-handed. The four members of Switchfoot (which took the band's name from a surfing term) caught waves in North County, and Jon was on the surf team at UCSD. He told me, "I'd often have a song in my head while I was out surfing. I'd get home and quickly record it."

I asked how many years of local gigging they did before being signed, and Jon says, "We were signed early in our careers, to EMI, after they heard a demo tape. Now we're with Columbia."

One of the first guys to get his CD signed seemed disappointed. I asked him why, and he said, "I was here early, and they just signed really quickly and whisked me out of there. I didn't have time to talk to the band." A girl leaving overheard this and said, "Hey, at least you got a CD."

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They ran out, so I'm going to go home to get one of my old ones for them to autograph." Switchfoot will be touring across the



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RUST TURNS TO CHINA

country starting in Florida, and they'll make it back here to Soma on Saturday, March 29.

— Josh Board

"When people think of a duo, they think of two guys singing and playing acoustic guitar or doing a nightclub lounge act," says guitarist Czar Suzick. Suzick

is one of an elite group of San Diego musicians who have been signed to national labels. His former band Rust was inked to Atlantic ten years ago.

Yet he still says, "You wouldn't believe how hard it is for us to get a show."

The China Clippers ("It's an old slang term for dishwasher," says Suzick) includes Jeremy Brown, who sings and plays drums. Suzick said the idea to go with just two members was not a reaction to Detroit's White Stripes.

"We originally thought we were going to do a full band. But we just clicked. We just decided we didn't need anybody else."

— Ken Leighton

"The very hour I was fired [from Geffen Records] the news came in that Kurt Cobain shot himself."

James Agren remembers the day both he and Kurt severed ties with Geffen.

Agren, 39, had previously worked at BMG/RCA, where he helped create box sets for Elvis, Lou Reed, Jefferson Airplane, and Desi Arnaz. "The Geffen office in New York closed within a year after I was fired. It became clear the big guys [major labels] were clueless. I decided I wanted to do my own thing."

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That led him to launch Darla Records with Chandra Tobey, 30. "We're both big music geeks," said Tobey. "We met in San Francisco. We were both DJs at [progressive, noncommercial] KUSF."

Darla releases between 12 and 25 albums a year. Sister company Darla Distribution handles manufacturing and/or distribution exclusively for 7 U.S. indies and 20 foreign labels, plus over 700 on a nonexclusive basis.

Darla is known for past artists such as the Holiday Flyer, the Photon Band, and Superdrag (which was later picked up by Elektra) and for current artists such as Saloon from London, Mahogany from New York City, and Mus from Spain.

The two fled San Francisco, and then Sacramento. In November they moved their Darla headquarters to their new home in rural Fallbrook.

"The day we moved here, one neighbor brought us a warm carrot cake. Another brought us stir fry. One lady asked us if we found a church yet. That's not a question you get in San Francisco."

As for how conservative San Diego is compared to Northern California?

"There are more rednecks in Sacramento than Fallbrook," said Agren. Though he admits, "San Francisco and Fallbrook are polar opposites. I told one friend I listened to liberal nonsense for the first half of my life, and now I'll listen

to conservative nonsense for the second half."

Darla artists the Low Lights and Maquiladora will play for their CD-release parties at Lou's Records this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Mus also performs. The show is free.

— Ken Leighton

"We are in the process of relocating our store."

That's the recorded message left by Joe Flammini, owner and namesake of Java Joe's, the Ocean Beach acoustic venue that helped launch the careers of Jewel and Jason Mraz.

Java Joe's has been closed since October. According to Steve Ernst, district administrator of the state Alcohol Beverage

Control Board, Flammini sold his Bacon Street business to Kevin Cole, who said he wants to reopen it as the OB Bar and Grill.

Ernst said his agency has not been contacted by Flammini to open a venue at a new location.

"I heard he's seriously looking for a new venue," said one singer/songwriter who has been following Flammini's quest for a new site. That artist said Flammini had, in fact, found a place downtown.

A call to Flammini's old phone was not returned.

— Ken Leighton

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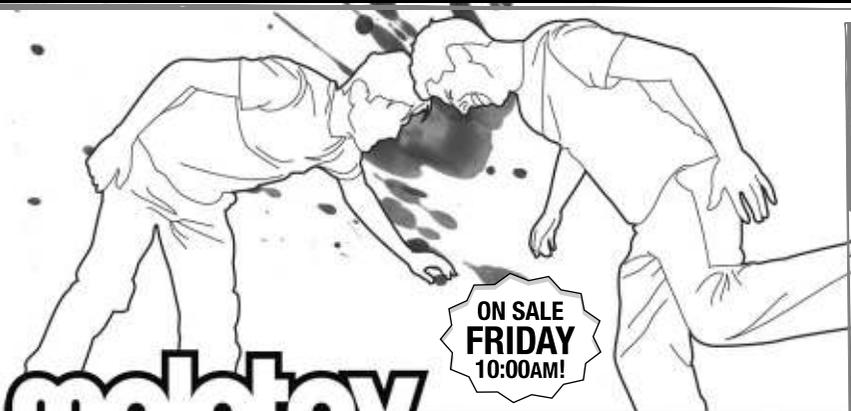
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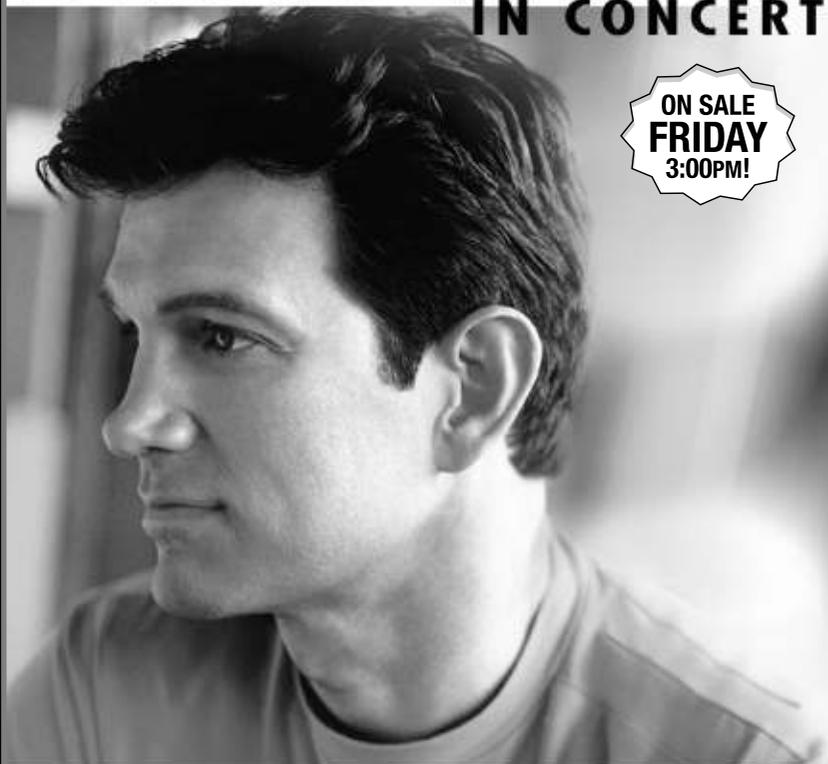
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You think only one band claims that title?

Marillo says the year was 1956 or '57 and that he has the photos to prove it.

Marillo recalls that it was a two-week gig during the summer. "We parked our car out in front and went in to check to see where we could unload. When we came back, someone had pulled a van next to the car — I guess they were watching — and they took all our clothes and my brother's set of drums. They cleaned the car out in five or ten minutes. That," he says, "was the big one."

Marillo's horn, valued at \$5000, was spared, having been locked in the trunk of the car. It is a habit Marillo maintains to this day. "We went and rented some drums, and we went down to the second-hand store and got some jackets. We all had the same kind of jackets, the plaid jackets."

As for the gig?

"We pulled it off."

Name: Audrey Moesch
Instrument: guitar
Band: Kitten with a Whip
Stolen: guitar and amp

"The day before our CD-release party, we had some things stolen from our rehearsal studio, so it was kind of a big deal. We were in, like, five papers, and we had just been interviewed on 91X to promote the gig."

What got taken?
"That was the weird thing," she says. "It was my guitarist Mark Cover's stuff — his guitar amp, probably a Mesa Boogie, and his Strat [a Fender Stratocaster guitar], probably a vintage or older Strat, cherry I think. And I had a guitar stolen too, like, it was a second guitar, some sort of cheap Strat."

She remembers that Cover was in shock.

"He's the kind of person who doesn't think anybody would ever steal anything from him."

They never got their gear back.

"The one thing you don't want to lose is your guitar,"

says Moesch. "I don't know if it's your best friend, but it's something special. You can lose amps, but when you lose a guitar..."

She says the band got by the next day on borrowed gear.

"When I was trying to talk to the owner of the [rehearsal] place to get information for the police report, he seemed pretty, like — what's the word? — just irritated that I would ask him about it. He said, 'Don't expect any insurance.' He didn't want to deal with that."

Name: Billy Watson
Instrument: harmonica
Band: Billy Watson and the International Submarine Silver String Band
Stolen: harmonicas, microphones, speaker cabinet

"We were doing a little gig at



Joe Marillo at the Apollo, c. 1956

the Pannikin [in Del Mar]. We had the Volkswagen van and we were loading the gear in...and I left the doors closed, but I didn't lock 'em, because I thought we were comin' right back. And in the time that we went up to the Pannikin to check it out, see where we were gonna set up and come back — it was probably two, three minutes, you know, at the most — someone had

cased us out, opened the doors of the van, and grabbed what they could. They didn't even know what they were takin'. And then they bailed and closed the doors up again. And when I came back I knew right away. The whole inside had been ransacked."

What the thief got was half of the PA system and a box containing all of Watson's harmonicas.

"When a harmonica player gets ripped off, and they get your box, they get your life, basically. In that box you've got a very old customized harmonica microphone, maybe a vocal microphone, up to 20 harmonicas, including a \$120 chromatic harmonica. And each harmonica...costs \$20 apiece."

He calculates the loss at close to \$1000.

"It's a heavy hit," he says. "All that stuff is compact, and you usually carry it in a box that you can prop up onstage, and you have, like, a little shop that you can open up. Well, that's what they stole. They basically stole my toolshed."

Lightning struck again for Billy Watson when the very same harmonicas he purchased to replace the stolen ones got stolen too.

"The second time I got ripped off," he says, "a bum drove up the driveway while I was loading my gear in and I [went inside to] answer the phone, and I left my gear outside. He rolled up the driveway, and he made off with a box of harps. I got ripped off twice." ■

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We are in Paris. We are eating a *brioche*. A *petit pain*. A *tartine*. A *croque monsieur*. Yum. *Vive la France!* Everybody comes to Paris: Haydn, Mozart. Even the Monk, Thelonious Sphere himself. The first time Monk headed over to the City of Light was 1954, as the result of urgings by the French pianist Henri Renaud, who'd been hanging around New York for three months in 1953, visiting clubs like Birdland, the Open Door, and Tony's Café.



Henri Renaud

At the time, Monk had lost his cabaret card, taking the rap for his friend Bud Powell after a drug bust. There is no question that there were drugs to be found in their car at the time, but this is a racist atrocity and tragedy, regardless; if the cops found drugs on Glenn Gould or Vladimir Horowitz (both, incidentally, as odd in their own ways as Monk), both would have been let go, such was their value and stature.

In any event, Monk must have been happy to get out of Dodge. Renaud had arranged for Monk to appear at the Salon Internationale du Jazz in June 1952. The French didn't know much about Monk at this point. The commentary at the time is worth noting at some length:

Between sets we met a phenomenon known as Monk... It would be easy to dismiss Monk as a musical charlatan — but you'd probably be wrong. His playing is hammy, fascinating, trite — and interesting...

...His right hand stabs at the keyboard in a Chico Marx manner, apparently without flexibility. He hits with a finger and the rest of the hand arches stiffly like a fan. He hammers unrelated chords, while his feet writhe and twist on the floor. His right foot hits the pedal, slips off; it poises, and bangs down sometimes on the pedal, often on the floor. His left foot drags back and forth as though tortured. An elbow chord sounds natural in its surroundings... You can't assess Monk because there are no set standards by which to judge him. By the normal criterion of jazz he is inferior... but there may be minds attuned to his weird, mouse-like message. (*Melody Maker*, June 5, 1954, p. 9)

While in Paris, Monk would record nine solo pieces for the French Vogue label and also meet for the first time his great friend and patron the Baroness Nica de Koenigswarter. As to what he made of Paris and the French, I can't tell you. But what they made of him is abundantly clear in a portrait by one Rayond Horricks, who was in attendance at the Salle Pleyel in 1954:

"ET MAINTENANT, Thelonious Monk."

A round of premature applause died away. Promoter Onalres Delaunay retired from the stage. And slowly, dispassionately, the heavy green velvet curtains of the Salle Pleyel eddied back to their bases, revealing two frightened accompanying musicians and a vacant piano stool.

Some seconds elapsed before the object of the audience's skeptical hand-clap ambled into view. He came, half

bowing, a tall Negro dressed in a loose-fitting medium-blue suit, sky blue socks and shirt, taking long, seemingly tired steps toward the microphone. He smiled inanely as he surveyed the audience: a smile conveying no meaning.

"Bonsoir tout le monde."

He spoke correct but uneasy French. "Je joue. 'Well, You Needn't.'"

"Again the long ponderous strides as he trekked back to the piano. He sat, fingers poised over the keys, meditating while the French bassist and drummer awaited their cue. Then suddenly he arose and retraced the long journey to the microphone.

"Je joue 'Off Minor,'" he said in a naïve voice.

The French — bless them, great friends of jazz that they are — can be rather lemming-like in their appreciation or contempt for an artist. It is not a society where individuality is highly regarded. Eleven years later, with Monk as a legend, the Parisian audience might greet a mediocre performance with wild applause. But at the Salle Pleyel that night in 1954, the French found Monk a bit off, even unfathomable,

and were a little concerned, perhaps, that they were being made sport of, a very, very uncomfortable posture for a Parisian audience, I can assure you.

If the audience was bewildered, you can imagine the perplexity of his French bass and drummer:

At the end of the second chorus he got up from the piano and pointed one large banana-like finger at Jean-Louis Viale, the young drummer. Two tense white faces showed the supporting musicians had long since abandoned hope of a logical performance, and Viale, recovering from this latest shock, began his drum solo to relieve the comedy that had taken place at the piano.

As the invention of the solo unfolded, the large finger remained pointed at him, the sky blue socks and suede shoes jogged rhythmically, and the heavy face, still grinning superfluously, turned to stare at the audience, as if to question its understanding of what was going on. When Viale finally wound up his solo, Monk returned to the keyboard, and the playing became even more erratic; the legs thrashed more wildly, the grunting increased in volume; he struck chords with his elbow à la Jelly Roll Morton, and at one point stuck his fingers into the piano and flicked the hammers on to the strings. Flash bulbs were exploding around him. The lay press were especially excited by this spectacle. At length, it was through, and I couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.



Randy Weston

It was not only the French who didn't know what to make of Monk in 1954. There were plenty of savvy music writers and jazz musicians in New York, New York, who thought they were being had by the Mad Monk. The better musicians knew otherwise. There's an excellent video about Monk worth renting: *Thelonious Monk: American Composer*, from the Masters in American Music series.

It's directed by Matthew Seig and written by San Diego's own Quincy Troupe, who's also responsible for the midwifing of Miles Davis's autobiography.

If you're interested in having a look at what the French got to see in 1954, there's plenty of live footage of Monk playing, though most of it dates from the '60s. It's a large pleasure to see Monk at the keyboard dancing in his seat as he plays, the

music obviously moving through his entire being.

There's lots of good music along with the footage and some excellent interviews with family; Monk's producer at Riverside, Orrin Keepnews; and three of jazz's premier modern pianists, Billy Taylor, Barry Harris, and Randy Weston. Weston is especially



Quincy Troupe

good on Monk, which is not surprising since among the younger pianists who followed Monk, Weston's playing is the most clearly in debt to the master.

Jazz musicians aren't always the most verbal or articulate of human beings. Monk certainly wasn't. But Weston (b. 1926), a giant of a man, 6'8" and a gentle soul, as very large men often are, is wonderfully articulate and, sitting at a piano in the old

Minton's Playhouse, where Monk served as house pianist during bebop's incubation in the early '40s, Weston demonstrates some of what distinguishes Monk's work from that of other pianists.

Weston's own splendid and considerable oeuvre deserves its own column — a large chapter in the history of jazz piano, really — but in this context he is providing testimony to a musical father. As do Taylor, not just an excellent musician but a serious musical educator and Ph.D., and the superb Barry Harris, another of the premier bop-influenced pianists.

The musicians — along with Thelonious Jr., Monk's son, and Monk's sister Marion — speak easily and generously about their celebrated relation. Troupe clearly inspires their trust as most obviously he inspired the trust of the not always trusting, or gentle, Miles Davis.

Monk would return to Paris again to perform and record, and this later visit (or visits) would draw adoring, reverential crowds, though not necessarily any more musically acute than the crowd that murmured suspiciously in 1954. Monk, by the 1960s, was no longer a curiosity; he was a cover story in *Time* magazine. He was *Monk*. ■

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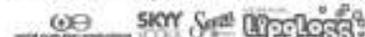
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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

The Neville Brothers [507]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 6, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

SATURDAY

Concrete Blonde: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 8, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

TUESDAY

Keller Williams [863]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 11, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MARCH

Robben Ford: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 13, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Mix Mob [190], Mower, and Rochelle, Rochelle [570]: Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-440-2277.

Shirley Jones and Shelle Berman: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Ludacris and the Disturbing the Peace Family: 4th & B, Friday, March 14, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dennis Quaid & the Sharks: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 14, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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, 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

The **Neville Brothers** are a lifetime of Fat Tuesdays and Mardi Gras, Second Line Parade, mambo, honky-tonk, soul, and *car-naval*. Fronted by one of the sweetest voices in R&B, kick-started by a wicked-good rhythm section, and masterminded by a funky pianist, the four brothers — **Aaron, Art, Charles, and Cyril** — have been called one of the world's great bands. But no matter, because the heaviness of their combined musical skills has always been a mystery to the industry at large (this in spite of four-and-a-half-star ratings from *Rolling Stone*). The Neville Brothers have made little more than a blip on pop radio's radar, depending instead on the loyalty of the fans that follow their live shows.

Most of those fans got the Neville Brothers baptism through *Fiyo on the Bayou* or *Yellow Moon*, but I believe the real seeds were planted back in the '50s, before Elvis

even, when brothers Art and Aaron were members of the Hawkettes. The Hawkettes came to be on the cusp of rock's earliest days; they recorded *Mardi Gras Mambo* in '53 or '54 and eventually toured in support of Aaron's durable hit single, "Tell It Like It Is." Art later joined the Meters, the house band at the French Quarter's Ivanhoe club (the Meters opened for the Stones' "Tour of the Americas" in 1973), while Aaron, possessed of that fearsome voice, drifted and found work for a few years as a longshoreman and steel worker.

The Neville Brothers proper formed in 1977 after working on a project called the Wild Tchoupitoulas. From the very beginning, the brothers and their backing musicians cooked. Their trademarked sound was steeped in voodoo glory: there was an abundance of spooky atmosphere, low-key funk, and dusky harmonies. In recent years, the Neville Brothers have fallen in with artists like Bob Dylan and Sir Paul McCartney. They too



NEVILLE BROTHERS

can be had for corporate gigs and private special events. And no — Robbie Nevil is not one of the brothers. In fact, he's not even from the same planet.

(To hear a sample of the **Neville Brothers**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4507.)

NEVILLE BROTHERS, Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 6, 8 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. \$35.

Mary Black [857]: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Alejandra Guzman and Enanitos Verdes: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, March 22, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli [228]: Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 22, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Ministry: 4th & B, Sunday, March 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Eyed Peas [459]: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, March 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Kingston Trio: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Monday, March 24, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002.

Superdrag and Ozma [111]: The Scene, Wednesday, March 26, 7:14

Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Willy Porter: The Casbah, Wednesday, March 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Patti LuPone: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, March 27, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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.

Switchfoot [103] and Noise Ratchet: SOMA, Saturday, March 29, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Saliva: Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, March 30, 5 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front

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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, Sunday, April 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

U.S. Bombs: Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, April 6, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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 Meldrum & 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.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra [647]: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, April 12, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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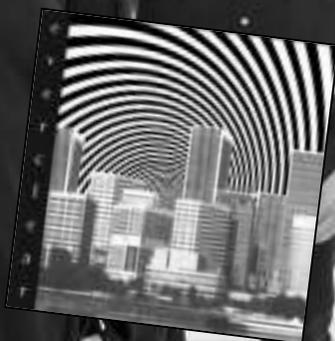
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Flogging Molly [316] and the **Supersuckers** [367]: 4th & B, Saturday, April 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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, 7:30 p.m., 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.

Foo Fighters and the **Transplants**: RIMAC Arena, Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Boney James [677]: 4th & B, Saturday, April 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Jeffrey Gaines: Brick by Brick, Wednesday, April 23, 1130 Buena Vista Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

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.

Annie Lennox: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, April 25, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

They Might Be Giants [411]: 4th & B, Friday, April 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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"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.

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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: 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.

Loretta Lynn: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, May 11, 4 p.m., 430 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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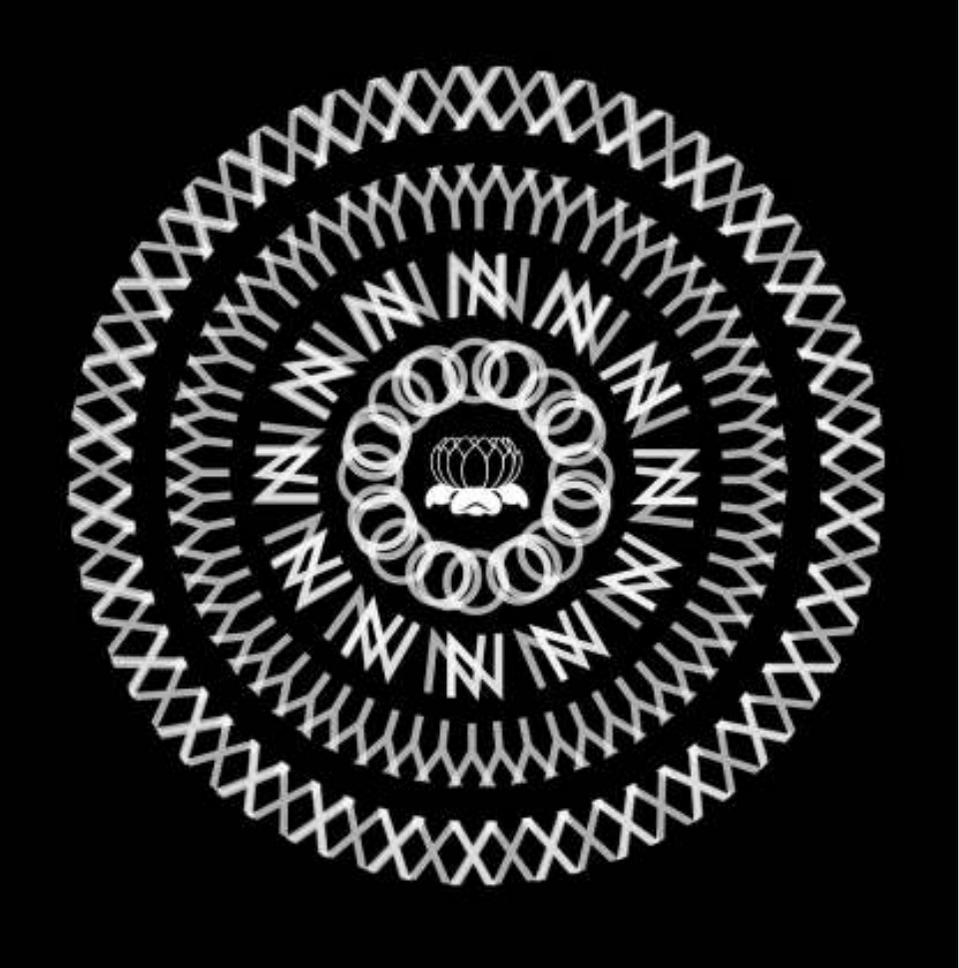
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King's X and Fishbone [177]: 4th & B, Sunday, May 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

JUNE

Chris Isaak: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 1, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Coldplay [557] and Mosselely: 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.

Chris LeDoux: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 20, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Ramon Ayala: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 22, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Tracy Byrd: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 24, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

James Brown: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 25, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

JULY

Ozzfest: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, July 3, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

K.C. & the Sunshine Band: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, July 4, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

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Mark Knopfler: Copley Symphony Hall, Tuesday, July 22, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

The Dixie Chicks and Michelle Branch: Cox Arena, Wednesday, July 23, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The **Aislers Set** snuck up on me. I bought their debut album *Terrible Things Happen* because a friend described it to me by saying that a strange little genius woman had recorded it by herself in her San Francisco garage and come up with a Phil Spector-style, reverb-heavy masterpiece. Listening to **Amy Linton's** moody, mumbled vocals, '60s-ish melodies, sparse arrangements, and occasional outbursts of noisy guitar, I thought, "Phil Spector by way of the Jesus and Mary Chain" and put it away. But I kept coming back to it. A year later, I realized it had become one of my favorite albums.

Linton assembled a touring version of the Aislers, a band made up mostly of moonlighters from other Bay Area indie pop bands,

and I went to see them every chance I could. They were wildly inconsistent — brilliant on some nights in small clubs, crippled by Linton's stage fright on other nights on bigger stages. And the stages kept getting bigger. After the equally good and more accessible follow-up album *The Last Match* came out in 2000, the band started opening for Sleater-Kinney and Belle and Sebastian and other leading names.

It must have been hard. The band members' other bands suffered, and several times I heard rumors that the Aislers were breaking up. But the band has just released its long-awaited third album, *How I Learned to Write Backwards*, and it's good. I'm not sure how good yet. I'm still letting it sink in. One thing is immediately clear: the arrangements are the most complex the band has ever



AISLERS SET

recorded. And it's still coming out of Linton's garage, still drenched in creepy Phil Spector reverb.

Erase Erata and the **Quails** also perform.

AISLERS SET, The Casbah, Sunday, March 9, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497. \$8.

Leftover Crack: Epicentre
The Legend of...: The Scene
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Lovelight Shine: The Kensington Club
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Mas Macho: Soma

The Matches: 'Canes Bar and Grill
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Money Shot: Blind Melons, 'Canes Bar and Grill
Mother Russia: Epicentre
Nebula: The Casbah
No Reply: Blind Melons
Offset: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Other Natural Flavors [173]: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Out Crowd: The Casbah
PBR: Epicentre
The Potomac Accord: The Casbah
Pushed: Soma

The Quails: The Casbah
Raul: The Kensington Club
A Rose for Ona: The Scene
Roulette: The Scene
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Spoken Gun: Blind Melons
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Stretchers: Soma
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Tall: Brick By Brick

Thick Liquid: Brick By Brick
The Travel Agents: The Kraken
The Jack Tripper Solution: Blind Melons
Turam: The Scene
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FRI. MAR 21
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DEATH BY STEREO
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OFFSET
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SAT. MAR 22
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512-NOB-7:30-TICKETMASTER

WED. MAR 26
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517 - 8:30

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59 Advance - 7:30

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ROCK

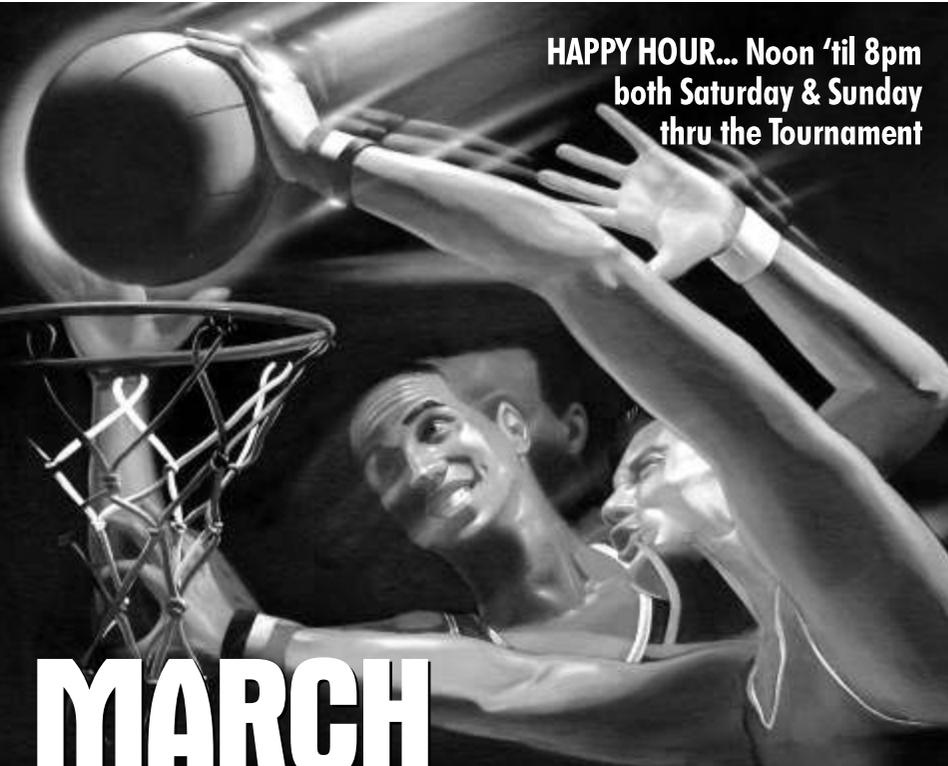
- Abasia:** Blind Melons
- Absinthe:** Bayou Bar & Grill
- Alice Unchained:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Carol Ames & Friends:** Humphrey's
- Analogue:** Blind Melons
- Ankla:** Dream Street
- Baywolf [460]:** JP's Pub
- Boneyard:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Christy Brunea:** The Casbah
- Cheeky Monkey:** The Casbah
- Creeping Death:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Cubensis:** Winstons
- Dead Man's Party:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Devoid:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- The Dime Store Cowboys:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Dragmites:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- El Jardin:** Neimans Bar and Grill
- Electric Waste Band:** Winstons
- Electrovibe:** Winstons
- The Evil Twins:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
- Extremo:** Sevilla
- Scott Fisher:** Winstons
- The Flat Out Liars:** The Kraken
- Footloose:** Carvers
- 40 Grit:** Dream Street
- The Free Range Chickens:** Surf N'Saddle
- G-Roy:** Cannibal Bar
- Green Eggs & Sam:** Surf N'Saddle
- Guana Bats:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Haggis:** Winstons
- Eric Hamilton:** Blind Melons
- The Glen Hatcher Band:** Etta's Place
- Hera's Olive [461]:** Dick's Last Resort
- HM75:** Fifth Qtr.
- Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective:** Dream Street
- Hot Rod Lincoln [547]:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Innerstate:** Dream Street
- Irate:** Dream Street
- The Jackson 3:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Zip & Zack's Filling Station, Dick's Last Resort
- Jumpstart:** Humphrey's
- Kut-U-Up:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- The Late Edition:** Dirk's Niteclub

- Gabriel Mann:** Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain)
- The McNallys:** Carvers
- Micro:** On Broadway
- Millionaires:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- Nemesis:** Second Wind (Santee)
- The Neville Brothers [507]:** Belly Up Tavern
- Night Shift:** Pal Joey's
- Noise God:** Dream Street
- Pariah:** Winstons
- Ted Leo/Pharmacists:** The Casbah
- Private Domain [489]:** Dick's Last Resort
- Random Order:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
- The Derren Raser Band:** Bayou Bar & Grill
- Rickacha:** The Outside In
- The Road Rockets:** On The Rocks
- Roxx:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
- The Scavengers:** On The Rocks, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
- Signal Path:** Winstons
- 6one9:** Second Wind (San Carlos)
- Smokey:** Cannibal Bar
- Solis:** Dream Street
- Spirit of Rush:** Dream Street
- The Stiletto's:** Island Sports & Spirits, Henry's Pub
- Straight 6:** Dick's Last Resort
- Strange Way Back:** Tiki House, Blind Melons
- The Suburban Legends:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- The Tall Dudes:** Black Sheep Inn
- Tea-Bag [433]:** Soma
- Texas Terry & the Stiff Ones:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- 34 Below [437]:** Dublin Square, 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Top Dog [492]:** Dream Street
- Triple X:** Bub's Whiskey Dive
- Urban Evergreen [406]:** Blind Melons
- Verb:** Blind Melons
- WNP:** Dream Street
- Waveless Dave & the No Boreds:** Blind Melons
- Whole Hog:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- G. Williams:** The Casbah

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

- James Bianchi:** Bahia Hotel
- B Natural:** Bahia Belle Cruise
- Brother Love:** Cannibal Bar
- Carol Curtis:** Martini's
- Jesse Davis:** Buon Giorno Restaurant
- The Disco Pimps:** Fifth Qtr.
- John Garcia:** Martini's
- Paul Greg:** Martini's
- Patrick Hill:** Martini's
- Liquid Blue [606]:** Boar Cross'n
- Danny Lopez:** The Butcher Shop
- The Love Rangers:** The Alley
- Rick Lyon:** The Imperial House
- Makai:** Humphrey's
- The New Breed Band:** The Alley
- NRG:** Dick's Last Resort
- The Orbitz:** Buon Giorno Restaurant
- Rising Star:** Humphrey's
- Peter Robbrecht/Pianoman [622]:** The Westgate Hotel, Dakota Grill and Spirits
- Linda Roth:** Martini's
- Roz & the Wrecking Crew:** Viejas Casino
- Stayin' Alive:** Viejas Casino
- Superfunk Fantasy:** Henry's Pub
- Sylvia Lorraine:** Martini's



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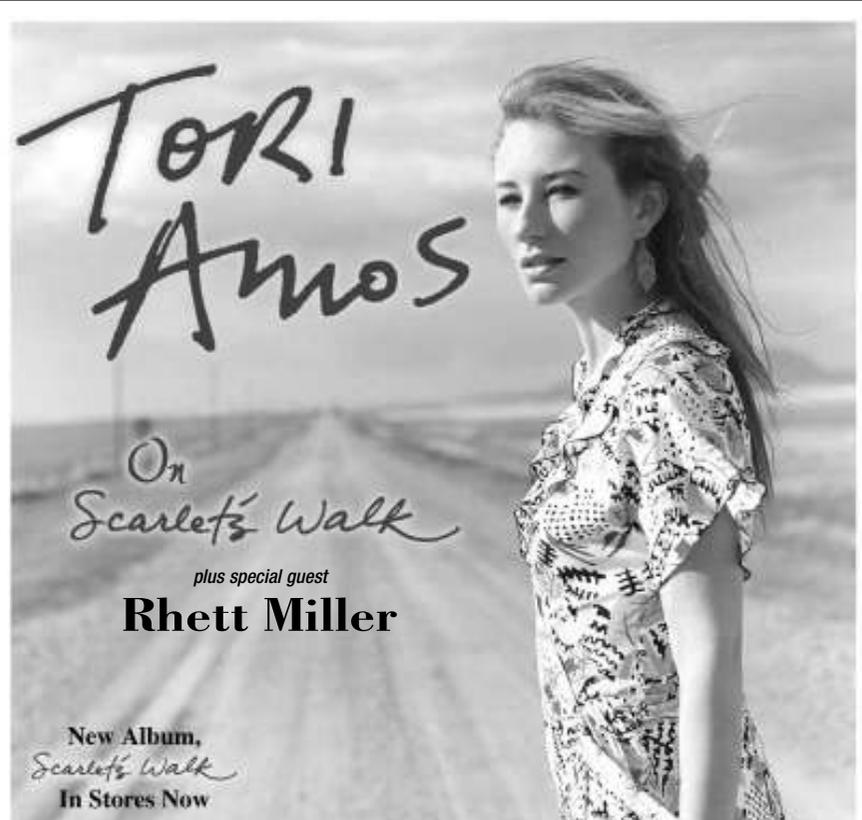
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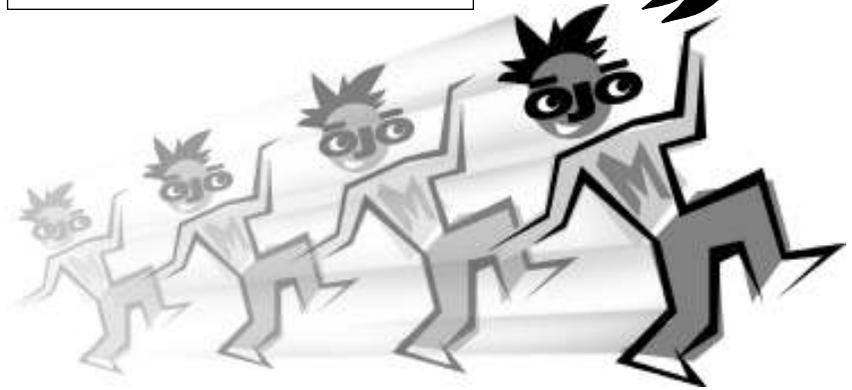
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Agua Dulce [711]: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Frank Alves: Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina

Joe Azarello: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Bastista: Trattatoria La Strada

Blue Largo [636]: Coyote Bar and Grill, Patrick's II

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Lee Brown Perspective [686]: 5th Qtr.

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado

Cal-Son: The Calypso Cafe

Anna Callahan & Her Quintet: Dizzy's

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and Grill

Nicky Carano: Dizzy's

Contessa: Humphrey's

The Credit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill

Darci & the Bossa Jrs: Winstons

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House

Delta Nove: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

James East: Dizzy's

Estradasphere: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Fattburger: Humphrey's

Aubrey Fay: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge

The Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Leslie Gold: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, The Westgate Hotel

Martin Grieves: Dizzy's

Groove Syndicate: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Dora Hall: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The Cynthia Hammond Quartet: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Inner Voyage: Bayou Bar & Grill

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

Jamie: Dizzy's

The Jazz Allstars: Jimmy Love's

Art Johnson [631]: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

Lady Dottie: Bayou Bar & Grill

Ned Landau: Miracles Cafe

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Bob Magnusson: Dizzy's

Joe Marillo [645]: Dizzy's

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystery Train: 5th Qtr.

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Sue Palmer [641]: The Calypso Cafe

The Sue Palmer Trio: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern

Quiet Storm [682]: Humphrey's

Calvin Romance: Humphrey's

Rick Ross: Moray's Lounge

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

Paul Seaforth: Dizzy's

Tony Soraci: Danato's Ristorante

Peter Sprague [643]: Dizzy's

Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Will Sumner: Humphrey's

The Swingin' EZ Big Band: Viejas Casino

Tony Taravella [655]: Elijah's Restaurant

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Torre & Novelli: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Trio du Jour: The Beach House

The Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo: Anthony's Star of the Sea

The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare

The Vanguard Players: Bayou Bar & Grill

Louisa West: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Bredren: 5th Qtr.

Ikah Love: Cannibal Bar

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill

Psydecar [740]: Winstons

Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The Beach House

Star Shak: Henry's Pub

Starline Theorie: Galoka

Stranger: 5th Qtr.

The Tribe of Judah: Canes Bar and Grill

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Big River: Don's Cocktail Lounge

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Chris Stuart: Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)

Victoria Rose: Sassafras Bar and Grill

Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Keller Williams (863): Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Big Daddy & the Money Shakers: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Joey Bowen: Winstons

Buddy Blue (963): Tio Leo's Lounge

Charley Burton: Patrick's II

Chill Boy: Coyote Bar and Grill

Coupe de Ville: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters (932): Shooters Bar and Grill, Chateau Orleans

The Daily Blues Band: Flinn Springs Inn

Dejablu: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The Fat Daddies: Fannie's

Fish & the Seaweeds: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen (912): Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Robin Henkel (914): Coyote Bar and Grill

Johnny "B" Blues: Coyote Bar and Grill

Candy Kane (939): The Calypso Cafe

Little Johnny and the Giants: Patrick's II

Mardi Gras Gypsies: Belly Up Tavern

Kymerlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors (910): The Calypso Cafe, The Kraken

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Billy Seward: Patrick's II

Sonny & the Rumble Tones: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.

Soul Diego: Patrick's II

The Soul Persuaders (945): Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Souled Out: Chuey's Numero Uno

Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: Tiki House

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors (946): Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Patrick's II, Winstons

Z-Bonic: Galoka

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

A.G.: Blind Melons

Shirley Allen: Red Fox Steakhouse

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

Tom Barabas: G-5 George's on Fifth

Sammy Dale Canonidado: Cafe LaMaze

Kevin Cavanaugh: The Turf Supper Club

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Cirro: Buon Giorno Restaurant

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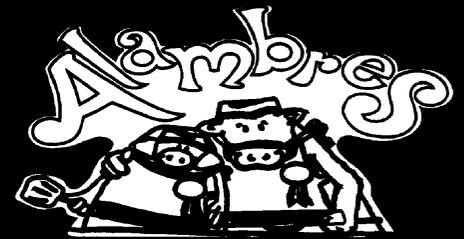
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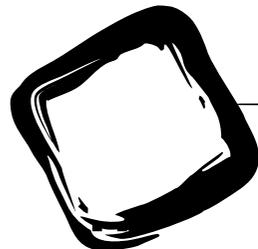
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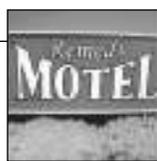
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Band Members: Shawn Ryan (guitars), Mike DiGregorio (bass, keys), Mica Johnson (vocals), Nate Semerad (guitars), Dave Madden (drums)

Extra Info: Last year, cornerband.com, an online music community dedicated to the distribution of downloadable music from emerging artists, selected Remedy Motel for its "30 Best Band Promotion" list.

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Remedy Motel's debut album, *6 Days in Westchester*,

offers a full 16 tracks of alternative music that is best

described by band members as "porch rock."

With the intention of converging the "modern spirit of artists like R.E.M. and Counting Crows" (the lead singer sounds a lot like Adam Duritz) "with the message and motive of legends like Tom Petty and Cat Stevens" (that must be where the porch comes in), Remedy Motel renders an impressive mix of largely acoustic arrangements that are simple but catchy.

One of their catchiest goes, "So let's eat American tonight/ I feel like American tonight/ Don't know if it's wrong or if it's right/ So let's eat American tonight," and seems timely, given our country's patriotic quandary. Even the head of France's government admits he likes American junk food.

The album has a strong



Remedy Motel

beginning, rocking out with the second song "Remedy," and then growing softer and introspective with the ballad "Came to You." The album loses some momentum as it nears the end with such tracks as "Hey Love" and "Take Your Time" due to there not being much variation in the tempos. But overall, the album is a good mix between rockers and ballads.

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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.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Friday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *Eric Hamilton*, 10:30 pm, *Strange Way Back*, rock.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Thursday, 9 pm, *the Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey*. Friday, 9 pm, *Delta Nove* and *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Saturday, 9 pm, *Estradasphere* and *Groove Syndicate*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Signal Path* and *Electrovibe*, rock. Friday, *Psydecar*, reggae, funk, and *Scott Fisher*. Saturday, *Pariah* and *Cubensis*, rock. Sunday, *Earl Thomas* and *Haggis*. Monday, *Electric Waste Band*. Tuesday, *Darci & the Bossa Jrs*. Wednesday, *Joey Bowen*.

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.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 pm. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

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, *Louisa West*, Latin jazz.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Abstract* and *Felix the Dog*. Saturday, *Death Angel*, *VIII Fraud*, *Blindheim*, and *Tall*. Wednesday, *Gudamunkas*, *Thick Liquid*, and *Showface*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative rock. Friday, *the Black Market Hearts*, *State & Beyond*, *Sub-Conformist*, *Jack's Taxi*, and *False Idols*. Saturday, *Leftover Crack*, *the Voids*, *Mother Russia*, *46 Short*, and *BBR*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, 9 pm, *the Glen Hatcher Band*, rock. Saturday, live rock and blues. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, live blues.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers*, swingin' 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. Saturday, live rock/alternative band. Sunday, salsa. Monday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Cypher*, hip-hop.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *the Soul Persuaders*, funk, soul. Friday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Contessa*, Latin jazz, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, pop, dance. Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Jumpstart*, classic rock, 9:30,



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HOURS > 10 a.m.-2 a.m.

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DANCE FLOOR > 12' x 12'

BATHROOMS > men's had one stall, one trough, one sink with liquid soap, condom machine; a few surf stickers on towel dispensers; women's had two stalls, one sink, framed picture of an old phone, tampon machine; no graffiti

CAPACITY > 45 in main bar (probably 50 in each of the three rooms)

SPECIAL AREAS > large smoking area with two pool tables; another room with foosball, two video games, pinball, and ATM

FURNISHINGS > in the bar where band plays there are mirrors behind the stage, low ceilings, CD jukebox, six tables, two TVs, and aquarium behind the bar; the game room has only three tables but is very spacious

Rising Star, pop. Sunday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Will Sumner*, smooth jazz. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Calvin Romance*, jazz. Tuesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *Carol Ames & Friends*, rock and roll.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, 9 pm, *Baywolf*, classic rock.

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.

and with a race car theme that has a car hood on ceiling, lots of photos of professional racers, lots of license plates on the wall, and a cigarette machine (\$4.50 a pack); the smoking section is outside with a fixed roof but no walls and has six tables and is spacious (and they have a ramp for wheelchair access from parking lot)

DECIBEL LEVEL > 105 during a cover of "Honky-Tonk Woman" by Blue Heat (a sandblaster is 110, and it was 114 last week at the Ché Café)

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH > The Travel Agents

QUOTABLE > "That lady's not wearing a bra."

Years ago, I had a nice dinner at the Chart House and watched the sunset on Cardiff State Beach. Then I walked across the street to see a band at the Kraken. The bar has been here for over 25 years, right at the back (or maybe the front) of the San Elijo Lagoon.

There is a sign that says the capacity is 45, but there were 40 people in the bar watching the band, and room for more in the back. Only two people were in the pool room smoking. I asked about the capacity, and the bartender said, "That's an old sign. Before the expansion we did in 1988." Another sign on the wall that caught my eye read "Free Beer Tomorrow." Oh, bar humor... One of the bartenders, Shane, told me Tuesday nights are really hopping, but I thought it was a good crowd that Saturday night. People were watching the rock/blues band Blue Heat. The dance floor in front of the band usually only had one couple dancing at a time. When three different couples were out cutting the rug at once, there wasn't room for anybody else. But there was plenty of room in the smoking area and game room. And you could hear the band from there but not see 'em.

-Josh Board

Music is alternative. Friday, *Lovelight Shine*, alternative. Saturday, *the Loons* and *Raul*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Fish & the Seaweeds*, funk, blues. Saturday, *Roxxy*, rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Frank Drennen*, acoustic. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock and 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.

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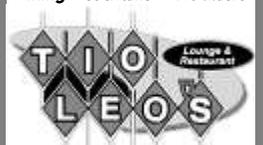
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San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Call club for information.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Thursday, *A Rose for Ona, Until the Fall, Letails Imperium*, and *Crutch*, alternative. Friday, *July Down, Turam, Embrace These Hands*, and *When Forever Ends*. Saturday, *the Legend of...*, *Roulette*, and *the After Party*.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live music.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, 7:30 pm, *Cattle Decapitation, Pushed, Teabag, Stretcher, Disgorged*, and *Damnation*. Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Mas Macho, All Time High, Forthrite, Common Ground, Twelve North*, and *Hubris*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Buddy Blue*, blues. Saturday, *Texas Terri & the Stiff Ones, Guana Bats*, and *Whole Hog*, rock.

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.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Saturday, 4 pm, *Big "L" & Friends*, folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise

noted. Thursday, *Even in Blackouts, Special Goodness, Loudermilk*, and *Turnover*. Friday, *the Brian Jonestown Massacre, the And/Ors, the Out Crowd*, and *Caution Children*. Saturday, *Nebula, Ex-Girl, and Drunkhorse*. Sunday, *the Aislars Set, Erase Erata*, and *the Quails*. Monday, *Ted Leo/Pharmacists, Simian*, and *Communique*. Tuesday, *G. Williams, Cheeky Monkey, the Enchanted*, and *Christy Brunea*. Wednesday, *the Boggs, the Potomac Accord*, and *the Anchors*.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, *Souled Out*, R&B.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Jazz Quartet*. Friday, *Yavaz*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*. Saturday, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, blues.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*, pop/Top40.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Friday, *NRG*, high-energy dance. Saturday, *Straight 6*. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday, *the Jackson 3*, rock. Wednesday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 pm, *Jamie, James East, Martin Grieves, Nicky Carano*, and *Joe Marillo*. Friday, 8 pm, *Paul Seaforth, Peter Sprague*, and *Bob Magnusson*. Saturday, *Anna Callahan & Her Quintet*.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, 34 Below, rock.

5th Qtr. (formerly Buffalo Joe's), 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Saturday, *the Disco Pimps*. Sunday, *Mystery Train*. Monday, *Lee Brown Perspective*. Tuesday, *HM75*. Wednesday, *Bredren* and *Stranger*.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Call club for information.

G-5 George's on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, classical music.

Hajji Baba, 1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-595-7887. Thursday, 7:30 pm, salsa. Friday and Saturday, live Middle Eastern music.

Hennessey's Tavern, 708 Fourth Avenue (corner of Fourth and G), Gaslamp. 619-239-9991. Saturday, 9 pm, *Brent Byrd*, acoustic.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, *Masterpiece*, jazz, funk, R&B. Monday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, *the Jazz Allstars*. Tuesday, *Mystique*, jazz, funk, R&B. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, *the Soul Revue*.

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*.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Martini's, 3940 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-293-0232. Music is contemporary/variety. Thursday, *Linda Roth*. Friday, *Carol Curtis*. Saturday, *Patrick Hill*. Sunday, *John Garcia*. Tuesday, *Paul Greg*. Wednesday, *Sylvia Lorraine*.

On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Friday, *Micro*, rock.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues. Thursday, *the Texas Twisters*. Friday, *Little Johnny and the Giants*. Saturday, *Soul Diego*. Sunday, *Billy Seward*. Monday, *Charley Burton*. Tuesday, *Blue Largo*. Wednesday, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*.

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. Thursday, *Orquesta 8.8*. Monday, *Extremo*. Tuesday, *Rico Tumbao*. Wednesday, *Son de la Tierra*.

Trattatoria La Strada, 702 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-239-3400. Friday and Saturday, *Bastista*, Brazilian/Latin music.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, contemporary piano.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*,

guitar and vocals. Sunday, *Julio & Fran*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals.

The Fontainebleau Restaurant: Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, pop.

SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO

Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Thursday, *Cirro*, Latin. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, *the Orbitz*, '60s and '70s music.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring *Sandy Chappel, Sammy Canonizado*, and *Burnett Anderson*.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Thursday, *the Evil Twins*, rock. Friday and Saturday, *Random Order*, 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.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, 8 pm, open blues jam. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, open mike.

Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado. 619-424-4000. Cays Lounge: Friday and Saturday, *Coupe de Ville*, blues.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *the Jackson 3*, rock. Friday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*. Saturday, *the Scavengers*, rock. Sunday, *Jackson & Sven*, acoustic. Monday, *Lee Jones*, folk. Tuesday, *Gene Warren*, folk. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

The Outside In, 1121 Third Street, Chula Vista. 619-426-2977. Thursday through Saturday, *Super Trax*, rock. Sunday, *Rickacha*.

EAST COUNTY

Black Sheep Inn, 340 East Bradley, El Cajon. 619-448-8474. Friday, live rock. Saturday, 3 pm to 7 pm, *Ches Set*, country, 8 pm, *the Tall Dudes*, classic rock.

Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 pm, *Chris Stuart*, folk, country, bluesgrass.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *the Late Edition*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Big River*, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Fat Daddies*, blues, rock.

Flinn Springs Inn, 15505 Highway 80, El Cajon. 619-561-3015. Sunday, 1:30 pm to 5 pm, *the Daily Blues Band*.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring Jo Dark.

On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday, *the Scavengers*, rock. Saturday, *the Road Rocketts*, rock.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 9 pm, *Roz & the Wrecking Crew*, pop. Saturday, 9 pm, *Stayin' Alive*, disco, pop. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Swingin' EZ Big Band*.

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Between the splendors of Sushi Ota and the shallows of Sushi Ito is a middle ground. There, the seafood is fresh and well manicured, the rice is flavorful, and when they're put together, the result is not awe-inspiring "edible art," but it is usually good eating. When the sushi craving hits, you just show up and enjoy a nice nosh.

Harney Sushi, which opened exactly two years ago, is a friendly little spot on a side street in Old Town, a secret haven just a few steps from Congress Street's nonstop tacos and margaritas. There's a pretty tropical fish tank at the entry, various interesting Asian art objects on the walls, and a classic L-shaped sushi bar, manned by three or four young chefs of various ethnicities and personal styles, including So-Cal surfer and Asian hipster. At their age, they'd probably still be suffering through the "make-the-rice, don't-touch-the-fish" phase of a classic sushi-chef apprenticeship in Japan. They all wear exotic-looking Cossack caps; even more exotic was the electronic techno-pop wailing over the sound system during our dinner.

Although we'd made a reservation for the sushi bar and arrived a few minutes early, there were only two seats left there, so our foursome had to settle for a table. We quickly learned that Harney is an all-American, no-ceremony sushi bar. You don't get a steaming hot towel to clean your hands before or after you eat, nor the usual introductory freebie of miso soup, cucumber salad, or even pickled ginger.

But our first order, a generous blob of cold gold velvet — top-grade, sea-fresh *uni* — gave us confidence in the house's seafood. The rice under it was equally excellent, just-right sticky and slightly sweet from seasoned sushi vinegar. Well-chilled, well-salted *edamame* (green soybeans in their pods) sparkled with verdant freshness. *Age dashi* had very delicately fried silken tofu, just barely crusted, afloat in a cup of *dashi*, seaweed and dried bonito broth. We loved the variety of the mixed tempura, with a light, flavorful batter caressing an interesting array of fresh, well-fried ingredients, including terrific onion rings, prawns, button mushrooms, red bell pepper, orange squash or yam, and (less delightful) white potato.

I'd happily order any of those again — but not the so-so miso, nor the soft-shell crab, swamped in a slightly burned, doughy, and quite greasy bread-ing. Our next two *nigori* also proved subpar. The



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Harney Sushi

toro (belly tuna) was rather lean and striped by visible (and tangible) lines of white sinew. Raw sweet shrimp (*ama ebi*) were themselves of fine quality, their rice touched with a bit of wasabi, but their heads were cooked at too low a temperature, leaving the shells chewy rather than crunchy.

Undaunted, we plunged into a selection of *futo maki*, the big "fancy rolls" that started out as Los Angeles's great contribution to Pacific Rim cuisine. (They're now wildly popular among Tokyo's young scene-makers.) Our favorite at Harney was a classic "Rainbow Roll" of crab and avocado with various fish species wrapped around the exterior, leading to a cute shrimp tail at the end. The crab, however, tasted like Alaskan snow crab, one of the least flavorful members of its species, no matter how common it's become at sushi bars the world over.

The majority of the "party rolls" on Harney's sushi menu tout spicy flavors, but few are actually as *picante* as advertised. The Rainbow's recessive crab-meat reappeared playing backup in a "Spicy Scallop Roll" featuring bay scallops (of a slightly greasy texture)

and cukes, with radish sprouts lending much of the kick. A "Spicy Salmon and Avocado Roll" lightly coated with chile powder was certainly hotter, but the use of powdered spice (rather than spiced Japanese mayo) gave an odd, dusty flavor to the combination. One of the house specialties, the "Yumu Roll," combined chopped *hamachi* (yellowtail), barely spicy tuna, and cucumber, dusted all over with tiny, crunchy orange smelt eggs (*masago*).

What it needed was a dusting of pixie powder; it was simply bland.

The problem isn't, I think, that "white guys can't sushi." (If you've ever tried the inspired party rolls at La Jolla's Sushi on the Rock, you know darn well that they can.) In whatever culinary genre you choose, only a few chefs of any nation are genius artists; most are artisans like those here.

The next evening, our foursome visited Umi Sushi, a new kid on the block. Last September, South Korean owners Rosa and Young Kwon (who'd been running a sushi bar in Temecula) took over the sprawling Shelter Island premises that formerly housed Ristorante Michelangelo. They refurbished

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it with bright, fresh decor, including fish tanks in every room and a few kabuki masks on the walls. The cozy front dining room has a long sushi bar on one side and booth seating on the window side. The larger back room has table seating and a smaller, as-yet-unmanned sushi bar.

Umi is already a neighborhood success story. On an early weeknight, it was unexpectedly jammed with apparent "regulars," enjoying themselves volubly and calling the staff by name. "Sayonara, so long, hasta la vista, baby!" bellowed our jovial chef to a departing couple, as we accepted their vacated seats at the sushi bar.

Again, no steaming hand towels, but you do start with a small gratis bowl of savory *sunomono*, cucumber and seaweed salad, its subtle dressing lightly perfumed with sesame oil. The menu features full-color illustrations picturing most of the appetizers, salads, rolls, combos, and entrées. On the back of the menu, in fine print, is the proviso, "Items may vary from pictures." From what we saw, they don't vary appreciably — and that's not necessarily a good thing. There's not much wiggle room for the

chefs' potential creativity.

Once more we began with *uni*, sweet and golden. The rice was very good, although of a different model than Harney's — less sweet, and sticky enough to cling tenaciously to your fingers. An outstanding *ama ebi* followed. The young, tender, literally sweet shrimp, touched with lemon juice instead of wasabi, were the most masterly sushi we sampled at either restaurant. Their flawless, crunchy hot heads were served alongside (rather than later), atop a heap of shredded daikon.

But our hearts fell at the sight of lean and sinewy *toro*, identical to Harney's. (Where's all this tough *toro* coming from lately?) And a spicy scallop hand-roll was a disappointment. The best versions of this roll are like fiery, fishy ice cream cones, their rice dressed all the way through with spiced Japanese mayo, punctuated by vertical batons of crisp cucumber to cool the burn. This roll was cukeless, with undressed rice under a surface topping of bay scallops marinated in a spicy sauce.

We refreshed our palates with an interlude of rich and soothing miso soup, garnished with a little soft seaweed and

crunchy minced scallions. An order of *age dashi* brought an unconventional rendition that I liked very much. The lightly fried tofu here isn't silken but firm and slightly coarse-textured (similar to Wildwood tofu from health food stores). It's not submerged in bonito broth, just moistened with a smoky, sweet-sour dressing of dashi, rice vinegar, and crunchy black shreds of *hijiki* seaweed.

It was finally time to hit the "fancy rolls" and entrées (over several visits, of course). Umi's list of party rolls is long and ambitious, but party rolls do not a party make: These were sound, but their combinations seemed to lack a certain exuberance and vibrancy. For one thing, on our way into the restaurant we passed the back kitchen door and noticed a large, empty box labeled "Imitation Crab." Known in Japan as *surimi* and in many American supermarkets as "Krab," it's made from artificially flavored and colored machine-extruded pollack, a white fish with almost no character of its own. The stuff may be very popular in Japan, but its texture always reminds me of moist Kleenex shreds, and its dead-neutral flavor does to sushi

what too much bread filler does to crab cakes — it neutralizes the more vivid tastes in its company. Then, too, Umi's *futo maki* tend to be rather loosely rolled, prone to falling apart in your fingers. (Remember that you won't get a hot towel when you're done.)

My favorite was a simple, delicious *nigiri* of garlic tuna — the chef topped the fish with a savory garlic sauce dotted with minced jalapeños and briefly blasted it with a *crème brûlée*-style blowtorch, serving it cool on the bottom and warm on top. The "Crazy Boy" was fun, too, lightly tempura-fried and set in a sauce of Korean hot chile sauce and yellow mustard, carefully whipped together and spread on the plate. The roll's contents included fake crab, Japanese mayo, and avocado, with an orange sprinkling of smelt roe glittering on the surface.

Not every flavor really got to play a tune in our mouths. In the "liked, not loved" category was a "Crunch Dragon Roll," with spicy tuna of just the right piquancy mingling with tempura shrimp, fake crab, cuke, and avocado; the tuna and tempura were domineering, and in all the rolls that included

them, the cucumbers were rather limp and lifeless. Similarly, in a "Firecracker Roll" of spicy scallops and cukes with very soft chopped tuna on top, hot pepper stole the show because the cukes weren't crisp enough to face up to it.

Soft-shell crab proved a twin to the version at Harney, its batter a little burned. And a "Caterpillar Roll" (eel and very sweet eel sauce, with a coating of avocado slices) is artlessly presented here — there's no attempt to mimic a caterpillar's "fuzz," no witty radish-sprout antennae. Smooth and green, its surface slicked with brown sauce, it looks more like a slug. (Thankfully, it omits the usual cream cheese.)

One difference between a sushi chef and a sushi master is, I think, a certain culinary ESP. A master "reads" his patrons, and after you've ordered two or three items, he will often suggest exactly the morsel that your brain hasn't thought of but your mouth wants next. Although by our second visit our chef recognized us and was very cordial, he never made a suggestion of his own.

Along with sushi, Umi also serves Japanese and Korean

entrées, including *teppanyaki*. Cooked in the kitchen, the latter arrives on a "sizzle platter," sporting a bright, crisp combo of cabbage, onion, bell peppers, and thin noodles, plus your choice of meat, chicken, or seafood, with rice served on the side. (Umi gets bonus points for not mixing it in.) The sauce, however, is cornstarch-heavy and distinctly sweet, tasting more like chow mein rather than the typically lighter, saltier Japanese grill-plate dish. (Still, I enjoyed it more than the chaotic *teppanyakis* served at the big Japanese seafood buffet joints.) Umi's beef teriyaki is worth noting for silky prime beef that arrives medium rare and still very tender, its slightly sweet *teri* sauce carrying a charred edge. Tempura here is about average. Alas, the kitchen was out of Korean-style barbecued ribs at my last visit — the early crowds that evening had gobbled them all, and I suspect they know something.

The next time your tongue talks to you about sushi, don't (for heaven's sake) go to the supermarket for it. There are many lesser-known, easygoing sushi bars that will satisfy your yen. These are but two of them. ■

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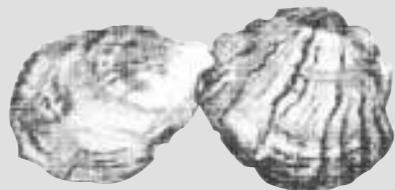


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Her wash sets the coaster *Sea Bird* rocking and creaking on her hawsers at the jetty in front of us. A bunch of fishing smacks wobble all over the place. Seagulls take off from their rigging and hover. The fading light silhouettes a carrier across at North Island all spiky with folded-wing warplanes.

“That’s some view,” I say.
“And I get to work here,” says Jerry. He sighs. We’re standing outside his Greek Islands Cafe. Right on the water at Seaport Village. Fact is, I’ve always given this area a wide berth. Tourists, I thought. You’re gonna pay a premium for everything. But tonight I wanted to see the bay.

So I rolled up, and who did I meet standing in front? Jerry G. Bishop. I mean, Jerry G. Bishop, man! The local TV host. Remember *Sun Up San Diego*? Turns out he and his wife Liz have been running this Greek restaurant for 23 years already.

“I didn’t know you were Greek,” I say.
“I’m not,” Jerry says. “It was just an idea I had. I was snooping around here when they were build-

ing Seaport Village. I saw this site, the bay and all, and I said, without thinking, ‘This looks like a Greek restaurant to me.’ The leasing agent said, ‘That’d be good,’ and that’s basically how it happened.”

I notice a banner slung across the front. “Congratulations, Peggy, our longtime friend, chef, and proud grandmother of quadruplets.”

“Peggy’s why we’ve got good food,” says Jerry. “She’s Greek. She came 20 years ago, and she’s still in every morning at 5:30 making the *tzatziki* [yogurt-and-cucumber sauce], *pastetsio* [Greek lasagna], *spanakopita* [spinach-and-cheese pie in phyllo pastry], baklava, and everything else. Her daughter’s just had the quadruplets.”

Guy named Johnny “Fingers” comes up. He’s putting up some shelves. I leave them to it. Think I’ll graze a little. I go in from the terrace to the blue-and-white interior.

I notice that they have exact plastic copies of each dish nailed to the wall, so you know what you’re getting. Neat. Stavros, Peggy’s son, is taking an order from a Greek-looking customer. He asks for a combo dish. I see it includes gyro meat (spit-broiled beef and lamb), *souvlaki* (pork sirloin skewered on a stick and “flame-broiled”), *spanakopita* (the spinach-and-cheese dish), and dolmades (grape leaves stuffed with beef and rice). Hmm. That’s \$9.95. The other two platters, the gyros and the *souvlaki*, are \$7.95.

Athenian Chicken’s \$8.95. All come with Greek salad and pita bread, and a pot of *tzatziki*. They have gyros and *souvlaki* in pita-bread wraps too, for \$6.25.

Glenn, the Greek-looking guy, picks up his plate. It is weighed down. Half a dozen slabs of gyro, the *souvlaki* shish kebab, the salad.... “I’ll have one too,” I say. Gal named Stephanie takes my order. I mumble about maybe wine... *d’agh!* Hate myself. This is going to push the price up into double figures. “Red?” says Stavros. I nod. “Greek?” “How much?” “A glass is \$3.99. Here.” He’s already ripping the wrapper off a suave-looking bottle of Calliga Rubis. He pours a sample. I slurp. Yes. Rough, rude, robust. I nod. He pours. Into a plastic glass, but this is Seaport Village. I forgive him.

So now Glenn and I are munching away at our meals, chatting — turns out he’s Syrian, not Greek, though a lot of the foods are similar, he says. He’s from outside New York. “We know lamb,” he says. “You can tell a good place by the flavor of its lamb.” This must have been okay, because suddenly his plate has half a jalapeño on it and nothing else.

He gets up. Has a plane back to New York in the morning.
“Sixty percent of my customers are tourists,”

says Jerry. “Forty percent local. I’d love to increase the locals. Because we’re not a tourist trap here. We’re a local family restaurant. People don’t realize that.”

Then I’m into my salad. Boy, that feta cheese and those kalamata olives and peppers make it zing. I alternate it with *spanakopita*’s flaky pastry and spinach taste, and then the *pastetsio*, the Greek-style lasagna.

“My mom makes that,” says Stavros proudly. “It’s different from the Italian. It doesn’t have tomato sauce in it. It’s noodles, ground beef, and a soufflé on top with a touch of cinnamon. Much more Greek.”

I take the last of my wine outside to watch the bay. I sit down at one of the blue, crazy-tile tables. A couple, Tom and Paulie, have come all the way from Spring Valley to have dinner here. “We’ve been doing this 22 years,” says Paulie. She munches a gyro sandwich, and he’s eating the gyros platter. They just sit there, soaking in the view.

Jerry says next time I should start off with *saganaki*, *kefalotiri* cheese covered in egg and flour, fried crisp in olive oil, and doused in brandy (\$5.95). It comes flaming to your table. “You married?” he says. “It’s great for relationships.” ■



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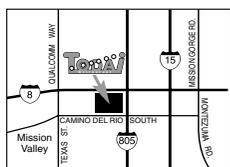
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Come on, you can't be dissing the Shaw." I was buying bourbon at Trader Joe's when I overheard that remark, made from one employee to another. I turned from the liquor rack and noticed the big chalkboard sign suspended over the boxes and boxes of wine just in front of the registers — Charles Shaw wines, only \$1.99. I recognized the label; my wife Deirdre had been using it as cooking wine for some time. I shrugged and turned back to my Wild Turkey; cheap wine at Trader Joe's was not a new thing to me.

Crush
MATTHEW LICKONA

Back in college, I drank quite a bit of the "Fat Cat" Cabernet from Black Mountain Winery — \$4.99 at Trader Joe's. (Even then, the \$2.99 French Market White sold under the TJ's house label was a little too little for me, though I did buy plenty of the \$3.99 Santa Rita Merlot.) I liked it a lot, then after a while, not so much. I chalked it up to an improving palate and moved on, but there may have been other forces at work. My affection for Fat Cat may have begun around the time that Black Mountain, which industry people have told me made a \$20 Cabernet, went under. The label was then purchased by the Bronco Wine Company, a conglomerate run by Fred Franzia. The story runs that Bronco set about blowing through Black Mountain's inventory, and Trader Joe's ended up selling good wine at an excellent price.

But after the inventory ran out, all that remained of my beloved Cat was the label — the stuff in the bottle began to square with the price tag. I started searching elsewhere for bargain wines, finding things like the Vina Alarba Old Vines Grenache — a fabulous wine for \$4.99 — in places like the Wine Bank. Charles Shaw was another Bronco buyout, and I wasn't much interested. Deirdre was interested, however. "Every single time I go to Trader Joe's," she marveled,

"someone is buying Charles Shaw. People buy cases at a time. Old people struggle to get cases into their carts. Every single time." My visiting friend Jon laughed when he saw the display. "They don't even take it off the palates or out of the boxes. They just drop it and let the customers have at it." He was right; Trader Joe's, usually a wonderfully tidy operation, had let this high-visibility zone turn into a raided warehouse — floor-stacked cases, several of them ripped open and rifled. Business must have been brisk indeed.

Still, I couldn't bring myself to get curious. Then the L.A. *Times* did a feature. The *U-T* followed. Charles Shaw was a phenomenon. The *Times*'s piece told me that Charles Shaw was another Bronco acquisition, a purchased label revived as an outlet for inexpensive excess bulk wine. Three vintages had been released in nine months in order to keep up with demand. The *U-T* piece mentioned a million cases. Had a generation found its Gallo Hearty Burgundy? It was at least worth a taste test.

The day I stopped into Trader Joe's, only the Chardonnay and the Merlot were available. "Is this all you have?" asked an anxious old-timer of the fellow straightening the bottles. "I'll have the Cabernet tomorrow," he reassured. I picked up one of each and joined the Shaw-laden throngs in line at the register. The old-timer bought three cases.

Next I headed up to the San Diego Wine Company in search of under-\$5 Chardonnays and Merlots to put up against the Shaws. I found a Chardonnay from Grand Cru (a Bronco wine) for \$3.99 and one from Butterfield Station for \$4.99. I also bought a Camelot Merlot for \$4.99. A stop at Ralphs rounded out my lineup: Chardonnays and Merlots from Forest Ville (another Bronco baby) and Gallo "Twin Valley" (all \$4.99) and a

ringer: Gallo's "Twin Valley" Hearty Burgundy at \$3.99. I called my friend Ernie, who has of late been joining his visiting father-in-law in a nightly glass of Carlo Rossi Burgundy and finding it not at all unpleasant, to help Deirdre and me taste. We bagged the wines to hide their identities and set to work.

The Gallo Chardonnay came across as little more than water with a slice of lemon, thin and tart, though there were hints of butter-scotch on the nose at first. It was less offensive than the Forest Ville. "This smells like the chemical shelf in my garage," said Ernie. "Like wood stain, or some kind of penetrative chemical agent." "It tastes like tin," added Deirdre. Butterfield Station actually smelled like Chardonnay and struck a balance between fruit and acid, but the oak was the main event, hitting hard at the end and staying long past its welcome. "I did a barbecue with silk oak the other day," recalled Ernie. "Really pungent and heavy — nasty. That's what this is reminding me of." Deirdre disagreed.

Our favorite turned out to be the Grand Cru, though it was a near thing with the Butterfield Station. The Grand Cru smelled of lemongrass — pleasant, if odd for a Chardonnay. The oak was a trifle heavy, the fruit was a trifle light, and the acid was enough to make you want to tongue the roof of your mouth for relief.

And the Charles Shaw? Ernie: "Some kind of powdered lemonade thing going on here, that citrus-without-pulp feeling." Me: "Chalky wood, yogurt tang. But a mineral note that I admire." Deirdre: "Sour butter — it's horrible. If there's oak, it's rotten." After she discovered its identity, she stated, "People are not buying that by the case."

"They are," I countered.

"They think it's good?"

"They think it's two dollars."

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On to the Merlots. Gallo Merlot smelled like bubblegum, tasted like unripe grapes, and stung the mouth with harsh tannins. "It feels like I have fuzzy teeth," said Ernie. "Just bad wine," concluded Deirdre. Camelot, while ripe on the nose, was overly acidic and simple. "Tastes like a Shirley Temple," judged Ernie. "Like Grenadine — really straightforward sweet cherries." Forest Ville made up for its lousy Chardonnay with a really decent red: very soft on the nose, notes of pepper and chocolate. Full, round flavors of blueberry and mocha — almost like Zinfandel. Still too much oak and not quite enough acid, but easily the best of the bunch. Again, the Shaw came in somewhere ahead of last, but well short of first. Our assessment of the smell veered from mint to grape stems to bitter field weeds, sensations that were mirrored on the palate. But the flaws dulled down with time in the glass, and the wine ventured toward inoffensive.

Still, for two dollars more (granted, it's twice as much), you could drink the completely inoffensive Gallo Hearty Burgundy. I could taste blackberries, but the best way to describe it is to say that it's a wine you don't describe, it's a wine you buy so you can have wine with dinner. "It's balanced," praised Ernie. "Uneventful but serviceable. At least I swallowed it; some of these, I've had no desire to swallow." ■

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Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

AMICI 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael (hosting) offer personalized, home-style renditions of diverse Latin American and Italian dishes, including house-made breads, pastas, and beverages. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. The bill of fare (about five choices for each course) changes nightly. (Groups of three or more can order sampler dinners with tastes of everything.) Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The signature dessert is a cloud-like Tres Leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. BYOB welcome; beer/wine license pending. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday; reservations very strongly urged. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

BIG JIM'S OLD SOUTH BARBECUE 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-

balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast week-ends. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

CAFE 101 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

CAFE SEVILLA CARLSBAD 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

CALIFORNIA BISTRO 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. On Wednesday night, an all-you-can-eat French buffet is available for \$25 (beverage not included), half price for kids. It's more California cuisine than French, but there's lots of fresh food and the beautiful luxurious room carries the evening. Open 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; please make reservations. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)

ROSANNA'S DELI 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. The house-made sausages are juicy Sicilian-style classics of coarse-ground, fennel-seasoned fresh pork, and the bright-green frozen pesto is fresh and delicate. You'll also find frozen pizza dough and ravioli (with fillings such as lobster, wild mushrooms, or eggplant, as well as cheese), plus cold cuts, salads, and imported foodstuffs. Don't miss the *sfogliatelle*, a light, moist, faintly lemony multi-layered breakfast pastry. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and deli sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (5/02)

SAKURA BANA 1031 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get *two* orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you've consumed the del-

What the Chef Eats

ORANGE CHICKEN BREASTS

BY JERRY SIEGEL

Chef/owner of Peartrees Catering

Even though I work at and own Peartrees Catering, I don't usually have the foresight at the end of the day to grab something to take home for dinner. My wife and I are fond of chicken breasts, and we usually have a bag of them in our freezer. We have a deal that whoever gets home first cooks dinner. My wife manages to get home last on a regular basis!

This recipe, orange chicken breasts, evolved over time through experimentation with basic cooking techniques from many classes in French cooking. We enjoy it so much, it is included on Peartrees' menu. The sauce is creamy, smooth, and slightly sweet, with just

enough flavorful tang. It's a perfect dinner for two or a dinner party.

A dry white wine, such as Sauvignon Blanc, is a nice accompaniment to this dish.

HOW TO DO IT

Dice the orange into ¼-inch cubes, put into a bowl, and set aside. Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper to taste.

In a large skillet, melt the butter in the oil over moderate heat until the butter begins to foam. Add the chicken breasts and sauté, turning once, until golden on the outside and white throughout — about three minutes on each side. Transfer to a platter and cover to keep warm.

Pour off all but one

tablespoon of fat from skillet. Add the shallots over moderate heat until softened but not brown — about one minute. Add the port and diced orange with all juice that has collected in the bowl. Bring to a boil, scraping up any brown bits from the bottom of the pan. Add the cream and mustard. Cook over high heat, stirring occasionally, until the sauce has thickened. Pour the sauce over the chicken, sprinkle with chives, and serve.

If desired, shrimp can be substituted for chicken breasts, and blood oranges can be substituted for navel oranges.

Preparation time for this dish is approximately 30 minutes. This recipe serves four.



INGREDIENTS

1 large navel orange, peeled
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
½ teaspoon of salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 tablespoons chopped shallots
½ cup port
½ cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons minced fresh chives

icate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

NORTH INLAND

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from

opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road, Country Plaza Shopping Center, North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. "Elegance" describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight,

tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. — E.W.

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

SAN DIEGO ARTISAN BAKERS 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served

by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

GOLD COAST

CAFE ZINC 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

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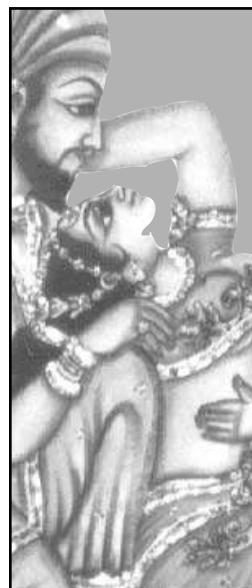
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LA JOLLA

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ROY'S 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Chill out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which makes all the dif-

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ference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant (try the "Loess is More" with seafood). The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia, "Kahana" shutome (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

SADAF 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier Street), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

SKY ROOM Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W. (10/99)

TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York-cut beef and chicken. Price is \$28.95, \$10.95 for children. Add \$10 for 1-1/4 pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive. — E.W. (6/99)

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NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appe-

tizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

SEAU'S Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

SHEILA'S CAFE & BAKERY 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheese-cakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.B. (11/01)

VIA ITALIA PIZZERIA TRATTORIA 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over Northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crust and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? Service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Noisy inside; heated patio dining for the fortunate. Park near the movie multiplex; restaurant is in "Food Court" near theaters. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate (pastas, pizzas, tasting menus) to expensive. — N.W. (6/02)

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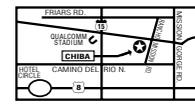
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ALFIERE Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/02)

BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambo play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

CUCINA FRESCA 1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9470. OK, it's a cliché, but "bring your appetite," really applies here. We're talking northern Italian food, with southern Italian gen-

erosity. The family-run place has been open since 1990, but it feels more like 1890. Italian flags and murals, varnished wood, banknote collections, terra cotta floor tile, and very traditional dishes. All the usual suspects are here, like chicken Parmigiana, chicken marsala, veal florentine. But who cares? It's their old-fashioned size you'll love. Order, say, the "sausage and peppers" pasta. You'll be half-full from the delicious minestrone soup they toss in first. Then your pasta arrives — woah! A Sargasso Sea of linguini capped by large quantities of sliced, herby Italian sausage. But hey, this is OB. What's your hurry? Attack this thing slowly, man, one whip-lashing linguini at a time. Lunch, dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

HUMPHREY'S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

KONO'S 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hang-out. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

MARDI GRAS CAFE 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun tasso (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for take-out. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount Avenue), City Heights, 619-563-3666. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch *tsebbi derho* (known as *ye-doro wat* on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, *gored-gored* (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb *al'cha*, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider *zizil t'bsi*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that "hot" means seriously spicy). Vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Open daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (11/00)



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HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis Street), North Park, 619-291-4090. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced "daily specials" like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Weekday lunch, early dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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BARNES BAR-B-QUE 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — A.M. (2/01)

CHARLEY'S FAMOUS HAMBURGERS AND KEBOBS 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich

is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B. (12/01)

D.Z. AKIN'S 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

LEMON GROVE DELI 7860 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-464-2928. More than one local has called this small and spare deli one of the best sandwich shops in East County. Arrive at lunch time and you will find neat stacks of rolled pastrami, beef, and chicken, and cole slaw and sliced tomatoes in giant coolers ready for midday's rush. Lots of "Build Your Own Sandwich" suggestions on the wall menu, but one of the best has to be the pita pocket grilled chicken with mushrooms and onions. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for — so get on down there and vote! Open until 1 a.m. (with karaoke) on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

FAR EAST

ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a beef lover, try the Texas burger served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Stay with beef here. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday for \$7.95. Call for hours. Open daily: lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERICAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80 (at the end of Highway 94), Boulevard, 619-766-3442. This place feels like someone's baronial country retreat. Since 1917 it has sat under a grove of California live oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create an interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs' legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.B. (9/01)

PEARLS OF THE SEA Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. In a quiet refuge from the bustle of the casino, you'll find refined Hong Kong versions of Chinese classics, skillfully prepared in the light Cantonese style. The menu ranges from low-priced noodle bowls (including a dynamite Cantonese take on Filipino *pansit*) up to live Maine lobster and excellent Peking duck served with beautiful little Mandarin buns. The rear of the restaurant boasts live tanks, and if you love good seafood, do step back to choose your fish, which can be sensitively steamed, pan-fried, or deep-fried — your option. (By the way, a whole fish to feed a tableful runs less than a skimpy fillet at any fancy restaura-



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UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twigg Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

CAFÉ CASPIAN PERSIAN EATERY & TEAROOM 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry *tabouli* salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through early-lunch dinner Tuesday to Saturday; breakfast and lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecilia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider moms dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, uptown, 619-544-0940. Excellent, very fresh fish and seafood dinners are to be found here. The price of the entrée includes soup or salad. Best bet is the bargain-price per couple *prix fixe* dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. A la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add cachet to the evening. Open daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — E.W.

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue (at Normal Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like *bento* combos (sushi rolls, crab,

salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichiban*" means. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

KAZUMI SUSHI 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington Street), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (7/98)

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (10/99)

PICASSO SPANISH RESTAURANT 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

DOWNTOWN

ACQUA AL 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

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THE BLARNEY STONE 502 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which

aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. First sign that you've arrived in chipotle/chile country: the toddler-sized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingredients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish — melds into a pleasant whole. The

blue cornmeal-crust chicken salad, similarly well-conceived, is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajas, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared; sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (5/01)

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway (at Seventh Avenue), downtown, 619-239-1782. This "99-cent joint" is a great place to start the day if you're low on cash and crave some Chinese-American food. Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the breakfast steak, two eggs, home fries, and toast. And the steak is bi-ig. Lunch and early dinners feature the usual buck-an-entrée Chinese fast-food choices. Three meals to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

FAZ 530 Broadway (at Sixth Avenue), Courtyard Marriott, Gaslamp, 619-446-3040. Persian-born restaurateur Faz Poursohi, owner of several successful Bay Area restaurants, presents Middle Eastern- and Mediterranean-inspired dishes interpreted in clean, streamlined Northern California style and executed with rare precision. Wood fire is the star of this show, ranging from kebabs on a rotisserie to a brined, smoked pork chop that's an object lesson in how to cook today's pork. Don't overlook the starters, such as the definitive eggplant puree, the marinated peppers with Laura Chenel goat cheese, or the house salad of baby greens and walnuts in a vibrant pomegranate vinaigrette. But save a little appetite for the ethereal warm cheesecake dessert. Valet parking is \$5 at hotel entrance on Sixth Avenue just north of Broadway. Full bar, affordable wine list. Breakfast daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

HARBOR HOUSE 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate, but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome, but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

INDIGO GRILL 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M. (11/02)

POKEZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 947 E Street (at 10th Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — E.B. (12/01)

SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — N.W. (12/00)

TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

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SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

AZZURA POINT Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations, with especial ingenuity in the appetizers. Along with the six-course "chef's menu," there's a reasonably priced five-course vegetarian menu showcasing fresh herbs grown in the resort's garden. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

BISTRO D'ASIA 1301 Orange Avenue (at C Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy perennial "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Reserve for weekend dinners. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (12/01)

CAFE 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

GALLEY AT THE MARINA 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

MCP'S IRISH PUB & GRILL 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial"

mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

ZORBAS FAMILY RESTAURANT 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), *moussaka* (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabouli, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

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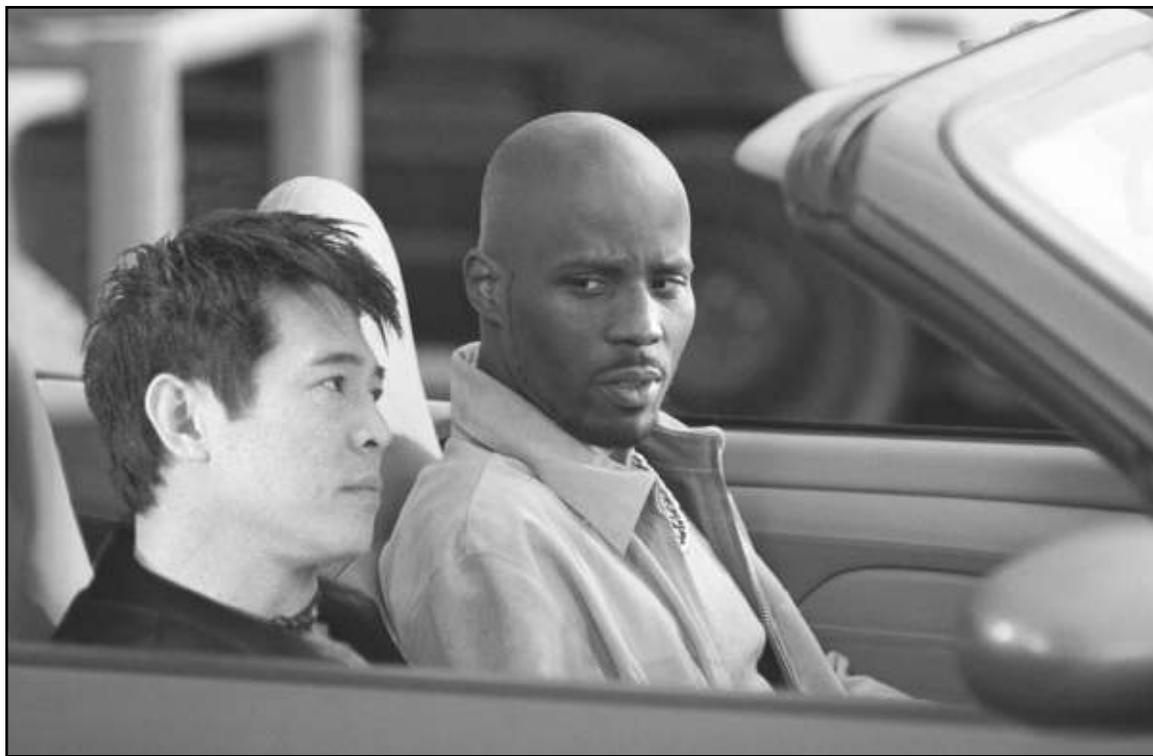
Yo. *Cradle 2 the Grave* serves up another indigestible mix of martial arts and hip-hop, the special niche that cinematographer-turned-director Andrzej Bartkowiak has carved out 4 himself. (In exactly what way, except of course 4 money and power, is it better 2 be the director of *Romeo Must Die* and *Exit Wounds* than 2 be the photographer of *The Verdict*, *Terms of Endearment*, *Prizzi's Honor*, *Guilty As Sin*, *Thirteen Days*, etc.?) This 1 brings 2gether Jet Li and DMX — 2 stars, 8 letters, a space-saver on any marquee — as a “kung-fu James Bond” from Taiwan and a high-tech jewel thief from the Hood, respectively, who join forces 2 recover a twice-stolen sack of black diamonds and the latter’s kidnapped 8-year-old daughter. The plot in 1 line: “I want the stones. You want your daughter. We can help each other.” Or still pithier: East meets West, Twinkle Toes meets Mean Streets. Sort of a *Rush Hour* with a scowl.

2 be sure, the diamonds are not just stones, but are transmutable in2 weapons-grade plutonium: “In the world of weaponry, nukes rule.” (The 007 analogy turns out 2 be all 2 true.)

4 most of the way, Jet Li takes a back seat 2 DMX, a Gary Payton look-alike with a nonprofessional lisp, a necklace, an earring, and a tat2 or 3. We must sit tight awhile longer 4 a movie al2gether worthy of Jet Li’s deadly deadpan.

The big action scene, achieving bigness by simple addition as well as inflation, cross-cuts between Jet (as I like 2 call him 4 short) in a 1-against-many, hand-2-hand free-4-all with the contestants in an illicit Tough Man competition, and D (or DM) in a simultaneous high-speed chase on an all-terrain vehicle, very much off-road and up staircases, down hallways, across rooftops, in mid-air, and at least 2 times through pl8-glass windows in slow-motion. 2 much, man, 2 fucking much. Tom Arnold and Anthony Anderson, as in *Exit Wounds*, supply comic relief, or anyway they relieve 1 kind of inanity with another kind of inanity, including a “self-reflexive” rap throughout the closing credits in which they 4see the 4going action being made in2 a movie 2 be directed by “that Polack” who made *Exit Wounds*. Just 2 much. And think of it: if D (or DM) can make good on his vow 2 get

REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD



Cradle 2 the Grave

his shit 2gether, it could pave the way 2 a sequel, *Cradle 2 the Grave 2*. The soundtrack, needless 2 add, will remind no 1 of Cole Porter: “Go 2 sleep, bitch! Die muthuhfuckah! Ah! Ah! Ah!” I’m not totally down with it, Homes. I’m more like down *on* it and *about* it and possibly *under* it.

Morvern Callar, splitting next week

at the Ken with something called *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead*, is the second feature from Lynne Ramsay, whose *Ratcatcher* attracted some puzzlingly rapturous reviews. For that matter, so has this one, the title of which — the name of the Scottish heroine, not some untranslated snatch of Norwegian — is off-putting for different reasons.

The film might, or might not, sound more appealing in summary. A bare-torsoed corpse, male, lies in the glow of blinking Christmas-tree lights, within staggering distance of a pool of blood on the kitchen floor. A suicide note to his girlfriend can be found on the computer (“Be brave”), along with his finished but unpublished first novel

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("I wrote it for you"). The girlfriend (Samantha Morton, rival to Emily Watson in woeful waifishness) goes ahead and opens her presents, goes into the dead man's pants for pocket money ("Sorry"), goes to a party with her bosom buddy, goes off to her job the next day at the supermarket: a wormy carrot will call to mind the rotting tubers in the corpse-littered apartment of *Repulsion*. Back home, she steps over the body to warm up a pizza in the oven, changes the name on the manuscript from his to hers, finally gets around to cutting up the body in the bathtub for disposal, and finances a trip to Spain on his ATM card. The novel (did she even read it?) is accepted for publication. How would an advance of a hundred strike her? No reaction. But really, she's assured, a hundred *thousand* for a first-time author is nothing to sneeze at. The action, so to call it, plays a bit like a modern psychological novel with all the interiority removed. Or else like a dimly imagined item from Page 20 of the daily paper. There are numerous eye-catching images in rough raw garish color, but the carefully composed are alternated with the aimlessly hand-held to a degree that raises questions about Ramsay's identity.

David Gordon Green's *All the Real Girls* is also a second feature, following his *George Washington*. In it, a small-town Carolina Casanova (Paul Schneider, an unstunning facial composite of Cruise and Costner) takes a shine to one of his buddies' all-grown-

up but virginal sister (Zoey Deschanel, with her druggy, draggy, warped-record delivery, turning every line into an exercise in eccentricity, an adventure in affectation): "She makes me decent." The evocative locales — the river, the mill, the hilltop, the junkyard, the stock-car track, the coffee shop, the motel — are so well chosen and photographed as to swallow up these puny people and their very small talk (of pretzels and pancakes and things) and even their seismic crises: "You're not my friend anymore! You're not even in my top ten!" A mild upset, this, of background over foreground, authentic over synthetic. The musical background — blissed-out Far Eastern-y, New Age-y stuff — is quite another matter, another world.

City of God, from the opening minutes when a chicken makes a run for it at an open-air market after watching its mate get its throat slit and its feathers plucked, looks and feels like this year's *Amores Perros*, a slice of "kinetic" cinema (or what would be called "hyperactive" if it were a child) that grabs you by the shirt collar and shakes the living daylight out of you: an antsy camera, fast-motion, split-screen, yellow flashbacks, a loop-the-loop storyline that keeps circling back on itself, a tangential digression, a yackety-yak-wiseguy narration, chapter headings, the kitchen sink. This one comes from Brazil rather than Mexico, and it serves equally well as a calling card for its director, Fernando

Meirelles. (Brutality: the universal language.) The subject of gun-crazy youth gangs in the slums of Rio de Janeiro is of course a real one, and indeed the budding photographer hero is based upon a real person, with a paraded portfolio of real photos to prove it. But while the violence is unglamorous, the voguish, flashy, anything-David-O.-Russell-or-Roger-Avary-can-do-I-can-do-better visual style tends to trivialize everything. And monotonize it.

This last will provide a rough segue into a polite reminder of the tenth annual San Diego Latino Film Festival, which just so happens to include an earlier Meirelles effort by the name of *Domésticas*, at the Madstone Hazard Center from March 13 through 23. There will be thirty-some other features, and more than that number of shorts, from thirteen total countries, besides. ■

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aha 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 wickedest tortures devised by Ring Lardner or Sinclair Lewis. Some scenes, it's true, go too far; and the voice-over device whereby the hero pours out his heart in letters to his six-year-old Tanzanian foster child ("For years now she has insisted that I sit when I urinate") is as facile and as far-fetched as it is funny. To be more precise: very, very. (The spoken name alone — Ndugu — is a push-button for laughs, no matter how many times it is activated.) The ending could arguably have been cut shorter for ambiguity, but while the teardrop and the smile might make things easier for seekers after a Bright Side, these emotional cues do not really clear up the ambiguity. With Dermot Mulroney, Hope Davis, Kathy Bates. 2002.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 3/7)

Adaptation — The reteaming of the writer and the director of *Being John Malkovich*, Charlie Kaufman and Spike Jonze, has produced no less madness but much more method. Or anyhow more meaning. Kaufman, playing fast and loose with the truth, evidently set out in reality (though it doesn't seem his sort of project) to do a screen adaptation of Susan Orlean's nonfiction best-seller, *The Orchid Thief* ("It's that sprawling New Yorker shit"), and ended up by writing himself and his creative torments into the script ("That's what I need to do:

tie all of history together"). More precisely, what he wrote into the script was a fatter, balder, lonelier version of himself (Nicolas Cage, in a characterization of unsparing physical detail), together with an identical twin brother who is also a screenwriter, albeit a happy-go-lucky hack: not so much a separate entity as an alternative self or a divisive inner voice. In short, Kaufman found a way to make a movie out of a mess, or vice versa. The surviving movie is still very much a mess: two movies in one, with attendant disruptions of momentum and shifts in tone. Susan Orlean remains in place as a central figure (played by Meryl Streep, whose director on *The River Wild*, Curtis Hanson, plays her husband), in tormented pursuit of her own story, that of a toothless redneck orchid cultivator (Chris Cooper, in his best role so far, and fully up to it). The movie has much to say, and much of it quite funny, about such large subjects as the solitary struggles of the writer in front of the blank page (how soon can he take a break for a muffin, and what kind of muffin?), the tug-of-war between artistic integrity and commercial compromise, the hidden depths of people beneath their opaque surfaces. All of this, including the funniness, is not achieved without a mighty sense of strain. And no amount of winking self-awareness, postmodern irony, and impish impudence (Susan Orlean turns into a drug-trafficking homicidal adulteress) can lessen the disappointment of the climactic swerve into thriller-dillerdom. 2002.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

All the Real Girls — Reviewed this issue. With Paul Schneider, Zooey Deschanel, and Patricia Clarkson; written and directed by David Gordon Green.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Amy's Orgasm — A me-myself-and-I film, starring as well as written, directed, edited, and co-produced by Julie Davis (*I Love You, Don't Touch Me*). For all her outward independence (or anyway, lack of big-studio support), Davis adheres to the strictest conventions, a balmily optimistic romantic comedy that brings together two opposites, a "feminist icon" self-help author and a "misogynistic pig" shock jock (Nick Chinlund, with a voice like a vibrating dildo). She's apt to win fewer believers than sympathizers, though even the second number will be held down by the heroine's material success, vast popularity, tiny waist, and cascades of curls. With Caroline Aaron, Mitchell Whitfield. 2002.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/10, 6:30 P.M.)

Anatomy of a Murder — Merely the best courtroom drama ever committed to film, with its lively theatrics tempered by sober and unbudging moral ambiguity. It is

hardly less remarkable as perhaps the most mature consideration of rape (least polemical, least hysterical) ever put on film. And in the semi-retired asexual backwoods lawyer who really prefers fishing and jazz, James Stewart has one of the best roles of his career, and would have a clear claim on the best male performance of the year (1959) if Gary Cooper hadn't also had one of his best roles in *The Hanging Tree* and Robert Mitchum hadn't had one of his best roles in *The Wonderful Country* and Robert Ryan hadn't had one of his best roles in *Odds Against Tomorrow*. The casting is inventive all down the line, notably including Arthur O'Connell as Stewart's alcoholic fishing partner and one-time mentor, Eve Arden as his long-suffering secretary, Joseph Welch (the liberal hero of the Army-McCarthy hearings) as the witty judge, and Orson Bean as an unprepossessing (no beard, no German accent) Army psychiatrist. With Lee Remick, Ben Gazzara, George C. Scott; written by Wendell Mayes; directed by Otto Preminger. 1959.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/13, 7 P.M.)

The Bank — Australian stock-market thriller (if that's not an oxymoron): a lot of looking at computer screens, or at the faces of people looking at computer screens. The tricky plotting is a little like David Mamet without the ear and without the rhythm. David Wenham, Anthony LaPaglia, Sibylla Budd; written and directed by Robert Connolly. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 3/7)

Blood Simple — This, the first feature of Minnesota-based independent filmmaker Joel Coen (who co-wrote the script with his producer, and brother, Ethan), has something of the old B-movie spirit at its most lofty: that groaning desire to find out how much can be achieved on how little, how near to Francis Ford Coppola one can come on Roger Corman wherewithal. Coppola is not a random point of reference. The movie is full of his sort of nervous cut-aways to unimportant details, and of his sort of extravagant tracking shots to nowhere: behind a pair of Converse tennies, or behind the four paws of a German Shepherd, or — the instance that best reveals the level of stylistic seriousness — along a bar top toward a slumped-over drunk, then over the head of the latter in a neat little hop, then onward along the bar. There are two or three movies' worth of direction here, even if not one movie worth directing. The whole thing, of course, can hope to be exonerated on the grounds that it is a pastiche, and is viewable as either an "appreciation" or a "send-up" (according to taste) of the hard-boiled thrillers of the Forties. Second-hand-ness creates a very flexible alibi. John Getz, Frances McDormand, Dan Hedaya, and M. Emmet Walsh. 1984.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/7 THROUGH 13)

Bowling for Columbine — Michael Moore's engaging and enraging documen-

tary on gun culture in America, and by extension violence, homicide, and the climate of fear in America. Dishevelled as ever in his baggy clothes and collection of ballcaps (one of them emblazoned with "Writer"), usually unshaven, a definitive schlump, he is still his own protagonist, no matter how antagonistic a one. Here he is, selecting a free rifle as a bonus "gift" for opening a CD account at a heartland bank *cum* licensed firearms dealer. Here he is, testing the theory that Torontonians don't bother to lock their homes, by going right up to some front doors and opening them. (Canada comes off very well in the film, not just for the low murder rate among a well-armed populace, but for the bedrock of social beneficence.) And here he is, escorting two crippled survivors of the Columbine school shooting to Kmart headquarters, to "return" the bullets to their place of purchase. Surprisingly — you can see it plainly on his face — Kmart capitulates to the cease-and-desist demand, a tiny victory on Moore's quixotic quest to change the world. His search far and wide for connections and causalities, for an explanatory nexus, can at times resemble mental meandering. And he is not averse to the cheap shot and the heavy hand: a montage of U.S. foreign-affairs follies will be accompanied by Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." (Joey Ramone's sneeringly ironic cover version of the song will be heard in the closing credits.) Yet his sincerity, for all his showmanship and all his sarcasm, never seems in doubt. His lack of slickness may or may not say something about his level of expertise as a filmmaker. The film is not so much *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)

Bringing Down the House — Steve Martin as a divorced tax lawyer seeking companionship in an Internet chatroom, finding the ample, the abundant Queen Latifah, fresh out of prison: the uptight white and the up-front black. Predictable but not disagreeable. The two stars could play this in their sleep, yet they give every appearance of full alertness. With Eugene Levy, Jean Smart, and Joan Plowright; directed by Adam Shankman. 2003.

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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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Chicago — How quaint: a Broadway musical transferred to the screen! (Directed and choreographed by Rob Marshall.) Apologetically self-conscious and campy, despite the present-day "relevance" of the courtroom antics and media manipulation in a sensational murder trial of the Jazz Age. (Commemorated already in William Wellman's rambunctious *Roxie Hart*.) There's a good deal of frenetic cutting and hyperkinetic camerawork, as if in mortal terror of being taken for a stage play. And the dingy, dungeonlike 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

City of God — Reviewed this issue. With Alexandre Rodrigues, Matheus Nachtergaele, and Seu Jorge; directed by Fernando Meirelles.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/7)

Cradle 2 the Grave — Reviewed this issue. With Jet Li, DMX, and Gabrielle Union; directed by Andrzej Bartkowiak.

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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 *my 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 switchblade walking stick, and color-coordinate this weapon with a capless Batsuit in a lovely shade of raw liver. To say that this character is less credible than a humanoid

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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.

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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 his 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.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

Far from Heaven — At the outset, Todd Haynes carries us on a crane over a Peyton Place-y town square (or square town) and into the glossy world of the 1950s “women’s picture.” It is mildly amazing how straight he plays it, or anyway how deadpan, although there are nonetheless as many laughs as there would be if a present-day audience were to sit and watch *Imitation of Life* or *All That Heaven Allows*, the two Douglas Sirk soapers that provide the most overt inspiration. One flagrant difference between this and those is the taboo subject matter that never could have seen the light of day on the old Universal Studios backlot: the struggles of a white-collar family man with his suppressed homosexuality (“I know it’s a sickness, because it makes me feel *despicable*”) and the possibility, if not the actuality, of a clandestine affair between a liberal-minded suburban housewife and her cultured “Negro” gardener. Somehow the director’s deadpan does not hide every

hint of his condescension, self-congratulation, and higher evolution. Off screen, which is to say in interviews and in the press notes, he will insist on how relevant and universal — as distinct from Universal — the material continues to be, but this might have been easier to swallow if he had updated the setting. When Rainer Werner Fassbinder paid his own homage to Sirk in *Ali: Fear Eats the Soul*, he made the same point, and made it better, by taking an old soapy story (*All That Heaven Allows* cross-pollinated with *Imitation of Life* — and clearly Haynes owes as much to Fassbinder as to Sirk) and then transplanting it into a thoroughly modern style and setting. Why could the point not just as well be made a slightly different, yet slightly more daring, way: by transporting an old story *along with the old style* into a modern setting? While it is well photographed (Ed Lachman), well designed (Mark Friedberg), well costumed (Sandy Powell), and well acted (Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert), the film has a dollhouse quality that stiffens it, flattens it, squeezes the life out of it. Perhaps there’s significance in the fact that Haynes’s name-making first film, *Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story*, was enacted entirely with Barbie dolls. What had seemed at the time a budgetary limitation might be a bigger limitation. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/6)

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; MISSION VALLEY 20; 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 recreated 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)

Gangs of New York — Martin Scorsese’s long-delayed, and just plain long, survey of Irish gangs in lower Manhattan during the time of the Civil War, Boss Tweed, and all that, beginning and ending in major blood baths, with minor blood rinses and sloshes in between. (It’s not hard to see why the internecine discord in the New York melting pot was thought unsuitable for post-9/11 entertainment: “It wasn’t a city, really,” the lowborn narrator grandly philosophizes. “It was more a furnace where *someday* a city might be forged.”) The wonder of it is that it’s not more compelling. Indisputably, it has a lot going for it. It gives Scorsese, for a start, a new avenue down which to pursue his lifelong interest in thugs, specifically thugs of a different ethnicity (but same church), with such colorful group identities

as the Dead Rabbits, the Plug-Uglies, the Slaughterhouses, the Little Forty Thieves, the Broadway Twisters, etc. It has history; it has sets; it has costumes (the Mad Hatter look was in vogue); it has flavorfully antique language; and it has a daring portrayal by Daniel Day-Lewis of a one-eyed underworld kingpin known as “The Butcher,” who looks and acts like someone who would tie Pearl White to a train track and twirl the tip of his mustache while doing it. (Leonardo DiCaprio shrivels alongside him, in spite of his pumped-up new physique.) Yet in all these things the film has more a feeling of dusty 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

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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 — Three-and-three-quarter-hour Civil War epic from Ronald F. Maxwell, writer and director also of *Gettysburg*: eight hours all told. Although it was made ten years later, and although the action takes place earlier, many of the same actors have been retained in the same roles (e.g., Jeff Daniels, C. Thomas Howell, Kevin Conway), while one reappearing actor, Stephen Lang, has been shifted from one key role to another, Gen. Pickett to Gen. Jackson. (Robert Duvall takes over from Martin Sheen in the role of Robert E. Lee, established here as a significant figure in the history of the comb-over.) The prequel is differently, if not quite equally, good. Chief among its differences are the broader scope of its action (an *Odyssey* to the *Iliad* of the earlier epic); the solid groundwork, 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 number of those military 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, Thomas "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 yearn-

ing 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. The plainness, the starchiness, the Spartanism of the presentation 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. 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. 2003.

★★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 3/7; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Guru — Dance instructor from India (a specialist in the macarena) chases the American Dream in New York, where he falls by accident into the role of high-society swami, under the philosophical tutelage of an unsullied porn actress. A roundabout path to a trite and tacky romantic comedy, completely indifferent to the possibilities that present themselves. Director Daisy von Scherler Mayer is especially (maliciously? ineptly?) unflattering to the women, Heather Graham, Marisa Tomei, Christine Baranski. With Jimi Mistry, Dash Mihok, and Michael McKean. 2003.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 3/7; 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 demoted 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, THROUGH 3/6)

The Hours — No disrespect is meant in describing this as a consummate "women's picture." But inasmuch as the major-studio women's picture is practically a thing of the past, it will have to be a high-toned, high-flown one with illustrious literary connections. Two such connections, to be exact, the first to the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Michael Cunningham on which the film is based, and the second to Virginia Woolf, who is a principal character in it, battling madness in her rural sanctuary while composing her day-in-the-life novel, *Mrs. Dalloway*. The two other principal characters in this three-ring circus are latter-generation Mrs. Dalloways, one of them a post-WWII Los Angeles housewife and mother who is in the process of actually reading the book and acting on it (the danger of fiction!), and the other a present-day New York literary editor who most certainly has read it in the past and has been nicknamed "Mrs. Dalloway" (her forename is Clarissa, but there's more to it than that) by her AIDS-afflicted former lover. Each of these, in common with the titular Mrs. Dalloway, has an "occasion" to prepare for, a husband's birthday and an ex-lover's poetry prize, respectively. And the action in each time zone, following the pattern of the Woolf novel, is concentrated in one day: "A woman's whole life in a single day," muses the author herself. Suicide is a prominent theme, a prominent option, in all three zones, as well as in Woolf's novel: "Someone has to die," the author again explicates, "that the rest of us should value life more." Implicit in the structure — the parallel lives in chronological strata — is a ringing testimonial to the universality and immortality of literature in general, and (resistant though some might be to the appointed representative) Virginia Woolf in particular, as well as a testimonial to the sisterhood of women of all ages and eras. And the omniscience of the point of view, the loftiness of the perch, comes with an uncommon complement of other attributes of the divine: compassion, clemency, absolution. Nowhere are these called so actively into play as when, at the end, two of the parallel lives turn out to be not strictly parallel but converging, and two powerhouse actresses — Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore — sit down for a cross-generational tête-à-tête that has all the electricity and intensity, if none of the animosity, of a heavyweight

championship fight. If, when the dust settles, the movie can be said to be, like so many others, "life-affirming," it is important to add immediately that the affirmation is so tortured, so skeptical, so qualified as to give it, for a change, real meaning and impact. With Nicole Kidman (behind a distracting putty nose in the part of Mrs. Woolf), Ed Harris, John C. Reilly, Stephen Dillane, Miranda Richardson, Toni Collette, Allison Janney, Jeff Daniels, Claire Danes; directed by Stephen Daldry. 2002.

★★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 3/7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days — The hot-shot ad exec will win the big diamond account if he can first win the private bet that he can make any woman fall in love with him in ten days. But his competition for the account knows that the chosen woman is writing a first-person magazine article on how to ruin a relationship in that same amount of time. Fun, no? Well, no. (Despite the maniacal energy brought to it by Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson.) It is both completely nonsensical and, if you have seen enough bad movies, completely predictable. With Adam Goldberg, Michael Michele, Shalom Harlow, and Bebe Neuwirth; directed by Donald Petrie. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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; CINCERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Life of David Gale — Preachy, posterously plotted, ostentatiously overwritten 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 ("Mike Wallace with PMS") looking to reopen 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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

Lost Highway — The excitement of David Lynch's return to the big screen, ending an absence of five years, starts to taper off steadily after the breathless credits sequence of automobile headlights gobbling up an infinite dotted yellow line underneath the retro pulp-paperback lettering. It — the excitement, such as it is — does not drop off sharply. An indefinite, indefinable *noir*-ish mood of malaise, paranoia, *Angst*, tension, strain, and general heebie-jeebies is strongly established. A consistency of tone and texture, technically very adept, is cultivated through the visual ambience of chichi color (chocolate, salmon), interior shadows which in places approach the specifications of an extraterrestrial black hole, and almost Kubrickian, almost Antonionian expanses of empty space and blank walls around an isolated, alienated figure. And the spectator who is prepared to keep his part of the unwritten bargain, and meet the artist halfway, has several junior-detective questions to chew on. For openers: *What the hell is going on here?* By the time the jazzman protagonist (a five-o'clock-shadowed Bill Pullman) metamorphoses inside a prison cell into an altogether different person (Balthazar Getty), the junior detective should be ready to resign from the case. The trademark Lynchian atmosphere of seaminess and sinfulness remains strong throughout (bolstered greatly by generous helpings of Patricia Arquette's flesh), but there is nothing to keep you guessing, pondering, wondering. You give up. The nightmarish vein of thriller carved out by such fictionists (and *film noir* fountainheads) as William Irish, Fredric Brown, David Goodis, John Franklin Bardin, was always most profitable when there was a waking-up, a clearing-up, in the dénouement. That was a major plank in *their* end of the bargain. Lynch honors no pact with anyone. He follows his own course of logic or illogic, a loop-the-loop path that spirals outward into ever deepening confusion, pretension, and tedium. Suggested better title: *Lost Bearings*. With Robert Blake, Robert Loggia, Gary Busey. 1997.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/9, 4:15 P.M.)

Morvern Callar — Reviewed this issue. With Samantha Morton and Kathleen McDermott; written and directed by Lynne Ramsay.

★ (KEN, 3/7 THROUGH 13)

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 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 Holocaust film since *Schindler's List*, right down to a recitation of the "If you prick us" speech from *The Merchant of Venice*. Episodic, anecdotal, rich in detail as well as in brutality, absurdity, degradation, and horror, it covers the arrival of Naziism in Poland, the establishment of the Warsaw ghetto, the embarkation of the trains to the camps, the uprising and its quelling, and the eventual collapse into chaos, all from the point of view of the Jewish protagonist (Adrien Brody), who, after the roundup of his family and his retreat into hiding, enjoys a ring-side seat on some of these events from an upper-story "safe house," before he is rooted out in a frighteningly staged assault on the apartment building. It has been well chronicled how the Polish-born director, Roman Polanski, was himself cut off from his family under similar circumstances in his boyhood; and the commitment he brings to the subject is plain to see. One respectfully wants to suggest, however, that it is only through our cultural puritanism that this will be seen as a finer job of filmmaking than *The Ninth Gate* (to name the director's most recent), and that his inerasable early experiences have no doubt informed all of Polanski's best work, albeit less literally. Or in other words, more artfully. With Thomas Kretschmann, Emilia Fox, Frank Finlay. 2002.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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 expression might be taken as smug and obnoxious. (Inasmuch as he also co-wrote and directed, the responsibility is all Callahan's.) The supporting cast of Chazz Palminteri, Christopher Walken, Rod Steiger, Rick



Bringing Down the House

Schroder, and Alison Eastwood lends a certain legitimacy to the enterprise, if only as an "indie." 2002.

★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

P.S. Your Cat Is Dead — Steve Guttenberg directs and stars in a dark comedy adapted from a novel by James Kirkwood. (KEN, 3/7 THROUGH 13)

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.

★★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 3/7; HILLCREST CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 3/7; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 3/7; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 3/7)

Rabbit-Proof Fence — Factual folk tale of three little half-caste girls who in the early 1930s, by authority of the Aborigines Act, were taken from their home and transported 1200 miles away to an "assimilation" camp, whence they promptly escaped and set out homeward on foot, using the titular structure — "the longest fence in the world" — as their road map. The assimilation policy, scandalously on the books into the 1970s, is no doubt deplorable, and as a dramatic subject, in consequence, it inspires easy indignation and self-satisfaction, as well as such dog-eared images as the mother running tearfully alongside, and then collapsing in the dust, of the vehicle spiriting away her children. And Kenneth Branagh, as the prissy pen-pusher in charge of enforcing the policy, all too plainly relishes his blandly villainous lines: "In spite of himself, the native must be helped." (Director

Phillip Noyce's subsequently shot but almost simultaneously released *The Quiet American*, from the Graham Greene novel, ventures into grayer morality.) The trek itself makes an acceptable if unexciting adventure story, with the girls going through a variety of terrains and helpers. And the appended documentary footage of two of the real girls as old women administers a guaranteed heart-tug. With Everlyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury, Laura Monaghan, and Davil Gulpilil. 2002.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 3/7)

The Recruit — A nothing-is-what-it-seems spy game from director Roger Donaldson, who gave us (most relevantly) *No Way Out*. That grouping of words even crops up in a climactic line of dialogue: "You've got *no way out* but me." Is this just a coincidence or is it an encryption? In that same vein, one might wonder whether the hero's part-time job as a bartender alludes (less relevantly) to the same director's *Cocktail*. Is this a way of insinuating that Colin Farrell, linked with Tom Cruise in *Minority Report*, is now the new Cruise? (The old, in case you hadn't noticed, has entered middle age.) In any event it is while mixing drinks that the hero, a computer whiz who "majored in Nonlinear Cryptography" at MIT, is first contacted by a CIA recruiter, a self-proclaimed "scary judge of talent," who then puts our man through his paces at a sort of spy boot camp, "affectionately known as The Farm," before handpicking him for the top-secret assignment of ferreting out a mole. We can be grateful that the unspooling plotline has not been weighted down with extraneous action (beyond the hero's ferocious workouts on a punching bag: those, and the forty square inches of tattoos on his upper arm, tell you he's no nerd), but the filmmakers seem a little anxious, a little apologetic, about it, throwing in a lot of wasted motion by way of a restless camera and a rushed pace. The actors — the weary know-it-all, Al Pacino, alongside that thin-skinned innocent, Farrell — contribute their share of wasted motion, and add to it a lot of 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-

SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

The Safety of Objects — Rose Troche's ensemble film based on stories by A.M. Homes, with Glenn Close, Patricia Clarkson, Dermot Mulroney, Joshua Jackson, Moira Kelly. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/7)

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; 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)

A Streetcar Named Desire — The delicacies of the Production Code, circa 1951, combined with the oily insinuations of Tennessee Williams, do not make it entirely clear what deep, dark secrets are hidden behind Blanche Du Bois's self-delusions, lies, and twittering airs. With nowhere else to turn in this cruel world, Blanche pays a visit to her brother-in-law's New Orleans hotel, and he proves to be the worst possible host for a dreamy, chattering Southern belle. He, Stanley Kowalski, has a prideful sensitivity about his heritage (Polish, not Polack, thank you), but he models his behavior on his more distant ancestors, the baboons. Marlon Brando, the only cast member not to receive an Oscar for this movie, makes some great, abrasive comedy out of his incompatibility with Miss Blanche, and Vivien Leigh somehow manages to preserve Blanche's bubble-like fragility amid the chest-heaving histrionics, the wanton musical accompaniment, and the florid, lurid look given to the stagy sets. With Kim Hunter, Karl Malden; directed by Elia Kazan.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/6, 7 P.M., AND 3/7, 7 P.M.)

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

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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)

Tears of the Sun — Navy Seals on a mission in Africa, with Bruce Willis and Monica Bellucci, directed by Antoine Fuqua.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/7)

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

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Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 1:40, 2:10, 3:30) 4:20, 4:55, 5:55, 7:00, 7:35, 8:30, 9:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 1:40, 2:10, 3:30, 4:20, 4:55, 5:55) 7:00, 7:35, 8:30, 9:25, 10:00; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:35, 7:25, 10:20; Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 2:30) 4:30, 7:15, 7:55, 9:35; Sun. (1:50, 2:30) 4:45, 7:10, 7:40, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 2:30, 4:45) 7:10, 7:40, 9:35; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:00, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (2:20) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:45, 7:40, 10:25; Sun. (1:35) 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:30) 7:20, 10:00; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:15) 5:10, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:15, 5:10) 7:05; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:05, 10:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:40, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:40) 8:20; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20, 5:35) 7:50, 10:05; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:10; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:15, 10:15; Sun. 5:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (5:15) 10:10; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:20, 9:50; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 2:05, 3:20) 4:25, 5:40, 7:25, 8:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:05, 3:20, 4:25, 5:40) 7:25, 8:00, 9:40; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:25) 5:50, 8:35, 10:45; Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:50, 8:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:50) 8:35; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 7:05; Sun.-Thu. (3:30) 9:10; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:25) 7:30; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:10, 10:15; Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10, 9:55; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 4:40, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:40) 8:15; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:50, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:50) 8:10; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:45, 10:35; Sun.-Thu. (1:15) 7:00; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 5:00, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:00) 7:35, 9:55; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:20, 7:40, 10:25; Sun. (1:35) 4:20, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:15, 9:40; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 2:00, 2:30) 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:05, 9:45, 10:10, 10:50; Sun. (1:15, 2:00, 2:30) 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:00, 2:30, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15) 7:00, 7:30, 8:05, 10:00

Horton Plaza 14

457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:35, 4:25) 7:15, 10:05; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:20, 12:05, 1:50, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10) 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:15; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (5:00); **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 12:00, 2:10, 2:30, 4:40) 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:45, 4:20) 7:25, 10:00; **El Crimen del Padre Amaro** (R) Fri.-Tue. 9:00; **The Guru** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 1:40, 4:00) 6:45, 9:10; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 10:25; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Tue.

(11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:05) 7:00; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 2:05, 4:15); **Old School** (R) Fri.-Tue. 11:35, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 4:35, 5:15, 6:30, 7:05, 7:45, 8:50, 9:30, 10:10; **Rabbit-Proof Fence** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 7:30, 9:50

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Tears of the Sun (R); **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13); **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R); **Old School** (R); **The Life of David Gale** (R); **Daredevil** (PG-13); **The Guru** (R); **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13); **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13); **The Recruit** (PG-13); **The Hours** (PG-13); **About Schmidt** (R)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Adaptation (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:40; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; **The Pianist** (R) Fri. (1:55) 5:05, 8:15; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:55, 5:05, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 5:05, 8:15; **Till Human Voices Wake Us** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Tears of the Sun (R); **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13); **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R); **Gods and Generals** (PG-13); **Old School** (R); **The Life of David Gale** (R); **Gangs of New York** (R); **Daredevil** (PG-13); **The Jungle Book 2** (G); **About Schmidt** (R); **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13); **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13); **Final Destination 2** (R); **The Recruit** (PG-13); **The Hours** (PG-13); **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13); **Chicago** (PG-13)

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
Adaptation (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30; **The Bank** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:35; **Blood Simple** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40; Sun. 7:30, 9:40; Mon. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40; **Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 4:10, 7:05, 9:25; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 9:30; **Lost Highway** (R) Sun. 4:15; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; **Pink Floyd: The Wall** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:00; **Wild at Heart** (R) Sun. 2:00

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Tears of the Sun (R); **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13); **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R); **Poolhall Junkies** (R); **Dark Blue** (R); **Old School** (R); **The Life of David Gale** (R); **Daredevil** (PG-13); **The Jungle Book 2** (G); **The Guru** (R); **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13); **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13); **Final Destination 2** (R); **The Recruit** (PG-13); **Chicago** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cineraama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:30) 7:40; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sat. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:30) 7:45; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:55, 10:15; Sat. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:20) 8:00; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri. (1:15, 3:05) 5:05, 7:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:10, 1:15, 3:05) 5:05, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:05) 7:00; **Old School** (R) Fri. (1:20, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 9:55; Sat. (11:15, 1:20, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 9:55; Sun. (11:15, 1:20,

3:25) 5:35, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:35) 7:50; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:20; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri. (1:35) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Sat. (11:05, 1:35) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 5:10, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:25) 7:55

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Morvern Callar (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 5:00, 9:30; **P.S. Your Cat is Dead** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:15; Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 7:15

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
All the Real Girls (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:05; **City of God** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Frida** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Mon. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Tue. (1:30) 4:10, 9:45; Wed.-Thu. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; **The Quiet American** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **The Safety of Objects** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:20, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:30, 9:55; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
A Streetcar Named Desire, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 7 p.m.; **Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?**, Friday, 1:30 and 9:20 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Sun. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Everest** (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 7:00; **Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 5:00; Sat. 1:00; Sun. 11:00, 5:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 5:00; **Lewis and Clark** (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 7:00; Sat. 3:00; Sun. 2:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:30; **To the Limit** (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 6:00; **Ultimate X** (PG) Fri. 9:15; Sat. 9:30

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:45, 2:40, 4:15, 5:15) 7:15, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30; **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. (11:55, 2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:15) 9:55; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:05) 10:40; **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; **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) 7:05; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:10, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:40) 6:55, 10:05; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:40; **The Quiet American** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:20, 10:05; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20) 7:10; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:25, 10:15; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:10

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45; Sun. (1:30, 2:25) 4:30, 5:30, 7:20, 8:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:25) 4:30, 5:15, 7:20, 8:05, 9:45; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:30) 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:35) 7:15, 9:40;

Cradle 2 the Grave (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:10) 5:40, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (2:20) 4:50, 7:55, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:55, 10:00; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:20, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (1:45) 4:20, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:40) 7:50, 10:15; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:30, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (1:35) 4:45, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 7:25, 9:55; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:00) 5:10, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:00, 5:10) 7:00; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 7:00, 9:50; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 3:45) 5:50, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (1:55) 4:15, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:10) 8:00, 10:05; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:15; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. (2:10) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:50) 7:35, 10:05

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 5:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 5:30); **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 3:30) 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 7:15; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:20, 5:40) 8:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:25) 5:50, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:50) 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:55, 5:50) 8:45; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:15) 8:20; **The Quiet American** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:05, 8:20, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:35) 8:05; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:15, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:15, 5:55) 8:25; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:50) 5:05, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:45) 8:10, 7:30, 9:50

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-555-8355)
About Schmidt (R) Tue. (12:15, 3:05) 5:55, 8:45; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:40) 7:00, 7:05, 9:25, 9:30; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Mon. (2:45) 7:45; Tue. (11:30) 5:45; Wed.-Thu. (2:45) 7:45; **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, 10:05; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:20; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 4:50); **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) Tue. (2:00) 8:15; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:10; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:15, 5:15) 10:20; Tue. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:

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)

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, mused-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 goofily uneasy guests

in Mike Nichols's first film, shot in arty charcoal grays by Haskell Wexler.

★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS. 3/7, 1:30 AND 9:20 P.M.)

Wild at Heart — The downside of an artist attracting a crowd is that he is tempted to start playing to it, and pretty soon his Unique Creative Vision gets broadened and coarsened and cheapened, and

David Lynch starts looking like John Waters — or making John Waters look like R.W. Fassbinder. Fitted in between the first and second seasons of his TV show, *Twin Peaks* — a media triumph if no other kind of triumph — Lynch's camped-up road movie follows two young lovers on the lam, their tanks fueled with Elvis idolatry and *Wizard of Oz* imagery. Forward movement, though, is impeded by unrhythmic cross-

cutting and flashbacks, and such a high incidence of oddness and perversion as to turn it all as common and dull as dirt. That, and such a high degree of self-indulgence as to make it just too easy. Nicolas Cage, Laura Dern, Willem Dafoe, Diane Ladd, Harry Dean Stanton. 1990.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/9, 2 P.M.)

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 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; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sat. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri. 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:15, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 2:15, 7:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri. 5:00; Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 5:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:00; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 2:00, 3:25) 4:40, 5:45, 7:20, 8:10, 9:50, 10:30; Sun. (1:05, 2:00, 3:25) 4:40, 5:45, 7:20, 8:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:15, 3:40, 4:40, 5:50) 7:20, 8:10, 9:35; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 9:55; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:35) 7:15, 9:30; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 9:50; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:40, 3:35) 5:20, 7:10, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:35, 5:20) 7:10, 9:00; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; 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, 10:20; Sun. (1:30, 3:45) 5:55, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:55, 5:55) 8:00, 10:05; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; Sun. (1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:25) 7:05, 9:25; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (2:15) 4:55, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:25, 9:45; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (2:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:10

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 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. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 2:45, 7:15; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:15, 3:15; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 5:15, 8:00; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45

RAMONA

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

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Walk (760-471-3711)

About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 4:50) 7:45, 10:25; **Antwone Fisher** (PG-13) Tue.-Wed. (2:10) 7:05; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:25, 4:25, 4:55) 6:55, 7:25, 9:30, 10:00; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (5:00); **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:35, 4:05) 6:55, 9:35; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Mon. (11:45, 12:10, 2:10, 2:40, 4:30) 7:05, 8:00, 9:25, 10:15; Tue.-Wed. (11:45, 12:10, 2:40, 4:30) 8:00, 9:25, 10:15; Thu. (11:45, 12:10, 2:10, 2:40, 4:30) 7:05, 8:00, 9:25, 10:15; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Dark Blue** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 5:15); **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:15) 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. (12:00, 1:40, 3:25, 5:05) 7:10; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05); **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. (1:45) 8:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:45; **The**

Pianist (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:35) 7:20; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:00; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 4:45) 10:20; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:35, 1:45, 2:15, 4:25, 4:55) 7:10, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:25, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:20; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:25

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

(858-646-9420)

Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:00; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:15; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30,

1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:35) 8:15; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:15, 5:40) 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:50, 3:15, 5:40) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:45) 8:05; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55, 5:15) 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (12:30, 2:55, 5:15) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:15) 7:50; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 4:10) 7:10, 9:55; Sun. (1:20, 4:10) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:25) 8:10; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10; Sun. (1:00, 4:20) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:30) 8:20; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:00, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (12:40, 3:00, 5:10) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:50) 8:00; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 4:30) 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (1:30, 4:30) 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:55) 8:30; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 4:50) 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (1:10, 4:50) 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:55, 5:40) 8:25

La Paloma

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Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:15; Sun. 3:50, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 9:00; **Bowling for Columbine** (R) Sun.-Thu. 6:20; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

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Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **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. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

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Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:45, 9:50, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:45, 9:50; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:05; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 9:55; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 3:20, 6:45, 10:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10; **Poolhall Junkies** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00

Oceanside 16

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Tears of the Sun (R); **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13); **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R); **Poolhall Junkies** (R); **Dark Blue** (R); **Gods and Generals** (PG-13); **Old School** (R); **The Life of David Gale** (R); **The Jungle Book 2** (G); **The Hours** (PG-13); **Daredevil** (PG-13); **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13); **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13); **The Recruit** (PG-13); **Chicago** (PG-13); **Kangaroo Jack**

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AUTOMOTIVE COORDINATOR. Supervisor for Budget Car & Truck Rental, a leader in the rental industry. We are cur-

rently accepting applications for an individual to supervise local movements of vehicles. We offer excellent wages plus all major benefits. Budget operates 12 locations throughout San Diego County! Apply in person, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm at 3125 Pacific Highway, San Diego or e-mail resume crodrigu2@budgetgroup.com.

BABYSITTERS, North County Coastal and Inland. Full/part time. Busy agency—lots of work! Phone and car necessary. Top pay. Please call Panda's, 858-292-5503.

BANK TELLERS. 6 months experience needed for reputable San Diego bank. \$8.50-\$10/hour. Duties include Customer Service and administrative duties. Kelly Services, 619-298-6600.

BARBERS WANTED-LICENSED for African American bookstore/barbershop. Poetry, DJ's, cool atmosphere. Apply in person at 3013 University Avenue in North Park. Call James, 619-297-7768.

BARTENDING. \$250 a day potential. Training provided. Local positions. 800-293-3985 x1257.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

BUSINESS ADS

BUSINESSES include paid services or functions, rentals, and profit-making enterprises. For rates and discounts call (619) 235-8200.

DEADLINES: Business classifieds are accepted until 6pm Tuesday, two days prior to the issue. Call by Friday for early-placement discounts. Ads may be placed by phone using a credit

card (619-235-8200) or in person (1703 India Street, Downtown). Hours are 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday, and until 6pm Tuesday.

PLEASE NOTE: The *Reader* will not be financially responsible for failure to run an ad or for errors in an ad, except, if at fault, to the extent of the cost of the first insertion of the ad.

FREE ADS BY MAIL OR INTERNET

ONE FREE CLASSIFIED ad per week is available to private parties and nonprofit organizations that do not charge for their services.

MAIL: Ads must be printed clearly on 3x5 cards or postcards and are limited to 25 words. Additional words cost 60¢ each. Ads must arrive at our P.O. Box by 7am, Monday. Mail all ads to

Reader Free Classifieds, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186.

INTERNET: Free ads can also be placed online at SanDiegoReader.com. Free ads placed online appear *only* on the *Reader's* website. The deadline is 6pm Monday. See below for instructions on placing online ads that also appear in the paper.

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QUICK, EASY, AND CHEAP! \$8 ads are available to private parties only. Ads are limited to 25 words. Cash, check or credit cards are accepted. (Services, rentals, lessons or any other profit-making enterprises do not qualify for \$8 ads. See instructions for business ads above. Other rules apply to Roommates and Matches ads.)

BY INTERNET: Go to SanDiegoReader.com and click on the link to place an online classified ad. Fill out the form and remember to check the box for your preferred billing method.

BY FAX: Complete the form below, photocopy it, and then fax it

Deadline: 6pm Monday

Write your ad below, listing the item for sale first, followed by its description (including price) and ending with the phone number. Each phone number counts as one word; ads over 25 words

to us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at (619) 233-7907. Payment is with Visa, Discover, or MasterCard.

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BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR, entry level, North County company. 2 years experience in human resources. Great growth opportunity. Strong computer skills a must! Start \$30K. E-mail resume: Innovahr@mail.all-in-1.com.

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BLUE JEAN JOBS. Prep/maintain warehouse, load/palletize, lift to 75lbs. Forklift experience helpful. Short/long term. All shifts. Tops Staffing, Marci: 760-741-1674; Gia: 619-299-8770.

BOOKKEEPING position available in private K-6 school in La Jolla. Knowledge of Quickbooks and Excel a plus. Call Sarah at 858-454-1972 for testing and interview.

BUILDING INSPECTOR III. City of Chula Vista. \$4019-\$4885/month. EOE. Apply immediately. HR Department, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista 91910. www.ci.chula-vista.ca.us. 619-691-5096.

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CALL TAKERS. Greater San Diego Transportation Network is looking for full time Call Takers to work in 24/7 taxi call center. \$7.25 per hour or \$7.75 if bilingual in Spanish. Pre-employment physical, drug and background check. EOE/drug free workplace. You may apply in person, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, 639 13th Street or call 619-239-8061 x748.

CARDIAC NURSE SOUGHT for educational speaking. Must have at least 2 years cath-lab experience. Nurse traveler a plus. Please call 619-750-6684.

CARDIOKICKBOXING TEACHER. Do you teach Cardiokickboxing? If you are interested in teaching for the Rancho Family YMCA, call and ask for Victoria (must be certified), 858-484-8788.

CAREER FAIR! March 11, 10am-3pm. AIU Sport Center, 10455 Pomerado Road, San Diego CA 92131. County of San Diego, FBI, Harbor Police, Robert Half, Sea World, YMCA, Macy's, Washington Mutual, more. 858-635-4565.

CAREGIVER for elderly disabled gentleman. Must have experience and excellent references. Live in Friday to Sunday only. Private room and bath. \$75/day. 619-261-8840.

CAREGIVER, LIVE-IN. Experience preferred for busy male quad. Personal care involves some lifting. A variety of interests to share. Salary plus room/board. Good driving record a must. 619-466-9189.

CAREGIVERS. Excellent pay. Flexible. Referral bonus, paid weekly. Affordable Home Care, Inc. 3900 5th Avenue, #140, San Diego, CA 92103. 619-297-8115; North County: 760-730-0323; East County: 619-443-0500.

CAREGIVERS. Live-ins/hourly. Cheerful, compassionate companions/HHAs/CNAs/Aides to assist seniors with light/full care. Experience required. Benefits. Age Advantage, 619-660-8881.

CASHIER/SALES CLERK. Now hiring for outdoor kiosk in Old Town San Diego. Fun part-time job. References necessary. \$7.00-\$8.50/hour depending upon experience. 858-278-5891.

CHAUFFEURS. Town Car Service needs full and part time Chauffeurs in the New Year. Class B license preferred. Must work weekends. Pre-employment physical, drug and background checks. EOE. Drug-free workplace. No phone calls please. Apply in person, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, 639 13th Street, Downtown, San Diego or call 619-239-8061 x748.

CHILD CARE WORKERS, overnight, needed in a residential group home located in Point Loma area. Full time, part time and weekends positions available. Very flexible schedules from 11pm-7am. Minimum requirement, A.A. degree. Residential experience preferred. Fax resume to attention: Rolanda, 619-523-0249 or mail to 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

CHILD CARE WORKER needed for overnight position for residential treatment center in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Fax resume attention Matt at 619-656-1429 or call Crystal at 619-397-6956.

CHILD CARE WORKER needed for adolescent residential treatment center located in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Pay dependent on experience. Fax resume to Matt, 619-656-1429.

CHILD CARE WORKERS. San Diego Co-operative Charter School (K-5) needs creative, responsible, fun people to staff before/after school program. Send resume to: 2850 6th Avenue #201, San Diego 92103 or fax 619-574-0861, attention: Beryl. www.coopcharterelementary.org

CHILD CARE. attendant in family operated fitness center near Sports Arena, weekends only. 619-223-5581.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT Counselors to work in a therapeutic setting with SED Children. \$9/hour. Merit raises, benefits. 619-421-6900. Fax New Alternatives, Inc., attention: Terry, 619-421-7742.

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT. Front desk in UTC area, full time. Experience required. Jeffers Chiropractic and Sports Injuries. 858-452-7770.

CHOIR DIRECTOR. Inter-City Community Choir. Experience. Ability to read music. Beginning to intermediate. Work well with youths, ages 8-18. Gospel, spirituals, contemporary music. San Diego Young Artists Music Academy. Robbie, Renea, 619-264-2220.

CLAIMS SERVICE Representatives. Geico Direct. Work with customers reporting a claim for an accident. Associate Recognition Awards. Immediate health, dental, life insurance, 401(k), profit sharing, paid vacation, holidays, tuition reimbursement. EOE. Drug test, physical, credit, background checks required. www.geico.com. E-mail: sdjobs@geico.com. Fax: 888-644-5775. Jobline: 858-513-JOBS.

CLASSROOM AIDES. Work with developmentally disabled children in a nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista, Lakeside. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1pm. \$8.14+/hour to start, depending on experience. EOE. www.vistahill.org. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax resume: 619-281-0164. Apply, weekdays, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

CLINIC SUPERVISOR/RN/Triage. Pediatrics. Experienced, full time. 19 days paid time off, 24-Hour Fitness, Weight Loss Program, special employee recognition program, 401(k), benefits. EOE. Send resume: Attention HR, Centre for Health Care, 10865 Rancho Bernardo Road, San Diego CA 92127. Fax: 858-618-5820. E-mail: terickson@cfhc.com.

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paid time off, 24-Hour Fitness, Weight Loss Program, special employee recognition program, 401(k), benefits. EOE. Send resume: Attention HR, Centre for Health Care, 10865 Rancho Bernardo Road, San Diego CA 92127. Fax: 858-618-5820. E-mail: terickson@cfhc.com.

CNA/CHILDCARE. Family Caregivers, Eldercare. New-hire bonus! Provide non-medical, in-home help for seniors, children, and disabled. Benefits, retirement, childcare, dependent care. At Your Home Familycare. E-mail: homecarejobs@ayhs.cncdsc.com. Call toll free: 1-877-903-JOBS.

COFFEEHOUSE/RESTAURANT: The Santaluz Club, an exclusive country club in the Fairbanks Ranch area, has openings for full-time Specialty Coffeehouse Barista/Wait Staff. Experience preferred. Must be available mornings and afternoons. \$10/hour plus benefits. Drug-free workplace. Please apply at astandias@thesantaluzclub.com, fax 858-759-4266 or call Ana at 858-759-3151.

COLD CALLERS. If you are not making \$20 plus per hour, then you are selling yourself short. Come work for the premier mortgage broker in San Diego! We offer full training, cash bonuses, excellent pay, great advancement opportunities and a great work environment. Call directly to schedule for our next training class. Call Ryan Shaney 888-890-2100 x7035.

COLLECTIONS. GC Services is an innovator in the industry and we are growing! We are looking for: Account Representatives for Collections and Experienced Bank Card Collectors. We offer a great benefits package along with competitive pay. Located in the Miramar area. Call 858-577-2301.

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COLLECTORS/MANAGERS. The Sagres Company. Experienced, motivated. Base salary, superior commission structure. Benefits, on-site fitness center, pool. jobs@sagresco.com. Fax resume to 858-554-1354 or call HR Department, 800-398-5557 x44449.

COMMUNITY TRAINING Specialist. \$8.38/hour to start, depending on experience. Assist developmentally disabled adults in the community. 32.5 hours/week. Benefits. Apply Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm: Stein Education Center, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego 92120. E-Mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax 858-514-5195. www.vistahill.org.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FACILITATOR. Innovative support living agency is seeking creative, enthusiastic individuals to provide direct support to adults with developmental disabilities in their own homes and communities. Part time, days, evenings, weekends and overnights available. \$8.50 per hour. Live-in positions available. EOE. Call 619-594-8924 or fax resume 619-594-8810, attention: Brenda Frazier at SDSU Foundation.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE. Framers, Carpenter, Painter, Drywall. Pay negotiable. Excellent growth opportunity. Verifiable references. Haskit Construction, 5745 Kearny Villa Road, Suite #K. License #807370. Fax 858-715-8463.

CONSUMER LOAN CLERK. 1 year general office clerical or financial institution experience. Process loan applications, obtain credit ratings, review disbursed loans, handle all DMV processes, provide members with loan information for credit union. \$10-\$12. Call 858-490-6470; fax resume: 858-490-6484.

COUNSELOR, Child Development. Full/part-time positions available in Point Loma area. B.A. degree in related (psychology) field preferred. Fax resume to

attention: Robert, 619-523-0249 or mail: 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

COUNSELOR/CHILD CARE Worker. Work with SED children, ages 6-12, East County Rehabilitation Training Center. B.A. Degree/senior status required. Various full-/part-time available. Training. Benefits. EOE. Fax resume: NAI#17, attention Kristi, 619-447-5386.

COUNTER ASSISTANT. Vegan bakery, Ocean Beach. Sundays only. Experience necessary. To lead into position as baker's assistant. Potential for full time. www.stephaniesbakery.com. 619-221-0285.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE REP. AppleOne Chula Vista Branch seeking reps for growing company in Poway. Strong Customer/Sales background. \$12/hour plus bonus plan. Contact Chula Vista AppleOne branch, 619-409-1401.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Leading door manufacturing/wholesale company located near Otay border crossing seeks dynamic individuals with customer service experience. Good communication/computer skills (spreadsheets, etc.) required. Bilingual: Spanish. Competitive salary, benefits, creative environment. Please fax resume to Far East International: 619-671-2310.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Inbound and outbound Call Center Reps. Short and long-term positions. Weststaff, 4411 Mercury Street #207, San Diego 92111. 858-576-1001. casandiego@weststaff.com.

CUSTOMER SERVICE, part-time, morning shift and full time. Sorrento Valley/Mira Mesa area. Call Ultimate Staffing, 858-625-2025.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. No experience. Highly motivated, detail oriented, organized, self-starter to work in a positive, casual environment. Answer phones, process orders. Will train. Kearny Mesa area. Fax resume to 858-274-7181.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. \$10-\$20/hour. Good communication and some computer skills required. We offer an upbeat atmosphere in our North County office, paid training and room for advancement. BAI Marketing Services, 760-543-1382 x135.

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DATA ENTRY OPERATORS. 1st and 2nd shifts. \$10/hour. Also, Administrative Assistant, Clerical and Receptionist positions. Weststaff, 4411 Mercury Street #207, San Diego 92111. Fax 858-576-0121. 858-576-1001.

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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAMMETRY Support Engineer. "Leica Geosystems GIS & Mapping, LLC" has a position open for a Digital Photogrammetry Support Engineer in

its San Diego office. Job required appropriate academic and professional credentials. Mail resume to: Nyla Bellamy, Manager of Human Resources, 10840 Thornmint Road, San Diego CA, 92127 or nyla.bellamy@gis.leica-geosystems.com.

DRIVER, CLASS B. Delivery driver. Airbrakes endorsement. Must be familiar with San Diego area. Pay is up to \$12/hour. Clean DMV record is required. Drug-free workplace. Call 858-874-3336 for an application appointment at 8199 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Link Services.

DRIVER- Class B for party bus company. Great attitude, fun environment. Late hours, loud music. Air brakes and passenger endorsement. Call 619-250-4100.

DRIVER. Part time. Ability to read Thomas Brothers map. Bring DMV printout. Molly Malloy's Floral Company, 4242 Camino del Rio North, San Diego. 619-584-8984.

DRIVER/COURIER. Hesco Couriers. Drive own pickup/van. Earn wage plus mileage or route available in company vehicle. Clean DMV. 24-hour jobline, 858-571-7398. 800-574-3726.

DRIVERS. Day/night shifts. Experienced/inexperienced. All welcomed. We train. North County/San Diego City. North City Cab Company, 4896 Voltaire. Call 24 hours, 619-260-0100.

DRIVERS. East county contractor looking for experienced Saw Truck Driver. We offer a competitive wage with a great pension/benefit package. No phone calls! Apply at 10540 Prospect Avenue, Santee. We drug test. EOE.

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DRIVERS. Laidlaw Transit Services is looking for 20 caring and compassionate people for paratransit driving positions. Must meet DOT requirements, pass a pre-employment drug screen and physical. Our drivers enjoy paid CDL training, full-and part-time positions, good benefits and wages starting at \$8 hourly. For an immediate interview, bring current H-6 Monday-Friday to: 544 Vernon Way, El Cajon.

EDUCATION/RECREATION. YMCA School Outreach Services After School Program, 2002-2003 school year. School Age Teacher: \$8/hour. Youth Leader: \$7.25-\$9/hour. Part-time positions Monday-Friday, 2-6pm. San Diego County: Central, East, Escondido and South. EOE. Fax resume, attention School Outreach Services, to 619-543-9491 or visit YMCA at 4080 Centre Street, 92103.

EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE. Earn up to \$1000/week! Software of the Month Club hiring for 1:30pm-8pm shift. Hourly, commissions, bonuses. Medical, dental, vision, life insurance, 401(k). Management opportunities. E-mail: hr@somc.com. Apply: 8755 Aero Drive #100, San Diego 92123, Kearny Mesa. Fax resume: 858-569-1420. Alicia, 858-609-1166, x3913.

EMT. Must have copies of DMV and all certifications. Ambulance license a plus. Star Ambulance. 619-469-7827, 858-455-7827, or 760-752-7827.

ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE. Part or full time. No experience required. Must be a Junior or Senior in an Engineering Program or have an Engineering or Drafting degree. Fax 858-274-7112; paceng@san.rr.com. 858-274-7111.

ESCROW, TITLE and Mortgage candidates needed. Minimum 1 solid year experience in industries. Various positions, salaries, locations. Will contact you if work history/qualifications match requirements. E-mail resume: bpinto@appleone.com.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. City of Chula Vista. \$3922-\$4767/month. EOE. Apply

immediately at Human Resources Department, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista 91910. www.ci.chula-vista.ca.us. 619-691-5096.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE. \$18-\$20/hour. Poway. Temp-to-hire. E-mail: jobs@securestaff.com or call Secure Staffing Service, Inc. at 760-510-6080.

FACILITY MANAGER. AMC Theatres. Competitive pay, bonus opportunity, health insurance, 401(k). Facility knowledge including electrical, plumbing, wallpapering, painting. Highly motivated, quality communication skills. Supervisory experience preferred. No phone calls, please. AMC Palm Promenade 24 Theatres, Attention Managing Director, 770 Denney Road, San Diego 92154. Fax 619-428-2395.

FINANCIAL AGENCY OWNER. Comprehensive training for highly profitable career! Maintain current employment while in training. Guaranteed income for 2 years as career agent. Farmers Insurance Group. E-mail: Tom@district84.com. Fax resume: 619-465-2946. 619-465-6071.

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FINANCIAL. Train for a highly profitable career! Not a new job, but comprehensive training as an Insurance and Financial Agency Owner if you qualify. Maintain current employment while in training, 2-year subsidy plan after your training program. Property, Casualty and Life licenses a plus. Series 6 and 63 a plus. Farmers Insurance Group. E-mail: Tom@

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FITNESS ATTENDANT: The Santaluz Club, an exclusive country club in the Fairbanks Ranch area, has an opening for part-time Fitness Attendant. Experience preferred. Must be available weekends. We offer top compensation and benefits with excellent growth potential in a drug-free workplace. Please apply at astandfast@thesantaluzclub.com, fax 858-759-4266 or call Ana at 858-759-3151.

FITNESS CENTER is hiring sales/trainers and experienced aerobics instructors. Part/full time. Flexible hours. Being Fit Fitness Centers, Clairemont and Mira Mesa locations. 858-483-9294, 858-549-3456.

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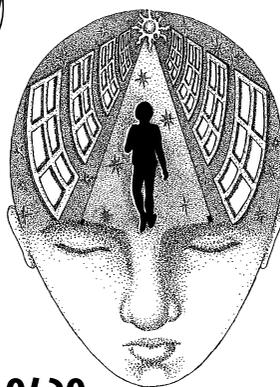


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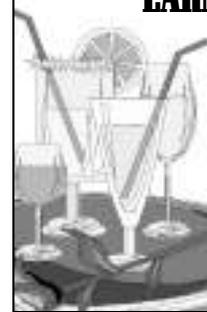
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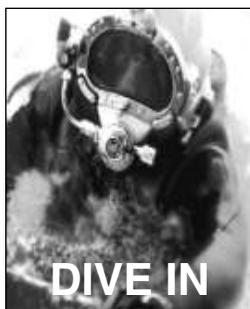
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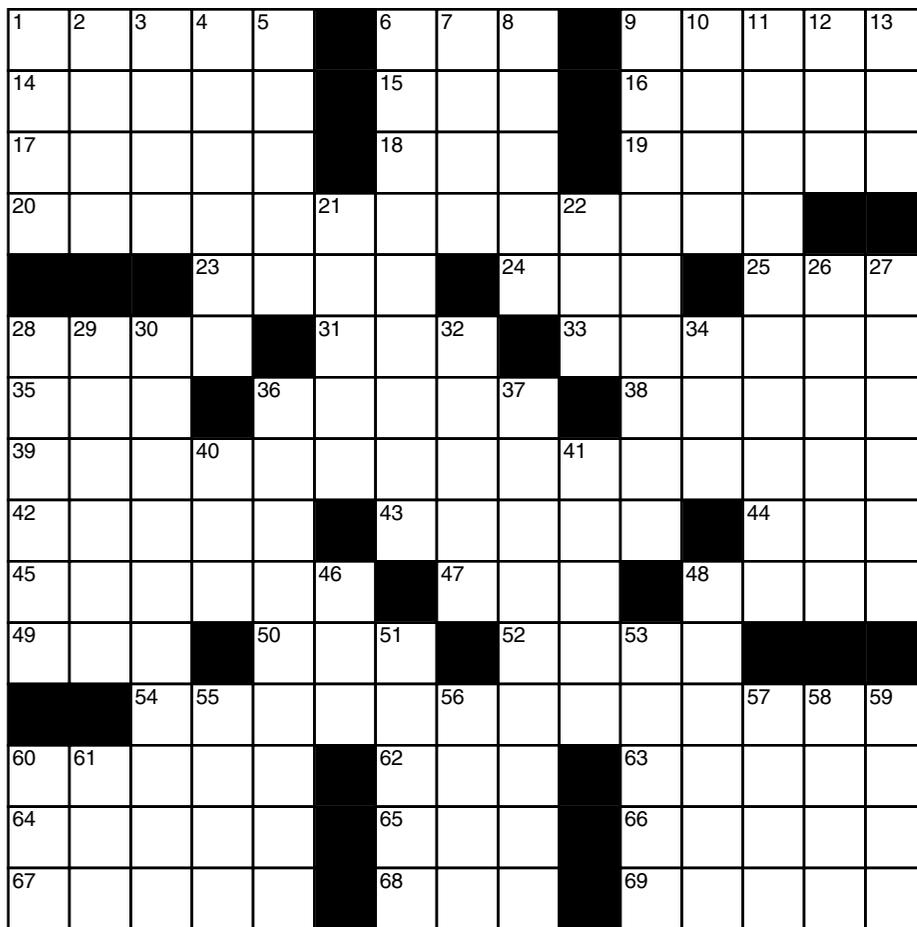
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3. Cal Mileski, Oceanside
4. M. Towey, San Diego
5. William C. Bartkus, San Diego

- Across**
1. Org. that shelters strays
 6. Diner order
 9. Whom Holyfield KO'd, 11/9/96
 14. Like the boondocks
 15. ____-tzu (Taoism founder)
 16. Mrs. Gorbachev
 17. Argus-eyed
 18. TV alien's home
 19. Elizabeth ____ cosmetics
 20. Make an off-road investment?
 23. Long stretches
 24. Fess (up)
 25. Beehives and buns
 28. H&R Block employees
 31. The "one" in a one-two
 33. Over, slangily
 35. Ireland's ____ Lingus
 36. "The Heat of the Day" author Elizabeth
 38. Private denial
 39. Decide against investing in a lengthy immunization?
 42. Orchard pest
 43. Times past
 44. Ending with Brooklyn or Canton
 45. Fall precipitously
 47. U.R.L. part
 48. 1914 battle line
 49. Ballad's end?
 50. German spa
 52. Paul feminizer
 54. Sam, Rick and Ilsa's investment advice?
 60. "Hasta la ____, baby!"
 62. School closing time in old Rome
 63. Hearty entree
 64. Choice word?
 65. ____-la-la
 66. Incur
 67. Suspicious
 68. One with a nest egg
 69. Itsy-bitsy bits

- competition
10. Harvard ____
 11. Fries, etc.
 12. Suffix with verb
 13. Photographer Goldin
 21. Delight in
 22. Personal ad abbr.
 26. Lazy
 27. Mailman, at times
 28. Crunchy appetizer
 29. Its first issue was dated March 4, 1974
 30. 1980's Davis Cup captain
 32. "Look out ____!"
 34. Refusals
 36. Like a bursar's concerns
 37. The Beatles' "____ Wood"
 40. Trash collector?
 41. Unfamiliar with
 46. London label
 48. "That's true. Except ..."
 51. The "Mr." of a 1939 film
 53. Aquarium favorite
 55. Suffix with dump
 56. Land west of Wales
 57. U2 frontman
 58. Latin word on a penny
 59. Slangy approvals
 60. OED unit
 61. Suffix with Manhattan

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- Down**
1. Riyadh resident
 2. "Star Trek" navigator
 3. The hunted
 4. Menus, in Metz
 5. However, to a bard
 6. Awes
 7. "____ Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001 movie)
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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

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INCREDIBLY CUTE, BLACK, sexy, voluptuous lady, 30ish, down to earth, loves reggae, seeks honest, tall, sexy, relaxed, fun, healthy, warmhearted man. Holler back! (3/19) ☎50579

SHARP, DIVORCED, WHITE, 63, 5'4", seeking white male over 5'10". Likes

sports, walks, movies, like theater, good conversation, honesty, humor, hugs. Let's meet at Starbucks! (3/19) ☎50573

CHRISTIAN SINGLE MAN (35) seeking to be equally yoked with a godly lifetime partner age 30 to 40. (3/19) ☎50565

BEAUTIFUL, PLUS SIZE, black woman, 45, looking for a honest, caring, affectionate good man, who enjoys movies, plays, romantic dinners, good conversation, weekend getaways. (3/19) ☎50570

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

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, sexy, great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, honest, financially stable, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (3/12) ☎50534

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Classy, attractive, feminine, black lady, 50ish, nonsmoker with style, grace, charm and presence. Loves dressing up and going to theatre, restaurants, movies or whatever! Wants to share a first class, monogamous relationship with a nonsmoking, financially secure, generous gentleman, 50+. Someone who values integrity and mutual respect for each other. Let's explore each other's world! (3/12) ☎50541

I'M 42, INTELLIGENT, slender, with long blonde hair. Divorced mom of one, seeks professional, Christian, Republican gentleman, for balanced, wholesome, coastal lifestyle. Character counts! (3/19) ☎50581

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

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. (3/19) ☎50551

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

A SINGLE, BLACK WOMAN who is intelligent, witty, passionate, and positive with big brown eyes and a bright smile, in

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ELEGANT DOCTOR. Slim, very attractive, athletic, witty, charming. North County. Can open champagne, dance. In search of sophisticated gentleman. Travel, theater, dining, bridge, 60+. (3/19) ☎50553

ATTRACTIVE, 45, SEEKS emotionally/financially stable, honest, kind and generous North County gentleman for dating and possible long-term relationship. (3/12) ☎50515

LOOKING FOR YOUTHFUL, gray-haired, successful executive, 50s, fit, active, positive, fun loving, to spend time with. Attractive, fun, blonde, active, positive, likeable, young attitude. (3/19) ☎50577

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL guy. I'm attractive, 52, 5'5", spiritual, seeking sincere, honest man and a great kisser, 40-55, for happiness, love, romance and life. (3/19) ☎50568

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

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serve as president.

McConnell, the club's first president, is now a judge for the Fourth District Court of Appeal. Schenk, who followed McConnell's stint as president, is Governor Gray Davis's chief of staff. Voorhees never held the president's seat; she practices law (and is currently involved with the case of Daniel Woodyard, killed by police in Ocean Beach on February 4).

— by Robert Mizrachi

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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

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

LONGHAIRD COMPUTER hippie seeks college educated, sweet, petite, child-

less, vivacious, creative, unique lady, 30-45. Love animals, music, concerts, sushi, photography, travelling, outdoors, movies. (3/19) ☎69501

SWEETEN MY DAZE! Somewhat cool/street smart working dude, 8/14/50, moderate vices. Seeking nicely packaged/book smart, molecular structure/tomb-ish, estrogen-laced, little sugar babe! (3/12) ☎69458

MUSCULAR, TALL, good looking, smart, black, thirties, well built, sophisticated, successful, travelled, seeking tall, slender, educated Caucasian for fun, laughter, romance, possible long-term relationship. (3/19) ☎69499

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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

SEARCHING: FRIEND AND much more! Worldly, wise, witty, winner, 6+, romantic, spiritual, travelled. You're unencumbered, tall-ready for life's better half. Let's do it! (3/12) ☎69446

ARE YOU EX-MODEL/DANCER, long blonde, 30ish, look 20ish? Clubbing work-outs, playful, snowboarding, energetic, successful, needing tenderness, hugs, loving. Let's look for more similarities. (3/19) ☎69484

LEATHER SEEKING LACE: White male, attractive, romantic, intelligent, employed, serious; seeks mature, adventurous, tigerific, charming, happy female, 21-35. Fun, friendship, moonlight nights, candlelight delights. Lakeside. (3/12) ☎69455

54 AND SO MUCH MORE. Youthful, tall, blonde, handsome, athletic, intellectual, artistic, creative, entrepreneurial, successful, seeks woman in 40s for good conversations, fun, relationship. (3/19) ☎69471

ONE OF A KIND! Successful, outgoing, attractive Latino, 36, 165lbs., 5'11". Don't stay home tonight, let's laugh and have fun. Race unimportant, take a chance! (3/19) ☎69483

UNREPENTANT SURFER, builder, gardener in love with nature and high tech. 5'10", 155lbs. Homeowner X's 2/coastal. Seek strong, sensual, voluptuous for caring communication. (3/19) ☎69476

CHRISTIAN, recovering alcoholic, 44, gentle, kindhearted, affectionate, open, trustworthy, reflective, not shallow. Like reading, personal growth, scripture, health, cooking, nature. Seeking Christian woman, similar interests. (3/12) ☎69408

PASSION AND SOLITUDE. I want more of both. Don't you? How about freedom and spiritual connection? Will your new romance enhance? Fat chance? Unlikely 50 year old, loving, open and awake, invites you to the other side of your dreams. (3/12) ☎69450

Sushi, Steak, Seafood, Spaghetti

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

SOUTHERN GAL WANTED by Southern man. 6'2", 190lbs., music lover, nature lover, financially stable. Seeking passionate lady with time to RV, travel, hike, fun, musical. (3/19) ☎69494

VOLUPTUOUS, SEXY, curvaceous, open-minded girlfriend wanted. I'm a 35, secure, white, adventurous gentleman, looking for an exciting, fulfilling relationship. Enjoy playful, socially open lifestyle. (3/12) ☎69402

HEALTHY, ACTIVE, TRIM, good natured, single male, 5'6", late 60s, enjoys travel, movies, walks and retirement. La Mesa area. Seeking a nice lady. (3/12) ☎69457

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

EDUCATED, ATTRACTIVE MALE, doctor's degree, 39, high achiever, company president, book author, guitar player, very creative, funny, empathetic, sensitive, seeks growth-oriented, bright, sensitive female. (3/12) ☎69467

MOVIES. Seeking nice Christian woman for movies. We are both friendly, nice looking, fun, humorous, and like popcorn. 39 to 48. Me: 46. (3/19) ☎69493

FUN LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, educated, 5'8", athletic gentleman seeking non-smoker/nondrinker, slim, medium build, passionate, 50s, Caucasian female for conversation, outings, beaches, music, movies, home. Love? (3/19) ☎69489

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

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, Baja, island hopping, reincarnation and aliens. (3/19) ☎69469

SEEKING DATESMART dropout, 5'10", 49, secure professional, enjoys music, hiking, sailing, golf, cooking, barbecues. You're 35-49, fit, intelligent, ready to enjoy life. Let's have fun. (3/19) ☎69506

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

DINING FOR INTELLIGENCE, aesthetics, kindness, joie de vivre, integrity, creative thinking, well travelled/read, informed, curious, accomplished partner, 47-55. I'm sensual, romantic, attractive, courteous, quick. (3/19) ☎69498

BALD, INEPT, BANAL, inarticulate, maladroit, uncoordinated, unambitious, malnourished, beer, cheeseburger and fries, loving 72-year-old man seeking similar qualities in lovely woman. Don't tarry. (3/12) ☎69445

45, 5'8", 155LBS., monogamous, no children in household, homeowner, non-smoker, degreed professional, Point Loma, no dogs, metaphysical approach to life, seeks similar, 40-50. (3/19) ☎69497

LET'S MEET FOR DRINKS. Single white male, 40, 6', 195lbs., blonde hair, hazel eyes. Must like barbecues, frisbee, dogs, rock and roll. (3/12) ☎69415

SE BUSCA UNA SENORITA muy bonita, alta, romantica, carinosa, entre 39-49 anos, para un caballero alto, romantico, sincero, muy bien parecido. Vivo en Chula Vista. (3/12) ☎69438

TALL, TRIM, DEGREED, working senior, seeks caring, spiritual, health focused, thrifty, junior to 65, with a big smile, warm heart and faith that prayer works. (3/12) ☎69453

GOLFING AND PHOTOGRAPHY keep this very youthful 62, handsome, sexy man going. Please respond if you are very active, beautiful, caring woman, fit and secure. (3/12) ☎69426

LONELY MD, 44, 6'1", 200lbs., with small child, seeks upbeat, professional woman, 29-39, for happy times. Operators are standing by. (3/19) ☎69505

STUPID TALENT. Abundant spirit. Uncurable optimist. Desirable influence. 44 chronologically. Enjoy a Jack and Coke with me and have some fun. Nothing artificial, satisfaction guaranteed. (3/19) ☎69487

49-YEAR-OLD FOLLOWER of Christ seeks a woman 30-50 years, who knows who she is in Christ. I have prayed for you. Please reply. (3/12) ☎69441

WEALTHY, HEALTHY, athletic, good looking, entrepreneur, homeowner, desires professional, attractive, shapely, conversationist, natural lady, for marriage, family. Must be fun lover. No previous children please. (3/12) ☎69409

EAST INDIAN MAN, 57", 130lbs., seeks good natured woman for a relationship. (3/12) ☎69403

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

LA MESA HOMEOWNER, handsome, single male, 52, 5'8", seeks warmth, humor and commitment, like Tex's-Mex's music, old cars, social drinks, outdoor adventures. (3/19) ☎69485

ROCK AND ROLL LOVERS! Fit, handsome, tall, professional, good, bad boy. 39, responsible, eclectic, rocker! Huge heart. You: slim, attractive, cool, ready for love. 30-40. (3/19) ☎69503

GOOD LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 45, seeks slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43, for balanced, long term relationship. (3/12) ☎69405

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African-American/white, 64, 6'4", 210lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (3/19) ☎69502

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

GREAT CATCH! Down to earth, Jewish male, 33, enjoys movies, hiking, cats, '80s music, and more. Seeking honest, sin-

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cere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (3/19) ☎69482

HANDSOME BLACK MALE, 37, looking for extraterrestrial woman to date and travel the stars with. No drugs, no children. ET wanted! (3/19) ☎69478

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) ☎69442

Ebony Lady Sought

Black lady, 45+, outgoing, intelligent, independent, sought by white male, 62, communicator, secure, monogamous, affectionate, humorous, for friendship, possibly more. No smoking or drugs. (3/19) ☎69468

SOUL MATE SOUGHT. Caucasian, 56, professional, 150lbs., blue/brown. Sincere, romantic, communicative, personality, values. Seeking thin attractive partner, loving, laughing, monogamous relationship. Dinners, movies, dancing. (3/19) ☎69474

LA MESA, 51, REAL ESTATE broker, mid-western, into fitness, nature, Big Bear escapes, skiing, golf, tennis, corvettes. You? Fit, adventuresome, 39-49, attractive, with abundant integrity. (3/19) ☎69504

LOOKING TO MEET FRIENDS or even maybe that special someone? (3/12) ☎69413

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. (3/19) ☎69507

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

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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JEWISH MALE 59, 5'9", 160lbs., real estate developer, honest, attractive, seeks Jewish, attractive, slender female for long term relationship, between 45 and 56 years old. (3/12) ☎69412

PRESCHOOL TEACHER who loves football, soccer, beach, steak, kids, working out and family. Would like to meet an Asian lady with open mind. (3/12) ☎69425

SUCCESSFUL, ATTRACTIVE, honest, adventurous, athletic, funny, 42, 5'10", 180lbs., enjoys dining out, live music, weekend getaways. Seeking petite sweetie to explore this beautiful city with. (3/19) ☎69508

NATURIST MALE seeking massage exchange with naturist female. If you like

giving and receiving massages, then let's give it a try. (3/19) ☎69492

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

51, JEWISH, TALL, SLENDER, into beach walks, hiking (Cowles Mountain), computers, e-Bay, auctions, yard sales, drives, coffeehouses, lectures. Seeking somewhat slender woman, any background. (3/19) ☎69477

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

WANT TO PLAY. Intelligent, attractive, 5'11", 210lbs., black male enjoys playing anytime, interracial preferred. No strings attached, just want to have some fun. (3/12) ☎69417

GOOD GUY DESERVES GOOD woman. Humorous, loud back, loyal, 38, 5'11", desert racer, nonsmoker/drinker/drugs. Seeks active, nice woman, 30s, with same interests. (3/19) ☎69488

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

ARE YOU SHY? I use to be. Handsome, spiritual, fit, positive, caring, black male, 50, dancing, dining out, sports, grounded. You: fit, attractive but shy? 38-48. Let's talk about it. (3/12) ☎69418

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

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (3/19) ☎69470

TALL, RUGGED, white guy, into massage, dining out, movies. Handsome, affectionate, generous, fit, gentle. Seeking affectionate, healthy, 40ish for closeness, mutual pleasure. Get satisfied. (3/12) ☎69421

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

HANDSOME, financially secure, white male, mid-40s, massage specialist, seeks open-minded lady needing intimacy and sensual affection, yet values her privacy and nontraditional independence. (3/12) ☎69404

I'VE GOT MY STUFF together. White, professional, 48, financially and physically fit. Seeking same qualities in female for dating, maybe more. Go ahead-call me. (3/12) ☎69434

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

THE BACHELOR SEEKING that million dollar smile, 6'2", African-American, 36, MBA, professional, handsome, seeking fine woman of distinction. Age but a number, race open. (3/19) ☎69500

MISTER MONOGAMOUS, shocking news! You could meet the love of your life soon. White, 40, looking for lady, 35-45, to love, enjoy, respect. That's why I'm pulling this crazy stunt. You're out there somewhere! (3/12) ☎69431

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

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

LOOKING FOR LOVE. Single male, 45, is seeking black female, 30-50. Must be sophisticated, outgoing, romantic, sexy, beaches. Read this ad and call. Let's meet. (3/19) ☎69481

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

SWEET SAILING MAN, 42, looking for an adventurous woman. I am 6' tall, brown with blue eyes. So much to say and do. (3/19) ☎69475

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OCEAN BEACH. \$600. 2 rooms available in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 1 available 3/15, other 4/1. Awesome neighborhood. Beach 1 block. Must see! Females preferred. 619-255-8184; 619-889-9370.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$500. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large house. Pool, fireplace, laundry. 858-349-2607.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$575, 1/2 utilities. Male preferred. Share nice, clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Beach 6 blocks. Walk to bay/Garnet. Washer/dryer, yard. No pets. 619-602-5700; 858-273-6464.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$524, \$300 deposit. Female, share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Large room. Near bay, easy freeway access, laundry. No drugs/pets. 619-235-2415, x29024.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$625, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, washer/dryer, parking, fireplace, 2-story condo. 5 blocks beach. 3 blocks bay. 4/1/03. Lisa, 858-270-5681.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$700, 1/5 utilities. Big, beautiful house with pool. Large bedroom, share bath. Available 3/15. No more pets. 619-235-2415, x13744.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$575, 1/2 utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Bay 1 block. Washer/dryer, parking. Nonsmoking, no pets. Available 4/1. 858-344-3788; 619-235-2415, x20273.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800. Female preferred. Private room/bath. Secure 2 bedroom condo. 3 blocks to beach. Pool, view, gym. No pets/smoking. 858-483-3447.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$400 includes utilities/telephone. Females only. Share small 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Ocean 1 block. Nonsmoking. Short term OK. 4751 Mission Blvd. #5. Joseph, 619-865-8659.

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PACIFIC BEACH/BAY PARK. \$595 plus deposit, utilities. Washer/dryer, parking, yard. 619-248-4555; 619-276-1390.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$950/best, 1/3 utilities. Share large house in

quiet area. Huge bedroom, private bathroom. Storage, garage parking. Available immediately. 858-261-3038.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$650/month, utilities, deposit. Townhome, near bay. Upstairs bedroom, private bathroom, phone line, laundry, security. Seeking nonsmoking male. References. No pets. 619-235-2415, x17265.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo on bay, front patio with Mt. Soledad view, laundry, pool, garage, barbecue, sauna. No pets. 858-581-2583.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$620, 1/2 utilities, deposit. April 1. Own bath, nice and clean, dishwasher, heater, parking, patio. No pets or drugs. Credit check. 858-270-9091.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$600, \$600 deposit. Seeking roommate, live with 2 females in 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Female preferred. Very clean, large closet. 4 blocks to beach on Thomas Street. Have cat. Leanna, 619-865-1590.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$900, 1/2 utilities. Beach 1 block. 1 to share 3 bedroom, 3 bath with 1 other. Third room is office. Parking spot, garage for toys, washer/dryer, maid. 858-967-0794.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$525/month, \$450 deposit. Nice area near beach and bay. Condo has washer and dryer. Female highly preferred. Move in April 1. 858-361-3748.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$675, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Room in 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse on Grand. Off-street parking, laundry, patio. Near beach, bay, everything. Female. Available mid-March. 858-270-5527.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650, 1/2 utilities. Own room/bathroom/parking spot. Pool, spa, gym, tennis/basketball courts. Free, catered breakfast on Sundays. Walking distance to beach/bay. Michelle, 858-483-4548.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$750. Share 2 bedroom house. Hardwood floors, new bath, fenced yard. 7 blocks to beach. Have

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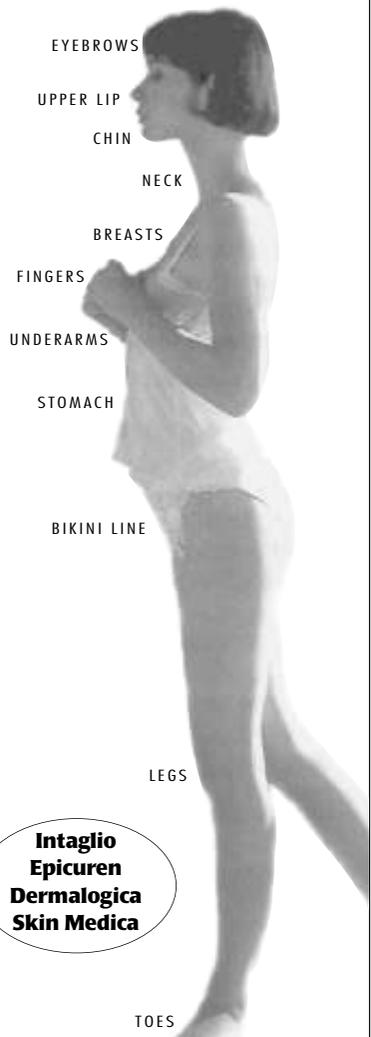
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DOWNTOWN. East Village. \$2000. Blocks to bay. Live/work Victorian house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors, 2 private parking spots. City view. Outside Tiki bar, newly remodeled. 619-575-0242.

DOWNTOWN. \$1500. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms plus single car garage. Lots of storage. Light and bright. Hardwood floors. Total restoration of this 1890 house just completed with all new pipes and wires, cabinets and appliances. In village setting. Very convenient location. Near City College. 1115 19th Street. Stephanie, 619-234-9882.

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. 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. \$1650. Park Row. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, parking, Barcelona Spanish tile and plantation shutters, newly decorated. 619-231-1223.

DOWNTOWN. Little Italy. New lofts available. 2-story spaces. European kitchens, some with wood floors or polished concrete. Washers/dryers included. Pet friendly. \$1000-\$2000. Call Trey for an appointment at 619-233-4118, or visit us at www.sdlotfs.com. \$1395, 1 bedroom available now. For other availabilities in Little Italy, call Kandace, 619-750-9642.

DOWNTOWN. \$2200. Walk to Ralph's, Gaslamp restaurants, new ballpark, Seaport 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. \$1850. New Treo Condo, 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2 story loft, first floor courtyard view, second floor bay view. Underground parking. Storage unit. Phone 619-921-3181.

DOWNTOWN. \$445. Room. Upgraded, close to all. Very nice! Available now. 719 14th Street. James Burrell. A&J Property Management, 888-246-4584.

DOWNTOWN. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, completely remodeled, wood floors, new

carpet, fireplace, new kitchen, new bathroom, washer/dryer. 818-599-3746.

DOWNTOWN in Treo Complex. New large 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. \$1595. Half off first month. Balcony, fireplace, pool, underground parking. Must see! 619-291-5555. www.utopiamanagement.com.

DOWNTOWN. Large studio, \$695. Quiet complex, gated, laundry. 2545 A Street. Nolan, 619-235-8907.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Porto Siena luxury condo, top floor, views, upgraded, large master bedroom plus den. 1-1/2 bathrooms, all appliances, security, parking. \$1600/month. 619-296-8555.

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 off 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.

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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/LITTLE ITALY. Bright corner studio, \$795. 1 bedroom, \$995. Full kitchens. Charming. Secure. Quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front Street. Near Beech. 619-233-7428.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Penthouse apartment, \$1495. 800 square foot rooftop unit in a charming, secure, quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front Street. Near Beech. 619-233-7428.

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DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1395, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location. William Penn Building corner of 5th and F. Central heat/air, controlled entry, new appliances, parking included. Available now. Agent, 619-298-7232.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$695+. Cozy, sunny artist studio. Stunning bay/city/bridge view. Pergo floors, balcony, laundry, off-street parking. Easy freeway access. Cat OK. 619-231-8723.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$750+. Bright, spacious studio with office space. 12-foot ceilings, decorator colors, new carpet, breakfast bar, off-street parking. Cat OK. 619-231-8723.

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/BANKER'S HILL. West Park Inn. Furnished studio rentals from \$195/weekly or \$695/monthly! All utilities paid! Color TV with free cable, microwave, refrigerator, air conditioning and heater. Private bath and shower, phone. Laundry on site. Great location. 1840 4th Avenue. www.westparkinn.com, call 619-236-1600. www.sreader.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 kitchens. 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.sreader.com/rent/2010.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet. \$115/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Safe and secure. 619-235-6820.

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DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 600-700 square foot luxury lofts with city/bay views, concrete floors, washer/dryer. \$1250-\$1650. Also, \$1095 and \$1500, studio. www.sdurbanliving.com. Call 619-255-0526.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath new condo. Live/work downtown! Large balcony. Parking. Washer/dryer. Small pet OK. 619-840-7037.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. From \$635. Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrigerator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Residential block with laundry. Near trolley/bus lines, hotels from harbor. On-site manager. Villa Caterina, 1654 Columbia Street. 619-232-3400.

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EL CAJON. Central. 1 and 2 bedroom. Only \$690 and \$820. Central air/heat. Ceiling fan, microwave, dishwasher, vertical blinds, laundry. Barbecue area. 275 Ballantyne. Manager, 619-442-5618; owner, 619-448-9062.

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EL CAJON. \$675. Charming, quiet, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Barbecue area. Central location in a park-like setting. Laundry. Parking. 1310 Oakdale #K. 619-280-8681.

EL CAJON. \$625-\$775. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms. Pool, sauna. Near shops and bus. 277 North First. 619-440-7654.

EL CAJON. \$1750. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2-car garage plus office, large fenced yard, all appliances included. Pets OK. 416 Taft Avenue. 619-246-6016.

EL CAJON. \$875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint, covered patio, air conditioning. Pets OK. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

EL CAJON. \$775. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet and vinyl, walk-in closet. Large yard, pool, off-street parking. 619-447-1890.

EL CAJON. \$1095. Quiet, spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment across from Bostonia park. Garage plus parking space included. Cats OK. Laundry on site. Available immediately. Jim, 619-442-8744.

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EL CAJON. Small, quiet community. Spacious studio. \$600. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$675. No pets. www.thejohncollinscompany.com. Please call 619-850-9722.

EL CAJON. \$950. Luxury for less. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. In-unit washer/dryer, microwave, central air, pool/spa. Newly renovated, great location. Sherry, 619-726-7933.

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EL CAJON. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2-story condominium, balcony, fireplace, garage, laundry. Pool, spa, fenced yard. 728 No. Mollison. 619-698-6911.

EL CAJON. \$825. Monterey Apartments, 1005 N. Mollison. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. On-site laundry. Call Mark at 619-401-2404. www.sunliving.com or Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

EL CAJON. Starting at \$925. 205 Beech Street. Talavera Apartments. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, dishwasher in unit. Pool, carport. Call Lori 619-590-8153 or Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

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EL CAJON. \$625/\$725. 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Laundry on site. Pool, recreation room, off-street parking, air conditioning. 619-206-6271.

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ENCINITAS. Spacious living! Fabulous views! 1-1/2 mile to ocean! From \$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den condos. Dishwasher. Cable TV. Washer/dryer hookups. 2 pools, spas. Covered parking. No pets. Available immediately. Mission Ridge, 1320 Via Terrassa. 760-944-1800. Visit: www.sreader.com/rent/2018.

ENCINITAS. Cozy, cute 1 bedroom trailer near Moonlight Beach. Parking for 1 vehicle. No pets. \$725, plus utilities. 760-753-4101.

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ENCINITAS. \$1750. Two bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo, gated complex, 4 blocks to beach, pool, new appliances, washer/dryer, garage, small yard. No pets. 805-564-6080. 4dlbaxter@cox.net.

ENCINITAS. \$1795. 3 blocks to Moonlight Beach. 2 bedrooms plus den, 2 bath house. Refrigerator, washer/dryer, basement. Off-street parking. No smoking/pets. 760-634-7623.

ENCINITAS. \$950. Light and bright 1 bedroom. New carpet, ceramic tile, appliances, blinds, fixtures. Laundry on site. Courtyard setting only one block from the ocean and you can walk to Swami's. If you surf, enjoy the beach or like the best beach town in California, check it out! Located at 955 Third Street. 760-942-7670 or 760-942-1187 x33.

ENCINITAS. \$2200. 3 bedroom, 3 bath house with 2-car garage. Yard with gazebo. 1700 square feet. No pets. 401 Pescado Place. Agent, 858-755-1139, www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. \$1245. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, nice duplex, fenced yard, new carpet, fixtures: dishwasher, washer/dryer. Small pet OK. Available April. 929 Brass Way. 858-775-6673.

ENCINITAS. Move-in special. \$200 off first months rent! Furnished or unfurnished studios from \$750-\$895. Utilities and cable included. Air conditioning. 1 block from beach! Cats welcome. 1322 North Highway 101. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Barbara, 760-943-7461 or Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

ENCINITAS. \$1395. Townhouse for rent. Unfurnished. 1457 North Vulcan. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Move-in special. \$400 off first month's rent. Washer/dryer and refrigerator provided. Private patio. Close to beach and freeways. Off-street parking. Pet friendly! www.sunriseliving.com, call Barbara, 760-943-7461. Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

ENCINITAS. \$1595. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Blocks to beach. Coin laundry. Near restaurants and shops. 207 Third Street. Call Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4200 x105.

ENCINITAS. \$600-\$1550. 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 bedroom, 3 bath home. Clean/quiet. Small pet. Nonsmoker. References. 4 blocks from ocean. Off-street parking. Available 3/8. 243 East Glaucus Street. 760-942-7330.

ESCONDIDO. 1 bedroom, \$865/up; 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$985/up; 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1035. Move-in Special! Pets welcome. Great location. 760-480-8511.

ESCONDIDO. \$685-\$895. Move-in special! 1 and 2 bedroom. Gated. Pool. Laundry. New carpet, tropical courtyard setting, centrally located. 710 North Quince. 760-735-9387.

ESCONDIDO. \$760. Very cute garden style 1 bedroom 1 bath apartment home. Easy I-15/78 freeway access. Just minutes from tree-lined streets of downtown Escondido with open air markets and charming cafes. Visit www.sreader.com/rent/2043 or schedule tour, 760-291-0100.

ESCONDIDO. \$700, studios. \$825, 1 bedrooms. \$950, 2 bedrooms. Deposit \$199 on approved credit. Ask for Manager's special. 2100 East Grand Avenue. 760-747-5566.

ESCONDIDO. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Great complex, large, private patio area. Laundry room on-site, garage. \$500 deposit special. 530 South Tulip. 619-280-8681.

ESCONDIDO. \$975. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, air conditioning, fireplace, carpet. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

ESCONDIDO. \$99 deposit on approved credit! 2, 3 bedrooms from \$935! Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Fireplace. Vaulted ceilings. Large kitchen/breakfast bar. Patio/balcony. Large closets. Laundry facilities. Pools. Spas. Assigned covered parking/garages. Freeway access. Small pets OK. El Norte Heights, 145 West El Norte Parkway. 1-888-862-2249. www.sreader.com/rent/2049.

ESCONDIDO. 1076 N. Escondido. Move-in special! 1/2 off first month's rent. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$950. Upstairs. Off-street parking. www.sunriseliving.com, call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

FASHION VALLEY. City Scene condo. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, dishwasher, balcony with canyon view, gym, pool, jacuzzi, garage, \$1650 plus utilities. 619-296-9439, drglom@yahoo.com.

FASHION VALLEY WEST. \$1600. Presidio Place Condos. Upscale resort living with pools, spas, tennis, air conditioning, fireplace, laundry, elevators, parking underground, 24 hour gate attendants. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with new carpet. All new appliances, huge patio. No pets. R.A. Properties. 619-298-5697.

FASHION VALLEY. 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo, \$1075. 900 square feet. Friars Road, steps to mall, next to golf course. Hardwood floors, fireplace, refrigerator, stove, microwave, jacuzzi tub. Cable, hot water, trash all free. Washer/dryer. Pool, spa, sauna. 1st and last week free with 6 month lease. 619-813-5903.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1195. 2 bedroom condo. End unit, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, dishwasher, gated parking, carport plus storage, pool, laundry. Near USD. Agent, 619-296-3189.

FASHION VALLEY HILLS. Great location overlooking Fashion Valley. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher. Pool, tennis. Quiet complex. \$1550/month. 858-565-1846.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1575. Immaculate 2 bedroom condo. Dual master suites. All

appliances. Fireplace. Underground parking. New carpet, paint, flooring, windows. All amenities. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

FASHION VALLEY/MISSION VALLEY. Park Place townhome. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, view, fireplace, greenbelt. Light, airy and private. Nonsmoking. No pets. Very centrally located. \$1600. 619-275-2681.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1225. The Bluffs. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, private end unit, fireplace, Italian tiles throughout. Pools, spas, Lush tropical setting. 2 car parking. No dogs. 619-778-7772, if no answer, 619-540-6526.

FASHION VALLEY. \$875, deposit \$500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 5550 Mildred Street #6. 619-726-7978.

FLETCHER HILLS. \$1895. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with new carpeting and paint, appliances, family room, garage. Call Jim, 619-741-4378, 619-540-6526.

GASLAMP/DOWNTOWN. Luxury, live/work lofts, Old City Hall. Large, 2 levels/views. \$2100-\$3200. Office lofts starting \$1750. 433 G Street. For information, 619-235-6150.

GOLDEN HILL. \$775. 1 bedroom, remodeled inside and out. New carpet, ceramic tile floors, appliances. Lawns, picket fences. Off street parking, laundry. Pets considered. 619-230-0998.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1295. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly painted/carpet. Large yard. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Available now. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

GOLDEN HILL. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled, with tiled living room, kitchen, hallway and bath. Freshly painted. Pool. On site laundry. 619-269-0070.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1295-\$1395. 1/2 bedroom, 2 bath enchanted craftsman cottages. Beautifully restored. Hardwood floors. Granite counters. Stone floors. Near freeways/downtown. Pets OK. 2625/2625-1/2 E Street. 619-889-9997.

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GOLDEN HILL. Triplex. All utilities included. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Upgraded carpet, paint. New kitchen, bathroom and appliances. On-site laundry. No pets. \$1100/month. 760-735-8804.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 1000 square feet. Easy access to freeway. Near Balboa Park. 2913 A Street. James, 619-859-2357.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1495. Fabulous Victorian. Huge, bright 3 bedroom house, 1800 square feet. Fireplace, sun room, backyard, large kitchen, laundry, 2 porches, built-ins. 619-291-7433.

GOLDEN HILL. \$850. Dogs welcome! 1 bedroom. remodeled, tile, carpet, appliances, ceiling fan, and more. Private patio, reserved parking, dog run. Laundry. Close to downtown and major freeways. Available March. 1005 33rd Street. 619-275-5757.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1050. 2717 G Street #E. New 2 bedroom with patio. Laundry facility, off-street parking. 619-236-0008.

GOLDEN HILL. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath charming craftsman house, breakfast nook. Fireplace, hardwood floors. Near Big Kitchen. Deposit, credit check, Lease. 619-223-3594; 760-753-8374.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Huge dining and living. Washer/dryer, large rear yard, security system. Pet negotiable. 1145 22nd Street. Xilarent.com, 858-492-8042.

GOLDEN HILL. Charming, private 3 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Fireplace, tile, renovated, hardwoods, washer/dryer, close to park, storage. Cats. Year lease. \$1049. 3/16. 619-368-9410.

GOLDEN HILL. \$625/month. Huge 1 bedroom, 2 bath, converted recreation room. 800 square feet. Underground parking. Quiet. Available 3/24. 3093 C Street #17. 619-222-9308.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. Charming 1 bedroom 1 bath cottage-style unit in gated courtyard. Hardwood, laundry, no pets,

no smoking. Available immediately. 2923-1/2 A Street. Agent, 619-685-3960, 619-239-6208.

GOLDEN HILL. \$795. 1 bedroom cottage. Hardwood floors. Tiled kitchen and bath. 1-car garage. Gated. Cats OK. Laundry on site. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$850. 1 bedroom restored unit in Victorian home. Decorative fireplace, hardwood floors, lots of character. Shared yard. Lots of windows. Laundry on site. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$650. Upstairs, classic studio in restored Victorian building. Hardwood floors. Newly tiled in kitchen and bath. Clawfoot tub. Lots of windows. Cable included. No pets. 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. New carpet, new tiled kitchen and bath. Lots of sunlight. Remodeled kitchen and bath. No dogs. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. 1950's huge upstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath with office. Hardwood floors. Lots and lots of windows. Shared balcony. Washer/dryer hookups. No dogs. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$795. 2 bedroom in gated building. New carpet. Tiled kitchen and bath. Electric stove. Detached garage. Patio. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1450. Completely refurbished 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath duplex, solar water, washer/dryer. 1347 Grove Street. 619-249-7304.

GOLDEN HILL. \$795. 1 bedroom. Gated. Laundry. Close to Balboa Park, golf course, downtown, bus line. 1231 25th Street. 619-234-1995.

GOLDEN HILL. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in historic district, newly renovated. Hardwood floors, fans, high ceilings. Cats OK. Available 3/14. 2401 E Street. 858-277-1232.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. Large studio, utilities included, full kitchen/bath, \$975, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, washer/dryer hookups, available now. Nonsmoking. Leave a message, 619-231-1225.

GOLDEN HILL. \$945. Spanish charm. Spacious 2 bedroom apartment. High coved ceilings. Oak floors. Ceiling fan. Gas appliances. Security gates. Laundry. No pets. Shore Management. James, 619-230-1903.

GOLDEN HILL. \$700, \$850, \$1150. Studios, 1 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms. Completely renovated in and out. New kitchens, bathrooms, appliances. Air conditioning, ceiling fans, dishwashers. Laundry on site, gated property, off-street parking. Storage (cheap) available nearby. Pets. 2874 B Street. 858-453-4510.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. Large studio. Remodeled. New kitchen, cabinets, counters and tile floor. Upper end unit. Lots of windows and light. Cat OK. 2528 C Street #5. Available now. 619-741-3511.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. \$1800. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman house. Laundry hookups. Large, newly landscaped fenced yard. Gardener provided. Freeways nearby. Parking. No pets. Terry (business cell), 619-778-2830.

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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.

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MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1925. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with loft. Deck, fireplace, dishwasher, washer/dryer, garage. 815 San Gabriel. Cairncross Rentals, 858-490-1450.

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MISSION BEACH. \$825. Nice 1 bedroom apartment with new carpets, linoleum, stove. Steps to the beach. Year-round. 721 Queenstown Court #B. Available 3/15. 858-689-0602.

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MISSION BEACH. \$2000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet, paint and windows. 2 car garage. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer. 820 Isthmus Court. 619-276-7775.

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MISSION BEACH. \$945. Upper 1 bedroom apartment. Steps to the Bay. Parking. New carpet and paint. Very clean. 847 Jamaica Court. Shore Management. 858-274-3500.

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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.

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MISSION HILLS. \$1050. 2 bedroom apartment. Quiet, near market, bank and bus line. Canyon view. Garage. No pets. 619-298-6436.

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MISSION HILLS. Duplex, \$890. 1 bedroom, garage, yard, remodeled, hardwood floors, rooftop view deck, laundry. Available now. 1586-1/2 Linwood. 619-778-8888.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$900. 1 bedroom condo. Pool, spa, air conditioning, patio, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry room. Call 619-447-7222.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, garage, new carpet, fresh paint, washer/dryer hookups, pool. 619-296-2787.

MISSION VALLEY. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1000 square feet, very nice, upstairs corner unit, air conditioning, pool, amenities, no pets, close to all. 619-265-1645.

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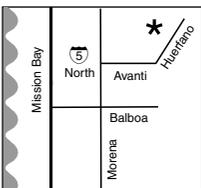
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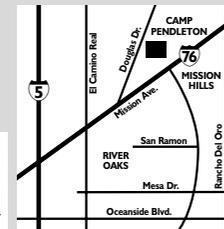
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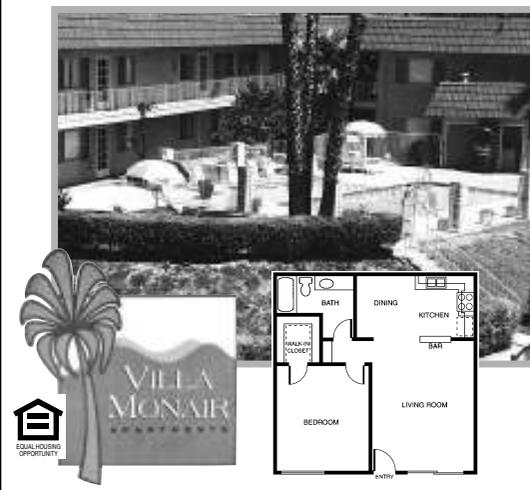
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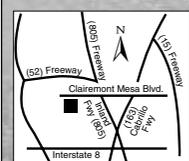
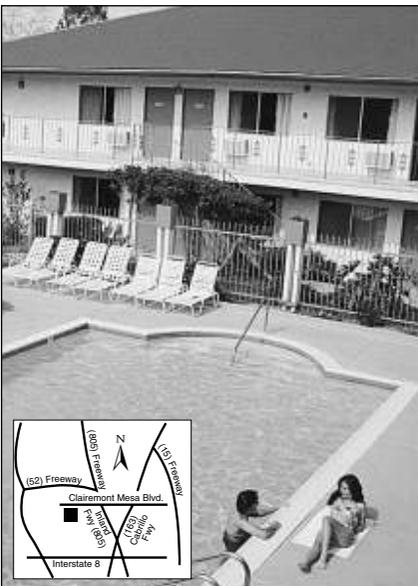
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CARLSBAD, garage sale, Saturday 3/8, 8am-1pm. Clothing, adult men/women, Hand tools, musical instruments, household items. 328 Pine Street, 2 blocks east from Coast Highway.

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CARMEL VALLEY, Moving sale. 8am-2pm, 3/8. Children's furniture, mower, 2 refrigerators, washer/dryer, upright freezer, bookshelves, miscellaneous. Must sell. 4490 Ocean Valley Lane.

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KENSINGTON, Garage sale. Saturday. Knickknack attack, small furniture, odds and ends. 4546 Edgeware Road, #B (in the alley).

LA JOLLA, Moving sale, Saturday 3/8, 8am-? 2 dining tables, sofa sectional, TV stands, washer/dryer, box spring and more. 1134 Felspar #3.

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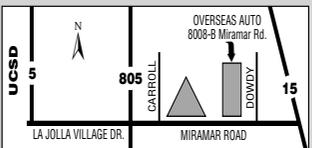
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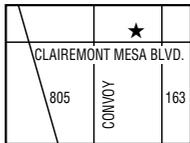
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- Adjust carburetor (if applicable)
- Adjust fuel-to-air mixture
- Inspect clutch
- Adjust clutch
- Inspect brakes
- Adjust brakes
- Adjust emergency brake
- Inspect & replenish all fluids
- Inspect all exposed belts
- Check electrical fuses
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LEAD STORIES

— In January, the engineers and hobbyists of Utah's Salt Lake Astronomical Society told reporters they were planning to air-drop bowling balls, at very high altitude, to check out their impact when they land on the salt flats, to simulate the impact of meteorites. The society said it had been frustrated that it could not find any meteorites so far and had been wondering whether they had disintegrated or been pulverized on impact. Two days later, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, citing the many people engaged in work projects on the salt flats, said it was a bad idea to be dropping bowling balls around them.

— In December, Texas murder defendant Leonard Rojas's time for appeals ran out, and he was executed. Sixty-eight days later, three members of the state's highest court for criminal cases explicitly concluded that Rojas's appointed lawyer was woefully incompetent and that the court's majority had ignored that incompetence while Rojas was still alive. The lawyer, David K. Chapman: had never handled a death-penalty case, failed to investigate Rojas's case, rarely met with Rojas, admitted he missed filing deadlines (one of which barred Rojas from any federal appeal), and had had his license suspended three times by the Texas Bar (once during the time he was representing Rojas).

Readers' Choice

— The race-discrimination lawsuit of two black sisters (Grace Fuller, 48, and Louise Sawyer, 46) against Southwest Airlines is scheduled to go to trial in Kansas City, Kan., in March. The sisters' entire case is that a white flight attendant, in a hurry to get passengers seated, recited Southwest's version of a rhyme that has a racist history: "Eenie, meeny, moe / Pick a seat, We gotta go." The sisters felt degraded and believe they are due some money.

Nation at War

— Most recent antiwar demonstrations have been by clothed people, but since November, nude demonstrations against an invasion of Iraq have taken place in Marin County, Calif. (200 women at three sites); near West Palm Beach, Fla. (23 people); Byron Bay, Australia (700); and New York City's Central Park (30, in the snow).

And the U.S. Navy announced in February that it is way short of "morticians" and is willing to pay sign-up bonuses of \$6000 (but denied the job search was related to Iraq). And according to Britain's *The Sun*, both George Bush and Saddam Hussein recently ordered the same \$975 hand-made shoes from the Milan, Italy, shoemaker Vito Artioli (Bush in size 10; Saddam, 9 1/2).

The Litigious Society

— In February, a 23-year-old woman who had once changed clothes in the office of a talent agency in Brighton, Mich., while a hidden video camera was running, convinced a jury that that one humiliating experience was worth \$575,250. She said that the incident was so severe (even though she had not sought counseling or taken medication for it), she had lost all trust in people and would have to give up on being a model.

— Anne Stanley filed a lawsuit in Westmoreland County, Pa., in December, asking \$90 million as her compensation for a period of time when she was unsure whether or not she had received a deadly infection. A defective bronchoscope was allegedly used on her at Latrobe Area Hospital in January and June of 2001, and one of the things that this particular defect (loose valve) permits is for bacteria to form in a pocket that cannot be reached by sterilization equipment.

— High school senior Brian Delekta filed a lawsuit in February against the school system in Memphis, Mich., alleging that he actually did A-plus work in one course but only received an A for it, and that his average should be even higher than it is (and Delekta was ranked first in his class by the end of his junior year). The course at issue here is a "work experience" course in which he served as a paralegal in a law office and did a fine job, according to his supervisor. That supervisor happened to be his mother, Diane, who said she meant that he did A-plus, not A, work.

— The 3rd Baron Mereworth and dozens of British nobles told reporters in January that they planned to sue Britain in the European Court of Human Rights because the Blair government had ousted most of them in a 1997 reform of the "upper" legislature, the House of Lords (which had long been criticized as a mere social club of aristocrats). (Lord Mereworth, for example,

inherited his title last year upon the death of his father, who spent 70 years in the House of Lords without ever participating in a debate.)

Something Else to Worry About

— In her *Daily Telegraph* (London) column of Jan. 16, medical editor Celia Hall reported that a family doctor in western England has been summoned to a formal hearing before his local primary-care trust because he refused to certify a male patient for a Pap smear to screen him for cervical cancer. The man sincerely believes he is a hermaphrodite, but his doctor said he can find no evidence of that (and in fact, the man once fathered a child). At least one colleague suggested appeasing the patient, which the doctor said he might do if someone would teach him the procedure for performing a cervical smear on a 34-year-old male.

People Different From Us

— Kenneth Patrick Porche Jr., 22, was arrested outside the ladies' room at Dillard's department store in Houma, La., in January, carrying four plastic bags of urine and several empty bags labeled with descriptions such as "old woman." Police said they believed that Porche would enter a stall, disable the toilet's flush mechanism, and line the bowl with a plastic film to catch the urine, before hiding away in an adjacent stall. After a woman used the toilet and left, Porche would collect and bag the urine from the plastic film. Since Porche's behavior was difficult to characterize, police charged him under the catch-all "criminal mischief."

Least Competent Criminals

— Two women were arrested in February and two men were being sought by police in a failed counterfeit-check scheme in Hickory, N.C.; they were busted because, despite using elaborate computer software to publish bogus checks, none of the four noticed that they had spelled the payer Broyhill Furniture's name as "Boryhill Furniture." And according to authorities in Winona, Minn., in February, Carl Fratzke defrauded seven people of a total of \$200,000 in a bogus investment in gloves; Fratzke (not a very sophisticated investor, himself) then immediately fell for one of the

myriad Nigerian scams, blowing the entire \$200,000 (plus \$550,000 of his own money).

Recurring Themes

— *News of the Weird* has several times reported on Postal Service letter carriers who get so far behind on their routes that they believe their only way out is to destroy their many bags of backlog. In January, two Immigration and Naturalization Service supervisors in Laguna Niguel, Calif., were indicted for allegedly ordering subordinates to shred their office's 90,000-document backlog (and to continue to shred incoming paperwork so that the office kept current).

Thinning the Herd

— Motorist B.J. Justin Lundin, 20, stopped his car in the middle of a two-lane road near Weatherford, Texas, in January, got out, and attacked the driver behind him in a fit of road rage over the driver's having earlier objected to Lundin's tailgating; Lundin was then accidentally struck and killed by another car trying to get around the two cars. And retired Belgian engineer Louis Dethy was accidentally blown up in November by one of the 19 deadly booby traps he had rigged in his home near Charlevoix to prevent his ex-wife and 14 children (with whom he was feuding) from legally taking ownership of the house.

Also, in the Last Month ...

— A worker at the Brown-Forman Distillery sent 1800 gallons of tequila into the sewer system when he mistakenly unloaded one tank into an already full one (Louisville, Ky.). Circus clown Gavin Riley, 37, was jailed for two years for beating up his girlfriend because she declined to go watch him perform (Newcastle Upon Tyne, England). Entomologists explained that warm weather was the reason that hordes of cutworms and army worms were slithering across northwestern New Mexico, covering roads and invading homes (but not to worry, in that they would turn into moths in a few weeks, anyway) (Shiprock, N.M.).

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By John Brizzolara

My whole life, I have been deliciously creeped out by the mere concept of the ventriloquist dummy. I'm sure I can trace this directly to that episode of *The Twilight Zone* with Cliff Robertson. The actor plays a down-at-the-heels, cracking-up nightclub entertainer whose shtick is a wise-ass dummy that takes over the show at unexpected times, firing rim-shot insults at the audience. The stiffly animated bit of wood with the painted grin, which registers as ironic horror more readily than good-natured goofiness, is the ideal mouthpiece for the id. The Latin origins for the word *ventriloquist* mean, literally, one who speaks from the belly, but can easily accommodate other body parts south. The *Twilight Zone* episode was followed up nicely in the 1970s ("followed up" is a generous way of putting it, but fair, considering the result was new and improved) by William Goldman's novel and screenplay for *Magic*, in which Anthony Hopkins portrays a schizophrenic ventriloquist.

These are the primary images I have carried with me from my youth, aside from my grade-school photos, of the ventriloquist dummy. But I had never seen one with an actual ventriloquist until last Friday at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater in Balboa Park.

Lynn Trimble has been a ventriloquist for 23 years, and on this February morning she appeared onstage for about 20 kids, mostly under ten (but a few around truancy age, though they were with adults), and about as many grown-

ups. For a prop, she held not a dummy or doll, but a woman's small handbag. She introduced herself, and a low mumbling came from the handbag. It actually seemed to come from the handbag. Acting surprised, she pulled out a pair of false teeth that started speaking in a sweet old granny voice, "Where are my eyes?" Trimble explained that Grandma left her teeth behind (at a restaurant?) and that her eyes and mouth are with Grandma at home.

I was immediately impressed by the sense of the voice being displaced a couple of feet away from the ventriloquist's mouth. This, Trimble later explained, "is an illusion. You're not really throwing your voice." It is the power of suggestion. "The voice is muffled if it is coming from a box [or a handbag] and you hear it as coming from that place."

"So I heard your voice coming from a foot or two away from your voice box because that's where I expected it to come from?"
"Yes."

I found this (and still do) a little hard to accept. The illusion was too complete, and there was never any question of seeing Trimble's mouth move inappropriately, even while pronouncing bilabials like the *b* sound. Trimble says the illusion is only effective from at least ten feet away and will not work if the audience is any closer.

During the same show, she produced from a box a Latino character named Ramón, who spoke of his girlfriend's bad habit of biting her nails. Trimble told him that many people have that habit, and he said, "Biting their toenails?" This is about as dark or gross as the material got. When Ramón said, "I think I am in love," and Trimble corrected him ("I am in love, he is in love, they are in love..."), Ramón responded, "Jumping burritos! She is very popular!" Thus getting a laugh and illustrating Trimble's point that ventriloquism is very effective in selling or teaching.

Another character in her repertoire is Bitsy, a large, pigtailed girl dummy in a plaid dress not unlike a Catholic schoolgirl's uniform. At one point, Bitsy put a sack over her head, exposing to the audience an eyehole in the material but supposedly keeping this hidden from Trimble. A volunteer from the audience held balloons in front of Bitsy, who correctly identified the color of each balloon, all to Trimble's flummoxed amazement. The little rubes (of all ages) in the audience ate this up.

When asked if she saw it as a dying or disappearing art, Trimble said no.

"Can I ask your age?"

"No."

"You can lie. No one cares."



Bitsy and Lynn Trimble

"I don't mention my age."

"How about your dummies?" But she evaded the question like the slick show-biz veteran she is with a bit of verbal misdirection, citing her upcoming gig in Las Vegas at the International Ventriloquist Association's convention, where she expects some 300 to 400 people, either ventriloquists or those selling to ventriloquists. This, I assumed, was by way of indicating just how vital the art remains. I guess it's just me who doesn't see a lot of ventriloquism around.

The Los Angeles-born Trimble, now an Escondido resident, is very charming for a woman of terse answers and many mysteries. As for the money she rakes in with this routine, she allowed, "How wonderful that I can make a living using my creativity, acting skills, creating dialogue..." I quickly did the math: At \$3.00 a head per adult, \$2.00 for children and seniors, today's haul would be well into the double digits. This is allowance money, candy money, maybe seniors' Social Security money. Trimble was cool about it all and will blow into town to fleece the impressionable March 19 through 23 with a new show at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater (www.balboaparkpuppets.com; 619-685-5990). The program announces the new show as *Dr. Lackowitz vs. the Computer Virus*; "the wacky Dr. Lackowitz dreams up some pretty strange inventions, but his biggest problem occurs when that pesky computer virus shows up." For bookings call 619-230-9374.

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My house has become an arsenal. No, Jack and I haven't responded to the recent domestic threat by going out and buying guns. I have little boys. As friends and relatives told me when I had only girls, boys are different. Boys will turn anything, ANYTHING into a weapon. My friends and relatives were right.

Jack and I are not violent people. We have made a conscious effort to shield our five children from violence. We don't own an Xbox or a PlayStation or a Game Boy. A while back, the hand-me-down computer the kids used to play their *Sesame Street* and *Land Before Time* computer games broke. We haven't replaced it. We don't watch violent television shows or movies. Every now and then, Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, John, and Ben might

see a *Road Runner* cartoon on Saturday morning. But no *Power Rangers*. No *Cops*. No *WWF*. We don't even watch *The Power Puff Girls*. The gorilla with the red eyes is too scary.

And yet, for all our efforts, Johnny and Ben still want to shoot guns. They want to blow spaceships out of the sky. They want to conquer the universe.

Lately, Johnny has been playing *Star Wars* a lot. Johnny has never seen any of the *Star Wars* movies. He has never been read a *Star Wars* book. Last weekend on a trip to Vons, Jack bought Johnny an impossibly cheap rainbow plastic "light saber." The thing has a yellow plastic handle. The saber part telescopes so that if you flick your wrist just the right way, a conically shaped rainbow "blade" extends out from the handle about two feet. Johnny opened the light saber in the car on the way home. "Thanks, Dad. This is so cool," Johnny told Jack in the tone you might expect a 16-year-old to use if his dad had just bought him a new convertible.

"You're welcome, buddy," Jack answered. "Angela," Johnny said and turned to show his older sister his new prize. "Look at my cool life saver."

"It's not a life saver," Rebecca, my oldest, snickered. "It's a light saber."

"I know that," Johnny protested. "Dad, what's a light saver?"

"It's 'light saber,' John. And it's a kind of a sword made out of light."

"It's from *Star Wars*," Rebecca added.

"Who's the good guy from *Star Wars*?" Johnny asked.

"Luke Skywalker," Jack answered.

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"I'm that guy. Who's the bad guy?"

"Darth Vader," Jack said and started breathing noisily as through a space mask. "Luke," Jack said in his best James Earl Jones imitation, "I'm your father."

Johnny waved the light saber in Jack's direction. "I'll get you, Darth Bader."

"Mo-o-om," Lucy complained, "Johnny almost hit me with his life saver."

"Light saber," Rebecca corrected. "And it's Darth Vader, not Darth Bader."

"Johnny," I called into the back seat, "if you hit anyone with that thing, it goes away."

"Okay, Mom." Johnny paused and gazed at the rainbow-colored plastic. "Who's the good guy?"

"Luke Skywalker," Jack and Rebecca said in unison.

For the rest of the day, Johnny was Luke Skywalker, though he often had trouble remembering his own name. He jumped around the living room and family room, feigning karate kicks and waving the light saber in the direction of imaginary foes. Late in the afternoon, Johnny left his new weapon lying on the living room floor. Benjamin, who is two and a half, picked up the new toy and walked into the kitchen. He pointed the light saber at me as I loaded lunch dishes into the dishwasher. "*P-shoo, p-shoo*," Ben said.

"Are you getting me with the light saber?" I asked him.

"It's a gun," Ben said. "I'm shooting you out."

"Please don't shoot me out," I told Ben. "That's not very nice."

"*P-shoo, p-shoo*," Ben replied.

Ben has never seen a real gun. Johnny makes guns out of Duplos. Out of sticks. Out of empty cardboard paper-towel rolls. If Johnny points his make-believe guns at me, I tell him, "No killing games, Buddy. You can shoot at things, but not at people."

Benjamin moved past me into the family room. Johnny caught sight of him. "Mom, Ben has my light saver," Johnny whined.

"It's not a light saver," Ben said. "It's a gun."

"It's not a gun," Johnny's voice rose in frustration. "It's a LIGHT SAVER."

"IT'S NOT A LIGHT SAVER," Ben's voice rose in kind. "IT'S A GU-U-UN!" Johnny seized the light saber and tried to wrest it from Ben's grasp. Ben held on with a death grip. I dried my hands and walked into the family room. "Johnny, let go," I told him.

"But it's *mi-i-i-ine*," Johnny complained. "I know it's yours. But Ben was playing with it."

"It's not a life saver," Ben continued the argument.

"Whatever it is, you can have a short turn," I told Ben. "Then Johnny gets it back."

"Not get it back," Ben told me.

Johnny let go of the light saber. Ben clutched the rainbow plastic tightly to his chest and ran into the living room. A few minutes later, I told Ben, "Please give Johnny his light saber back."

Ben handed the toy to Johnny. "Thanks, Ben," Johnny said.

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