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JAPANESE COMPANIES
THAT ENSLAVED THEM**

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Local Color Resonance

Michael Easton is sure not a super-writer-poet-boy, I thought, as I stumbled through his rambling in-vective (Letters, March 6), criticizing your “Three a.m.” cover story (February 27). “I don’t have a whole lot to say,” he began. Yeah, baby, yeah! At least Easton’s diatribe was apologetic. He seemed more irritated than angry with Tom Lux’s rap.

Though I, too, wondered whether San Diego’s laws had changed since last I haunted a 7-Eleven in search of brew after 2:00, when Lux wrote of beer at 3:00 a.m. (perhaps the person attempt- ing to buy was shut down by the clerk?), on the whole I really enjoyed Lux’s piece. All the more credit goes to Lux’s writing style since when all was said and done, he, too, didn’t have all that much to say, recounting everyday events in the wee hours. Yet there was some- thing in his writing style, in the local color, the “English- major frame of reference” that resonated with me. It was a better than average Reader cover piece.

Norman Dean Plum
Mission Hills

Grave Thanks

Thank you, Mr. Shepherd, for the *Cradle 2 the Grave* review (Movie Review, March 6). I had a lot of fun reading it this morning. Some movies do not need to be reviewed, but...if it wasn’t for movies like this one, I would not have the en- joyment of reading reviews like this one.

George Gallo

Nowhere Knowledge

What made you decide to try it? How did it make you feel? These were only a few questions Alecsis Ducusin asked four teenagers

throughout San Diego on their experience with trying ecstasy (“E Can Do That? Wow!” February 27). As a teenager myself, it interests me to know how my peers deal and dealt with the use of drugs and what were their reasons for trying it. Was it peer pressure or the rush of knowing that what you are doing is wrong? I liked how Alecsis asked each person why, where, and who was with you. Because it gave us a feel of the environment so we can connect better with the speaker.

This article titled “E Can Do That? Wow!” I believe was a heartfelt article on the ramifications of taking ec- stasy and what reactions your body might have to the drug. I learned that there are many types of ecstasy, such as dolphin, superman, and white sexy. But I also learned that no matter which type, they all lead *nowhere*. Upon reading this article, I gained know- ledge on the so-called “E” drug, and it seemed that most teens’ reasons for try- ing ecstasy in the first place was to get away from their problems, when it really only set the problems aside while you’re on a three-hour or more power trip.

I believe that this article was for teenagers by teen- agers, because it was at a level and a topic that most could relate to. Ecstasy is a very powerful drug that can lead to severe health problems. And maybe hear- ing that from our peers rather than our parents would keep us from making a mistake. I liked how this article exposed the teens, having them dig back into their memory files and having them speak on an experience they don’t recommend for you to experience for yourself.

Natalie Garcia

CORRECTION

An item in last week’s “Blurt” described a tradi- tional part of Deadbolt’s show where band member Harley Davidson holds a crowbar up to a metal grinder, which then shoots off sparks. My use of the word “pyrotechnics” to describe the stunt was hyperbole. — Ken Leighton

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Not just San Diego The federal government has kicked out all the tenants and boarded up the old Hotel San Diego, which now looms over lower Broadway like a ghost ship. It's supposed to be the site of a new federal courthouse, but that, according to a recent news release from the General Services Administration, isn't happening soon. "Funding for construction is expected to be approved by Congress in Fiscal Year 2005. The building is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2009." In the meantime, the crumbling sidewalks around the hotel are said by signs posted by the government to be in danger of potential collapse, and crews continue to add various "temporary" wooden and razor-wire security barriers to keep transients from climbing



Richard Meier

through the windows and into the hallways for a brief winter respite. When the new courthouse finally gets off the ground, it's set to be designed by **Michael Palladino**, who heads the West Coast office of **Richard Meier and Partners**. Meier is a trendy New York architect whose firm designed

the Museum of Radio and Television in Beverly Hills; he was an unsuccessful contender in the Ground Zero design contest for a concept to replace the World Trade Center. The firm also furnished the design for the \$10 million Ara Pacis museum and the \$25 million Church of the Millennium in Rome, along with a new city hall in San Jose. Meier's group has done at least two federal courthouses, one in Phoenix and the other in Central Islip, Long Island. That one recently won Meier a 2003 "Honor Award" from the American Institute of Architects, which is set to award it to him at a ceremony during the group's national convention here in May. But the story takes an unexpected turn. An investigation by the *Arizona Republic* last December revealed that both the Phoenix and Islip projects went way over budget and are now being audited. "Changes ordered by the government in the midst of construction accounted for many of the extra costs," the paper reported, "but whether any of the overruns stemmed from deficiencies in design or engineering is another question inspectors hope to answer." The Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse in Phoenix, completed 17 months late, ex-



Sandra Day O'Connor Courthouse

ceeded its \$111.1 million budget by \$16 million. A basement firing range for U.S. marshals was built too short for target practice and remains to be modified at a cost of more than \$200,000. In Long Island the damage was a bit greater: The original bid of \$190 million was exceeded by \$86 million. And federal employees in Phoenix, the paper reports, still complain about that building's giant atrium,

similar to the one Meier designed for Islip. "The towering atrium at the New York building is conventionally air-conditioned, rather than cooled by a giant misting system like the one that has caused much controversy in Phoenix," according to the *Republic*. "Despite the addition of air-conditioning at security stations, guards still contend with summer heat and winter cold as outdoor air sweeps through the largely uninsulated glass atrium."

Politics, politics Yet another of San Diego city attorney **Casey Gwinn's** deputies has established a fundraising committee for a cam-



Deborah Berger

paign to succeed her boss, setting up the first actual electoral contest for the seat in almost two decades. **Deborah Berger**, as deputy city attorney, has championed such legal issues as a \$194 million taxpayer subsidy for the convention center. She joins colleague **Leslie Devaney**, Gwinn's

"Executive Assistant City Attorney," in vying for the office. Gwinn, who was elected twice without ever having to face a ballot opponent, is termed out ... KPBS, the broadcast outlet owned and operated by SDSU, is running an hourlong infomercial featuring a celebrity skin doctor, recently critiqued by *Philadelphia Inquirer* columnist **Peter Dobrin**: "PBS, which was supposed to be inured to ratings and still sometimes aims high, has discovered a 'cure' — for wrinkles. No kid-



Nicholas Perricone

ding. One of PBS's big hits is an infomercial hosted by a dermatologist. A PBS news release on *The Wrinkle Cure with Dr. Nicholas Perricone* requires no satire: 'Dr. Perricone's revolutionary discoveries have helped thousands, including top Hollywood stars, media personalities, supermodels, and recording artists. His breakthroughs show viewers that they, too, can turn back the clock.' Yes, PBS."

Traveling man San Diego schools' "Chancellor of Instruction" **Tony Alvarado**, recently relieved of command, is already on the road, pitching his version of educational reform. Latest stop: an Urban Superintendents' Academy, held last Friday at the Minneapolis Embassy Suites Airport Hotel, sponsored by **Eli Broad**, the wealthy L.A. developer who backs San Diego superintendent **Alan Bersin**. Alvarado's topics: "What is good teaching and learning?" and "Theory of Action — What it means to say that instruction drives a system."

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Shea Artis McComb (left) and Bruce Dean Ross (right) leave federal court in San Diego with attorney Charles Duff

O.B. Bong Baron Takes Hit

By Matt Potter

As he dashed into downtown's federal courthouse for a hearing last Tuesday afternoon, Ocean Beach's Shea Artis McComb

didn't appear to resemble a hardened kingpin of the narcotics underworld. But the lanky, 31-year-old McComb, attired in olive drab ill-fitting slacks, green long-sleeved cotton shirt, heavy black

shoes, and Buddy Holly-style horn-rimmed glasses, is one of the principal targets of a nationwide dragnet against drug paraphernalia launched two weeks ago by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Surrounded by a phalanx of somber-looking deputy U.S. attorneys from the states of Iowa and Pennsylvania, where a slew of indictments had just been handed down by federal grand juries, Ashcroft proclaimed that McComb and his fellow defendants, including two others from Ocean Beach, were at the heart of a massive criminal conspiracy to subvert the youth of America.

"With the advent of the Internet, the illegal drug-paraphernalia industry has exploded," Ashcroft pro-

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Neal Obermeyer



Chimps with Nukes

By Jim Morris

In Jared Diamond's book *The Third Chimpanzee*, he points out that we share about 98 percent of our DNA with chimpanzees, which is not much greater than the difference between chimps and bonobo pygmy chimps. He also postulates that human behavior is merely an elaboration of basic primate behavior. Bands of chimps hold a territory, and the young males instinctively patrol its boundaries, keeping watch for leopards and the young males of adjacent bands who sneak in and steal bananas. When that happens they beat them up or kill them if they can.

I've found that a great deal of puzzling human behavior becomes perfectly clear if one thinks of our species as chimps with nukes.

All of our statecraft and "military science" is an elaboration on the theme of stealing and protecting bananas. We just do these things more intelligently than chimps, which is where the real danger lies. A behavior pattern that results in a dead chimp may make sense. One that results in a dead planet does not.

There is probably no one of average or better intelligence who does not believe that war, the way we wage it now, is insane. Yet we keep doing it, blaming each other, captive of our primate genes.

This article is not an argument for or against war. Winston Churchill was right that slavery is worse than war. Dishonor is worse than war. Lots of things are worse than war. What it's an argument for is leaders who know this first hand.

Harry Truman fought in France in World War I. Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon all took the oath and wore the uniform. Even Reagan did that, though he only made training films in Hollywood as a captain in the Signal Corps.

FDR didn't serve, of course. He was wheelchair-bound. But his son Elliott served as second in command of a Marine Raider

Battalion. There is no more hairy assignment than that. From a geopolitical standpoint, it makes no sense to have the son of the head of state subject to capture by the enemy. Young Roosevelt undoubtedly wanted to be in the war, but if his father allowed it, this must have been, at least partially, to make an egalitarian statement to the country.

Vietnam was not a popular war. Getting out of it replaced baseball as the national pastime in the early '70s. Though his father had served in World War II, George W. Bush skated in the Texas Air Guard. Cheney, Wolfowitz, and Pearle had deferments. Only Rumsfeld was a Navy pilot, prior to Vietnam.

These are not bad men. But if you haven't seen your best friend's face turn to red goo before your eyes, or watched a child die because you made a simple mistake throwing steel around at supersonic speed after three days without sleep — well, if you haven't done that, then, by definition, when it comes to war, you don't know what you're talking about.

In March of 1964 I was the "Senior Advisor" of a patrol of four Americans and a platoon of Jarai Montagnard tribesmen. We were out hunting for the entire population of a Jarai village that the Viet Cong had kidnapped to use as slave labor in the jungle. It was a small patrol, put together quickly. Frankly, we knew that the chances of finding the village were almost nil, but we had to make a good-faith effort or risk losing support from the other villages.

We had mounted the patrol so quickly that there was no interpreter available. I was "advising" the Montagnard "commander" with hand-and-arm signals and about 150 words of survival French I had learned on Okinawa. Ksor Yul, the platoon leader,

also remembered some French from his service in the Indochina War. Some of them were the same words.

Oddly, this worked well enough. We couldn't discuss philosophy, but we could patrol.

About noon of the second day we crossed the Li Piao River, Ayunapa in Jarai, and moved parallel to it, hidden in the bush. Most of the central highlands was dense jungle, but this was open and parklike. Then my left flank guy signaled that he had spotted something. It was

The boys broke for the river. I charged after them, into the water, wearing 40 pounds of gear and clothes that soaked and dragged me back. It was like running in a nightmare. My Americans fired warning shots. We had taught our Jarai a lot, but not about warning shots. They had been at war with the Bahnar, on and off, for about 900 years. They shot to kill. I screamed, "No g'pow! No g'pow!" g'pow being Jarai for gun. Probably the only thing that saved two of them was that my troops had to shoot

nard medic's pack. He had filled it with aspirin.

Then a sniper opened up from across the river. I took a squad, moved back into the jungle again, crossed the river out of sight around a bend, and moved through the jungle toward the sniper. None of my squad would take the point, so I did. I knew the sniper, if we found him, would have the first shot. I have great confidence in my marksmanship. If he missed me on the first round, I'd kill him before he got off a second. That's a big if, and I was

In war, every digit of every casualty figure has a story like that attached to it, and every one is a tragedy for a family and for the comrades of the dead. We have objectivised language in the military. Dead babies are "collateral damage." Dead teenagers, last May's bright and hopeful high school grads, are "friendly" or "enemy casualties." There's a reason for the language. As long as you can think like that, you can keep fighting. But in the dark of the night, for all the long years that follow, they're just



G.I.s in Vietnam

three Bahnar tribesmen, young boys working in a rice field by the river. I wanted to ask them if they had seen our VC and their group of villagers. We moved around them in the jungle, surrounding them on three sides, with the river on the fourth. The river was three-feet deep and more than a hundred feet across. No one but a fool would try to escape across it under such circumstances. A fool or a kid.

wide to avoid hitting me. But they hit one of them and blood ran down his back as he ran. The other two scampered over the bank and into the jungle on the other side, but this kid wavered and fell by the river.

He was bleeding from a head wound. We bandaged it, but that didn't stop the bleeding. I didn't have an American medic, but we pulled a can of blood expander out of our Montag-

more scared than I've ever been.

But the sniper had bugged out.

I crossed the river for the fourth time. When I reached the bank, I stood and watched the boy die. And I watched him die in my dreams every night for the next ten years. I will probably see him die on the day I do, and I will still grieve for him. I bear responsibility for his death, and I never knew his name.

dead kids, and the tears that you've managed to postpone come at strange and inappropriate times.

But our leaders will not have these troubles with their dreams. Somehow this country is now run by people who think they're too good to fight for it.

This was dramatically brought home to me a few years ago when I was an editor in New York publishing.

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claimed, as he described the fruits of "Operation Pipe Dreams," his wide-ranging sweep of head shops, web-

sites, manufacturers, and other alleged drug-linked miscreants. "The drug-paraphernalia business is now accessible in anyone's home with a computer and Internet access. And in homes across America we know that

children and young adults are the fastest-growing Internet users. Quite simply, the illegal drug-paraphernalia industry has invaded the homes of families across the country without their knowledge. This illegal billion-dol-

lar industry will no longer be ignored by law enforcement."

"Those who sell drug paraphernalia are not only violating federal law, they are supporting a culture of illegal drug use," chimed in U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan

of Pennsylvania. "Drug users, in turn, by creating demand for heroin, cocaine, and marijuana, and other illicit substances, are responsible for the violence and huge profits which accompany drug

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dealing in our cities and communities."

"People selling drug paraphernalia are in essence no

different than drug dealers," added John Brown, acting administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration. "They are as much a part of drug trafficking as silencers are a part of criminal homicide. These criminals

operate a multimillion-dollar enterprise, selling their paraphernalia in head shops, distributing out of huge warehouses, and using the World Wide Web as a worldwide paraphernalia market. With Operations Pipe

Dreams and Headhunter, these criminals are out of business, and 11 illicit dot-coms are dot-gone."

At the heart of the case, according to federal prosecutors, is a little-known — and, critics say, little-enforced —

law that bans the sale of virtually any kind of device that can potentially be used to get high. "Federal law defines drug paraphernalia as those products that are primarily intended or designed to be used in ingesting, inhaling, or

otherwise using controlled substances, and include user-friendly and dealer-friendly devices," says a justice department news release describing the case against McComb and 54 other people from Michigan, Iowa, and California named in 35 separate indictments. "Items such as miniature scales, substances for 'cutting' or diluting raw narcotics, bongs, marijuana pipes, roach clips, miniature spoons, and cocaine-freebase kits, among other things, are all considered drug paraphernalia."

McComb, the government alleges, was engaged in a "conspiracy to sell and distribute drug paraphernalia." His fellow defendants from San Diego, as named in the indictment, include Catherine Nicole Adamson, Bruce Dean Ross, and what prosecutors allege to have been their companies, Grow Industries, Seedless Clothing Co., and Zong Toy Company, which records show have an address on Morena Boulevard. The pipes and other articles McComb and company allegedly sold on the Web include the "Little Z Mini Bubbler Survival Kit," the "Fat Fish Bowl," the "Fat Twist," and the "Nice Ass Hand-blown Pipe."

If found guilty of the felony charges, McComb and the others could face up to three years in federal prison and be subject to \$250,000 in fines for each count, of which McComb faces seven. That theoretically subjects him to a total prison term of 21 years. It's a situation that Charles Duff, McComb's court-appointed San Diego attorney, says is unprecedented.

"I think these days the justice department should have something better to do with its time," Duff says. "I've been practicing law for over 20 years and never seen a federal paraphernalia case here before. When I got this case I read the statute, and it's pretty shocking. It's very detailed, including bongs and roach clips."

McComb, who spent several days in downtown's federal lockup before his mother managed to get him out on a personal surety bond, now has to pay his own way to Iowa to face the charges against him, says Duff, who

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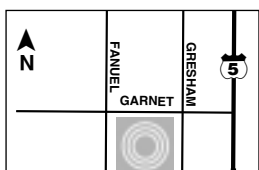
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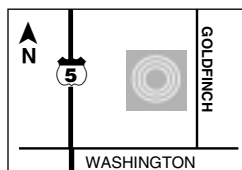
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advised his client not to speak to reporters.

According to a Dun and Bradstreet credit report dated October of last year, Grow Industries, listing Shea McComb as president and Kate Adamson as vice president, had 12 employees and grossed an "estimated" \$2.3 million. But according to Duff, McComb "says he isn't rich. He told me he's been living in the warehouse. He says he's in the clothing business now. The indictment goes back to acts alleged in 1999." The attorney added that his client "fashions himself as somewhat of an artist. His blown glass was real pretty stuff."

Having posted bond here, McComb and his fellow defendants must find new attorneys to handle their cases in Iowa. And they must also foot their own living expenses there while awaiting hearings and trial. Keith Stroup, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws, says that supporters hope to raise a defense fund on their behalf. The effort is being organized in part by *High Times* magazine, many of whose advertisers were indicted as a result of Operation Pipe Dreams. "It's an extraordinarily foolish use of resources," Stroup says of the Ashcroft-led crackdown. "Especially at a time when we are about to go to war. We were at Code Orange when this occurred, and yet, what are they doing? They are out chasing people who sell pipes and rolling papers. The word that comes to mind is moronic."

Stroup acknowledges that a U.S. Supreme Court ruling 20 years ago upheld the federal paraphernalia law but vows to continue the fight against it. "Marijuana has become a symbol for the far right in the country," he argues. "I don't need a pipe to smoke marijuana. I buy the paper at a tobacco shop that sells a hundred different pipes. Anybody who wants to smoke marijuana from a pipe can do it. It doesn't have to be a bong. The Attorney General knows this doesn't have anything to do with drug use. It's pure symbolism."

Although Ashcroft has threatened to take down the websites of those indicted in Operation Pipe Dream and redirect their visitors to the justice department site, as of last week, the Zong site was still in business, with a pre-

indictment note saying, "We can no longer ship tobacco accessories to anyone under the age of 21. UPS adult signature requires that the receiver be 21 or up. If that sucks for you, then bitch at UPS. It's not our fault." ■

Chimps with nukes

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Chimps with nukes

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vious week. But she had never, neither socially nor professionally, knowingly met a Vietnam veteran.

But when our offices were moved in a corporate takeover, I stood in the halls and played Where-was-you-at? with the moving men. "Were you there for Tet?" "Were you in the Ia Drang?" Yes, they were.

About ten years ago the armed services pruned all the Vietnam vets they could from their ranks. The 'Namers had had that experience of being sold out by the people they risked their lives for, their lives expended needlessly by people who did not go and did not send their children. For the most part these men were still brave, still willing, if necessary, to die for freedom. But they were entirely too prone to ask the question, "Is this trip really necessary?"

It would probably be politically impossible to invade Iraq with an army of draftees. With the all-volunteer Army we are spared those embarrassing questions about inequality of sacrifice.

I have heard and believe that during the entire course of the Vietnam War the son of only one congressman served. But those congressmen who did not send their sons, and did not send the sons of their college-deferred big contributors, voted with the Tonkin Gulf Resolution to send the sons of their less-affluent constituents. This is as grand a betrayal as I can imagine.

So we are now led by people who did not serve, and whose children do not serve. There is no Lieutenant Rumsfeld waiting for the new gas masks for his platoon. There is no Navy pilot named Bush in this generation. Somebody's daughter will die, but it won't be Barb or Jenna.

It's interesting to me that no Vietnam vet has achieved the office of President of the United States. Those who have climbed as high as the senate have done so under special circumstances. One wonders if John McCain would have been elected if he'd merely been a fighter pilot and not a POW. One

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wonders if Bob Kerry would have gone so far if he'd not lost a leg. But both of them know the full horror of war. I'd be far more comfortable if the decision to invade or not invade Iraq were being made by such a man. They don't see "collateral damage." They see dead babies.

Since Vietnam, I don't think America trusts her military anymore. This is something of a mistake. There were next to no congressmen's sons in Vietnam, but every three or four weeks I'd pick up a *Stars and Stripes* and read where Lieutenant So-and-so, the son of General So-and-so, had been killed leading a Marine platoon. The military is probably the only segment of our society left that has that sense of noblesse oblige.

Saddam's military capabilities compared to those of the United States are almost laughable...unless we're right, and he has poison gas and biological agents and uses them. We'll still "win," but no one will be laughing because nothing will be funny.

The notion that we, the United States, can create "a stable democracy" in the Middle East strikes me as hubris of the highest order. But it's possible. We managed to create fairly stable, fairly democratic regimes in Japan and the Philippines after World War II, and they're still functioning more or less in that mode. So maybe this will work. But it's a very long shot. I'd just feel ever so much better if the people making the decisions carried the same risk as the people carrying them out. The only dogs they have in this fight are their money and their power. Bush won't personally know anyone who dies.

With the British upper classes the oldest son became lord of the manor, and the number two son went to the army, and number three to the church. The British Empire lasted a long time. But I do not think America will long be top nation. The people will lose faith in a leadership that expends America's sons and daughters like used Kleenex but sends its own to Harvard and Yale.

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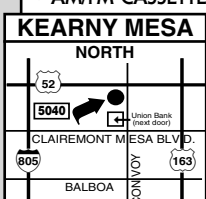


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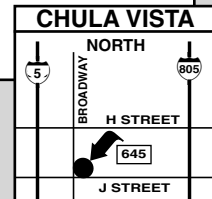
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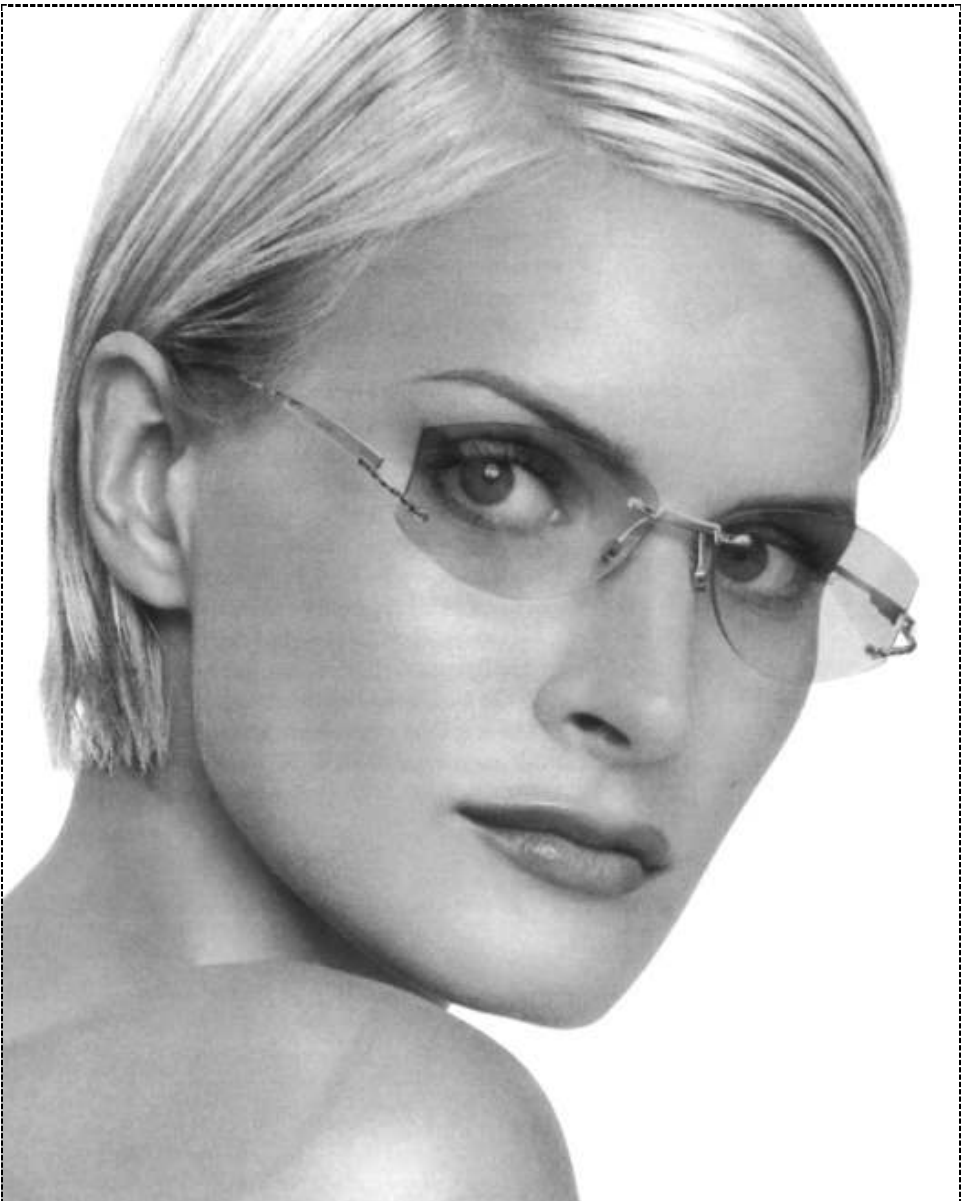
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Hey:

Which of the following expels air from the body fastest, hardest: sneeze, cough, or fart? What would happen if you did all three at the same time?

— Dave from Arkansas

Another big thinker from Arkansas, by golly. And we thought Bill and Hillary got all the brains. So Dave, it's like this. Coughs and sneezes are both reflexes that ultimately squeeze your chest and force out air. When you sneeze, your uvula and the soft part of the back of your throat automatically block your mouth, and all that air is blasted through narrow nasal passages. When you cough, your mouth isn't blocked. Fastest laboratory-tested sneeze: 103 mph. Cough? Somewhere around 60 mph. Fart? The average human farts 14 times a day, but there's no data on speed. Not likely fast enough to get you a speeding ticket in a school zone. All three at once? You'd fall over because you'd be laughing your ass off.

Hey, Matt:

What's the difference between a couch and a sofa?

— Jay, Bay Park

Oh, maybe a hundred bucks. Actually, to Pa Alice they're pretty much the same thing, since he can easily fall sleep in front of the TV on either one. But if you take the question seriously and waste time looking for an answer, you'll find that a sofa is a sort of glorified couch. Couch: Think of an upholstered, benchlike thing, sometimes backless and armless. Sofa: a similar long upholstered seat, usually with arms and back and often convertible into a bed. Oddly, the name for the benchlike couch is French, *couche*, "bed." The bedlike sofa is Arabic, *suffah*, "bench." According to Pa Alice, La-Z-Boy is American, "beer."

Heymatt:

Was Communion wine affected by Prohibition?

— Ike, downtown

Yes. Prohibition made it extremely popular, since it was one of the few forms of alcohol not banned by the 18th Amendment. Between 1923 and 1924, there was a 50% increase in sales of "sacramental" wine, though no one particularly noticed a corresponding increase in church attendance.

Hey, Matthew:

I've been a longtime fan of your work, particularly the literary device of the *Elves and Grandma*. Here's my two-part question. Why is a baker's dozen actually 13? I'm guessing something along the lines of a promotion ("Don't buy from my competitor; I'll give you one for free"). And why does the number 12 have its own special term ("dozen")? What's wrong with the number 15, for example. It could be called a squerble or some such thing.

— Christopher White, the net

Literary devices? Grandma? The elves? We're shocked and appalled! Grandma's boo-hooing into her apron again. The elves are doing one-potato, two-potato to see who gets to kneecap you. They'd hit you somewhere else but that's as high as they can reach. I'm in such a huff, I refused to answer you. So this information comes from some bloke the elves pulled off the street who, as far as we can tell, doesn't know his ass from his elbow. We're not responsible for any damages that may result to you if this is pure bunk. The street stranger says your story about "baker's dozen" sounds good to him. Lucky guess on your part, I'm sure. As for "dozen," well, he didn't have a clue and left to call a cop. Turns out, the word is from Latin, via French, the word for 12. And 12 became a standard count in commerce because the quantity can be divided evenly in half, in thirds, and in quarters. If I wanted half a squerble of eggs, you'd be required to count out seven eggs, scramble the eighth, and pour half of it into a to-go cup. Now you go too, until that attitude changes.

Heymatt:

My little sister asks strange questions. Why does conditioner feel colder than shampoo?

— Sandra, the net

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Winter Fun

Charlie Becker says, “Sorlie’s out of Kaltag, coming up to Old Woman Mountain on the way to Unalakleet.”

I ask, “How many dogs?”

“Just a second.” I hear a telephone handset fall, bang against a wall, followed by the thunderous people-roar of a crowded bar deep in the heart of a good time. Several minutes pass. Charlie returns, picks up the dangling handset and says, “Eleven. His team’s traveling well.”

Becker is referring to Robert Sorlie, 45, who, at present, is leading the 31st Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. In fact, at this moment, Sorlie is making his way from the village of Kaltag, located on the lower Yukon River, to the Norton Sound, which is, happily, a paltry 259 miles from the finish line in Nome.

Meanwhile, Charlie Becker is working on an impressive Monday-morning drunk at Pike’s Landing, a once well-regarded saloon built next to the Chena River, a few miles downstream from Fairbanks, and 750 miles, by Iditarod race trail, from Robert Sorlie and his 11 huskies, who are, as we speak, racing toward the village of Unalakleet at the championship speed of 8 mph.

This is of no particular note, save for the random intersection of three normally unconnected lines of personal history. (1) I know Pike’s, having lived nearby, in a one-room cabin high up on the south slope of Ester Dome. (2) Winters have become increasingly warm in Alaska. Indeed, locals say it simply doesn’t get cold anymore, particularly this winter, when the weather was so warm and dry that the Iditarod start had to be moved from its Anchorage/Wasilla habitat *because* there was no snow on the damn ground. (3) Therefore, the Iditarod circus moved to Fairbanks for the first and — if race organizers have any say — the last time.

Fairbanks is 358 miles north of Anchorage by way of the Parks Highway. At least, that’s one way to measure it. Another is by climate. Anchorage is coastal, home to the same big, beautiful trees and luxuriant green shrubs you’ve seen in movies about Alaska, particularly those movies with nestling bald eagles in the opening reel. Fairbanks lies on the far side of the Alaska Range, which is an entirely different asteroid than the one found around Anchorage. The region is commonly referred to as “Interior Alaska.” This harmless-sounding appellation represents one zillion square miles of permafrost generously sprinkled with hideously stunted spruce trees — in other words, the big, bad, subarctic and delighted home to Iditarod’s new start line, which can be found, by the way, right out the back door of Pike’s Landing.

Although the temperature was 40 degrees above zero during the Iditarod’s official 10:00 a.m. start, there was snow on the ground, at least on a good portion of it, and the Chena River was frozen thick enough to bear the weight of 64 dog teams, 64 mushers, and their equipment, at least on that day. A few days later, entire sections of the race course had to be scratched due to lack of snow or open water.

It’s gotten so bad that the chamber of commerce is now promoting Fairbanks as the wintertime fun place in Alaska, meaning, “We’ve got snow here.” Not that long ago, when winter temperatures routinely hit 40-, 50-below

zero and stayed there for-fucking-ever, advertising Fairbanks as wintertime fun would be considered evidence of criminal fraud.

I called Fairbanks this morning because I knew Pike’s Landing would effortlessly mutate into unofficial race headquarters for two of the most reliable of all reasons: booze and food. I got the day-shift bartender on the line, rattled off five names, asked if any one of them were sitting at his long bar. I did figure that one of the five would be there, but it was pure luck that the person turned out to be Charlie Becker, son of a homesteader and third-generation Alaskan who has run dogs most of his life.

“How bad is the trail?” I ask,

“Patchy snow, ice, and bare tundra into Unalakleet,” Charlie says. “Can’t fucking believe it. It’s 32 degrees on Norton Sound, no wind, pure sunshine.” Now comes a long quiet, then, “It’s beginning to look like the end of the world.”

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ter — the sooner, colder, and darker the better. Loving winter is regarded as a Fairbanks birth certificate; only despised newcomers snivel about weather. Moving on, “Who’s in second place?”

“Ramy Brooks. He left Kaltag 82 minutes behind Sorlie with nine dogs.” Charlie takes a long pull of — I’d guess — Henry Weinhard’s, followed by a shot of tequila. After an appropriate passage of time, Charlie says, “Harold called in. You remember Harold? He’s one of the Kaltag checkpoint veterinarians this year.”

I make a grunt sound, indicating uncertainty.

“He said Brooks’s dogs looked thin, sat on their haunches, and pushed their food around. Sorlie’s dogs looked strong.”

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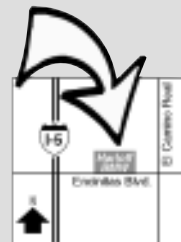
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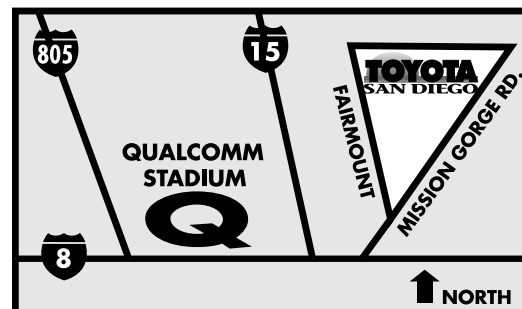
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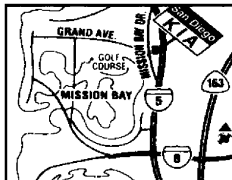
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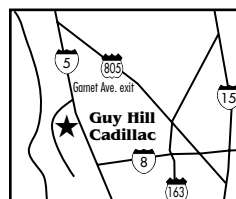
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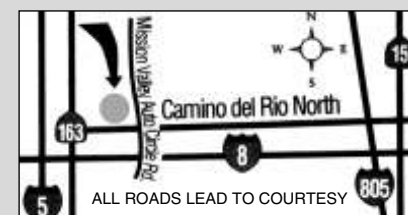
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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
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Year founded: 1974
Senior pastor: Reverend Stewart Reimnitz
Congregation: 220
Staff: 1 full-time, 1 part-time
Sunday school enrollment: 40
Annual budget: \$492,000
Weekly giving: \$1700
Singles program: no
Diversity: white, Hispanic
Dress: dressy casual to dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 10:00 a.m.

Martin Luther described the Roman Catholic Church as the "devil's whore-church" that "stuffed" believers' mouths with "horse dung." He of course elaborated further on the subject. So in the early 21st Century it's surprising to walk into a Missouri Synod parish like Christ the Cornerstone in Mira Mesa. The worship you find there feels more Roman Catholic than what you'd find in many Roman Catholic churches.

Cornerstone's senior pastor, Reverend Stewart Reimnitz, who's served at the church for 28 years, told me that Lutheran clergy describe parishes like his not as High Church, but as "liturgical." His Sunday worship follows the traditional service that uses Communion Setting II from the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. He adheres to the liturgical year and its customs. He allows, for example, no flowers in the sanctuary during Lent. He excises the word "alleluia" from all hymns sung during Lent. For worship, Reverend Reimnitz wears not only a cassock, but over it a chasuble, whose color is dictated by the seasons of the liturgical year. (Reverend Reimnitz told me that only 30 percent of Missouri Synod pastors wear chasubles.) He told me he uses incense once or twice a year.

Cornerstone's exterior is plain stucco. Inside, banks of stained glass windows in the north and south walls admit warm, dreamy light. Hanging on the dim and very tall east wall behind the altar, long vertical banners display symbols of the Lenten season. When I entered the church a little early last Sunday morning, the altar was already set with the Elements. A lighted candle, what Lutherans call the Eternal Candle, flickered in a holder suspended above the ceiling before the altar.

Cornerstone's hourlong liturgy is, as you might expect, formal, moving from Prelude to Dismissal in 31 separate steps (Invocation, Kyrie, Confession of Faith, Post-Communion Cantic, etc.) Many Cornerstone members, however, don't make the Sign of the Cross, even during the Trinitarian Invocation. I saw only one person genuflect when he entered the church. But Cornerstone's congregation takes its worship so to heart that even its small children are well-man-

nered during the service.

Last Sunday morning, Reverend Reimnitz told his congregation that Lent was 40 days in which they were to prepare their "hearts and minds" for Holy Week. He based his sermon on the previous week's observance of Ash Wednesday. He started by saying, "One of the things the ashes remind us of is that, although our sins are forgiven, *we all will die*. Eventually, we all will be like ashes. We all will be like dust in the wind."

Reverend Reimnitz's wife approached the altar, and in a sort of mock interview, quizzed him further about what the ashes meant.

"You're covered in filth and slime," he told her. "Invisible to the human eye. The ashes represent something that many people don't like to talk about today because it makes them feel guilty or worthless. The ashes remind us that we are covered in sin."

Reverend Reimnitz had a point. Nowadays even in evangelical fundamentalist churches, you almost never hear a pastor directly address death and sin. I don't think I've ever heard a Roman Catholic priest remind his congregation that they were covered in sin, much less filthy and slimy sin. (Several years ago, during a Thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Cathedral, I heard Reverend Canon Lee Teed give a frank sermon about death. That I still remember it shows how rare such a sermon is.)

As I watched Reverend Reimnitz's congregation kneel before the altar to receive Holy Communion, I wondered if his being "liturgical" were in some way tied to his faith.

Lutheran clergy tend to be crack theologians. They know what they believe, and they've been trained to explain it. So, after the service, when I posed my questions to Reverend Reimnitz, I was charmed and unsurprised when he kept grabbing for my pen and pad to draw little diagrams and outlines of

what he was trying to say. I had to push him somewhat for him to be self-confessional.

He at first explained that Martin Luther had no beef with the Roman liturgy, per se. "He even said he could swallow the idea of a Pope, feathers and all." But what did the traditional liturgy mean to Reverend Reimnitz?

"It keeps me in touch with the life of Jesus Christ. The liturgical year gives balance to my faith and life. It was something worked out over hundreds of years. Tremendous thought and talent went into it. It keeps people from overemphasizing any one aspect of the Gospel at the expense of others.

"I suppose if someone took the liturgical calendar and the liturgy away from me, and left me with only the sacraments and the Gospel, I'd have to figure out a way of best presenting those things to people. And what I'd end up with, in the end, would be something very similar to the traditional liturgy."

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND STEWART REIMNITZ

**Christ the Cornerstone
Lutheran Church
Mira Mesa**
★★^{1/2}

Sermon

content.....★★★
delivery.....★★★

Liturgy.....★★★
Music

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

Snacks.....★★
Flowers.....no flowers

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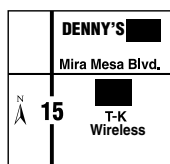
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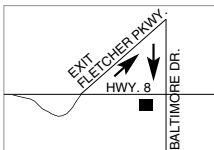
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My fiancée and I have a problem that we are at a loss on how to handle. We have been friends with a couple for almost ten years. It was through our (male) working relationship that the girls were introduced, and while they initially hit it off, their friendship has tapered off to nonexistent over the past few years. I have kept a healthy, steady friendship with "Bob" and consider him one of my best friends. Recently, before my fiancée and I became engaged, Bob's wife made an accusation that has had a profound effect on everybody concerned. She had no basis, only a distant memory that is so far off base it is too incredible to describe. The problem is that we have asked Bob to stand up at our wedding, but we do not want her there unless an apology, in the most sincere form, comes from her heart and lips. We demanded an apology at first with none forthcoming, so we have just avoided her. She has sent Christmas gifts and also a congratulation card to us with regards to our engagement but is acting as if the whole thing never happened. However, that is not going to do the trick as far as we are concerned. Actually, we are not sure if she even wants to go since our friends and family all know of her accusation and are upset about her allegations. How would you handle this situation? We are afraid that if she is not issued an invite all types of new problems will sprout up, perhaps even disrupt my friendship with Bob further. We need to know how to proceed with this delicate situation.

AT A LOSS IN DEL CERRO

Dear At a Loss,

It's difficult to offer advice here without knowing what accusation Bob's wife made that has so shocked you, your intended, and your whole circle of acquaintance. So I'm handicapped, but I'll try to work with a kind of blindfold on. Consider inviting Bob and his wife over and explaining the problem to them. You could say that you want to have Bob stand up at the wedding, and of course that would mean inviting both him and his wife. You and your betrothed are deeply troubled, however, by whatever this mysterious accusation was and wish to clear the air before the wedding, so that this issue isn't hanging over that happy day (and good relations between the four of you) like a dark cloud. Hopefully, a frank and healing chat will ensue, and you'll end up feeling comfortable inviting them both. An alternative would be to feel Bob out about this problem first. Explain your misgivings and ask him how he thinks this can best be handled. Tell him that you don't want to damage the friendship in any way. Either the matter will get sorted

out to your satisfaction by talking to one or both of them, and you can invite them to the nuptials, or you'll find that if you still want to invite only Bob, he may or may not be willing to participate in a wedding at which his wife is not welcome. Since you are adamant about demanding an apology, that's a risk you must run. You should probably have a backup in mind for Bob in case his wife won't relent, and he therefore feels he has to bow out.

Dear Readers,

Here's a response to a recent letter from "Mad Spring Valley Dad." In that letter, a divorced father complained that his ex-wife, who once tried unsuccessfully to get sole custody of their kids, now spends precious little time with her offspring, neglecting them in favor of her new boyfriend. The father was annoyed that his ex was constantly asking him to take the kids extra days so she could keep company with her new sweetie.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

Please forward this message to "Mad Spring Valley Dad." His ex-wife's priorities are out of whack, which makes it obvious she wanted full custody of the kids for the wrong reasons. This dad needs to keep careful written track of the time he spends with his kids. If he is indeed spending much more time with them than his ex is, because she is continually dumping them off on him, he could get full custody of the children. I know of a situation that was very similar to this. As advised by his lawyer, the dad kept track of the extra time spent with his children when the mother was "out with friends for the weekend" or "on a date." When it began to consistently exceed the time the kids spent with their mother, he was granted full custody. I'm surprised this dad's own lawyer didn't tell him this.

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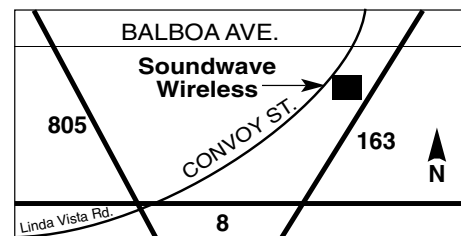


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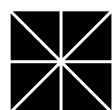
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Grandma's teeth sat in a clear glass on the toilet, a complete set of pearly whites smiling up at me. As a child, that unnerved me. Not realizing they were dentures, it was as if her eyeballs were lying there. This issue came to the forefront last week while Grandma was visiting. A tooth on her denture had a crack and needed fixing. I called Dr. Donald Fleming for some information.

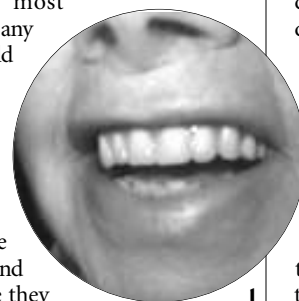
"The single most important thing that any denture patient should do," explained Fleming, "is wear their dentures 24 hours a day. Many people come in to see me, having lost their dentures, because they took them out and didn't know where they put them. Many people take their dentures out and leave them sitting in a glass of water and the glass gets knocked over and somebody steps on them and then they need a whole new denture. Or the dog chews the denture up. I have seen this happen many times. So if the denture is always in your mouth, or in your hand when you clean it, you can't lose it or break it."

Why do people take their dentures out at night?

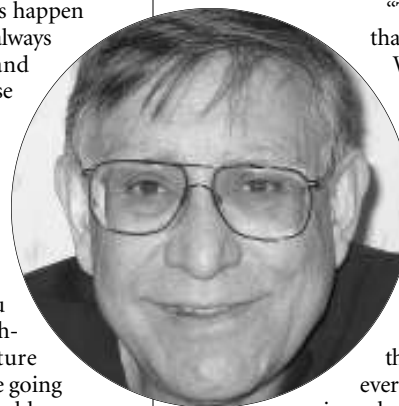
"People take them out at night because they think they should, or because they think they should soak them overnight. Soaking dentures is fine but you should really be using your toothbrush and toothpaste or denture paste to clean them. If you were going to clean your kitchen floor, would spraying Mop & Glo or getting down on your hands and knees with a scrub brush work better? The cleaner you make the denture, the longer it is going to last, the better it is going to be."

"The other recommendation that I give to my patients," Fleming continued, "is when they are cleaning their dentures, they should fill the sink with water and put in the stopper, so if they drop the denture into the sink, it is going to hit the water and not the hard porcelain sink."

Dr. Fleming laid out the types of dentures. "There is the complete denture which means that you have no teeth at all. This can be either upper or lower. If a person has no upper teeth but has lower teeth, he could have a complete denture on the top of his mouth. Then there is what is called a partial denture, which means that part of the teeth are yours and part of the teeth are on this removable appliance. And the appliance comes in and out for cleaning. Now, in those two types of dentures, there are two kinds of teeth. You can either have plastic — acrylic, they call it — or porcelain teeth. It is very hard to tell the difference between the two, though I think the porcelain look a little bit better. And porcelain teeth chew much better than plastic teeth. Porcelain teeth can chip or crack or break just like you can break a porcelain cup. Plastic teeth will not chip or break unless they are severely traumatized, but they will wear out. What affects the wear is if you have your own teeth oppo-



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and it is going to lift up against the denture if you have no teeth to hold it in. This is why any real teeth on the bottom of the mouth are vital. Even if you only have two teeth, those two teeth stop the denture from moving in a forward direction, stop the denture from spinning, stop the denture from moving laterally. What the two teeth don't stop is the upward and downward motion."

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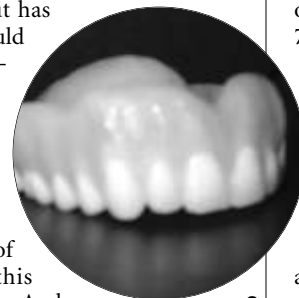
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live a perfect life,” Lester Tenney told me. “I’ve been a very fortunate man.”

We were sitting in the sunshine on his patio on Mount Soledad. Betty, his wife of over 40 years, had served us coffee cake on china plates. A maid was vacuuming the rooms inside. I could hear the whack of tennis balls being hit on courts nearby. At 83, Tenney himself still plays doubles — craftily. “They call him ‘Cuisinart,’ because he slices everything,” said Betty.

But these trappings of the good life aren’t what Tenney meant when he said he has been lucky. He elaborated: “Number one, I’ve been able to move away psychologically from the problem. Number two, I don’t have any hatred in my heart any longer. I’ve been able to deal with it. And so I am a very free man. Many of my buddies are not. You talk to them, and they get like this” — he shook his clenched fists in front of his face — “‘I hate those bastards!’ But I don’t have that. So I’m a very fortunate person.”

Tenney wears two hearing aids. On the day we spoke, he was also wearing a yellow-knit polo shirt, gray slacks, and white shoes. He resembles a lot of prosperous men of his generation who can often be found dealing hands at bridge tables in La Jolla. Besides playing tennis, Tenney is known to play bridge. But his “problem,” as he calls it, sets him apart from most of his cohorts. In 1940, when the native Chicagoan joined the National Guard, he had expected to serve a single year with the 192nd Tank Battalion and be back to civilian life before he reached his 22nd birthday. It didn’t happen. He’s a survivor of the Bataan Death March and beyond — three and a half years in Japanese prison camps.



Carlos Montoya, Camp O'Donnell, 1942

He’s an unusual veteran for another reason: he continues to fight — in court. He is suing the private Japanese company that forced him to perform slave labor during those years when he was a prisoner. *Tenney v. Mitsui* and similar suits — all of them filed in the last few years but still unresolved — have been called the last battle of World War II.

I worried beforehand that I would find it difficult to ask Tenney questions. I was in the middle of reading his autobiography, *My Hitch in Hell*, which contains many violent passages, like this one: “On the second day of the march, I saw a Japanese truck coming down the road. In the back of the truck were guards with long pieces of rope that they whipped toward us marching men. They tried to hit any prisoner who



Carlos Montoya

was not marching fast enough. They snapped a rope at one of the marchers on the outside of the column, caught him around his neck, and then pulled him toward the back of the truck. They dragged him for at least one hundred yards down the road. His body just twisted and turned; he rolled this way and that way, bumping along the gravel road until he was able to free himself from the whip. By then he looked like a side of beef. As he crawled on his hands and knees and slowly raised his bleeding body off of the road, he screamed at them, ‘You bastards! I’ll get even with you for this. I’ll live to pee on your graves.’ ”

Elsewhere, repeatedly, he writes of his own beatings and torture. For example: “I hung on the stretching rack for a day and a

It was almost as if a September 12 had happened after September 11 and hadn’t made



Top photo: POWs, Bataan Peninsula, Philippines;
bottom: released POWs, Aomori, Japan, 8/29/45



half, and when they let me down, it was only to start another inhumane act. They tore my clothes off and tied a piece of wet bamboo splice, like a string, around my testicles. Then they hanged me again for the balance of the day. As the sun became stronger the drying bamboo contracted, becoming tighter around my testicles....”

It’s true that the book has many, less grim, even tender moments, since it is also a love story about Tenney and the proverbial girl he left behind, whom he had married shortly before shipping out. “The more I thought about my beloved wife the more I was determined to get home in one piece,” he writes. “I wanted to be back with Laura, to hold her in my arms, and to tell her how much I missed her. I had to get back. That was all there was to it.”

Still, I could only imagine a man whose predominant mood now must surely be dark. This idea was reinforced by books like Gavan Daws’s *Prisoners of the Japanese* in which I had read: “In the immediate postwar years, when Japanese war criminals were learning how to be prisoners, the POWs were having to relearn how to be free men, and it turned out to be a life sentence. Home was supposed to be perfect, exactly the way it used to be. But it was not, nothing like it, and a lot of men could not reconnect, body or soul.”

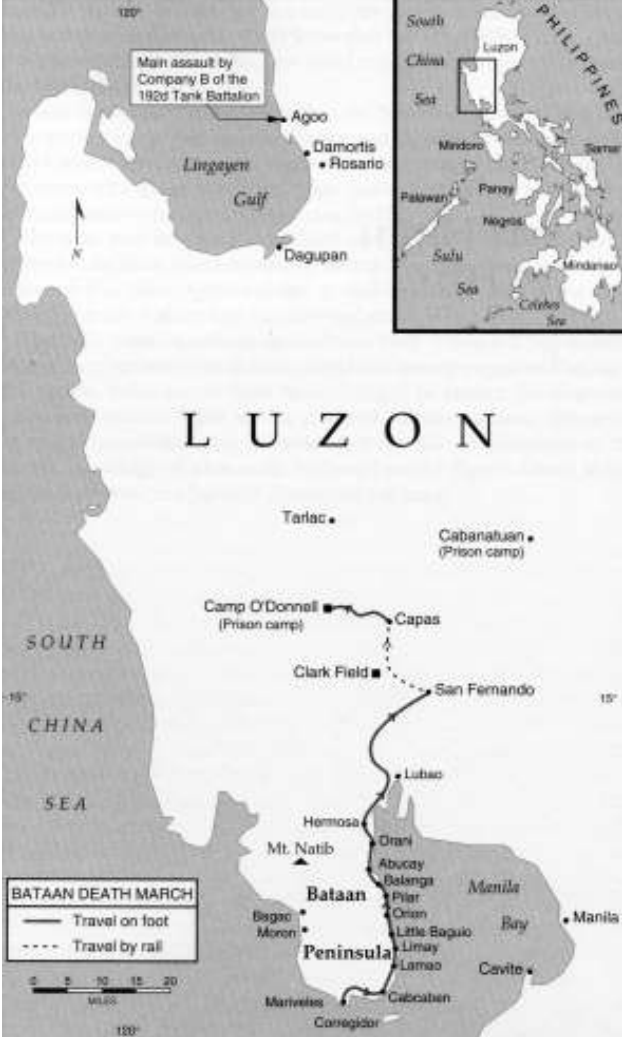
Daws describes “behaviors” of all sorts: “At home or out at a restaurant, if they saw someone leaving food on the plate they might be seized by the urge to shove it into his face, or her face.” Scrounging. Hoarding. Hating to stand in line, especially at a buffet. Touchiness. Jumpiness. Extreme sensitivity to sudden, loud noises. Becoming upset for weeks upon hearing a news report of some-

the evening news.

one trapped in a well or a cave-in. "If a POW did not have one of these behaviors he had another," Daws writes, "and many men had more than one: private madnnesses of all shapes and sizes. The best they could do was keep their most extreme and inexplicable weirdnesses to themselves."

I had been reading other books besides Tenney's, because I'd had only a vague notion of what the Bataan Death March was. I hadn't known much about the mass surrender in the Philippines, which had caused it. And I'd had little idea of what had happened to the men who had become Japan's prisoners, except that, sometime in the past, I'd seen the 1957 movie *Bridge on the River Kwai* and knew its whistled theme song. (In reality, Allied prisoners did build bridges in Burma to help move Japanese supplies and troops from Bangkok to Rangoon, and many of

them died under the conditions.) I felt bad about my ignorance, and worried about it too. It didn't seem enough of an excuse that most Americans are largely uninformed about that aspect of the war. As Tenney writes: "The bombing and strafing of Fort Stotsenburg and Clark Field within hours of the raid on Pearl Harbor went virtually unnoticed by the average person in the United States." It was almost as if a September 12 had happened after September 11 and hadn't made the evening news. Later, history books didn't emphasize it. America's first battle of the war had ended in defeat and a near-total breakdown of military command. Dozens of men, for example, refused to surrender and hid out in the jungles, where they formed guerrilla bands. (Tenney, after escaping from prison camp, briefly lived among them before being



The 63-mile-long Bataan Death March began April 9, 1942, with 70,000 American and Filipino POWs; 7000 to 10,000 died.

recaptured.) No wonder we preferred to play it down.

But my fears and worries about what Tenney would be like

were unfounded. Even before I met him, he put me at ease in our initial phone call with his wisecracking humor. ("You want to

meet me early, you say? How about 6:00 a.m.??") I was also relieved to learn, when I called the Tenney household again, a few days before our appointment (at 9:00 a.m., not 6:00), that he wasn't home because he was attending a magic show at the Civic Center. Anyone who enjoys magic can't be morose.

By then, I had finished his book, which, *mirabile dictu*, concludes on a nearly joyful note, with a friendship that he and Betty make with a Japanese exchange student, resulting in a trip to Japan for the student's wedding, and with Tenney's statement that, although he once did hate the Japanese guards who treated him so cruelly, he has never hated the Japanese as a people. And I had read more generally about what had happened to men, like Tenney, who had worked in coal mines and steel mills and at shipyards during their imprisonment.

Just like those who had worked on the Burma-Siam Railroad — an assignment that the *River Kwai* shamelessly prettied up — many thousands of them died. Those who did survive were brutalized, malnourished, and subjected to diseases from which many of them never recovered. The Japanese had signed but never ratified the terms of the Geneva Convention, the international agreement of 1929 that had defined the humane treatment of prisoners of war. As many historians have written, the Japanese didn't accept the Western concept of honorable surrender. Few Japanese soldiers would let themselves be taken as prisoners: they preferred suicide. It amazed the Japanese when American prisoners wanted to contact their families. Wouldn't the folks back home be ashamed of them?

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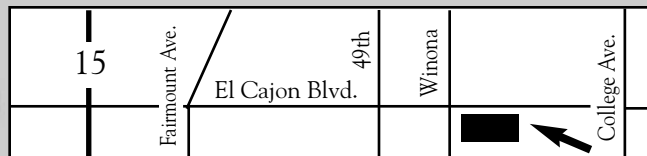
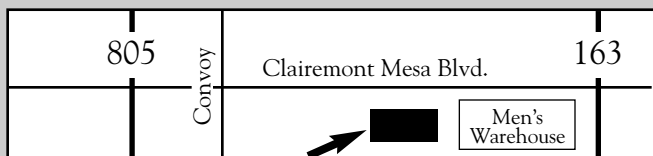
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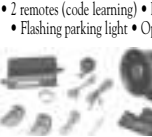


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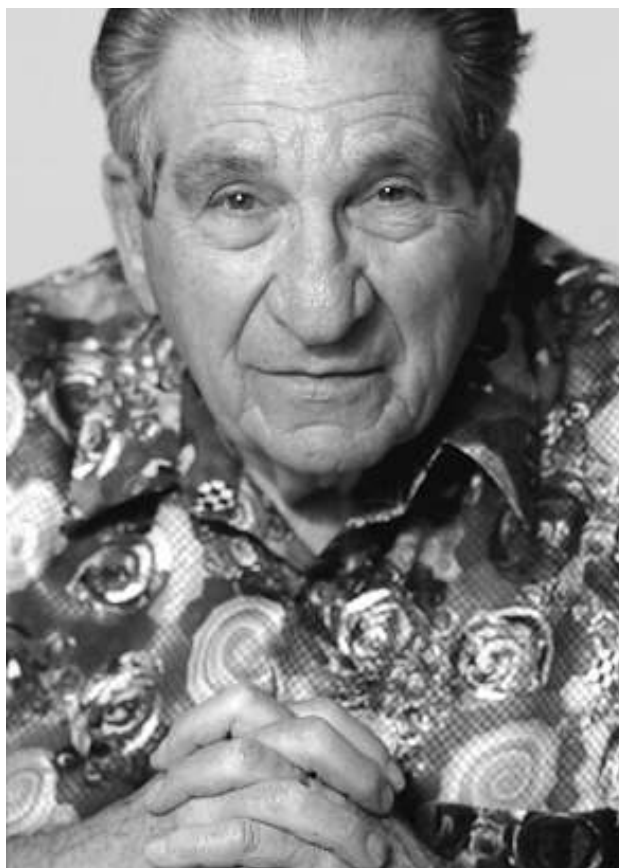


ple were suffering from food shortages. How could they feed so many prisoners (320,000 of all nations taken in six months)? Well, if they had to feed them, even as minimally as they did, they might as well get some work out of them.

Tenney worked in coal mines on an island about 35 miles east of a not-yet-famous city named Nagasaki. The mines belonged to Mitsui. "The Japanese guards marched us [to the mines], a distance of about three miles [from the barracks], and then turned us over to civilians for the actual work in the mines," he writes in *My Hitch in Hell*. "The shaft mine was underground. We had either to walk or ride down. Most of the time...we had to walk, carrying jackhammers with five-foot-long bits, shovels, axes, saws, hammers....

"We experienced serious accidents that cost many of our men their lives, an arm or leg, and in a few cases, broken backs. Many injuries, often fatal, were caused when the ceiling collapsed in what was known as sidewall cave-ins. It made no difference how many accidents we had, however, the work had to go on....

"If we performed the way we were supposed to, the Japanese did not beat us. If we goofed off, however, then we could expect the consequences. Of course, this basic premise did not follow any type of pattern. We were beaten for any reason the Japanese civilians wanted. If their food was in short supply, if the Americans bombed a Japanese city, or if the supervisors wanted more coal that day than was produced, they beat us. We quickly



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Lester Tenney

found out that there was no need for an excuse; we were punished anytime the Japanese wanted to vent their anger and frustration."

As Tenney led the

way to the patio on the morning of our meeting, I watched to see if he had a limp, since I knew from the book that one of his hips had been severely injured. I couldn't tell. As we sat

down, I looked at his fingernails. The Japanese had shoved small pieces of dried bamboo under them, then set the bamboo on fire. They were nicely filed and shaped.

Did he have any lasting ill effects from his ordeal? I asked him.

"Yeah, I'm crazy," he said. "But you know what? You only have permanent disabilities if you think about them. If you don't think about them, you don't have any. Forget about it. The things I can't do, I don't even think about. That's my way. But I don't have any permanent disabilities, no."

"Well, your stomach isn't right," Betty said gently, "and your back isn't right —"

"And my head isn't right. And my left arm isn't right. So what?" said Tenney, whose manner is often brash, but ultimately endear-

ing, like that of the old dog who barks and growls but can't keep his tail from wagging at the same time. "I turn off a lot of things. Last week, I had to have a root canal, and I don't take Novocain. I don't need it. I just sit in the chair and I say, 'Okay, wake me up when it's over. I'm just going to lie here and forget everything. Just go ahead.' And my mind goes to a complete blank. Bingo! It's what you can feel up here. I did that in prison camp. If you can't do that in prison camp, you die. You know? It's the same thing."

And yet Tenney hasn't forgotten the experience. ("I have a very, very keen memory of what happened," he told me, "so it was very easy for me to sit down and write [my book].") The pending lawsuit is evidence enough of that. What, I wondered,

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did he hope to gain from it?

“For me, this isn’t about money,” he said, and the statement must be taken literally, since the man is a retired professor of finance. (He taught at Arizona State University until 1983. For four years, in the 1960s, he taught at San Diego State University.) “I say what I’m about to tell you without trying to be highfalutin. But if they were to award me \$10 million tomorrow, it would not change my lifestyle one bit. I’m not going to buy a more pretentious house. I adore what I have. I have two cars. I can’t use more than two cars. I have 16 suits. I can’t use more than 16 suits. I have 25 sport jackets. I can’t use any more. I have,” he went on hyperbolically, “150 pairs of slacks. You understand what I’m saying? It’s not going to change my lifestyle.



Cabanatuan, central Luzon, Philippines, 1943

People say, ‘All you want is the money. Why don’t you come clean and just say so?’ Well, that’s so full of BS. Not that I’m not entitled to the money! You know, when you think about what I’m entitled to — and I say ‘entitled.’ What I may be able to

get is different. But what I think I’m *entitled* to is pay for work that I performed. But that still isn’t really what this is all about. This is about respectability. It’s about responsibility. It’s about dignity.”

As a soldier, Tenney

said, he accepted the likelihood that he might be captured and imprisoned, maimed, or killed in action. “What I did not expect was that I would be forced to work for a private company” — that is, Mitsui & Co., Ltd., the parent of com-

panies that are themselves gigantic, Toyota and Toshiba among them. A veritable corporate dynasty, Mitsui is the oldest, one of the biggest, and the most renowned economic unit in Japanese history. In 1945, when the war was won and Tenney was liberated, some experts say that Mitsui was probably the largest private business organization in the world. Today it has interests in just about any industry you can name. Banking? Insurance? Shipping? Foreign trade? Retail merchandising? Construction? Engineering? Textiles? Chemicals? Paper? Glass? Real estate? Forests? Quarries? Fisheries? If Mitsui itself doesn’t have a hand in it, one of its hundreds of subsidiaries around the world does — subsidiaries like Mitsui Mining USA, Inc., with an office in Torrance,

California.

Tenney v. Mitsui was filed on August 11, 1999, four days before the 54th anniversary of V-J Day. It immediately began making news. As other veterans learned about his suit, they began to make inquiries. Since then, 34 others in San Diego County have joined subsequent actions against Mitsui, Mitsubishi, and the Nippon Steel Corporation. All are being handled by Tenney’s lawyers at Casey Gerry Reed & Schenk in Banker’s Hill.

The Casey firm, founded in 1947, is considered to be the oldest “plaintiffs’ firm” in the city. It’s relatively small, with about 13 lawyers and 28 staffers, but it’s feisty and enjoys a good reputation locally as well as nationwide. For 13 years, it has co-represented the fishermen in the *Exxon Valdez* case

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(verdict: in excess of \$5 billion). In the 1990s, it argued California's case against "Big Tobacco," part of a joint venture consisting of 60 law firms that represented attorneys general in 46 states (settlement: \$25.2 billion). More commonly, it represents victims of serious personal injury, accidents, and fraud. To read the firm's brochure is to fear leaving the house; there's no telling when fate will make a sudden move in your direction. ("While jogging, Irene V.'s husband was killed by a lift gate extended from the side of a tractor-trailer, which drove by him...") But it isn't safe at home either. ("Kimberly V.'s house exploded after a stove was hooked up in her new residence...") The world is apparently full not only of dangerous situations but unsafe consumer products. A visitor to the firm's

office will hear the receptionist routing calls from would-be plaintiffs who are interested in information about Fen-Phen suits, for instance.

Tenney stressed that he first thought about bringing a suit against Mitsui shortly after he returned home from the war. He wrote a letter to the State Department in 1946. "Nineteen forty-six!" He repeated the date, because it's important for him not to be considered a bandwagon jumper, despite the reparations movements of all kinds that are sweeping the country — in fact, the world. "That was long, long before there was ever a thought of Holocaust cases," he said. The reference to Holocaust cases is to suits like *Gross v. Volkswagen* and *Rosenfeld v. Volkswagen*, filed in New Jersey courts by men who



Lester Tenney, Fort Knox, 1941

performed slave labor for companies in Nazi Germany. All such suits have now been settled by a \$5.2 billion fund for claimants. "This was long before any of that. But I knew I

wanted to go after them for what they did."

The State Department's response came just ten days later, said Tenney. "And I still have a copy of it, along with

my original letter. It says, in essence: 'You don't have to hire a lawyer. You don't have to have anybody to represent you. We're going to be taking care of everything, and we'll keep you informed as things progress.' That was in 1946! I haven't heard a word since!"

Tenney subsequently forgot about pursuing a lawsuit. "I forgot about everything. I went back to my life. I wanted a life!" According to him, life doesn't look predominantly dark to former prisoners of war. On the contrary: "When you go through something like that — it happens to everyone — life is very sweet. You learn not to live life as seriously as other people. You have different values. Money is not the driving force. For none of us, I think, was money the driving force. I think most of us

were driven to love and to understanding and to just being able to live, period."

Tenney pursued friendships, too, almost as a compulsion. "Friends are what keep you alive. Whatever you do, you have to have friends, not just because they help you stop the bleeding, but because sometimes they're just there, just to be with." He told me a story about his pursuit of friendship in San Diego, when he moved here from Florida after a divorce in the mid-1950s. (His first wife, Tenney discovered upon his return home, had given him up for dead and remarried in his absence; the move to San Diego was after a failed second marriage.) "When I came here 44 years ago, I didn't know anybody. So I made a decision to meet 90 people in 90 days that I could take out to lunch.

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I didn't want to make *close* friends with them in that period of time. I said to myself, 'If I can't meet 90 lunch partners in 90 days, I'm in the wrong place.' I got a phone call from somebody who asked, 'Do you play bridge?' And I lied and said, 'Yes.' Because if you play bridge, it means you're going to meet people. Right? I want to meet people! That's my goal! So they said, 'Well, this lady just got divorced. She needs a bridge partner. She won't go as a single.' I said, 'I'll go.' "

Again, Tenney credits the role that luck has played in his life, in prison camp and beyond: the lady who needed a bridge partner that evening was Betty.

At another bridge game, shortly after his book came out in 1995, Tenney says he met a retired lawyer from Colorado who had been impressed by the book

and who renewed in him the idea to pursue the Japanese companies in court. The retired lawyer introduced him to a young lawyer in North County, who in turn introduced him to David S. Casey Jr., whose father and grandfather before him had been lawyers at the Casey firm.

Casey was already aware of relevant legislation making its way through the California state house. A bill, sponsored by former State Senator Tom Hayden, had been designed for the Holocaust victims seeking redress. But its wording also covered suits brought by those who had worked for companies in the countries that were Germany's wartime allies — i.e., Japan. Casey began to monitor the bill's progress through the legislature. He watched, too, the defeat of bills



David Casey Jr.

like it that were proposed in other states — New York, Nebraska, and Rhode Island. Casey and others say the defeats came as a result of lobbying by the Japanese — efforts

that were unsuccessful in California. Casey's analysis of California's success with the first-of-its-kind legislation goes like this: "California is kind of a nation-state, and it's large

enough not to be threatened by a particular company going in and saying we'll pull out of the state." Tenney's take is different: "I want you to know that had that bill said 'Germany or Japan' rather than 'Germany and its allies,' it would never have passed. Oh, there are enough Japanese business people in the state of California that would have put the squash on that. In my opinion. But I think it went over their heads."

There was one more piece of synchronicity that made Tenney's timing just right. While the bill was being considered, the Casey firm was planning to merge with four other plaintiffs' firms in New Orleans, Atlanta, Mississippi, and Washington, D.C. They wanted to create a larger legal unit that would be better equipped to do battle

with the mega-corporations that each of them had previously faced alone. The result was Herman Mathis Casey Kitchens & Gerel — or Herman Mathis, for short — whose declared specialty is consumer class actions against corporate defendants. To announce its presence and to test its might, Herman Mathis wanted a high-profile case for its launch. After meeting Tenney, reading his book, and hearing his story directly from him at a big meeting in San Francisco, the firm chose his case to be the one. Within days of the new California law's passage, Casey filed Tenney's suit in Los Angeles Superior Court.

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I told David Casey that I had hoped that the sum of money Exxon was ordered to pay in the *Valdez* case would

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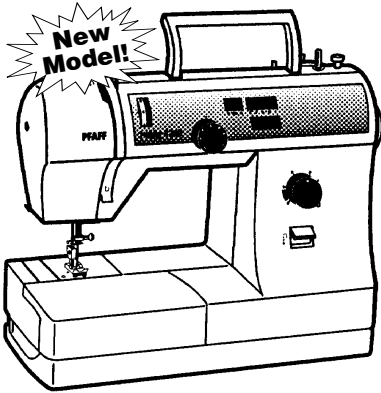
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actually hurt the company. Was that a legitimate hope in legal circles? Was it a justifiable goal? And: Was he hoping to hurt Mitsui and the other Japanese companies who had used American soldiers as slaves?

We were sitting in his office at the corner of First and Laurel. The building is a modest, “modern” place, in contrast to the historic structures in the neighborhood. Inside, it’s a rabbit warren, where even the partners are cramped for space and an associate lawyer’s office doubles as the library. There is no separate room for conferences. (“The building itself is, let us say, a working building,” Casey said. “It’s not a

fancy high-rise downtown.” He is doubtless aware that those who criticize these cases as part of “victim culture” like to characterize the plaintiffs’ lawyers as profiteers.) In his 50s, Casey is the same age as Tenney’s son and stepsons. Fit-looking and handsome, he has a direct gaze and ready smile, which frequently turns into a grimace when he’s talking about the bad guys. The need to alternate between ministerial composure and moral outrage comes with the legal territory: as a plaintiffs’ lawyer, he must necessarily be both hand-holder — when he listens to a plaintiff’s story — and gunslinger — when he goes to court.



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“In the case of the *Fishermen v. Exxon Valdez*,” he said to answer my question about legalized vengeance, “the purpose of the punitive damages was to send a message to a large oil company that you don’t put a drunk captain on the largest supertanker in

the world, because the consequences could be environmental harm that is so great, we want you to know that it’s going to cost you a lot of money. You see, our theory is that corporations don’t have a heart. You open Enron’s chest, you don’t see a heart beating in there. But

what they do have is a sensitivity to money, so if they lose money, a significant amount of money, because of punitive damages for conduct, they’ll then stop that kind of conduct. In the Tenney case, though, we are not seeking punitive damages. We are not seeking

to punish. We are just asking them to pay Dr. Tenney a fair day’s wage.” That sum, including interest, is likely to be about \$20,000, said Casey. In addition, others, who, like Tenney, are suing not only as a class but as individuals, may get more, because the court is being asked to compensate them for their personal injuries. In all cases, the lawyers will take 28 percent of the amount of the award. From the remaining 72 percent, individuals will pay the firm’s expenses. Those involved in the class actions may or may not have to pay their lawyers’ fees; again, it’s up to the court, which may decide that the

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It's possible, then, to calculate the minimum amount that could accrue as a result of these cases. The current number of plaintiffs in a dozen Herman Mathis suits — 700 — times \$20,000 equals \$14 million. But there is potential for much more. All told, 25,580 Americans were captured and interned by the Japanese. Still alive as of January 1, 2002, according to the American Ex-Prisoners of War Association, are 4473. All of them and their heirs are eligible to sue under the California law.

What's even more significant, for California, is that the scores of other potential plain-



Illustration of POWs tortured at Cabanatuan

tiffs around the world would likely be encouraged to sue the Japanese through our state court system if these first suits are successful. That's because the new law's wording says nothing about a plaintiff's needing to be American. These plain-

tiffs could be former slave soldiers from Britain, Australia, the Netherlands, Dutch Indonesia, or the Philippines. They could be from Korea, since Korean "comfort women" were forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese during the

war. And they could be Chinese, since Chinese civilian laborers performed forced and slave labor alongside soldiers. Casey, for his part, doesn't think Mitsui and the other companies care much about the claims of Tenney and the 700 American-

only plaintiffs in the Herman Mathis suits, or even about thousands of additional claims by Americans. For them, it still would add up to "a minuscule amount." It would not, he said, "have any financial impact on them at all. So this is not a bet-the-bank deal." These corporations are what are called *zaibatsus*, said Casey: "They're made up of hundreds of different entities, with interacting boards of directors. They'd be illegal in this country because of antitrust provisions."

He does, however, imagine their caring about "what they do with the millions of Koreans and Chinese. That is lurking out there, in their thinking."

(Not just "lurking" but a reality, since *Jang Bao Heng et al. v. Mitsui Mining, Inc.*, was brought in Fukuoka District Court in Japan

on behalf of 15 Chinese men a few years ago — and the men won. The verdict, an award of \$85,600 each, is currently on appeal.)

Money aside, there are "face" issues for the Japanese, said Casey, since they, unlike the Germans, have never owned up to their war crimes and continue to be reluctant to do so. "In their history books, the Japanese teach that World War II was caused by the United States exerting economic pressure on them. Pearl Harbor is just, well, that was just kind of a retaliatory action, to deal with the economic pressure that they were put under. We have had an enormous amount of publicity in Japan because a lot of reporters in Japan want this to get out, because the public in Japan is largely unaware that their own companies did this to Ameri-

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Whatever their actual motivations, the Japanese companies have mounted a massive defense against *Tenney v. Mitsui* and the rest. They are not using their own in-house lawyers but lawyers from corporate-law firms whose primary business is representing global businesses. “These are the big players,” said Casey. “When they show up, they come with 10, 20 lawyers.” A look at some of their websites shows that these are, indeed, large firms of 800 and 900 lawyers each, working in offices around the world. And when they say a specialty of theirs is class actions, they mean as defenders of them, not prosecutors. “So corporate America — the legal

profession's corporate America — is, ironically, defending these companies against the American POWs,” said Casey.

At a court proceeding in Santa Ana, I would get a look at these lawyers, who have so far kept the cases from coming to trial by repeatedly challenging the constitutionality of the California law itself. They have also caused some of the suits to be sent from state court to federal court. (In the commonplace phrase, they made federal cases out of them.) Only to have the judge remand them — that is, send them back — to state court. From which the defense had them resent to federal court. And so on.

I would see in Santa Ana, too, Casey's additional, very aggressive



Michael Campbell

foe — the United States.

For the past two years or so, lawyers from the State Department have been filing statements of interest and *amicus curiae* briefs. As the definition goes, an *amicus curiae*,

or friend of the court, is not directly involved in a particular litigation but is allowed by the court to advise it on matters of law affecting the litigation. The State

Department has used this privilege to argue consistently against the veterans.

“Now just think about that,” said Casey. “A person from China

can go to a Japanese court and get justice for what happened in World War II. An American POW goes to our court system and not only doesn't get justice but has his own government coming in and opposing him.”

This opponent was entirely unexpected. Casey had *not* anticipated having to wrangle with the feds. “We were shocked. And our clients were shocked. I mean, think of what it would be like if you had spent years in a slave labor camp watching 37 percent of your comrades die and then come back to this country that you helped protect the freedoms of, and you go to the court system and your own State Department



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Why is this happening, especially since the government did not intervene in the Holocaust cases? In fact, its representatives were part of the settlement process.

“The State Department has made a highly political decision. Its attitude is, right or wrong, it wants to be friendly with the Japanese. It wants to do everything it can to take care of Japan, and it's going to do what's politically correct for Japan, even if it means depriving the American POWs of their day in court.” What first the Clinton administration said and later the Bush administration restated was, according to Casey: “ ‘We don't want to stir the pot. We don't

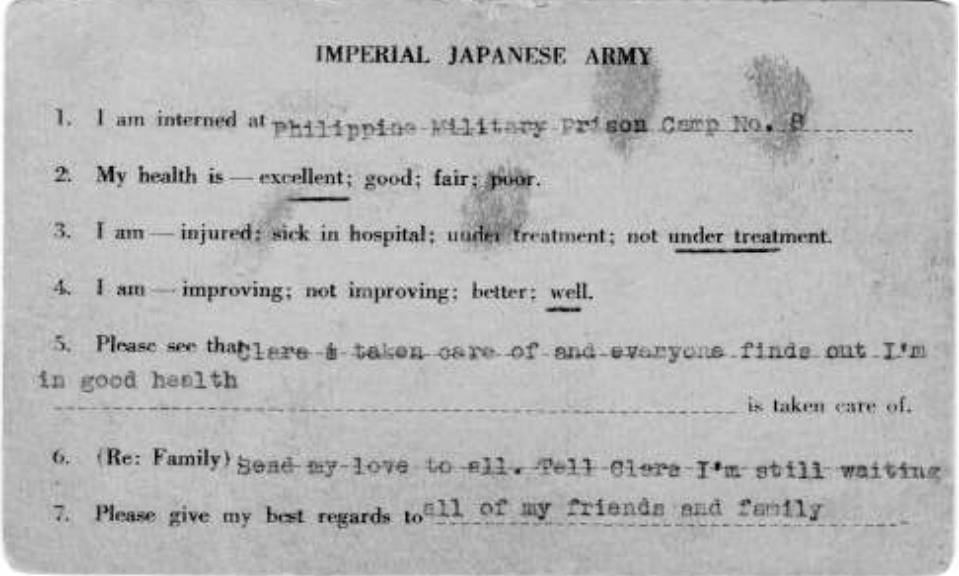
care about the rights of 25,000 POWs and their heirs. We're going to use them as a political tool.’ ”

But they don't say these things literally, do they?

“No, they don't. They just say that the treaty is a bar.”

Casey showed me a letter written by a State Department assistant secretary that explains the government's position. “The Treaty of Peace with Japan,” it said, “has, over the past five decades, served to sustain U.S. security interests in Asia and to support peace and stability in the region. We strongly believe that the U.S. must honor its international agreements, including the Peace Treaty with Japan. There is, in our view, no justification for the U.S. to attempt to reopen the question of international commitments and obligations under the 1951 Treaty in order now to seek a more favorable settlement of the issue of Japanese compensation.

“The explanation obviously offers no consolation to the victims of Japanese wartime aggression. Regrettably, however, it



Lester Tenney's POW correspondence card

was impossible when the Treaty was negotiated — and it remains impossible today, 50 years later — to compensate fully for the suffering visited upon the victims of war.”

Suck it up, in other words.

Casey, however, can cite at least three “pretty substantial heavy-weight” experts, including one of the State Department's own international-law consultants, who say that the treaty is *not* a bar to these claims.

Each of these men has testified at U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearings in Washington, D.C., during which Orrin G. Hatch of Utah, chairman of the committee, asked

one of the State Department lawyers, in disbelief, “You mean our federal government can just say, to hell with you Bataan Death Marchers and you people who were mistreated, we are just going to waive all your rights because we have the almighty power to do so?”

According to the transcript, State Department lawyer Ronald J. Bettauer replied, “There was a decision made in the 1950s — ”

Chairman Hatch didn't want to hear about it: “I don't care about that decision. I am saying, can the federal government do that?”

Bettauer answered, “Yes, I think the federal

government can do that.”

Hatch called Bettauer's analysis “ridiculous.” He went on, like a high school principal dressing down a hapless student: “You are clearly a bright young man, and you clearly have been sent up here as a sacrificial lamb.... I mean, I don't know how in the world you can come in here and make these arguments like this... Your opinions, in my opinion, are not accurate. I am trying to be nice.”

Tenney testified at the hearings too. Having traveled with Casey to the capital, he gave his speech and showed photos of himself and his fellow prisoners looking skeletal and

battered. (“You can see that picture there, Senator. That is what we looked like.”) At the end of his speech, in which he gave a shorthand account of the death march and his mistreatment, he referred to Bettauer and asked him and the rest of the U.S. government to “help us [by] getting out of our way.”

In the months that followed, both the Senate and the House of Representatives passed an amendment to the 2002 appropriations bill. It denied the State Department the funds to fight these cases. The measure was vetoed by George W. Bush, however.

And if the State Department's actions hadn't been funded? I asked Casey. If the federal government were out of the picture?

“That wouldn't assure us that we would win,” he said. “But we would at least get a fair hearing. As it stands, the presence of the State Department tends to tilt things heavily against these POWs.”

And if you finally were to go to trial, how long would these trials last?

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cases.”
Being in the business he’s in, Casey is accustomed to working on cases for years. (“We are still involved in the *Exxon Valdez* case. As we speak, there’s activity going on.”) But these plaintiffs are aging; occasionally, one of them dies. “And I would consider it a Pyrrhic victory to say that we had prevailed only for the heirs. But instead of going to trial, what we have is an almost classic confrontation between states’ rights and federal rights. And normally, you would expect the Republicans to be coming in and saying, ‘States’ rights!’ with the Democrats on the other side. Here, it’s turned around.

“You know, I was born in this town, and this town was a military town when I grew up. I mean, you had Convair and you had the military, and that was it. And when we were at war, the economy was good — the housewives went out to shop — and when we were not at war, we went into a recession. This has been a very military town.” A very conservative town, he wanted to say. And yet? “We have gotten a lot of support here for

what we’re doing and, frankly, everywhere we’ve gone. It’s just that for these men the clock is running out.”

* * *
July 10, 2002. Santa Ana, Orange County, State of California. The Fourth District Court of Appeal.

The hearing was scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. At noon, the courthouse lobby was deserted; an hour later, it was full of “suits” waiting for the courtroom doors to open. Six of them were from the Casey firm; one was from the State Department. All the rest were from the mega-firms defending the mega-corporations of the Japanese.

Casey had been more than right when he told me that the defense always dispatches large contingents. There were at least three dozen of them, men and women from New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., looking as if they weren’t used to waiting for anything. Indeed, when the bailiff called for only the four lawyers who were scheduled to speak that day, every one of the dozens rushed right in.



Thomas Nixon

Nine months earlier, an Orange County superior court judge, William F. McDonald, had ruled in favor of the plaintiffs whose cases still were in state court: he believed they should be able to go to trial. Now three judges were reviewing that decision. Their opinion would affect not only those actions but all similar ones brought now and forever by any and all law firms, because Judge McDonald had been appointed to oversee every suit of

this kind in the state. If the cases that were now in federal court were ever to be sent yet again to state


court and were to stay there, then this opinion would affect them too. No wonder David Casey had told me: “This is a very. Very. Important. Hearing.” (It was, in fact, a proceeding not for one case but several: three cases had been combined for it. The lead one, *Dillman, et al. v. Mitsubishi*, was brought on behalf of individuals. The other two, *Jaeger v. Mitsubishi* and *Martin v. Mitsui*, were class actions brought on behalf of heirs.) Eight plaintiffs from San Diego, Riverside, and Orange Counties had made the trip to Santa Ana to observe the proceeding. Several had been transported in the Casey firm limousine. Tenney was among the group, wearing a business suit, like the lawyers. Another plain-

tiff, Don Ingle of Temecula, had chosen to wear red, white, and blue for the occasion — red jacket, white pants, and blue accessories. Ingle speaks with a synthesizer; he holds an electronic device to his throat, and his words come out without inflection, in the timbre of a genial robot. As we stood in line to pass through a gauntlet of airport-like security, he told me in his mesmerizing voice that he often gives lectures on the psychology of survival personality. Robert Vogler of Rancho Bernardo wore a Battling Bastards of Bataan baseball cap. The name of the survivors’ organization comes from a phrase in a poem written by Frank Hewlett, a World War II correspondent for United Press Inter-

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national. Hewlett had seen for himself that, even before the men were ordered to surrender, they had been bereft — many of them ill, all of them ill-equipped. (Tenney's book mentions out-

dated items like World War I-era Springfield rifles.) Franklin Roosevelt, in one of his fire-side chats, tried to let the boys down gently but essentially wrote off the Philippines, it is agreed, having chosen

to concentrate on the war in Europe. The poem about the "bat-tling bastards" goes in part like this:

We're the battling
bastards of Bataan;
No mama, no papa,

no Uncle Sam;
No aunts, no uncles, no
cousins, no nieces;
No pills, no planes, no
artillery pieces.
And nobody gives a
damn.

Michael J. Campbell of

Linda Vista had been debating earlier in the week about wearing his U.S. Army uniform, which he keeps on a mannequin in his living room. "I'm still authorized to wear it," he said. "And it still fits,

although the pants are a little long." (At age 85, he's 120 pounds and 5'4" but shrinking.) "I have to roll them." But the votes — of his son, his wife, and the Casey lawyers — were against it; so instead he wore bright blue pants, matching jacket, a black POW-MIA cap, and his medals, including a Purple Heart.

Campbell missed the death march. As he tells the story: "We were told to lay down our weapons and report to kilometer post number so-and-so. It was chaotic, but I went there and found it was jungle — nothing but trees. And I thought to myself, 'Hell, no! I'm not going to surrender!'" Instead, he was one of those who escaped to Corregidor, a small island south of Bataan, and continued fighting.

"I joined the Fourth Marines [Fourth Marine Corps Regiment] there. I became a Marine, just like that! So help me God! Now we argue: which was worse? Was it the death march, or was it fighting in the siege of Corregidor for three or four more weeks, continually being bombed and strafed? Corregidor is like Coronado. Similar setup. Like a cork in a bottle. The Japanese couldn't get in and out except by way of it. But then they completely surrounded us, and, of course, Corregidor, too, surrendered, and I, Mike Campbell, became a prisoner of war for three years, three months, and six days."

He had worked for a number of Japanese companies "as slave coolie labor." Most of the time he had spent in a steel mill in Osaka. It was hard, horrible, but a lucky assignment for one reason: his job was testing 55-gallon



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group. Campbell didn't need convincing. "When I found out what the goal was, I said, 'Sign me up. I'm for it.' "

Not that he feels any resentment toward "the average Japanese."

United States had decided that the war in Europe was far more important than the war in the Far East. See, here we were, getting second priority. We were expendable. It was a strategy, I understand

that. Hitler was the main thrust. But the result was that 25,000 Americans were left, including me, Mike Campbell. And I said to myself, 'I want to find some way to get even.' And the way I did it

was, I stayed in the military. To this day, I'm on the Army payroll! Sixty years! So help me God! It's odd but true. I retired as a chief warrant officer in 1971. Now I'm getting four grand a month! Not bad! Plus, marvelous benefits."

The rumor came to us in line that the plaintiffs would not get seats in the courtroom, because the megafirms' lawyers were taking up so much room. It wasn't true. At length, the eight men finally took their places in spots close to the front: seats had been saved for them by their lawyers. Some relatives of the plaintiffs, however, would have to sit in chairs hastily set up behind the last row of regular seating. I sat there with them, between a wife and a daughter.

The small courtroom had the feel of a chapel. The regular seating is rows of wooden pews, and the area for the judges is raised up, like an altar, with three big, swiveling leather armchairs. In the moments before the black robes arrived, the bailiff went to the front of the courtroom and said to us all: "For those of you who have gum, don't chew it. If you have a newspaper, throw it away."

Then she told the audience what the lawyers with speaking parts must have already known: each of them would get only a matter of minutes for their arguments: 20 minutes for initial presentation; 5 minutes for rebuttal. Douglas Hallward-Driemeier, the government's representative, spoke first.

There was “no question” that the POWs had “suffered immensely,” he said. That wasn’t what the proceeding was about. Rather, it was about the

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treaty. The dispute could be resolved by a look at the treaty.

One of the two associate judges, with a gray beard and an imperious manner, stopped him a few sentences later. "Are you saying that it boils down to one phrase? 'In the course of the prosecution of the war?'"

Hallward-Driemeier said yes. All of these claims were resolved by the treaty.

The bearded judge continued to question him.

"As a class," said Hallward-Driemeier, the men could have received compensation from funds seized from the Japanese directly after the war. They could have obtained funds long ago. Now, however, the filing of claims "cannot be squared."

"Individual litigation of claims" is not provided for by the treaty.

Was the treaty a bad one? this same judge asked while the other associate — a woman — and the presiding judge, who sat in the middle, asked a few questions of their own but mostly just listened. This would be the pattern for the rest of the proceeding. Later, Bonnie Kane would tell me: "That judge is known for being like that. Interrupting is usual with all of them, but he is exceptional. And of course, he's using up the attorney's allotment of time." His name is William F. Rylaarsdam.

"It's not for the plaintiffs to argue," replied Hallward-Driemeier. Nor was it for the state legislature to get involved in such matters. We would hear from the state's legal representative shortly. But first came the lawyer for the plaintiffs, Ronald Kleinman, and then the one for the defendants, Arne Wag-

ner of the San Francisco firm Morrison & Foerster.

Kleinman is not a member of the Casey firm, nor the larger collective of firms, Herman Mathis. He is a consultant to the suits

from a Washington, D.C., firm, Greenberg Traurig. As Tenney described him that morning on Mount Soledad: "He's the world's expert on treaties. In the world! Okay? He's outstand-

ing!" But like Hallward-Driemeier, Kleinman was being given a hard time by Judge Rylaarsdam.

"Both federal and state courts frequently interpret treaties," Kleinman told the

panel. The government's position was not valid, he argued, but rather raised a "political question" that was outside the scope of the dispute.

"I'm not sure I agree with you," said

Judge Rylaarsdam.

Kleinman's presentation went on, as did the badgering. "I'm having a hard time getting a 'yes' or 'no' out of you," Judge Rylaarsdam complained.

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sel Wagner spent his time arguing that the federal government has “full authority” to say when a war is over and to make claims. California had, in essence, taken it upon itself to do the latter, and it shouldn’t have. For shame. California does not have the authority to say what conflicts with or undoes a treaty, he said.

Judge Rylaarsdam gave him the same treatment he had given the others.

Finally, the lawyer for the state, Angela Sierra, argued that the new California law was,

despite contrary opinions, constitutional. California was, indeed, within its legal bounds. Pressed for evidence by Judge Rylaarsdam, she cited “local interest” as its relevance to life in California — the Japanese companies that do business here.

Once again, Judge Rylaarsdam was on the attack: “I get real worried when we’re asked to consider people’s motives instead of what they do,” he said to Sierra.

During rebuttals, Hallward-Driemeier was asked if the men had been notified that

they could have brought claims all those years ago, as he had claimed in his presentation. Don Ingle and Mike Campbell, sitting together, looked at each

“The next most common hunger after food wasn’t sex; it was tobacco.”

other. They shook their heads no as Hallward-Driemeier said yes.

In the end, at least on this day in court, the plaintiffs were beside the point. The proceeding seemed like some-

thing that lawyers almost enjoy doing to one another, like athletes engaged in a competition that’s designed to be frustrating. When it was over, the presid-

ing judge, David G. Sills, thanked them all for their “excellent, excellent arguments.”

Outside, on the steps of the courthouse, the Casey firm assembled the plaintiffs for a

group photograph. Seven of them got their smiles ready for the camera, then the eighth, Tenney, came up behind them. “What about a good-looking guy instead of all these ugly guys?” he said. A space in the center was made for him.

Photographs were taken by the media too. There were several reporters in attendance, from the Associated Press, an Orange County paper, the *Los Angeles Times*, as well as cameramen from Fox TV, who had been in the courtroom.

The Associated

Press reporter, a heavy-set woman with a strong voice, took the opportunity to shout questions at the men en masse.

“What do you think about what happened in there?”

“It’s a disgrace.”

She went on, like a cheerleader: “What do you want?”

“Justice!” the men rejoined.

“How did you feel about the government’s accusation that you hadn’t filed claims when you had a chance?”

“We tried to file!” said Tenney. Another

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man said the same thing. Tenney told the reporter about his 1946 letter to the State Department and the response he got, ending with his practiced punch line: "And I haven't heard from them since!"

Plaintiff Carlos Montoya of San Carlos said, "We were too sick to file claims. We were physically sick and mentally sick. When we came home we were so sick, we couldn't have relations with our wives."

After a few more questions, one of the other reporters objected to the group format; he said he preferred to interview the men one-on-one.

"We want an apology too," said Tenney as the group broke up to await the judges' ruling that was expected in November.

But it wouldn't end there either. Although David Casey had called the hearing "critical," he had also told me: "This issue of the treaty will probably go on. You see, if the Court of Appeal rules in our favor, then I believe the Japanese companies will immediately petition the California Supreme Court. By the same token, if it rules against us, we'll immediately petition."

Treaty issues don't always get this complicated. "They're litigated every day of the week — in state court," said Casey. "Every day of the week, state courts interpret treaties. I mean, you have issues dealing with trade agreements, most-favored-nation status, all sorts of things. They come up routinely."

But if there is a matter of interpretation, as is the situation here, the other courts get involved: the Court of Appeal, the California Supreme Court, and then one more stop.

Which is? "Depending on what the California Supreme Court does, one of us will probably petition the United States Supreme Court. It's built into the Constitution: that's the final arbiter."

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In the library of the Casey law firm there is a bookcase full of published books by former prisoners of war. There are so many that David Casey has a theory. "The rule of thumb is

that virtually every POW wrote his own book," he told me. "I think that was their way of dealing with what they had been through. Some of the books are better than others. But most of them wrote out

a book."
A few years ago, Mike Campbell, the Linda Vista plaintiff, "wrote out" his book. It's a manuscript of 250 double-spaced typewritten pages, unpublished. And, as in many

of the other books, a recurring theme is food.
"The main topic of conversation among the men was food," Campbell writes. "A normal, healthy person usually fantasizes about the

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opposite sex. This was not the case with us. What we talked about was food. The preparation of food and the making up of elaborate menus."

In reality, their food was mostly poor-quality rice. "It was full of rat dung, dirt, bits of glass, and small stones. It was shoveled into large cannibal pots, steamed, then shoveled into five-gallon lard cans. Another pot contained raw onions that were thrown into boiling water without peeling. After a few minutes, the onions also were shoveled into a

can. A mess detail from each POW section drew the food from the galley. A can of rice and a can of onion soup was set on the ground, and a line of POWs formed to get the food. A tin ladle was used to dump a serving of wet rice in a mess kit, and a dipper of onion soup was poured over the rice. I was near the front of the line and received a generous portion, but the men at the rear of the line did not get any because the servers had misjudged the rations and ran out of food. A third of the men did not get any food."

I spent hours reading these books, fascinated but searching for clues. Why had these men survived, when so many others had not? I

As national service director for American Ex-Prisoners of War, he helps veterans apply for their disability benefits.

wanted solid reasons, not talk of luck or happenstance.

Men who were addicted to tobacco did not fare well in prison camps, I read in many

accounts. "The next most common hunger after food wasn't sex; it was tobacco," writes Campbell. "For a great majority of men it was

a more urgent need than food. I am sorry to report that I saw many of the POWs swap their rations of rice for cigarettes. I thanked God and my dad over

and over again for disciplining me against the use of tobacco."

Tenney writes in a similar vein about what happened to many smokers: "I saw first-hand the consequences of not being willing to eat. Many men, too sick to move and too weak to care, traded their small ration of rice for one cigarette. All they wanted was one more drag, one more taste and smell of tobacco. That was what they traded their lives for. Tobacco, the deadly addictive drug, caused many prisoners to die."

Not only did men

perish because they preferred nicotine to the meager rations, but, it's logical to assume and Campbell confirms it, other men survived because they were able to capitalize on their fellow prisoners' addiction: "There was always some POW that was willing to swap," he writes. "It was a loathsome practice and I shuddered whenever I saw the transaction take place."

Tenney writes affectingly of the friendships he made in prison and how they saw him through. Campbell writes about



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his fellow prisoners differently: "We were living so close together and under such harsh conditions that we were stripped of veneer. Our very souls were laid bare.... We saw each other in a true light. Our weaknesses stood out, the selfishness, the greed, the cunning, the stealth, the crookedness, and all other human frailties. It soon became a matter of survival of the fittest. It was every man for himself, a dog eat dog affair. Rarely did I see an act of kindness or compassion. It was not expected and none was shown."

Not that Tenney was magnanimous toward everyone. He writes of realizing the importance of making a place for himself in the middle of any lineup. Those who went first might make mistakes; those who went last might look like lag-guards. In the middle, chances were greater that you'd miss being punished.

Like all survivors, Campbell learned to be resourceful in the situation as he found it. "The lines for getting water were very long all day and far into the night," he writes. "Some men would work their way to the water faucet and after filling a tin cup, would go back to the rear of the line to start the wait all over again. The wait would usually take about three hours. I found a canteen and discovered that I could fill it in the early morning hours without waiting. So at about three a.m. I would drink my fill and get a full canteen that I nursed all day long and would repeat the process the following night."

But he wasn't a loner. Early on, whether or not it was because he realized that he must keep his mind busy, he

learned to play chess with a barracks sergeant. He also got involved in entertainment. (Other men's books, including Tenney's, tell about their own participation in prison-camp variety

shows — diversions on which they gladly and, it turns out, wisely expended their precious free time and energy.) Here is what Campbell writes about his experiences as a prisoner-performer: "The entertain-

ment bug hit me. I decided to ask Sgt. Melody if he could use my hand-balancing act in his group. He was delighted at my offer. I recalled a feat that I had performed many times at the YMCA; I placed

two hard-backed chairs on a table about two feet apart with the backs facing one another. I then did a handstand by placing my hands on the back of each chair. It was a difficult trick and very

spectacular. I soon became a regular with the troupe." Campbell's excellent physical condition must have been a reason why he was able to survive. It cannot be overlooked, not then,

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and not now. The first time I phoned him, he said, "I just got finished doing my running stint. My workout is an hour and a half. I used to run the whole time, but recently I cut it down to 45 to 60 minutes. The rest of the time I do exercises in Linda Vista Park."

When I visited him at his duplex on Coolidge Street, I saw

the results of the "road-work" of this self-proclaimed "health geek." In a bedroom that has been converted into an office, he sat on the floor cross-legged, as flexible as a teenager, looking for a document in the bottom drawer of his filing cabinet. When he'd found it, he scrambled to his feet, barely using his palms. Dropping a rubber band, he

bent to pick it up and popped back up to a standing position.

Campbell wears thick glasses but no hearing aids. And I noted that he isn't hard of hearing in the least. He said he has no ailments and takes no medications of any kind. ("Not even aspirin!")

"I didn't drink liquor then [during

wartime] and don't to this day," he added. "I don't drink caffeine either. I don't even take any condiments on my food — no salt, no pepper, no nothing. I eat lots of fruit and don't eat between meals. I'll show you my kitchen," said Campbell as he led the way. On the counters I saw fruit, energy bars, plastic containers of cookies. He opened

the refrigerator. It was full of fruit pies.

In the living room, a mini-museum, where he keeps his uniformed mannequin, his medals in a glass case, and lots of other military memorabilia, he showed me his stair stepper ("for inclement weather") and his blood pressure kit. "I take it every day. Today it was 141 over 72, and my pulse was

46. The doctors are worried about the low pulse; I have tried to tell them that runners have low pulses."

Seeing a map of Oahu on the wall, I asked Campbell about Pearl Harbor. We compared the difference between the experiences of the survivors of it and those who survived what he had been through. That difference was "huge," said Campbell. "No comparison. First of all, Pearl Harbor only lasted for what? Two hours. And that was it! By sharp contrast, in the Philippines, the Japanese landed there and they captured it. They never did capture Hawaii. And so, yeah, the Pearl Harbor survivors faced the bombing, which was hell, but it didn't last long. And casualty-wise it was light compared to the casualties we saw."

Theirs was like a sprint, I offered, and his a marathon.

"Hey! You're talking my language now! I'll be darned."

Growing up in Flint, Michigan, Campbell said, he acquired athletic discipline when he joined the Y's gymnastics team. That wasn't his only sport: "Gymnastics, walking, swimming, roller-skating, long-distance running, you name it." Back in his office, he took from his desk a small framed photo to show me. It was a picture of a Charles Atlas-look-alike, in a tiny bathing suit: Campbell at age 22.

But Campbell's fitness notwithstanding, his growing-up years in Michigan were rough, and he believes his growth was stunted as a result of poor nutrition. His parents were not as short as he is, he said. The eldest of eight, he was on his own by the Great Depression year of 1933. His mother

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had been committed to a psychiatric hospital. His father, an alcoholic whom Campbell describes as "strict" ("Today we would call him 'abusive'"), was in jail, convicted of statutory rape. His brothers and sisters were put up for adoption, but Campbell was considered too old for that. He was 16.

"I was constantly hungry. And I am going to be frank with you: I stole. I went bumming and I stole bottles of milk after they were delivered in the morning. Hunger was the driving force. Sometimes I asked a bakery if I could work for food. Sometimes they gave me bread without making me work." He began to wipe away tears, then quickly composed himself. Significantly, he did not cry while relating any of his experiences in the camps. Indeed, he said: "I had been deprived when I was a kid, so the Army wasn't much of a change. And then when I became a POW it wasn't much of a change."

He joined up, he said, not out of any sense of patriotic duty but because he was "looking for a home." "I needed food, clothing, and shelter — and pay. I had little education. It ended in tenth grade. And I had no skills. I was told by the U.S. Army that if I kept a clean record, I could have a job for life."

He said he still feels guilty for convincing his 17-year-old brother, Melvin, to join up with him and for choosing the Philippines over Alaska for them both, because of the climate. Bad luck for Melvin: he was killed while being transported by the Japanese to a camp on Mindanao. It happened on one of their infamous "hell ships." As Gavan Daws writes of these prisoner trans-

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ports, "According to Japanese figures, of the 50,000 POWs they shipped, 10,800 died at sea." The irony of the hell-ship deaths was this: if the deaths weren't a result of conditions onboard, they were the result of the American bombs that hit the unmarked vessels. Daws adds, "Of all POWs who died in the Pacific War, one in

every three was killed on the water by friendly fire." There was a second irony, and a bit of good luck for Campbell: he had tried to get transferred with his brother and been denied. After having accepted a roll of toilet paper from Melvin, Campbell said good-bye to him, and the brothers never saw each other again.

The gift of toilet paper would seem an odd memento, except to prisoners of war, for another recurrent theme in their books is shit, to put it plainly. Their lack of toilet paper was the least of it. In Campbell's book, one chapter includes this scene, which results in his having to swim through human excrement:

"The poor sanitary conditions soon increased the death toll. Men developed severe diarrhea that progressed into dysentery. They would become very weak and lose control of their bowels, passing blood, mucus, and waste fluids. They were forced to lie in their feces, unable to move. The flies would swarm on them, crawl-

ing all over their feces and then over their faces. It was a very sickening sight." "One day the Japs allowed us to dig some open-pit slit trenches up on the side of a hill. That helped a little. A man could go to the slit trenches and have a bowel movement away from the places where we slept and ate. One day we had a flash rain-

storm. It rained so hard that water rushed down the hillsides and flooded our open-pit latrine. The water washed the excrement down the hill and into our sleeping area. It was a stinking mess. Worse yet the raw waste washed into our bathing area. It stopped raining soon and the sun came out. It became very hot. We all

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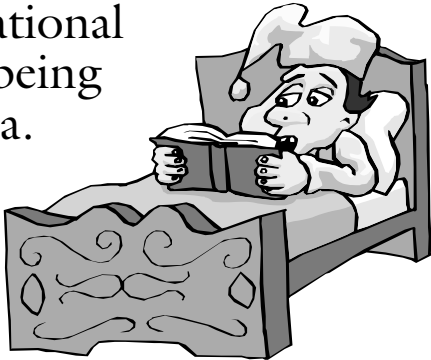
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Campbell's name was Milan Zabitch — his father was a Serbian immigrant. He had long been taunted as "The Bitch."

away." Campbell could cite exact dates for every phase of his war experiences. A piece of paper he showed me gives the account: "Camp #3, Cabanatuan, Nuevo Ecija, Luzon, Philippines, 25–31 May 1942"; "Yodogawa Seiko Bunsho, Osaka, Japan, 26 November 1942–25 May 1945"; etc. I asked him how he kept track of the passage of time, and he produced a small (less than three-by-five-inch) diary he had kept surreptitiously while he was a prisoner. It contained the names of all his fellow POWs and their prisoner numbers, written in ink and pencil. Suddenly Campbell stood at attention, chin jutted forward. (Actually he always seems to be standing at attention, shoulders back, spine yardstick straight.) He shouted a word in Japanese: "Hai!" meaning, "Yes, sir!" Then his own prisoner number in Japanese: "Yon-juu!"

Forty. Some names were designated with tiny crosses; he had made the marks as each man had died. The diary was useful when he wrote his book, he said. Until then, just a few years ago, prisoner-of-war experiences "didn't raise eyebrows." They "weren't a topic of conversation," and he hadn't given his own experiences much thought. But diary-keeping was also useful in the camps, as a "coping mechanism," according to Van Waterford in

Prisoners of the Japanese in World War II. Not that the practice was encouraged by the Japanese — in some camps, it was forbidden and punished; and paper and writing implements were hard to obtain. At lunchtime, I accepted Campbell's invitation to be his guest at the Naval Medical Center's "mess hall," in Balboa Park. He changed caps. He had been wearing the black POW-MIA one; for this outing he would wear one that said "U.S. Army Retired." ("Anybody can wear one of

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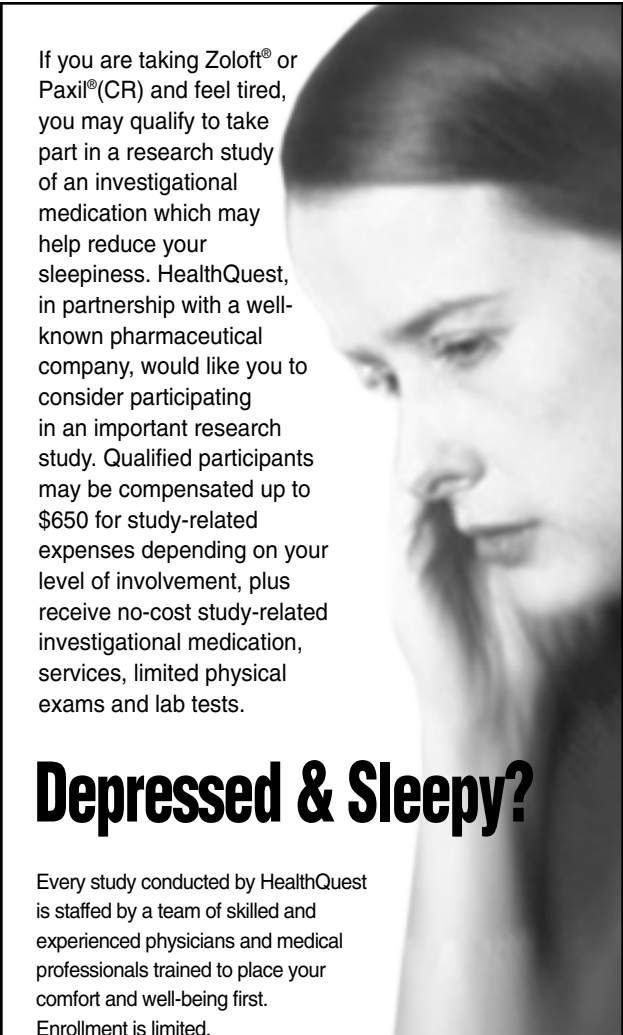
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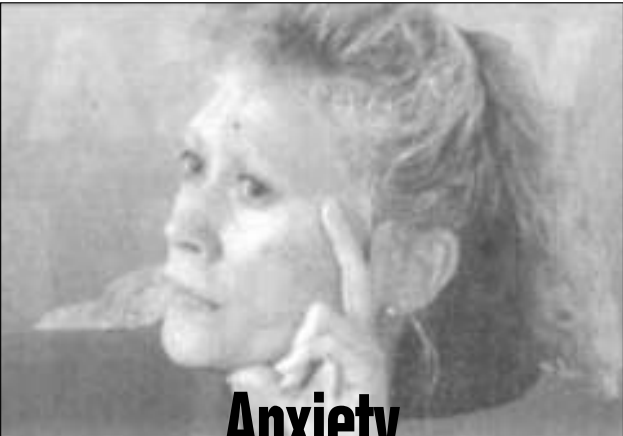


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those,” he said of the discarded cap.) He put a fanny pack around his waist. And we walked a few doors down the street to where his Ford van was parked.

Campbell has been married to his wife, Peg, since 1946, but they live apart. His van was in her driveway. The arrangement suits them both, Campbell said as he got behind the wheel. He adjusted his booster seat, and away we went down the freeway. Perhaps not everyone has a flyswat-

ter on his dashboard: ever-practical Campbell does.

The young woman in Marine fatigues at the gate checked his ID and saluted him. “See that?” he said. We found our way to one of the cafeterias, called Balboa Cafe. On his tray he put a glass of skim milk; at the hot-meal station he got a chicken leg and small scoop of rice. At the salad bar, he chose lettuce and carrots, no dressing. On our way to a table, he called my attention to another

uniformed woman: “See her four stripes? Female Navy captain. That’s unusual.”

We enjoyed our lunch and the ambiance of the place. It was filled with people in uniforms of all sorts and medical garb too.

“If possible I would go back into the Army tomorrow if they let me,” said Campbell, who asked me if my husband had been in the military. No, he hadn’t been. “Well, it’s not for everyone. It’s like being a plumber, an

electrician, or anything else. You take to it or you don’t.”

We talked some about the suit. I asked him what he thought about the State Department’s involvement: “It hurts. It’s a black eye.”

Why had the federal government become involved, did he think? “It’s all business. How many people is it going to hurt? Not that many? So [the government] feels free to do what it’s doing.”

I asked if he’d been in court for anything

else besides the case against the Japanese; he said yes, one other time. Until 1940, Campbell’s name was Milan Zabitch — his father was a Serbian immigrant. He had long been taunted as “The Bitch.” Finally he’d had enough and changed his name legally that year. Why “Campbell”?

“What kind of name would you pick?” he asked me. “I looked at a can of vegetable soup. I said, ‘That’s it!’ ”

On our way out, he showed me a table set

for five. It was a commemorative table for prisoners of war. He said the five place settings were meant to represent the five branches of the military. The red tablecloth was meant to signify the blood the POWs had shed. The salt was meant to signify their tears, and the lemon, their bitterness. A black POW-MIA flag draped the backs of two of the chairs.

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When I met another plaintiff, Thomas C. Nixon of Ramona, it occurred to me that a healthy ego helped some of these men through their trials in the camps. Nixon is in a wheelchair and has been for 20 years, the result of battle injuries as well as the conditions of imprisonment. But when both he and Tenney were scheduled to speak at a demonstration at a Mitsubishi

dealership in Kearny Mesa, Nixon managed to muster the physical strength needed to avoid being upstaged. This is how Nixon tells the story, at any rate: Tenney spoke first, and then he and the press started to leave. Undeterred, Nixon rolled himself up to the microphone, although he accidentally unplugged the sound system in the process. Someone said to Nixon that it looked as if he wouldn't be able to speak now, because no

one would hear him. So Nixon raised himself up to sit on the arm of his wheelchair and shouted, “Can you hear me now?” He gave his speech without a mike. “I can be forceful,” said Nixon on the day I visited him. “Most Marines are.”

When I arrived at the ranch house, Nixon's wife, Ellie, greeted me at the door; so did a little white Maltese, Cayman, named after the islands. Cayman licked my ankles and feet through

my sandals. There was no entryway, so I was standing immediately in Nixon's well-equipped office. Outfitted with two computers, it's the largest room in the house, chosen by the couple 16 years ago precisely because Nixon could use this space for his work. As national service director for American Ex-Prisoners of War, he helps veterans apply for their disability benefits. And if he ever does get a payment as a result of the lawsuits, he said, “The

money will help me keep doing what I do.”

Nixon rolled around in his chair with ease and swiftness. “Look out, little boy,” he said to Cayman. The chair is large and motorized, with a tall headrest. Its model name is “1120 Jazzy.” He has a flashlight in a holster attached to one side.

The property came with several acres, and when Nixon wants to work in his garden, he said, he gets himself out of the chair, lies down

in the dirt to tend his plants, then pulls himself back up into it when he's finished. He has a quarter acre of flowers alone, in addition to vegetables and a collection of cacti. He has paid help once a week, but otherwise, he said, he's out there on his own.

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Like Tenney, he wore two hearing aids, but his hearing was impaired when he was still young, he said, not as a result of aging. In Guam, on the "first day of war," a bomb fell very close to him and ruptured one of his eardrums.

Nixon's voice enhances his military look. He sounds like George C. Scott. When I mentioned this, he told me he was acquainted with the actor and that the two had once talked movie scripts. ("The trouble was, he was an alcoholic...") He also claimed to have been offered a part in *Pork*

Chop Hill, the 1959 movie about the Korean War. The casting would have been a case of art imitating reality, since Nixon, who was in the reserves until 1956, fought in that conflict too. But he lost the opportunity to play alongside Gregory Peck because of finagling by his agent, he said. ("My agent sold me down the river.")

His acting career was short-lived; after five years in Hollywood, playing its little theaters, he abandoned his movie ambitions. ("I didn't like the politics.") Instead, he earned degrees in engineering and journalism, including a Ph.D., and pursued a career in electronics, until he was "medically retired" on a 100 percent military disability in 1978.

As a national service director, Nixon has become an expert on things like the *Code of Federal Regulations*:

Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief and Public Law 97-37. What he copied for me was a list of all the "presumptive service-connected disabilities" — translated into "layman's terms."

My eye fell on what it said about beriberi. It is caused by "a severe lack of vitamin B₁ or

In Japan, while he grew five inches, his weight dropped to 70 pounds.

thiamin in the diet" and produces "changes in the nerves, both in the brain and extremities, and in the heart." I had been reading elsewhere about what's called, in an inadvertently poetic phrase, a "beriberi heart." One of his survivor-friends died decades later of a heart attack: "That was the

result of his beriberi heart," said Nixon. The disease also leads to diabetes. "But it's very hard to prove."

He went on, conversant in "peripheral neuropathy" and "ischemic cardiomyopathy." Of his service work, he said: "I win most of my cases. I include pictures."

He showed me a vintage photo, taken in the camps. "Here's the bathroom facility. You squatted over a rectangular hole." And here's the "kitchen," a sorry-looking sight.

Who took the photos? "The Japanese." Why? "Just like anybody else, if you've got a camera, you take pic-

tures of whatever's in sight." Where did he get the photos? In the camp he had traded cigarettes for them.

When Nixon was a prisoner, he worked with a pick and shovel building a dry dock for Mitsui; he farmed for Nippon Express; and he worked for both Nippon Express and for a company called Tsuruga as a stevedore. As slave labor in the camps went, this much could be said for stevedoring: you had a chance to steal when you were doing it.

"They liked us to steal the sugar, because we worked faster," said Nixon, whose nickname in the camps was "Keys," because he could break into just about anything — in search of food.

Nixon published his account of his prison years in 1954, in a book called *Laughter in Hell*. Nixon writes there of the "food

testers" in the camps. These men "established themselves to see what was edible. Plaster, glue — everything was tested. One starved, half-delirious man, seeing what he thought was salt, ate it and died. He had eaten cyanide."

"Sugar sparkles, but salt is an almost dead color," Nixon told me. "Cyanide has a little sparkle. It looks more like sugar than salt, but, as I wrote in my book, the guy was half-delirious."

The passage about food in his book continues: "Little frogs began to appear in the wet basin. We caught them and ate them. Turtles and snakes suffered the same fate. A crate of chickens came in and not one left the yard. Mind you, all these we ate raw. We dared not risk trying to get them into the *bunsho* [camp]. Besides, we were too starved to wait.

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“Usually we sneaked them into the *benjo* [latrine], since it was the only place where you could go and not be seen. Guards were established outside. If you were fortunate enough to have a chicken, you ripped it apart and ate it. There was no time to pick it. Only the feathers and inedible parts were dropped down the hole.

“For days the Phils [Filipinos] had been trying to corner a mangy old dog which hung around the docks. He was as emaciated as we were. One day we caught him as he tried to squeeze between two bales after a piece of dried fish. One man grabbed him while another snatched the fish out of his mouth and ate it. They rushed the dog to the *benjo* and he, too, went the way of all things that entered those precincts.”

Nixon also kept a

prison diary. He hid his inside *Selected Works of Rudyard Kipling*, whose middle pages he had removed. A few years ago, he donated the diary to the Marine Corps Historical Center in Washington, D.C., but retained copies of the text. I had read the Casey firm’s copy.

By contrast to Campbell’s diary, which might more properly be called a daybook that lists only dates and other facts, Nixon’s includes his emotions, in a telegraphic, show-don’t-tell style that is disturbingly effective. Indeed, it makes for far more disturbing reading than *Laughter in Hell*, which was subjected to prepublication censorship by the military.

“5/28/42 — Tried to escape on trail thru bamboo. Guard caught and beat me, but I told him I had diarea [*sic*]. He made me prove it.”

“1/19/43 — Men are dying almost daily from beriberi, malaria, pellagra, heart, starvation, etc. The Japs once in a while pick out the most ill and use him for bayonet practice after tying him to a flagpole.”

“1/2/44 — Sweet-heart [a guard’s nickname] stuck a water hose up my ass and turned it on. When I thought I would burst, he turned it off. I shit all over myself, so he beat me. Then he kicked me in my balls. The sadist bastard. Some day I’ll kill him.”

The paper on which he wrote his diary was the result of another barter. He stopped smoking, regularly exchanged his ten-cigarette-a-month allotment for rice, and with the rice he “bought” paper. Rice was the legal tender he used to acquire the Rudyard Kipling book too. Pencils were available at the

canteen. Have paper and pencil, will communicate. He and two other men also began publishing a monthly prison newspaper of sorts. (“4/19/42: Give the guys a laugh and us something to do.”)

As a kid, Nixon said, he’d had literary aspirations and sold a story to a magazine at age 15. But more than that, he had fervently wanted to be a Marine. This was in Taft, California, where he grew up in a foster family, since his mother had

died when he was an infant and his father had decided to keep only some of the older children. In 1935, when Nixon was 12, he befriended the manager of the Taft dump, who would sell him copper and brass, which Nixon resold for a small profit. One day, the manager gave him a uniform that someone had thrown away. It was the dress blues of a Marine, complete with cap. “I wore that cap around all the time after that. That was it for me,

from then on.”

By age 18, Nixon was 5’9” and weighed 123 pounds; the minimum weight for enlistment was 8 pounds higher. On the 35-mile car ride from Taft to Bakersfield, he ate bunches of bananas.

Being young, he was naturally resilient, but being young *and* malnourished isn’t a good combination. In Japan, while he grew five inches, his weight dropped to 70 pounds. Lack of proper food during a growth spurt

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resulted in permanent damage, said Nixon, who has been told by doctors that his intestines are longer than they should be for someone of his height. "Looking at them, doctors have said I should be six-foot-four instead of six-two." As a grownup, Nixon met members of his biological family and learned his genetic history. "Even my sisters were tall," he said.

Nixon left a girl back home when he joined up in 1941. "Keep thinking of Lois," says the diary — a sentence without a subject, rather than an imperative, although it could be taken as the latter, since thinking about her kept him motivated to survive. I asked Nixon what had happened to Lois. He said, "She was a petite little blonde who was going

to wait for me. But by the time I got home, she had another boyfriend, and she was rude." Thirty years later, he saw her again. "She was still five feet tall, but also five feet wide." That was a couple of years before he married Ellie, who isn't his first wife. "Two other wives have died, and I have been through divorces," said Nixon without being more specific.

He may have anticipated his reentry difficulties in a diary entry written after liberation: "9/8/45: Flying to Guam to be fattened up at USNH #111. Then to the states and home. I can hardly wait I am so excited. And yet — I feel lost. So many friends didn't make it."

One good friend of his was a Sergeant Mac Murray — Mac, for short. Nixon and Mac used to trade recipes —

fantasy ones, of course. "When you're hungry, even the sound of food helps," said Nixon. "Milky Way pie" was one of his favorites. (When he got back home, he tried to make it; the fantasy was better.) One day, Nixon noticed that his eyesight was fading in and out.

me to shit and hides me at inspection. Mac covers me with blanket. Diarea [sic] about hourly. My blankets stink. I think I'm going to die." The entries stopped for two months, until his health was recovered.

Lucky Nixon for having such a friend;

Montoya cried out to God, "My dear Lord! Please deliver my soul!"

It was the beginning of an illness that would prevent him from working. Mac protected him; otherwise, Nixon would have been used for bayonet practice, like other ill prisoners. The diary records it: "Can hardly see. We stopped recipes. Mac has me in rear corner. He gets me food, takes

unlucky Mac for becoming an accident victim in prison camp. He died after being hit by a train while loading and unloading cargo in a Japanese company's freight yard.

For nearly 40 years, Nixon felt guilty about the death of Mac. Irrationally Nixon felt he should have been able

to save his friend, as Mac had saved him, even though Nixon wasn't even at the scene when Mac died. Then, in 1984, Nixon was treated by a psychiatrist. "She was able to hypnotize me," said Nixon, "because I trusted her." With her help, he achieved some peace of mind.

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A good friend helped Tenney through an illness in the camps with the gift of *Prayer Book for Jews in the Armed Forces of the United States*. Tenney has no idea how his friend got hold of the little volume. Today, writes Tenney in *My Hitch in Hell*, "the book is one of my treasures that I will not part with."

In our conversation in La Jolla, however, Tenney spoke of sentiments about prayer in prison that were much

more complicated than those that the prayer-book anecdote revealed: "I think one of the problems that many of us face is, 'Well, do you think that God saved you? Do you think that your prayers were answered?' And my answer is 'No,' because if I think that God saved me, then I must think that God took away my friend — because we both prayed at the same time. So we both prayed and he died? How come I lived? Am I better than him? No. I don't believe in that."

The role that religious faith has played in their destinies is a complex one for each of the former POWs with whom I spoke, except perhaps for Carlos Montoya, the plaintiff who lives in San Carlos. When I asked him why he thought he had sur-

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vived, he quickly replied, “Because of the prayers from my hometown” — that is, Peña Blanca, New Mexico, where he was born on June 28, 1915.

His wife offered prayers, too, and made a bargain with the Blessed Virgin Mary. She offered up her soon-to-be-born daughter for the safe return of Montoya. The girl was 4 years old and still healthy when Montoya returned home. But when she was 15 she died of cancer.

Montoya had joined the National Guard because he liked the uniforms and the extra pay. He already had a good job in Albuquerque, as director of the employment service for the Department of the Interior while the highways were being built in his home state. It was a surprise to him when he was called for active duty in January 1941, along with 1800 other New Mexican guardsmen. When they left for the Philippines in July, they were told it would be a six-month tour.

On the death march, Montoya faltered; he couldn’t go on. He laid himself down on the fallen trunk of a tree. “Anybody that didn’t get up was bayoneted,” said Montoya, and yet he was spared. A Japanese soldier approached him; Montoya cried out to God, “My dear Lord! Please deliver my soul!” As Montoya told me the story, he flung his arms out, shouted the same prayer, and wept. The soldier, he said, walked away.

Before he got his work assignment from the Japanese, Montoya was imprisoned, along with 9000 others, at Camp O’Donnell, as the Americans had called the place when it was theirs. The latrines soon overflowed, and disease

was epidemic. Montoya got ill and was taken by stretcher to Zero Ward, a kind of pre-morgue. His barracks mates hadn’t wanted to take care of him, “because

they had to take care of themselves.” In Zero Ward, he started praying again. Significantly, he also started crawling — back to his barracks. Rewarding his

gumption, some of the men fed him burned rice, and he regained his health. He worked for the next three years for Japanese companies. After liberation, he

returned to New Mexico and opened a restaurant in Albuquerque. Called Cocina de Carlos, it seated 250 people and was a success, he said. Later, he

and two of his children opened another restaurant in San Diego. They called it My Rich Uncle’s, because they got their financing from the Small Business

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Outwardly, Montoya seemed to have made the transition to civilian life. Actually, he was disturbed. After nearly 30 years, when he made a return trip to Japan for the 1972 Olympics, he intended to get his revenge. He wasn't thinking about a lawsuit. "In my suitcase I had hidden a gun and I was looking for the guard" — one who had been particularly cruel. He realizes it was irrational. "I was sick, literally sick, seeing a psychiatrist," he said. "I looked for the camp, but it was gone. I returned to the place, but instead of sand hills, there were paved streets and two-story homes."

The trip to Japan was spiritually healing, nonetheless. "We stayed

a month, saw how the Japanese people live. I told my wife, 'I feel like something is leaving me.'"

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"Betty said she thinks the hardest part must have been not knowing when it would end," Tenney told me. He was talking about the wait in prison camp, not the wait for his lawsuit to be over. "If you have a three-year sentence, you mark it off. After three years, you go home."

So how *did* he cope with the uncertainty?

"I let my mind deal with each event individually. I didn't worry about anything down the line. It was now. Now. Now. Now. It was taking care of this, taking care of that, making these short-term goals."

So it never felt to him that the war would last forever? Or that Japan would win?

"Never. We knew. We were on the inside: we watched them getting around with bicycles, okay?, because they didn't have enough cars. When you saw what they were dealing with, with their uniforms, with their equipment, you knew they could not sustain. You knew it was just a matter of time before the world would collapse on them. The trouble for us was, we didn't know when it would happen, and we didn't know what would happen to us when it did."

On August 9, 1945, Tenney and some of his buddies saw a strange sight in the sky as they looked toward Nagasaki. One man actually called it "a mushroom cloud." It was the result of the second atomic bomb attack; three days earlier, the first bomb had

destroyed Hiroshima. Very shortly, Tenney's Japanese captors dispersed — their harming was over.

In Japan, according to Tenney's book, he made a promise: "I would get even with those bastards, the ones who beat and tortured me, the ones who deprived me of my dignity, the ones who killed my friends." Revenge-seeking doesn't require that he be full of hatred like his fist-shaking friends, however; it would defeat his larger purpose in life. "I feel sympathy for those who still have hatred," he told me, "because I have a philosophy: if they still hate the Japanese, then they're still in prison. Those who still hate the Japanese are still being kept prisoner today, the same as they were 60 years ago, because in

their minds, they are still prisoners. You can't let it affect your whole life. If you do, you're the loser. How can you be a loser all those years in camp and then come home and still be a loser?"

I asked how he felt about the lawyers for the Japanese companies when he saw them in court. These were the representatives of "those bastards," after all.

"I'll tell you an interesting story," he said. "On September 8, 2001, in San Francisco, they were celebrating the signing of the peace treaty 50 years ago, and I was there, and the lawyers from the other side were there. It was a big affair at the opera house, and everybody was in formal clothes, tuxedos, and so forth. And I'm in the lobby when a gentleman

walks up to me and says, 'Dr. Tenney! Your book is so moving and so touching, and I want you to know I really, really feel for you.' I said, 'Thank you.' He said, 'Do you know who I am?' I said, 'You look familiar, but I'm not sure.' He said, 'I'm one of the attorneys for Mitsui. And I really shouldn't be talking to you, but I had to tell you that I admire you.' Now we go upstairs and we sit down. Colin Powell came in. And before he started, someone says to me, 'Dr. Tenney! Dr. Tenney! Hi! I have to talk to you! You're wonderful.' 'Who are you?' He's one of the attorneys for Mitsubishi."

How can they do what they're doing to you, then? I asked.

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"No, I just hate them, that's all."

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On August 11, 2002, the third anniversary of the filing of his lawsuit, I asked Tenney in an e-mail how he was handling the wait for the court cases to be over. Three years, I noted, was the same amount of time he had spent working in the Mitsui coal mines.

"Three years ago," he replied, "I said I would not feel sorry if I failed, just so long as I did my best and put my best effort into it. Three years ago, I made a commitment to see this thing through till a final decision is reached and to do everything I could to help the cause. This I've done, giving 35 speeches, 25 press interviews, and 16 on radio and television."

Referring to the government's adversarial position, he added, "We were sacrificed during World War II and now once again we are being sacrificed by our country, so the State Department says, in order to keep good relations with our former enemy. My goal is to fight for justice. I surrendered once — never again."

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In December, nearly five months after the Santa Ana proceeding, the judges still hadn't made a decision. Their time was up, but they had given themselves an extension. Finally, two more months later, on February 6, the announcement came. It was not a pleasant day for Tenney and the others. The judges had ruled in favor of the Japanese companies. The treaty is a bar to these kinds of lawsuits, they said, and the men cannot proceed with theirs.

The men did not

have to reassemble in Santa Ana to hear these words. The decision was delivered in writing to the Casey offices. By the time it arrived, it was old news. Reporters had called Casey to get his reaction after seeing it on the court's website.

The judges wrote that their decision had been made with some regret. "[The men's] sacrifice deserves to be explicitly recognized by the judiciary of this country, regardless of the validity of the legal claims they are now making — indeed, all the more so in light of our determination that the 1951 treaty precludes this lawsuit.

"These plaintiffs [should] be given a forthright, honest explanation why their government waived their rights to seek redress against the companies that benefited from their slave labor."

When I called Casey a couple of weeks later, he said of the judges' reluctant decision, "Theirs was a tortured reasoning of the law. That's the word I like to use. 'Tortured.'" He meant no irony.

"It was a factual determination, a factual finding," he added, "but there was no record of fact-finding." Where did they get their facts, then? "They picked them out of Senate hearings, out of books. But that's not their job. That's a trial lawyer's job." His job.

"We're appealing the other decision too," he said. He referred to the ruling in the federal cases. This, by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which had also gone against him.

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In what grade of school did you make the best grades?

"Elementary school, all throughout. I did real good academically."

The worst?

"Tenth grade. It was a combination of not going to school and extracurricular activities like drugs. Back then, along with most everyone else, I was doing marijuana."

In what grade of school were you happiest?

"I'd probably go back to elementary school — fifth or sixth grade.... Finding out that one of the best-looking girls in the class liked me. There was this girl that everyone liked, she



Greg

was 'it' in our sixth-grade class, and I remember there were, like, four guys who were really interested in her and weren't shy about it, that wanted to be her boyfriend. I remember we all had to write our names on a piece of paper and write a little note to her and give it to her as some sort of test, and I ended up being picked out of the four. That was a good moment."

In what grade were you unhappiest?

"Eleventh grade.... Probably dropping out and disappointing my parents. But usually I was high and ditching school. There was one time, during the first week of high school, that the school police busted me for marijuana. I was coming back to school after lunch, and we were stoned, and the cop knew it, so they busted all of us. They ended up searching my locker and found my stash, and I got sent to the principal's. Long story short, my brother ended up bailing me out, as far as not getting me kicked out of school. He was pretty well respected, he was in the ASB, and he was able to talk to the principal."

Tell me about a favorite teacher.

"I had one teacher that I was in love with, my Spanish teacher, a beautiful woman. That was probably the main reason I went to the class. She was strictly business, though."

Tell me about a teacher you hated.

"Tenth grade, biology class, I was just starting to get in a whole lot of trouble.

I was taking advantage of my biology teacher, who wasn't too alert, might have been in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's back then. But I was a smart-ass, always playing around every time he turned his back. We threw things and made faces and even went as far as smoking pot in his room on the sly. Finally, I took it too far and he scolded me about something, and I basically said, 'Fuck you,' under my breath, and he heard it, so I got suspended. When I got back a couple of days later, he made me face the rest of the class, sitting right next to him, making me the dunce. I wouldn't say that I didn't like him; I had nothing against him, but he was easy to fool with, and I took advantage of it. Not that I'm proud of it or that I was right, but that's just the way it was."

Who, among school staff, helped you most?

"In elementary school, fifth or sixth grade, there was a teacher, Mr. Fox, the music teacher. We had a school choir; I was a member of it even though I couldn't sing a lick. He was very involved with that, and he went as far as to get us to sing at the Civic Theatre. We got on TV and we had a couple record albums. What that really meant to me is that these things are possible; you can do these things. He wasn't just a teacher sitting in a classroom reading out of books; he took it to the next

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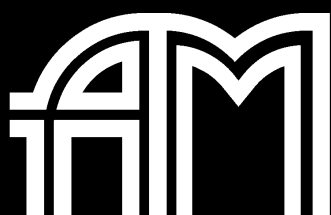
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level. He really motivated me, and he was a good teacher. Period.”
Were you ever left back a grade?
 “No.”
Did you ever fail any courses?
 “Well, I failed several.... All of them from tenth onward...because of nonattendance.”
How many books do you think you read in a year?
 “I’m not real fond of fiction. I’m going to guess maybe three or four. *Cadillac Desert*, about the water problems in the West. *We Were Soldiers* Once...and Young, about Vietnam.”

What are the most useful things you learned in school?
 “I didn’t like the different social classes, because it kept people from being themselves. You had to belong to one particular group. Algebra was useless; I haven’t had a use for it.”
The most useful and valuable?
 “The English language, learning to write. It’s fundamental in trying to communicate. It makes life so much easier and enjoyable.”
What did your parents say when you quit school?
 “They were both teach-

ers. My father was a junior high history/world geography teacher, and my mother taught English. My mother was not happy whatsoever; I think it pretty much devastated her. She wasn’t happy; it hit her hard. My father was kind of indifferent about it. He said, ‘Well, get a job if you’re not going to go to school.’ ”
Were you ever kicked out of school?
 “Oh, heck yes.... The first time was in elementary school, when I didn’t want to be in the school play. And then in seventh grade I got into

a fight. The guy was messing with me in choir class — he actually had a blade — and all I did was yell at him, but the teacher thought we were about ready to have a brawl. I lit a trash can on fire once so I was out for a week on that one. I got into a fight by the vice principal’s office so I got sent out for a day for that one. And then the drugs. I got busted for drugs a couple times. I never got totally expelled, though.”
If you ditched school, what would you do instead?
 “Partied down at the

beach, drink, smoke, hung out. Basically just partying, that’s all I wanted to do.”
Do you know other people who have dropped out of school?
 “There were people I knew back then that dropped out, but when I quit doing the drugs [we lost touch].”
What are they doing now?
 “Dunno.”
Do you plan to get back into school?
 “No; I have no desire whatsoever. Unless it was something I had a passion for, something like learning to play the piano. As far as further-

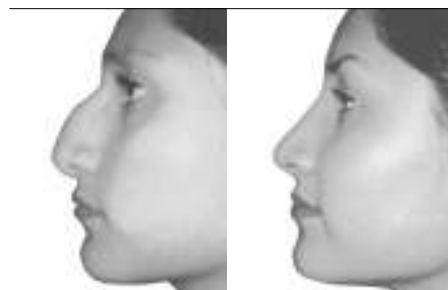
ing my career, I have no plans to do that.”
What would you major in if you went to college?
 “I actually did go to college, but I dropped out. I never finished anything. Perhaps something in the arts/entertainment field.”
Can you remember the exact moment when you decided to quit school?
 “No, it was a gradual thing. It just worked out that I just skipped one class, then I skipped two, then I skipped half a day, then a whole day — although the second time I quit, in 12th grade, that was abrupt. I quit with a bang then. I

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actually left school, and then the next day I hitchhiked to Illinois, where some of my family was. It was pretty radical.”
Did you go homeless for any time after quitting school?
“Yeah, when I hitchhiked to Illinois. I just wanted to get out of town. I was just drifting around for about a month. I had a backpack and people were pretty nice. I was on the

road, for the most part, and it was an adventure.”
Did you ever like to get high on any particular drugs?
“Back then, oh yeah, marijuana. I tried about everything back then. Mostly coke, mushrooms. But I was pretty strong-willed when I decided I was done. I got into a pretty serious relationship with a girl, and I was getting a little older, and I basically

decided I was done with it. I’d been stoned for basically three or four years, every day, all day, and I just got tired of it; I wanted more. I wasn’t able to stop drinking for about four years. I quit drugs and drinking cold turkey, no rehab.”
Did your parents try to get you to see a psychologist?
“Yeah, I think I did go to a counselor.”
How did that make you feel?

“They were just trying to help me get off the drugs.”
What would you tell your kids if they were dropping out of school?
“I’d want to know the reason, if it was something to do with school or something to do with something else. And obviously I wouldn’t encourage it. I’d have to know all the facts before I could decide what to do, if anything.”

of drug problems that began after the homicide of her father. He was killed when she was in seventh grade. Three years later she was addicted to meth and had a baby. Last year she returned from Casa Recovery home and got a job at San Diego Youth at Work.
In what grade of school did you make the best grades?
“Elementary, because my friends used to be on top of me and make sure I had my homework done.”
The worst?
“When I was in junior high, I just started going down. I wouldn’t study,



Nora

and I was ditching school.”
In what subjects did you make the best grades?
“Language arts; I liked the teachers. They used to help me, because I needed them to tell me step-by-step what I needed to do, because I forget things.”

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In what grade of school were you happiest?

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In what grade were you unhappiest?

“Before I dropped out, in tenth.... In grade seven my dad died; he was shot, but we don’t know who shot him. He was a gang-banger himself [when he was younger], and he still hung out. I’m not too sure why they shot him. Those were my saddest days. His death had a big effect on me. That’s when I started using drugs as well. I got this hole in my heart, and I tried to fill it with whatever it is, but that hole can never be filled. I tried to substitute, but I only hurt myself. I didn’t want to deal with the pain. I tried to fill that hole with drugs because they made it numb; the drugs numbed me. Within a month I started drinking and smoking weed, and in two years I started smoking crystal.”

Tell me about a favorite teacher.

“My Spanish teacher would help me out before I dropped out, because I needed a lot of credits to graduate.

When we were learning about Pancho Villa and César Chávez, he would give me stuff to do for extra credit. Back then my drug of choice was crystal methamphetamine, and I used to make word searches for fun, so I did word searches for him, and it helped me with my credits.”

Tell me about a teacher you hated.

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the chair; I think I got suspended. I was full of anger back then.”
Who, among school staff, helped you most?
“Every time I switched schools, I had a different teacher that helped me. When I was pregnant I was really depressed because my baby’s dad was locked up, and this lady helped me out. She made it easier for me to do my work.”
Were you ever left back a grade?
“First; they tried in eighth but they didn’t.”
Did you ever fail any courses?
“A lot.... Math, all the way through school and history too.... I just didn’t like them because they were boring and I didn’t want to give them a chance.”
Name some titles of books you’ve recently

read.
“I don’t really read books, I don’t see no interest in them. Sometimes I’ll read *Lowrider* magazine.”
What are the most useless things you learned in school?
“I think all of it was good; I just didn’t want to listen to it. Or maybe PE.”
The most useful and valuable?
“I didn’t really learn anything because I didn’t give it the time of day, but maybe English because I never knew English until elementary school.”
What did your parents say when you quit school?
“My mom kept trying to get me in school but I didn’t want it and I ended up just leaving home. I went to my

boyfriend’s house and I lived with him.”
Were you ever kicked out of school?
“I was suspended for fighting. They suspended me for three days or a week.”
If you ditched school, what would you do instead?
“I would go hang out with my friends. I was already smoking cigarettes, so I would smoke. When it started progressing more, I would drink margaritas in the bathrooms.”
Do you know other people who have dropped out of school?
“Yes.”
What are they doing now?
“A lot of them I don’t talk to anymore because maybe they’re still using drugs and I don’t use drugs no more and I

don’t hang out no more. I have my own family; I have two kids, so I just stay home. I have a friend who dropped out but now she’s in home study, so she’s trying. My other friend, she dropped out and she’s no longer in school because she had a baby.”
Do you plan to get back into school?
“Sometimes, but I feel school’s boring.”
What would you major in if you went to college?
“Physical therapy, nursing.”
Can you remember the exact moment when you decided to quit school?
“I was at YOU and I was really bad into methamphetamines, and in order for me to do my homework I had to be high. When I was high I could do a good job. I started getting more

and more involved with that drug, and I just didn’t have time to go to school. Or, if I went to school, I was too low and I would end up falling asleep in second period because I didn’t sleep all last night.”
Did you go homeless for any time after quitting school?
“Yes, because my mom kicked me out. I went out my window and didn’t come back until after I had completed treatment in the recovery home.... I was in the recovery home for almost nine months.”
Did you ever like to get high on any particular drugs?
“Marijuana and methamphetamines.... At first I didn’t want to go to a recovery home, but I had a son, and then I had a daughter,

which was born positive with methamphetamines. So CPS took away my kids. I went to a program, it could be outpatient or inpatient; I chose outpatient, but I ended up faking my tests by drinking vinegar. One day they caught me and busted me, and all of a sudden I just gave up because they told me I was going to lose my son, and I raised my son and my daughter and it hurt me when they said they were going to take my kids away, so I chose to go inside [as] inpatient. It was hard the first day, because I didn’t know anybody. As time progresses, though, you start to get more comfortable, you start opening up, and you just gotta give up and just learn that you have

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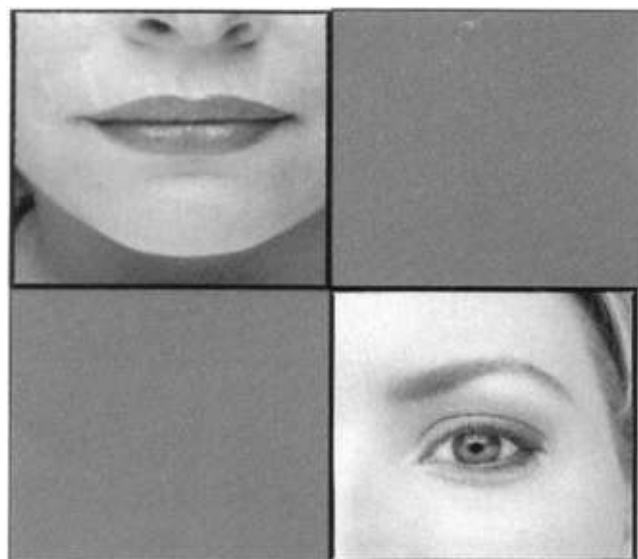
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In what grade of school were you happiest?

"Ninth grade. I loved drama; I was doing plays, I was very social, and I helped a lot of people. I was also a peer counselor."

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ing home.”
Tell me about a favorite teacher.
 “My math teacher, because I like things that are challenging but I like to be able to understand what I’m learning better. He made me understand, and he didn’t get frustrated or say he’d talk to me after class and just took the time, took the time to help me understand.”
Tell me about a teacher you hated.
 “I don’t have one.”
Who, among school staff, helped you most?
 “My cheerleading teacher, because she really encouraged me, telling me that I could do anything that I want, that I can go anywhere I want to go, that I just have to try.”
Were you ever left back a grade?

“I was supposed to go from sixth into high school, but my mom didn’t want me to do that. She wanted me to go through every grade.”
Did you ever fail any courses?
 “History.... I really didn’t care about it. When I care about something I will really try hard, and when I see in my life that it’s going to have a purpose, I’ll learn it. But I wasn’t into really politics or history, which is very bad, but I just wasn’t into it.”
Name some titles of books you’ve recently read.
 “I really don’t read, except for my Bible and the children’s Bible and the Teletubbies books to my son. I’m really about self-improvement

though, and I checked out a book about Scientology.”
What are the most useful things you learned in school?
 “Mixing colors to make another color.”
The most useful and valuable?
 “Maps, because I’m always traveling everywhere, going from here to there, and also I’m trying for a police dispatcher [job], so it’s really essential for me to have that skill.”
What did your parents say when you quit school?
 “They really didn’t say anything to me. They didn’t accept that I quit; they just kept trying to help me out. When I did finally quit they had me go to summer school and then adult school, and I never finished

adult school.”
Were you ever kicked out of school?
 “I got into a fight at sixth-grade camp, and I had to leave the camp and go home. It was the last day. And also, in seventh or eighth grade, I got jumped in the street, and she sucker-punched me in the back, and we just started fighting. I got suspended for that.”
If you ditched school, what would you do instead?
 “Smoke, drank, went to the mall, ate, just went off.”
Do you know other people who have dropped out of school?
 “Yes, my whole family.”
What are they doing now?
 “My sister is off partying with her friends, and my 15-year-old sis-

ter has a 2-year-old baby, and she got emancipated and has her own apartment, and she’s going to be getting married this year. My brother got hurt at work and got workman’s comp.”
Do you plan to get back into school?
 “I would really like to. I’m trying to take the GED test and/or take classes at Foothills Adult School. It’s hard just moneywise, though, because my brother has his whole family here, and I don’t know when my sister’s coming home, and my mom doesn’t work, and my dad only helps pay the bills.”
What would you major in if you went to college?
 “Law.”
Can you remember the exact moment when you

decided to quit school?
 “My cousin’s birthday. We went to TJ. It was about two weeks toward graduation. I was supposed to graduate and then go to summer school and get some extra credits so I could still graduate with my class. What happened was we celebrated my birthday and her birthday, and my birthday was prom day so I ended up just partying for the last two weeks and I just never went back.”
Did you go homeless for any time after quitting school?
 “Yes, but I didn’t really count it as homeless because I always had friends’ houses to go to. I was just kinda here and there, and I would go home sometimes just to see the family.”

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were you happiest?
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In what grade were you unhappiest?
“In general, the early grades of grade school because I kinda got picked on a lot, up till seventh grade.... [In] physical science, in seventh grade. I sat down, and this one guy didn’t like me. He just mad-dogged me, and he took my backpack and gave me bad looks. He was, like, a thug. He talked trash to me, said he was going to beat me up, and I just took it.”

Tell me about a favorite teacher.
“Sixth grade, my teacher Mr. Gordon. He was always, like, there. He was, like, more than a teacher. I could call him when I wanted to talk about anything in specific, if it was school-related or my health condition. [He said] to be who I am and not care what anyone thinks of me.”
Tell me about a teacher you hated.
“I don’t got no mad hate for no teachers, but I guess it would have to be my science teacher. She was really boring, and half the time I would ask her questions, she would kinda get mad. She was, like, ‘Weren’t you listening

before?’ and I was, like, ‘Oh, yeah...I don’t get it.’ I got to the point where I was, like, I’m going to get a bad grade...so be it.”
Who, among school staff, helped you most?
“My counselor at Morse, George Walker, he really helped me in my crossover from high school to the adult school. When I went back, I really wanted to get into an independent school, and the only thing I knew was Mark Twain [Junior/Senior High School], and there was a lot of red tape in the course of trying to get into that school. He made a call and got an appointment for Mark Twain, but I figured out that I wouldn’t be able to go there.”
Were you ever left back a grade?
“Kindergarten.”

Did you ever fail any courses?
“Physical science.... I couldn’t put facts together about those kind of terms. Plus, I didn’t like science, so I couldn’t care less if I passed or not.”
Name some titles of books you’ve recently read.
“Maybe one — gotta keep it real: *The Long Hard Road out of Hell*, by Marilyn Manson.”
What are the most useless things you learned in school?
“History, pre-algebra.”
The most useful and valuable?
“Social skills — I chill a lot.”
What did your parents say when you quit school?
“First they were kind of, ‘Why?’ But they understood where I was coming from. I was going through some

mental stuff, some issues with myself.”
Were you ever kicked out of school?
“No.”
If you ditched school, what would you do instead?
“Hung out, walked around, talked to people. I went to the mall one time.”
Do you know other people who have dropped out of school?
“Yes, my friend is working as a security guard; and my girlfriend, but she’s graduated from NCAS [National City Adult School].”
What would you major in if you went to college?
“Music.”
Can you remember the exact moment when you decided to quit school?
“It was actually a couple of minutes after my 16th birthday, when I was in 11th. Maybe it was after I listened to a little bit of music, the Smashing Pumpkins, and I was thinking that I

wanted more spare time on my hands.”
Did you go homeless for any time after quitting school?
“No.”
Did you ever like to get high on any particular drugs?
“I wasn’t really a fan of getting high. I tried it, but I wasn’t hard-core. I guess the only thing I really did like was to smoke cigarettes.”
Did your parents try to get you to see a psychologist?
“In the middle of last year I saw one. I thought it was okay, whatever.”
What would you tell your kids if they were dropping out of school?
“That they shouldn’t because if they want to go for their diploma in another way, like, in adult school, it will be harder. Also, sometimes school may be hard, but it’s better just to stick it out and not give it up.” ■
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Irish on the Inside

PEOPLE DON'T EASILY "GET" ME. It takes about three weeks for my students at SDSU to figure me out and start laughing. Friends say I should always wear a button that says, "I'm only joking." In fact, there used to be a bank in San Diego called Far West Savings and Loan, the one that had Roy Rogers and Dale Evans as their mascots. In the old days, before ATMs, I used to go to my neighborhood branch on a regular basis and in that way got to know the clerks there. After six months, one of the tellers finally told me, "We used to think you were angry. Now we realize you're funny." So, I went to live for a year in Ireland. It's a place where I'm understood.

When I first visited Ireland, I took a budget flight from Lindbergh Field via Timbuktu and spent 22 hours in the air before arriving in Dublin. But my mother and sisters, who were already touring in the country, wouldn't hear about my needing to sleep. "The best way to get over jet lag," they insisted, "is to keep going. Besides, we're already booked for the Guinness tour." About then, the taxi driver pulled up —

Him: "Where are you going?"

Me: "The Guinness Brewery Tour."

Him: "How long you been in the country?"

Me: "Forty-five minutes."

Him: "So, it's the Guinness Tour you'll be going on?"

Me: "I thought I'd start in Bethlehem first."

Him: "Sure, it's not the birth of Christ. It's the resurrection."

And so, I knew I was home, if you mean by that a place where you're easily understood.

When the chance came to live for a year in Ireland, I jumped at it. In 1999–2000, I took a year's leave from SDSU and taught at the National University of Ireland in Galway. That university needed an American professor to teach American literature, and I was happy to oblige, because I knew this American would learn more from the natives than whatever he could teach them. Then there was what the Irish call "The Roots thing."

Like many, when it comes to ethnicity, I'm a combination pizza. But on my mother's side I'm Irish — the family name is Phelan, my ancestors are from Tipperary. So, I imagined myself something like

Alex Haley, having a mystical experience in the backcountry of Tippi, my hands clasped around the knees of some bog farmer, learning the name of my own Celtic Kunta Kinte. If not, I was certain I would still have fun.

I did.

Once a year at SDSU we get a memo from the administration warning faculty about "field trips," especially about any outside-class activities that might involve alcohol.

one makes a pass at someone else, can the professor and the university be held responsible?

My Irish students found this laughable, when I explained the regulation to them over drinks at the university pub — a huge place in the center of campus with room for 300 that serves not just beer

One afternoon, the FedEx deliveryman handed me an overnight package containing a carne asada burrito from Alberto's.

and wine but every hard drink imaginable. "We're all adults here" was their attitude, then conversation turned to the novel we'd been discussing in class.

That's another thing. The university rule against teachers and students "fraternizing" outside of class — and SDSU is no different from other universities in this regard — creates a huge and artificial chasm between our



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“work” and our “lives.” Here we were in Galway, continuing our classroom discussion in a pub. As far as the students were concerned, there was nothing remarkable about that. As one said, “If we enjoy talking about literature in the classroom, why wouldn’t we want to do so outside the classroom and over a drink? By the way, what are you having?”

Even if there were a rule, the Irish would probably ignore it. The spring I was in Galway, the government in Dublin, inspired by California, passed a law prohibiting smoking in pubs. Except for some laughter, the law prompted no response and certainly not a jot of change in the whole country.

Call it the long tradition of rebellion, when the Irish suffered under 800 years of British rule, but when it comes to regulations, a lot of winking goes on. Take the rules about bar closings. Technically, in the summer the pubs are supposed to close at 11:30 and in the winter at 11:00. But these are just legalities, and in truth, many just don’t bother. Often enough, when the closing hour approaches, the drinking continues, and the pub’s owners simply lock the door and pull down the shades so the Garde, the police, don’t know what’s going on. But, of course, they do. In fact, it’s considered good manners, if the Garde have been asked to put pressure on an after-hours place, for them to call a few days ahead of time to schedule a convenient time for a raid.

That same attitude toward rules became apparent when I went to a pharmacy to buy a bottle of coated aspirin. “You need a doctor’s prescription,” the pharmacist advised.

“Why is that?” I wondered.

“It’s the law,” she replied, handing me a bottle of what I had asked for. “How many do you need?”



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A few days after I got back from my year in Ireland, friends took me to a newly opened Irish pub in North County. After 20 minutes, I wept. Going to those ersatz Irish bars is like going to a Disneyland with sham-rocks on the walls. And when the memory is fresh of what the real thing is, you can only be haunted by what you’ve given up. Sure, I confess, I sometimes go to the Irish bars in the Gaslamp. But I go there for the same reasons junkies resort to methadone: I can’t get the real thing.

What’s the real thing? Let me give you a glimpse of a Sunday-afternoon session at the Crane, a neighborhood pub in Galway. A few dozen people, families. Still dark on this damp afternoon. Over in the corner, some guys in sweaters playing a tin whistle, fiddle, *bhodran* (a hand-held skin drum), box (accordion). Other musicians come and sit in. Then the magic. A four-year-old girl starts dancing in the Irish manner. Kicking

her legs up. Two eight-year-old girls do the same. Nothing special. Nothing fancy. Not on a stage or anything. Just in the little space of the aisle near the bar. The kind of things kids do, say, when relatives come over and the kids want to put on a “show” — that is, if the relatives play the tin whistle and *bhodran*, roll their own cigarettes of Drum tobacco, and live in those sweaters.

When people ask me, “Why is pub life so important to the Irish?” I say, “You’ve never seen Irish TV — three channels and lots of programs about bird-watching.” (God save the pub owners if Cox Communications ever enters the market.) And you go to pubs to meet people, and people are there for the same reason. So, there’s none of this pussy-footing and sitting at the bar staring into your glass before politely striking up a conversation with the person on the stool next to you. Sweet creeping Jesus! Everybody just talks and joins in, without hindrance, and why not?



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Of course, the pub is also a place for romance, but let me advise that Irish women aren't easily fooled. As a professor at SDSU, I am, needless to say, constantly surrounded by the buzz of the young flirting with each other. And if I can generalize, a lot of American seductions seem to consist of pretending to talk about something else while the real agenda lies beneath the surface. That wouldn't happen in Ireland. Irish women are particularly frank and ready to match a man stride-for-stride. I once saw the wind taken out of the sails of a visiting American engaged in conversational flirtation with an Irish lawyer. "You're only saying that to get in my pants," she pointed out with a toss of her head.

As this suggests, the war between the sexes is alive in Ireland. One idle Sunday afternoon at a pub, two women acquaintances down from Dublin took advantage of the quiet to sing a hilarious song insulting men. Across the room, a table of men answered with an equally comic tune poking fun at women. This exchange of musical insults continued for two hours, until an old gent at the bar stepped forward and hooked a finger in his cardigan. "There's been a lot of bad feeling between men and women here today," he began, "so I'd like to bring it to a close by reciting a poem by Patrick Kavanaugh." And he did. And the last line of the poem was a man saying, "What I know of God, I know through women."

When it comes to Irish males, American women, I learned, are particularly taken with them. I took two visiting friends to a pub one night, and late in the evening, as was the custom, folks took turns singing. On this occasion, a handsome fellow in his 20s with a lovely tenor voice got up to sing a *sean-nos*, a traditional lament about lost love. The American women melted. "God,

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are they all like this?” my smitten friends wondered.

And when it comes to issues of sexual orientation, the Irish struck me as far more tolerant or open-minded. They were puzzled, for example, by the controversy then brewing in New York about whether gays and lesbians should be allowed to march in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. For their own parade, in response, Galway invited over the San Francisco Police Drill Team.

It comes down to this joke, a gay acquaintance explained to me. “You know how you can tell an Irish homosexual? It’s a man who loves sex more than his drink.”

I was raised a Catholic, and I suppose I still am. But in the 1980s, I turned to Zen Buddhism, primarily studying under Charlotte (Joko) Beck at Zen Center San Diego

when it was located on Del Mar Heights Road, then afterwards when it relocated to Pacific Beach. Since then, I’ve studied under various teachers. So I was pleased, after my move to Galway, to discover that there was a Zen group there that I could “sit” or meditate with in the mornings.

Every once in a while, Zen students assemble for a “sesshin” — a rigorous retreat that goes on for several days and where meditation pretty much lasts all day, though broken up by meals and periods of work and rest. The ones I have attended in San Diego and elsewhere in the States are serious affairs, where silence is the rule and folks go to bed at 9:00 p.m. in order to get up at 4:00 a.m. Imagine my disbelief, then, when after painfully sitting all day at an Irish “sesshin,” a fellow in black robes and with a shaved head came

into the dormitory and asked me if I was going to the bar.

I thought he was joking. He assured me he wasn’t. So, I trotted over to the kitchen to see for myself, and I saw what I’d never seen in the States: a gang of Zen nuns and monks, and lay students like me, tossing back beer and wine, reading the newspaper, engaged in animated conversations, and smoking with abandon until late into the night. It’s often said that Zen accommodates itself to whatever culture it finds itself in. The Irish had clearly come up with a new thing: barroom Zen.

Even so, for someone like me who was raised Catholic, I sometimes felt during my stay in Galway that I was revisiting the 1950s and my Catholic school years. Nuns on the street were not dressed like their American counterparts, in Sears Roebuck

civvies, but in full nun regalia. Walking near a parochial school at noon on an autumn afternoon, I seemed to be seeing my past still alive: kids in school sweaters and uniforms, hanging around a candy store, a gang of roughnecks pushing and shoving.

So, one night I went to a Jubilee Novena, a nine-day event that is the Catholic equivalent of a revival meeting and usually run by a special order of fire-and-brimstone priests known as the Redemptorists. Cars were parked for miles around Galway’s cathedral. True believers, young and old alike, were packed cheek-by-jowl in the pews and the aisles.

I was there, I confess, for the wrong reasons — out of a nostalgic wish to hear about hellfire, as I had in my youth, and to be smitten with guilt for my sins. I was disap-

pointed. The priest was a young man from the new generation, and he was filled more with compassion than with righteousness. In the old days, God’s laws were black and white and unbending, so I was stunned and crestfallen to hear this kindly young priest suggest that a sin was whatever we thought it was. While he brought sunshine to the faithful through one door of the cathedral, I slunk out the other with my gloom and guilt.

When we moved to North County in 1980 from Massachusetts, I chuckled when my daughter brought home her school manual after her first day. In the Boston area, the school manual laid out specific policies about what to do in the event of snow — what radio stations to listen to, modified school bus routes, etc. At her new San Diego school, the

weather policy was short and sweet: “If it rains, there will still be school.”

After living in San Diego for two decades, you can imagine what it’s like to move to Ireland if I tell you that Galway’s sister city is Seattle. I saw 17 kinds of rain one day. They were easily distinguished because they were broken up by intervals of snow, sleet, hail, and what Irish weathermen call “sun breaks.”

When winter comes, it’s not unusual to have indoor electric lights on all day long. Of course, that creates a cozy indoor culture largely unfamiliar to San Diegans: when a rainy afternoon can be spent reading in front of a peat fire, in a stuffed chair and with a cup of tea. On the other hand, the dark and damp can get to you after a while, and some folks have those light boxes sometimes seen in Alaska, and they spend an hour or

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Let me warn you, then, that what follows is a sad story about the suicide of a mother and the death of her two daughters. Those who treasure the notion that life in Ireland is all hilarity and high spirits would do best to skip over this section. This is a tale from the month of March, High Season of the Blues.

My good friend Sinéad was the nanny to two girls, Jennifer (10, red-haired, smiling and spunky) and Louisa (6, thin, petulant and moody but still sweet). Because they lived just down the way, Sinéad would occasionally bring them by in the afternoon for tea and cookies. We would play board games or talk about their schools. In this way, I got to know and enjoy them.

Their mother was having mental-health problems. One Sunday, she committed suicide by driving her car off the pier in a nearby town and into the sea. The children were locked inside.

I still weep to think of the unfairness of that, and of the sad funeral, and seeing those tiny coffins, of marching through the rain to the cemetery, of the teddy bears and gifts placed in the graves. It was a "pissing" day: drizzling rain. Everyone soaked and shivering. Lots of heavy, resigned, choked sobbing. It rained and rained.

One of the worst things about living in Ireland is that you can't get Mexican food. What passes for an "enchilada" in a fancy restaurant is a tortilla covered with a can of chili. Within weeks, I started to get the shakes from withdrawal. Friends back in San Diego helped out. One afternoon, the FedEx deliveryman handed me an overnight package containing a carne asada burrito from Alberto's.

My wife is a Latina, and I have endured for years her poking fun at



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my ethnicity: "What's to be said about a culture," she's observed, "whose highest contribution to fashion is wearing white socks with a dark suit?" One night we were watching *The Commitments*, a well-known Irish rock-and-roll movie, and along comes the famous line in that film: "Remember, the Irish are the blacks of Europe." That prompted my wife to quip, "Someone should tell the blacks what they're saying about them."

Still, there's something to that if you've seen *Gangs of New York* or you know anything about European history and American immigration, how the Irish worked for 800 years as tenant farmers and downstairs maids in the big houses owned by the English, and how the Micks and Colleens who came to these shores were greeted with signs that read "Help Wanted. No

Irish Need Apply." There's a famous book called *How the Irish Became White*; I gather it happened in the 1930s. Even today, Tom Hayden says in his book *Irish on the Inside*, some Irish-Americans boggle at those race and ethnicity forms that oblige them to identify as "white." There's a reason there are more Irish working for the United Nations than any other nationality: because of their long experience under colonial rule, the Third World trusts the Irish more than any other Europeans.

Because they are of mixed heritage, then, my children, of course, have had to sort things out for themselves in a culture with race and ethnicity forms that direct you to "choose one." My son, when he was a disc jockey playing *rock en español*, used as his on-the-air name *Café con leche*. My daughter, a teacher in a

dual-language school in Chula Vista, received a calendar this Christmas by the *cartoonista* Lalo Alcaraz: the caption to one of the drawings was "Remember, the Irish are the Chicanos of Europe."

Look, I've been to the Globe. I've been to the Symphony. I've even been to the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. And there's something that always sticks in my craw about those places. In San Diego, though this is no different from elsewhere in the States, the arts often seem associated with the society pages, with a certain elitism and snootiness. What is remarkable about the Irish is their wide and classless interest in the arts.

While living there, I argued about books with folks in pubs, and the person on the stool next to me wasn't an academic or an intellectual. I've seen farm-

ers from County Clare clean up and come to town to attend concerts and hear Mozart or Schubert. And I've heard ordinary folks argue about the new theater season with the same energy that some folks here use in discussing recent films. Many Irish play musical instruments, and, it seems to me, one out of every ten writes poetry — though because it is such a common activity, people don't put on airs about doing so.

I don't want to give a false and romantic picture of Irish interest in the arts and cultural matters; there are plenty of, say, truck drivers who couldn't give a shite about all that feckin' stuff. But perhaps I can suggest something about the wide and classless interest in the arts by referring to an event that happened while I was there, an event that I don't imagine happening in San Diego.

There's one central post office in Galway, and the postmen working there collected all their poetry and published it in an anthology. I received an invitation to the book launch. Red-faced, reading their poems, uncomfortable in their Sunday white shirts, they laughed and enjoyed themselves. In fact, a good time was had by all.

When you think about it, given its size (about a fifth that of the state of California) and population (less than double that of San Diego County), Ireland has had a disproportionate influence on culture. That remains even more true today: Nobel Prize-winning poet Seamus Heaney, *Riverdance*, U2, Neil Jordan's films, Frank McCourt's *Angela's Ashes*. I think this is due to the wide and classless interest in the arts.

This might also explain something else.

I've taught at UCSD and UCLA, but I prefer teaching at SDSU. I like working with students who also hold down 40-hour-a-week jobs as waitresses, and my real pleasure comes in getting the eyes to suddenly kindle in that frat boy with spiky hair when he suddenly gets something about a piece of literature and is hooked. They remind me of myself at their age, a working-class kid surrounded by adults driving trucks with gun racks and talking of salmon fishing, and my reading literature for the first time and falling in love with all that. In that sense, I realized after my year abroad, I was Irish on the inside.

When we were growing up, my brother and sisters never thought we were "real" Irish. Sure, we sang a few songs and wore green on St. Patrick's Day. But we weren't like those kids who

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had just come over and enrolled in our Catholic school, the ones who talked so funny and laughed at our fondness for “Danny Boy.” So, I surprised myself one day in Galway when I answered the familiar question, “How do you find Ireland?”

“It’s been an eerie experience,” I replied, “to discover how much I thought was mine, or just my family’s, is out there, at large, in this culture. It’s made me wonder how much of what I thought were my own quirks, or my own family’s idiosyncracies, are really properties of the race.”

Take the way my mother and my aunts decorated their houses. I used to think they had bad taste or no taste at all. Then I come over to Ireland, and I visit enough parlors to suddenly realize that the cluttered-cottage look, the bric-a-brac everywhere and religious pictures against the wallpaper, is a style and a style my mother and aunts shared.

There are other things that I thought were uniquely my family’s — the veneration of salmon, the big deal over breakfasts, the way my mom would boil big hunks of beef until there was no taste left, the drinking, the singing. God, the singing. There was singing everywhere we went as a family. It used to embarrass me when I was growing up. But I just thought that was my family, that my family was different, different from other families. Imagine what it’s like, then, to find a whole culture like that.

And the people have the faces of my sisters, my cousins, my aunts and uncles. So, my year in Ireland was a very uncanny experience, but, at the same time, a very comfortable one. What I thought was mine, special and unique, or just my own family’s thing, was really out there for hundreds of miles in any direction I looked. ■

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Venus in Furs

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Private eye Tom Hickey is disguised as a corporal while in Denver's Brown Palace Hotel, where he awaits a murder — or gets ready to commit one. He's still tracking contract killer Donny Katoulis, who's carrying out the wishes of one beautiful songstress, Miss Cynthia Tucker. Hickey is Cynthia's boss at Rudy's, a nightclub in wartime San Diego, so he understands full well why she hired Katoulis to kill the charlatan rapist known as the master. Pravinshandra and Cynthia's mother, Venus, are spreading the word of their spiritualist cult in a Denver church. That much, Hickey knows. What he's not so sure about is why he's here to save anybody. Why isn't he saving himself? Protecting the life he's made with wife Madeline, who's God-knows-where with his lousy partner Paul Castillo? And his daughter Elizabeth? While Hickey tries to save the teenage Cynthia, who's saving Lizzie? Hickey doesn't have time to worry about any of this: right now his focus is all about killers: to kill or be killed.

CHAPTER 21

That far north, dusk came too early. It wasn't even 4:00 p.m. in the Brown Palace when the bellhops started lowering blackout curtains.

Hickey used the last daylight to run an errand, to go



17th Street, Denver (1898)

out and cross Treemont, hustle to the drugstore at the corner of 17th, and buy a tin of Walter Raleigh. Through the drugstore window and from the curb outside, he could watch both the 17th Street and Treemont

entrances to the hotel.

Down on the corner of Broadway, the Salvation Army woman still tooted her oboe. Only the highest notes carried over the wind. Traffic had multiplied. Merchants, clerks, secretaries,

and tailors fled their shops, the U.S. Mint, the federal, local, and state offices clustered around. The eastbound streetcar rattled up 17th, blocking Hickey's view. He tapped out his pipe on a lamppost, jaywalked, nod-

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ded to the doorman.

For tea and cocktail hour, the lobby had filled with guests who jabbered rudely as though the harpist were a lounge hack. Hickey found a stuffed chair near the front desk and tried not to let his mind drift too far skyward with the music. When the harpist curtsied, packed up, and fled, Hickey thought all the lights and colors dulled a little. Soon a fellow wearing tails and a black upturned mustache approached the grand piano, sat, and loosened his fingers. Hickey didn't get to watch him play.

A strange pair had entered from Treemont. They wore long belted robes and Arab headgear, like towels cinched on top with headbands and draping down their shoulders. Their cowboy boots clip-clopped on the floor. The taller one laughed and slapped the other fellow's shoulder. The shorter man was too flabby, pale, and hairless to be Katoulis. The other might've been Donny on stilts 20 years hence, except that the laugh was high-pitched and gay. Hickey remembered Katoulis's laugh. Like the bark of a sea lion.

As the pair approached the desk, gabbing, Hickey decided that they must be costumed as Biblical shepherds. The taller, louder one instructed the desk clerk to ask Master Pravinshandra and party to join Randolph Drew in the Ship Lounge. The desk clerk turned to his switchboard. The shepherds crossed the lobby to the lounge entrance. Hickey began rotating like a periscope, scanning all around, every floor, staring into shadows where Donny might stand with his sights on the door to room 409, if these shepherds had set the master up. Or Donny might be waiting in the Ship Lounge. Hickey felt for his gun, straightened his Army cap, adjusted his glasses, and continued scanning the atrium. Finally Venus and the master stepped out of their room.

She wore a long ermine coat, a dark fur hat. The master wore a double-breasted suit, light brown and pin-striped, a maroon tie and turban, a woolen coat thrown over his shoulder. They walked arm in arm to the elevator and

waited. When the elevator door shut behind them, Hickey stood and made a final sweeping check of the mezzanine and ground floor, then followed the shepherds' lead.

The Ship Lounge reminded Hickey too much of home. Porthole windows. Around every table sat captain's chairs. Wall shelves held model square-riggers, frigates, clipper ships. Above one end of the bar hung a painting of a sultan in a rowboat so crowded with naked dolls that they could barely hang on. At the bar sat a cowboy, an Air Force captain, three prosperous civilians, none as swarthy as Katoulis. Only two tables were occupied. One by a gang of secretaries and the boss. The other was a long banquet table that paralleled the bar, where the shepherds sat flanked by a third of their kind, three men in frilly shirts with bloused sleeves and caps with peacock feathers, and several

He saw Pravinshandra raise his arms above and outside his shoulders as though to flex his biceps for the ladies.

uncostumed, stylish women.

Hickey declined to check his hat and coat. The maitre d', large and wary as a bouncer, scrutinized Hickey's uniform and frowned. Corporals weren't legendary tippers. A dollar got him the table he wanted, a small one beyond the bar, next to the 17th Street door. He seated himself, folded and piled his overcoat and hat on the floor behind him, just as Venus stepped in.

She gazed around serenely, awarded Randolph Drew and party a delicate wave. They stood to welcome her and the master. Though Pravinshandra might be the guest of honor, everybody watched Venus. At least as tall as Cynthia. Full rosy lips. Darkly shaded emerald eyes so large they implied omniscience. The green stones of her earrings glimmered as though electrified. As she passed Hickey, her dress rustled loudly.

She and the master got seated at the head of the table, facing away from Hickey. He tried to eavesdrop

but caught nothing except compliments and pleasantries above the piped-in orchestra tunes. A waiter who sported a hearing aid and a towel over his arm brought him a Dewar's and a menu, which he waved off and ordered a small dinner salad with Roquefort and a pile of soda crackers. He smoked, sipped, and nibbled, trying to keep one eye on the doors while the other admired Venus's bare shoulders and loosely coifed cinnamon hair. He thought about a refill of scotch but settled on coffee. Another drink might lift the curtain behind which he'd been hiding visions of what could happen in the next few hours. Or he'd start missing Elizabeth, worrying about Madeline, loathing Paul Castillo. Coffee might sharpen his claws, make him a closer match to Donny Katoulis. Or it might give him the jitters, a terminal case. Whatever drug he used, waiting was hell when he

himself among the dinner guests to keep the master in sight. The shepherds led Venus and Pravinshandra through a side entrance.

Hickey lined up with the public, "donated" \$5. Stepping aside, he decided he'd get his money's worth as long as somebody played the organ. There must've been 40 pipes, the shortest about 20 feet tall, others rising twice that high to the vaulted ceiling. At floor level were a couple dozen rows of polished wooden pews separated by two wide aisles. About half the seats were filled. Eyeing the people as he passed, Hickey gravitated toward the front. He took an aisle seat in the second row. From there he could look back and see faces, watch the first row closely, peer into the opera boxes that recalled pictures of John Wilkes Booth firing on Mr. Lincoln, and watch the dimly lighted balconies. Most of the lighting was toward the front, over the altar. The chorus benches ascended to the right and left of the altar and the podium which was flanked on each side by a pair of red upholstered seats as big as thrones. The altar's red carpet tinted the light all around.

Hickey began studying the people up front. Out of 12 in the first row, 8 were women. One of the four men was stone bald. The man straight in front of Hickey showed a ruddy, heavy-jowled profile. Of the two men farthest away, he couldn't certify that either wasn't Katoulis. The best he could hope for, Hickey figured, was to eliminate most of the crowd and keep watch over the remainder.

People kept filing in, a curious assortment. A tycoon rancher in shiny, tooled boots. A flock of dowagers so old and stuffy Hickey wondered if they might've gotten lost and mistaken this place for a meeting of the DAR. Others looked like factory workers. Laborers. Housewives. Young widows. Retired teachers. Three cripples escorted by nurses and a guy whose face was a tapestry of burn scars and scabs. Maybe they'd come to get healed. Several could've been Protestant ministers. There was a trio of Salvation Army officers, and a few sets of parents with children hanging off them, oth-

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ers pushing surly boys along, hoping the holy man would inspire their brat to change his hoodlum ways. A couple about Hickey's age with a golden-haired daughter of 13 or so sat directly behind him.

A section on the opposite side from Hickey, from the sixth row back to the eleventh, an usher had been holding in reserve until a pack of lost souls got led in by a fellow in a railroad porter's outfit. The men looked frozen stiff and filthy, as though they'd ridden across the Rockies on a flat-car and gotten dumped in the railyard. Their presence must've dismayed the audience. After the usher seated and silenced the hoboes, the hall lay tensely quiet.

Finally, led by the tall shepherd, Master Pravinshandra and Venus entered by the door behind the altar. Venus had left her ermine coat, her gloves, and her hat backstage. Before taking her seat on one of the thrones left of the podium, she made a subtle turn, giving the audience a chance to gaze. The master had stripped off his turban and let down his wavy dark brown shoulder-length hair. He lowered himself into the chair beside Venus, his eyes sweeping the audience slowly as if he meant to hypnotize them all.

Randolf Drew gave a brief introduction and took his seat on the right side. Pravinshandra stood and approached the podium, where he seemed taller, stronger. The bones of his face looked straight and

sharp, chiseled in wood. The whites of his eyes appeared gigantic, the irises tiny black dots. His hands lifted gracefully into the air and stopped level with his shoulders. When he finally spoke, the deep, calming voice filled the room. The girl behind Hickey whispered too loudly, "God, he's sexy." Her mother gave her a slap on the knee.

While Hickey'd sat loathing the man, Venus had joined him at the podium, gotten introduced as the better half of his soul. Resting a hand on her shoulder, the master explained that Venus would translate the message he'd receive from an ascended master whose initials were TLS. In this way, he could channel without distraction.

He stepped aside, folded his hands, let his chin drop to his breastbone. At last a soft, high-pitched voice issued out of him in a language of mostly vowels. After each phrase or so he paused, and Venus translated.

"It is written, 'The Jews appear to have ascended no higher than to worship the immediate artificer of the universe. Moses introduces a darkness on the face of the deep, without even insinuating that there was any cause of its existence. Yet never have the Jews in their Bible — a purely esoteric, symbolical work — degraded so profoundly their metaphorical deity as have the Christians, by accepting Jehovah as their one living yet personal God.'"

"In truth, the spirit world is like a tree that grows outward in concentric lay-

ers. The middle layer of a physical tree identifies the year of its creation. The eternal tree has no years, knows no middle. The layers reach inward and outward endlessly. Call the layers spirit realms.

"The angels inhabit six realms. The Aryan and Tibetan masters each claim a realm of their own, as do humans, a race no less spiritual than angels. The distinction between gods and other spirit beings is that gods can travel at will between realms...."

Hickey's brain shorted, his vision pulsed, and his ears rang, he loathed preachers so deeply. When the crowd murmured, nodded, sighed, Hickey supposed the master had tossed them something that made them feel like bigshots. Pravinshandra turned his hands palm upward and graced Venus, and the audience, with a beatific smile. Venus tenderly ran a finger down his cheek. Turning to the mike, giving her voice a tremolo on the first few syllables, she translated, "Who then is Jehovah but a god artist, the builder of the human realm? Not its architect. Not its conceiver. Not the source of the urge to conceive. Each of these is a god all his own."

Hickey's throat burned as if the sermon had activated a toxic secretion. He closed his ears, wondering if Cynthia might've fallen for this quack, flirted, gotten seduced, and made up the rest of her story out of shame. Maybe Emma Vidal had climbed the mountain and plunged into a chasm in despair, because she too adored the master. Half of the females present, Hickey thought, looked plagued right now with flut-

tery hearts and damp panties. In the second seat from the far aisle, third row, a Santa Claus had appeared. He must've slipped in while Hickey's brain was misfiring. The beard covered all but the man's dark eyes and a couple inches of swarthy forehead. Hickey's arms tingled. He reached into his coat and adjusted his gun. He shifted in his chair, trying to keep one eye on Santa, while scanning the audience and watching the podium.

The way Pravinshandra stood with his head bowed and the high, watery voice he was using tweaked Hickey with a dose of sympathy. A guy that pretty, bright and smooth — the way people fawned on him could've been his ruination. In L.A. Hickey'd known a few women who'd gotten so choked with vanity that they devoted their lives to snagging and devouring men. Like Pravinshandra, they dangled a vision of salvation in front of their hungry prey.

The master's eyes closed, his voice dropped and quieted into a low monotone while Venus translated a spiel about the Aryans and Semites being the sources of all the great religions. The Semites, she claimed, infected the world with their dualistic monotheism, while the Aryan-inspired Eastern truths held closer to the wisdom of the primal revelation, which was being recaptured piece by piece by seers such as Madame B and the pilgrims to Mount Shasta.

The master lifted out of his trance, raised his hand, held it for a moment over Venus's hair. In turn she gave the audience a brief and humble smile, bowed,

and floated to her chair. The master stepped forward, rested his hands on the podium.

The girl behind Hickey muttered, "I wish he'd shut up and throw fire." Her mother jabbed her with an elbow and the girl yelped in a low voice. Santa squirmed, scratched the back of his neck, replaced his hands on his lap, while Pravinshandra's voice, a little hoarse, with an accent that sounded more Minnesotan than British or Indian, seemed to echo through the church.

"On my last journey to the mountain...."

"You raped Cynthia and killed Emma Vidal," Hickey mumbled.

"...the Aryan master whose initials are YOS appeared as a ball of light, dense as the sun, small as an orange. To my inner ear, he revealed that the origin, the spark of creation, lies in the darkness Christians call hell."

Hickey's brain throbbed with anger and disgust while the master spouted off about the current war being a blood sacrifice by which some gods had to be appeased. Hickey wanted to spit, but Santa and the rest applauded heartily.

As Randolph Drew replaced Pravinshandra at the podium and proclaimed that now they would witness an achievement only reached by the highest caste of yogis, Hickey's wandering eyes found their mark. Seven rows back, halfway across, one man over from the front right corner of the pack of hoboes, Donny Katoulis sat paring his fingernails.

Hickey'd only caught the briefest glimpse of the man when suddenly the

overhead lights flickered out, all except a very dim one above the altar.

The man had a two- or three-day stubble and a tattered hat pulled so low you couldn't see if the hairline, like Donny's, ran a couple inches above his bushy eyebrows. He'd been slouched in the seat. Not like Donny. But any second now, while every stare was fixed on the fire-throwing act, the man would probably stand up and force Hickey to choose between risking the life of whoever might dodge in front of a deflected bullet and letting Katoulis drop the master.

As he squinted through the dark at the hobo, Hickey only caught sidewise glances of the blue fire. He saw Pravinshandra raise his arms above and outside his shoulders as though to flex his biceps for the ladies. He curled his fingers inward and they started to glow, first yellow, then orange, which instantly transformed to blue. The fire, or whatever it was, lengthened steadily out of the fingers of each hand, until it formed a straight, quavering line. For his next trick, he sent the fire upward, about ten feet high, fading as it climbed.

All around Hickey, people issued groans, sighs, impulsive bursts of applause, and when Venus stood, several men whooped as if the rodeo'd just hit town. Venus and the master faced off in front of the podium, about five feet apart. He slowly lifted his arms straight in front and pointed the fingers, already glowing, at a slight angle down from his shoulders, as if to make a lunge at her tits. He bowed his head, switched on his magic fingers. The fire

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jumped between them. For about two seconds, before it poofed away, it haloed all of Venus in blue.

A 90-yard touchdown pass at the Rose Bowl could hardly have gotten such devoted applause. Venus and the master bowed sedately three or four times, and Hickey perched on the edge of his seat, watching the hobo and thinking, *He's got to move now.*

The lights flashed on. Venus stepped to the podium. She gave a little sigh and whistle that implied the blue fire had humbled and thrilled her.

Melodically, as though asking for a kiss, she launched into a pitch about the Black Forest and their plans for expansion. Though she failed to plead for donations, any dunce would've inferred that the *Nezahs* needed benefactors if they were to carry on the great Theosophical work interrupted by Judas elements blind to the fact that spiritual matters had to precede the battle against social injustice, because everything on earth must begin with the spiritual.

Hickey kept watching the hobo, again hidden behind the bushy wino next to him. But the man sat still.

The longer Hickey tailed them, the greater chance he'd get recognized. Maybe Donny'd already spotted him. If so, he'd be sure to reason that Hickey can't stand by the master through the entire reception. All he's got to have is patience. Until Hickey starts to piss his trousers or gets a violent urge for peanuts, or some Theosophist doll asks him to polka. Then Donny steps in, invites the master to bend over, listen to a secret. He places a small, silenced gun

between the master's eyebrows and wishes him a pleasant trip back to Hell.

Or, if Hickey could maintain perfect vigilance, always stay by the master's side without Pravinshandra getting suspicious of his attentions and siccing a gang of shepherds on him — eventually Donny would creep around behind Hickey, splatter his guts, then pop the master. He could do it all in about three seconds. If a spectator rubbed his eyes, he'd miss the whole scene. Donny was that good. He'd shag out one of the doors in an instant. If Hickey was still alive, not a chance he'd catch Katoulis running. Hickey'd been fast enough to play fullback but not because he could outrun the defense. Because it took both tackles and a guard to bring him down.

Hickey got a vision of tomorrow's *Denver Post*. "RELIGIOUS NUT MURDERED BY ZEALOT — ...the perpetrator, claims Sheriff Beauregard, was undoubtedly a Christian offended by 'Master' Pravinshandra's heretical doctrines, which include his reverence for the Aryan race, his pantheism, his reference to the global war as a 'blood sacrifice.' The gunman appeared to be a transient. 'He's probably long gone by now,' Sheriff Beauregard speculated."

Randolf Drew was inviting everyone to the Raja Yoga schoolhouse on the corner of 13th and Logan to witness their Nativity play and imbibe their food and libations. By the time he'd finished his invitation, the hoboos were already on their feet, migrating toward the door. While Hickey rushed around to the front of the seats, he lost sight of

his quarry. He shouldered a path through the crowd and out to the sidewalk, caught up with the pack of hoboos, and sidled in among them. Finally he spied the man, about five yards ahead. Several hoboos walked between them. The man's hair wasn't as shaggy as the others'. It looked like a barber's work. The olive skin of his high cheeks and forehead didn't appear raw or windblown.

At 17th and Broadway

A native of snow country would've gotten away. Donny was another Californian. While his slick shoes grabbed for traction, Hickey clipped him in the spine.

the Salvation Army woman was tooting "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Hickey caught himself muttering the words. As he glanced her way, the woman's appearance whacked him like a short dose of lightning. A white, violet-tinted glow surrounded her. Her doughy potato-shaped face looked glorious. He slapped his head and jumped to catch up with the hoboos. Following the railroad porter, who took strides like a gazelle, they crossed 16th and Colfax, then turned east along a row of bus benches beside the capitol lawn. Up the hill, across some acres of dead grass and snow, the dome of the capitol looked like a black puddle in the iron-gray sky.

The man was Donny's height and build, for sure, but he didn't strut like Katoulis, which might only indicate that Katoulis was a

consummate actor. A burly hobo staggering beside Hickey tripped over his feet or a rut in the sidewalk and jostled Hickey so that he slammed into the guy on his other side. He wheeled back, with an urge to sock the fellow who'd bumped him. Only the voice in his head stopped him. It commanded, "Take the punk out now, Tom, or you're a goner."

Hickey loosed a button on each of his two coats,

plucked the .38 from the holster, and lunged between the two men who separated him and the guy he felt certain was Donny. The hobo had sensed the action behind him and started to turn just as Hickey clutched his left arm, twisted it behind his back, lodged the gun in his kidneys, and yanked the man out of the pack, onto the capitol lawn.

"What the hell?" the hobo screeched. "Lemme go, bub."

It wasn't Katoulis's voice. It rasped like a veteran wino's. Hickey almost dropped the arm. But he stepped on ice, skidded. Clutching the hobo tighter, he toppled them both. He fell across the man's legs. He'd lost his grip, needing one arm to break his fall, another to hold his gun. The hobo slid out from under him, sprang up, and bolted toward the capitol. A native of snow country

would've gotten away. Donny was another Californian. While his slick shoes grabbed for traction, Hickey clipped him in the spine. Knocked him chest-first into the snow. He wrenched the hobo to his feet, spun him around, bent the arm behind his back, and jerked the man's wrist nearly up to his shoulder. The hobo yowled.

"You've got one hand," Hickey snarled. "Use the gun."

The man tucked his chin around his shoulder, rolled his eyes sideways, caught a glimpse of his tormentor. "Hey, save it for the Krauts, why don'tcha, pal. Lemme go now or I'll..."

"Go on, Donny. You'll..."

"Hell! Donny ain't my name. Lemme go. Lemme turn around. Take a look at me, will you?"

Suddenly the world got bright. Hickey inched around, turning the hobo with him, just enough to see the glare of a cruiser or taxi's spotlight at the curb. "Turn the damn thing off!" he shouted.

"No, I ain't," a man yelled back. "Not till the police comes."

"Lemme go, pal," the hobo rasped. "You got things all bungled up here. You and me both gonna land in jail, for nothing."

Hickey pondered a moment, then released the hobo, who whipped around and faced him, eyed the gun pointing at his middle. "See, now. I ain't who you think. I ain't no Donny. Name's Lester Coolidge, swear to God." Each couple words he gained a step backward toward a monument the size of a walk-in tomb, topped by the statue of a horseman. Though Hickey still believed the guy was Katoulis, he knew he was fatigued, confused, capable of error. The man could've gotten away. Except that just as he tipped his left shoulder and crooked it an inch toward the monument — the second he'd gotten set to bolt for cover — he flashed Hickey a grin.

Hickey didn't feel himself squeezing the trigger either time. But the noise thundered in his ears and the man flew backward as though an invisible tackler had caught him gut high. A woman began wailing. She sounded like Hickey's damned mother. ■

Next week: Police work

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Jonathan White, a computer specialist who lives in Clairemont, has observed that viruses usually travel west. “New ones, when they crop up, tend to follow the sunrise around the world. What normally happens is that they start here in the United States round about midnight” — the noon of many a night-owlish, malicious hacker’s workday.

Some of us with a cynical bent doubt that the virus threat is as dire as portrayed by the companies that sell virus protection. White says never fear: the threat is substantial. “In fact, if you go into this subject too deeply, you could get paranoid and never turn on your computer again.”

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Given that reality, can we really expect Norton and

McAfee anti-virus software to save us? “Most people, if they follow a few basic rules, will never, ever suffer from a virus,” says White. “First, do get virus protection and keep it up to date. Next, never open attachments from people whom you don’t know.” Even if you know the person who has sent it, don’t open it if you’re not expecting it.

But what about viruses that do their work without requiring a recipient to open anything? “There aren’t many,” he claims, but recommends a software called Zone Alarm to detect them.

The only other way viruses can get into your system is through website browsing, says White. “And the best way to pick up one that way is to go to a site offering free pirated software. Most normal people don’t do that. They don’t go anywhere near those places. Doing so would be a bit like, well, not having been in San Diego that long, I’d venture that it would be like wandering down by the one of the military bases on a Saturday evening.”

White, who moved here from London about a year ago, has corporate clients as well as lone home users. These include some members of the San Diego Professional Editors Network, whose next bimonthly meeting he will address. For them, for everyone, he says, “It’s very easy to go out and buy a computer. It’s as easy as buying a washing machine. We aren’t all experts at washing machines, and yet we seem to muddle along. If it stops working, it’s usually for a pretty simple reason. But it’s not quite as easy with a computer.”

Companies that sell computers do offer technical help to users by phone. But, as many people have discovered,



Jonathan White

“tech support” is only as good as the person on the other end of the line. “And you always start at the bottom with the person who asks [in falsetto], ‘Have you turned on and turned off?’” Even if you are calling from a corporation, all you get extra is the chance to hear those same words a little more swiftly than others in the queue, says White. “It’s very difficult to get understanding. The person is usually on the other side of the country, if not in India. And they all have a script.”

One problem the hapless user has is knowing which company to call for help. Would it be the seller of the hardware? The software? Or the Internet service provider? White commiserates but offers no easy way to decide. “The first question I ask people when they consult me about a machine is, ‘When did it last work?’ That often gives a clue to the difficulty. Another common initial question I ask is, ‘Have you installed any new software

recently?’”

But what if the problem is intermittent? “Transient problems are always difficult to sort out,” White says. “The trouble with computers is that there are dozens and dozens of combinations of pieces of equipment and levels of complexity in each.”

White sees frustrated people in crisis daily. Isn’t it unpleasant? “No, because most of the time you are greeted at the door as the white knight in shining armor. ‘Oh, the computer man’s here!’”

Still, White regrets that many people keep themselves computer ignorant. He says he would rather they learn from his visits than have the repeat business. Even if they do learn, however, he sees a deeper problem in the basic philosophy of computer companies. “At the end of the day, they just want to sell you the box — and the software that goes with it.”

But don’t the companies want

happy users? “They don’t care. And there aren’t many occurrences yet of people suing because their computer didn’t do what it was advertised to do. That’s because, if you watch TV — and I have had it on all day, because I’ve been home sick in bed — you’ll see the ads. I’ve been seeing a Gateway ad every half hour, and they haven’t actually said that a computer is supposed to do anything.”

— Jeanne Schinto

“How To Troubleshoot Your Computer Without Killing It”
San Diego Professional Editors Network meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.
Clairemont Community Room
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Free
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BAJA

Put 100 Candles on the Cake when Mexicali celebrates its 100th anniversary with events this week. Classical music may be heard at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, at the Teatro del Estado. Marco Antonio Solis performs at 10 p.m. on the 13th at the Centro de Ferias y Exposiciones. Festivities on Friday, March 14, include a *charro* festival at noon in the Lienzo Charro, Centenario Parade at 5 p.m. on Paseo de los Héroes, and a music festival at 7 p.m. at the

Centro de Ferias y Exposiciones. Events conclude with a children’s festival at noon on Saturday, March 15. For further information, call 011-52-686-566-1277. (MEXICALI)

Off-Road Racing for all kinds of vehicles is promised when the Score San Felipe 250 takes place from Friday, March 14, through Sunday, March 16. The racing starts and finishes at Los Arcos. For routes and other details, dial 011-52-686-577-1856. (SAN FELIPE)

Traditional Mexican Fare is on tap when the Second Annual International Beer and Taco Festival takes place on Saturday, March 15, from 1 to 6 p.m., presented by the Rosarito Restaurant Association. The downtown celebration promises traditional Mexican dance, mariachi, and other live music. The festival will be held in the tourist zone behind the Festival Plaza Hotel (located on the free road through Rosarito, between Senior Frogs and Papas and Beer). The \$10 tickets include beers and food sampling. For information, call 800-962-2252. (ROSARITO BEACH)

A Rock Concert by Alejandra Guzman is planned on Saturday, March 15, at 9 p.m., at Baby Rock. Find the club at Diego Rivera and Paseo de los Héroes, in the Zona Río. Call 011-52-664-634-2404 for tickets and information. (TIJUANA)

The Children’s Play *Ice Age* is being presented at 4 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, at the Tijuana Cultural Center. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street

in the Zona Río. Dial 011-52-688-1080 for details. (TIJUANA)

Run for Fun, the Expropiacion Petrolera 5k run is slated for Sunday, March 16, at 8 a.m. For starting point, fees, and other details, call 011-52-661-612-0021. (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)

Run, Swim, Run, the Powerade Circuit event — with a 2.5k run, 1k swim, and second 2.5 run — starts at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 16, at the Unidada CREA, located in the Zona Río. Questions? Call 011-52-664-682-9068 for answers. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, every Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of an exhibit of the history of the Baja peninsula. The center also features other cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2, with two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays. *Shackleton’s Antarctic Adventure* documents Sir Ernest Shackleton’s ill-fated 1914 expedition, in which the *Endurance* was eventually swallowed by the ice, but the entire 27-man crew survived. The film screens at the CECUT Omnimax Monday through Friday at 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m., and at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Also screening at various times: *The Ocean Oasis* and

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

OUTDOORS

March Is the Proverbial Windy Month here in San Diego, as in most places. From midday to late afternoon, sun-warmed air expands and rises over the county’s interior, drawing in an influx of cool air from the coast to replace it. These afternoon sea breezes will continue at peak strength until well into the summer, providing dependable conditions for such sports as sailing, kite flying, and hang gliding.

African Daisies are bursting into bloom around San Diego, especially along the freeway embankments. The name refers to a wide variety of species belonging to the genres *Arctotis*, *Dimorphotheca*, and *Osteospermum*, with flowers ranging in color from yellow, orange, and white to purple. These hardy ground covers require little water except when in active growth and help to hold soil in place during heavy rains.

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

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

Take a Desert Wildflower Hike with ranger Maria McKay in Agua Caliente Regional Park on Saturday, March 15. The walk starts at 10:30 a.m. at the pool house. Find the park at 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 Rockhouse Canyon on Saturday, March 15, and the Slot Canyons and Caves of the Carrizo Badlands on Sunday, March 16. Future weekends promise treks to the Lucky 5 Ranch, Vallecito 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)

Get to Work, Cabrillo National Monument has been selected as one of 24 host sites for the National Parks America Tour. Volunteers of all ages are invited to work on a variety of projects including cleanups, restoration of native habitat, and beautification projects around the monument. Events run 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 15. For information, call 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Where Is Little Blair? Walk along a small pass and down a sandy wash to view the early Native American pictographs on a huge boulder in Little Blair Valley with the Canyoneers on Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

These pictographs are said to be “un-usual for their well-executed yellow and red designs consisting of interlaced elements in a diamond-chain motif.” To reach the trailhead, take Highway 78 to S2 (Scissors Crossing). Drive south six miles to the signed entrance to Blair Valley. Meet at this point to caravan to the trailhead. Free. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

There’s a Leprechaun Hunt planned in Dos Picos County Park on Saturday, March 15. Dress up to show “how green you can be and demonstrate your commitment to the environment.” The day-use fee is \$2 per vehicle. Find the park at 17953 Dos Picos Park Road. For the start time and more information, call 760-789-2220. (RAMONA)

Look for Migrating Birds and Ducks during the nature walk planned by the Friends of Famosa Slough on Saturday, March 15. The easy walk promises a good view of a variety of birds and the salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Famosa Boulevard and West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

The Urban Art Trail Is the Thread running through East Village, the area that was the warehouse district for San Diego from the late 1800s to the late 1900s and is now the site for Petco Park. Explore the area with Patty Fares, who will lead an Urban Safari on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. The fee is \$10. For reservations and directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (EAST VILLAGE)

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cussed when ranger Brian Fulton leads a nature walk on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m., Lake Jennings (10108 Bass Road). Free. Call 858-694-3049 for details. (LAKESIDE)

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

A Volksmarch Is, simply put, a non-competitive walk along a pre-marked route. Walk, jog, or run at your own pace in Hellhole Canyon during 5k and 10k events hosted by the San Diego County Rockhoppers on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16. Events start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon at Santee Lane and Kiev Road. The walk is rated 3+ because the route follows a dirt switchback path to the bottom of the riparian canyon/creek area through dense chaparral, and then back up again. Carry water. Walkers desiring American Volkssport Association (AVA) credit and patch will be charged \$7 on the day of the event; free for those who desire neither award nor credit. Call 760-746-0897 for details. (VALLEY CENTER)

Birding the Marsh, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on March 15 and 16. Saturday's outing starts at 8 a.m., with the Sunday adventure beginning at 11 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided tour

highlighting various Balboa Park trees on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. Dial 619-235-1121 for additional details. (BALBOA PARK)

Birds and Biodiversity, biologist and birding expert Claude Edwards leads a naturalist walk focusing on birds and the other fauna and flora at Cabrillo National Monument on Saturday, March 15, 9:30 to 11 a.m. The entrance fee is \$5 per automobile or \$3 per walk-in, bicycle, or motorcycle. The monument is located at 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive. For information, call 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

It's Nesting Time for many of the birds who make their homes in Batiquitos Lagoon. Take a docent-led nature walk on Sunday, March 16, 1 to 3 p.m. The walk starts at the east lot, located on Batiquitos Drive. Free. For information, call 760-943-7583. (CARLSBAD)

Highest Tide this month, +6.1 feet, occurs at 8:17 a.m. on Monday, March 17. Lowest tide for the month (-1.2 feet) happens at 2:18 p.m. on Sunday, March 16 — a perfect time of day to explore marine life along the rocky stretches of our local coastline.

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

Full Moon this month coincides with St. Patrick's Day evening, Monday, March 17, and the following morning.

Watch as the ghostly disk of the moon crawls above the east horizon some 20 minutes before the sun disappears in the west (near 6 p.m.). Twelve hours later, you can watch the moon sink into the Pacific Ocean while the sun is coming up on the other side of the sky. This out-of-phase rise-set synchronicity is characteristic of every full moon. The 12-hour difference on this occasion is explained by the fact that both the sun and the moon will be near opposing equinoxes in the sky — in other words, both will lie nearly over Earth's equator.

Put 26 Candles on the Cake and help Walkabout celebrate its 26th anniversary with a reprise of "the walk that started it all" in Point Loma on Monday, March 17. Participants will stroll along a hidden path along a secluded section of the shoreline and climb the hills of Point Loma to view the skyline. The pace will be moderate-minus, with periodic regrouping. The adventure starts at 5 p.m. in the Bali Ha'i parking lot (near the traffic circle, 2230 Shelter Island Drive). Free. For more information, call 619-231-7463. (SHELTER ISLAND, POINT LOMA)

Moonlight Challenge, naturalist Rita Ospelt leads a strenuous, fast-paced five-mile moonlight hike in Daley Ranch along the Ranch House and Boulder Loop trails on Monday, March 17. The adventure starts at 6 p.m. at the Cougar Pass entrance. To reach the spot, take I-15 to the El Norte Parkway exit; drive about one-half mile to Broadway, and drive north four miles to Cougar Pass (a dirt road); turn right and drive about one mile to the dirt parking lot on the left. To make the requested reservations, call 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Where Is Lindo Lake? This small park is the site for birding planned by the Audubon Society on Wednesday, March 19, 8 to 11 a.m. To reach the spot, take I-8 to Highway 67. Go north on 67 and take the Riverford Road exit. After exiting, turn left on Woodside and go to the end of the road, where the park will be visible. Continue as the road curves to the right and then to the left for about one block. Then turn left into the parking lot, and meet there. Picnic tables, water, and restrooms are available. Easy hiking. Free. 619-692-3246. (LAKESIDE)

Awake to the Possibility of seeing wildlife during a four-mile "Lake Hodges Exploration" planned by Bob and Lynda in San Dieguito River Park on Wednesday, March 19, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Free. To make the required reservations, call 858-6474-2275 x31. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

From Theatredance to Neoclassical Ballet, you'll see it all when UCSD's Theatre and Dance program presents "Evenings of Dance" March 13-16. The performances feature choreography by faculty artists Yolande Snaith, Margaret C. Marshall, Patricia Rincon, Jean Isaacs, and Terry Wilson, with selections by George Balanchine and Anna Sarao. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday, at the Mandell Weiss Theatre at UCSD. Tickets are \$12 general. For reservations, call 858-534-4574. (LA JOLLA)

Au Contraire, Contradancer, Steve Barlow calls and the Au Contraire makes the music for the contradance on Friday, March 14, 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)

Fierce Athleticism, Modern Dance, and partnering combined with live drumming, musicians, slam poets, and hip-hop dancing is promised when the Strong Current dance company presents "Lockdown" at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. These evenings of "poignant stories, raw movement, expressive music, and spoken word" begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building (at 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$13 in advance, \$16 at the door. For reservations, call 619-235-8466. (DOWNTOWN)

Master West African Dancer Yousouf Koumbassa hails from Guinea, west Africa, and now makes his home in New York. He'll offer classes for all levels of dancers on Friday, March 14, at 7:15 p.m., at the Golden Hill Recreation Center (2600 Golf Course Drive); and on Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m., at Coast Athletics (613 Westlake Drive).

All classes include live drumming. The fee for either workshop is \$15. For information, call 858-793-0178. (GOLDEN HILL, ENCINITAS)

World-Beat Dance Concert, the featured performers are Damaru, Middle-Earth, Randy Graves, and there will be didgeridoo music, belly dancing, and African drumming and dance on Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m., at the 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E

Street). Admission is \$5. For information, call 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

Motion Techniques and Contact Improvisation are the subjects for classes presented by San Francisco performer and choreographer Kathleen Hermesdorf and the Lower Left Performance Collective. This "vigorous and detailed class" will focus "on the act of motion from the inside out."

Classes take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 15; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 16; and 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, March 17. The fee for all three days is \$80. Classes are offered at Sushi Performance and Visual Art in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-582-5243. (DOWNTOWN)

Dance Sevillanas, this 14-week class designed for beginners starts on Saturday, March 15, at 11 a.m., at the Art/Dance Academy. Sevillanas is a playful, gracious partner dance in sets of four *coplas* danced at festive gatherings in Andalucia, Spain. The fee is \$15 per class. Find the academy at 1401 El Camino Real (at Ocean-side Boulevard). To reserve a spot, call 619-846-5030. (OCEANSIDE)

The Dance of Grace and Poise, learn "romantic, elegant, and fun" waltzing with Mary Pinizzotto in classes slated for Saturdays at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Beginners dance at 4 p.m., intermediates start at 5 p.m. The \$10 fee includes both classes. For information, call 760-809-6279. (ENCINITAS)

Play with the Music, and learn to better express yourself to swing music when Jim and Margie lead their "All Things Swing" workshop on Tuesday, March 18, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (\$15 at the door, \$12 in advance). Also on tap:

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FILM

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.

GETAWAYS

Tickets are \$8 general, \$6 for students and seniors. For showtimes and other information, call 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Foreign Film Festival hosted by the foreign language department at Southwestern College is currently underway. The roster this week includes the Italian film *Malena* on Friday, March 14; *Rhapsody in August* (Japan) on Monday, March 17; and the Spanish film *Nueve reinas* on Wednesday, March 19.

All of the films are shown in their original language with English subtitles. Screenings begin in room 472 of building 470 at 6 p.m. on Fridays and in room 574 of building 570 at 6:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Admission is free. Find the campus at 900 Otay Lakes Road. For further details, dial 619-421-6700 x6461. (CHULA VISTA)

The Italian Film *Life Is Beautiful* (1997), a fantasy set in a concentration camp, was directed by and starred Roberto Benigni. See the film — in Italian with English subtitles — when it screens for the Spring

2003 International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, March 14, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 on campus, at One Barnard Drive. Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Who Were the Hokan People? These people were California's ancient dwellers who inhabited the area for thousands of years. See Preston J. Arrow-Weed's film *Songs of the Hokan* when it is shown on Saturday, March 15, at 7 p.m., at Scripps Cottage (found at the corner of Hilltop Way and Scripps Terrace). The filmmaker — an elder of the Native American Quechan tribe — will be on hand to introduce his movie. Free. 619-543-0757. (SDSU)

Up for a "Lush, Erotic Thriller"? See the 2002 film *The Sleeping Dictionary* when Guy Jenkin's tale set in Malaysia in 1936, starring Hugh Dance and Bob Hoskins, screens for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library on March 16, at 2 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Take a "Frisky Romp Through Teen Angst" when *A Night with Sabrina Love* by Alejandro Agresti screens for the Film Forum on Monday,

March 17, at 6:30 p.m. In this Argentinean film, a poor, bored, 16-year-old orphan wins a chance to meet his favorite porn actress and encounters a number of unusual people as he hitchhikes to the rendezvous. The Forum convenes at the San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. Admission is free. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Becoming Americans: The Chinese Experience" will be screened on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). The historic saga includes interviews with historians, recent arrivals, and the descendents of early immigrants. Free. A moderated panel discussion follows the film. Call 619-236-5800 for information. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Madcap March" is celebrated in the movies screening for the Carlsbad Library film series this month. Rene Zellweger, Hugh Grant, and Colin Firth star in *Bridget Jones's Diary*, screening on Wednesday, March 19, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

The Wildlife Documentary *Anza Borrego: Seasons in the Desert* will be screened by filmmaker Chris Pyle on Thursday, March 20, at 11:30 a.m., in arts 111 at CSU San Marcos. The musical score was created by CSU SM professor Bill Bradbury. Free. The campus is located at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road; 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Nuovo Cinema Paradiso," starring Salvatore Cascio, Marco Leonardi, and Philippe Noiret and directed by Giuseppe Tornatore screens for the Italian film series on Thursday, March 20. The film begins at 7 p.m. in the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Admission is \$2 for nonmembers. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the center is celebrating its 30th anniversary with an After 5 p.m. Clas-

sic IMAX Film Festival. The public voted on its favorite films, and the winning 13 are being screened through April 27. Endurance Week includes *To the Limit* (6 p.m.) and *Everest* (7 p.m.), with films continuing through Sunday, March 16. Earth Week features *Ring of Fire* (6 p.m.) and *Journey into Amazing Caves* (7 p.m.), March 19-23. 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 Thursday, May 15.

National Geographic's IMAX film *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West* dramatizes the first perilous three-year, 8000-mile expedition into the unknown west of America 200 years ago, from the Missouri River overland to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. The film reveals how the success of the trek was dependent upon the generosity of Native American tribes. Make the trek through May.

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

LECTURES

"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 Watterville 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. Free. Find the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Dealing with Parenting Issues in Astrological Consultations" is the topic when astrologist Amanda Owen presents a program for the San Diego Astrological Society on Friday, March 14. What does one tell a parent (after consulting the chart of a newborn) about difficult aspects? Find out at 7:15 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Admission is \$12 for nonmembers (\$6 for first-time visitors). 888-405-6825. (HILLCREST)

Feed Your Head (and Body) when the Parisi Gallery and Sculpture Garden's Chefs + Art Series continues on Friday, March 14, at noon. The subject is "Capturing the Robert Irwin Getty Garden" when photographer Becky Cohen speaks on her work; she'll also discuss the Le Nôtre Project, her photographic exploration of all 18 gardens designed by the Sun King's landscape architect, André Le Nôtre.

Lunch is provided by Jeffrey Strauss of Pamplemousse Grill. The fee is \$45. Find the garden at 2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. For space availability and reservations, call 858-259-0490 x150. (DEL MAR)

"Latin American Art of Viceregal Mexico" is the subject when San Diego State University professor emerita of Latin American studies Janet Esser-Brody speaks for the Docent Guest Lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, March 14, at 10 a.m., in conjunction

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Renowned Silver Artist Arlene Fisch presents a slide-illustrated lecture for the Bead Society of San Diego County on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m., at the Mingei Museum. The nonmember fee is \$7.50 (which includes admission to the museum). For information, call 619-462-0007. (BALBOA PARK)

This (New) House, get the skinny on “Building a Home and the Role of an Interior Designer” when interior designer Lorri James speaks for the Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, March 15. The talk begins at 9:30 a.m. at the New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street. For information, call 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. A \$3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

Focus on LBJs (a.k.a. little brown jobbers) when the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts a bird-identification workshop on Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will be shown “simple ways to make identification of baffling brown birds easy.” Find the center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. The fee is \$15. Call 619-409-5903 for reservations. (CHULA VISTA)

Capture Your Canine’s Best Side when animal photographer Larry Allan focuses on “How to Take Better Photographs of Your Dog” on Saturday, March 15, 1 to 4 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Learn behavior tricks, posing, lighting, and more. The nonmember fee is \$22 per child/adult pair, \$5 for each additional child. To register, dial 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Influential Women in San Diego History” will be highlighted during the slide presentation by Linda Sieh and Kathleen Goldkamp on Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. to noon, at the Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-435-5640. (OCEANSIDE)

Pollinator’s Garden, learn to choose the right types of combinations of plants to increase and sustain native pollinators and help minimize pest species of insects in gardens in this program planned by the San Diego Natural History Museum. Events on Saturday, March 15, include a class from 9 to 11 a.m. and a field trip from noon to 4 p.m. The fee is \$25. To reserve a spot, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

“The Hospice Movement: What Hospice Does for Patients at the End of Life” will be discussed by Alex Silva, manager of volunteer services at VITAS Hospice, when he speaks for the Hemlock Society on Sunday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

Will Planet X Be Returning Soon? Does NASA know about Planet X? Are there ancient astronauts in our past?

These questions and more will be answered when Jason Martell speaks for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) on Sunday, March 16, at 6 p.m., at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Free. Call 760-753-2456 for information. (MISSION VILLAGE)

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

“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.’ ” Artist Cheryl Parry will discuss her installation on Monday, March 17, at 1 p.m., in room 240 of the arts building at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. For information, call 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Examine Tobias Picker’s *Thérèse Raquin* during the opera preview addressing the music, drama, and history of this upcoming San Diego Opera production planned at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, March 17. The authority is Nicolas Reveles, education director at the San Diego Opera. Admission is \$8. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Learn All About *Thérèse Raquin*, the new opera by Tobias Picker that will soon be presented by the San Diego Opera, when Ron Shaheen presents a

multimedia program on Monday, March 17. The program starts at 7 p.m. in room 112 at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). The requested donation is \$2.25. For information, call 619-232-7636. (HILLCREST)

The Unique Union of color and form in Ellsworth Kelly’s abstract paintings provide the fodder when Jill Stefanik speaks about “Ellsworth Kelly: Red Green Blue” on Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla. Stefanik, an artist and color designer at Nissan Design America in La Jolla, will explain the basics of color theory, including hue, chroma, and value, and the ways Kelly employs his colors to affect viewers physically, emotionally, and symbolically.

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

“Beyond Bare Bones: The Applied Science of Forensic Anthropology” is the theme for a lecture series planned by the department of anthropology at San Diego State University. The series gets underway with a talk by Clyde Snow on Tuesday, March 18. Snow identified the skeletal remains of Josef Mengele in Brazil, looked beneath the battleground at Little Bighorn, identified victims of serial killer John Wayne Gacy, and aided in the search for “the disappeared” in Argentina.

The talk begins at 7:30 p.m. in Montezuma Hall. Tickets are \$18 general in advance, or \$25 at the door (with series packages offered), available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For more information, call 619-594-5527. (SDSU)

Matters of Controversy — the monthly dialogue series continues with a look at “How Latinas and Latinos Lose in Bush’s Perpetual War.” The speaker is Jorge Mariscal, currently associate professor of Chicano and Spanish literature at UCSD. The lecture is slated for Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). 858-459-4650. Free. (HILLCREST)

An Overview of “Music from Spain” is on offer when teacher and performer Claudia Tornsäuffer presents this program including slides, video material, and live music at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The series concludes with a look at “Spanish Music and Its Influence on the European Music Scene” on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will explore Spain’s composers including Isaac Albeniz, Manuel de Falla, Joaquin Turina, and Enrique Granados.

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

Garden Design is the topic for John Noble on Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., at Coastal Sage (3685 Voltaire Street). The fee is \$15. To reserve a spot, dial 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Mountain Biking Basics will be divulged during the clinic slated for Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., at REI (5556

Copley Drive). Free. Dial 858-279-4400 for details. (KEARNY MESA)

“Women in Leadership and Politics” is the topic when district attorney Bonnie Dumanis and her campaign manager Jennifer Tierney speak on Tuesday, March 18, at 2:30 p.m., in Academic Hall room 102 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

SkySights, an astronomy-themed slide and photography exhibition by members of the San Diego Astronomy Association is promised when the group gathers on Wednesday, March 19, at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors’ center. A brief meeting will be held, followed by the show and a raffle for astronomy-related prizes.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Free. Find the center at One Father Junipero Serra Trail. For information, call 619-645-8940. (MISSION GORGE)

A St. Patrick’s Irish Social is planned by the British Isles Genealogical Research Association on Wednesday, March 19. After the corned beef sandwich lunch, professional genealogist Nora Hickey will explore “The State of Research in Ireland Today.” Admission is \$20 at the door. To make the required reservations, call 858-453-9053. The meeting runs 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). (HILLCREST)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Exploring the Earth's Wild Places is the hobby of amateur naturalist and independent researcher William M. Hawkins. He'll discuss and show films from his most recent voyage of exploration to Antarctica when the San Diego Independent Scholars gather on Wednesday, March 19. The program begins in room 111 of the Chancellor's Complex at UCSD at 7:30 p.m. Call 760-945-3583 for information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Fix the Glitches and take care of your hardware and software after Jonathan White speaks for the San Diego Professional Editors' Network on Wednesday, March 19. White has more than 15 years of experience with Macs and personal computers. The group gathers at 6:30 p.m. in the Clairemont Community Room at Clairemont Square Shopping Center (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. Dial 858-451-3266 for details. (CLAIREMONT)

Issues of Interest to emerging artists will be discussed by local contemporary art gallery dealers on Wednesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Art Institute (1439 El Prado). Admission is \$3. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Tune Up, REI shop technicians offer a bicycle maintenance clinic on Wednesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. Learn the essentials of fixing flats, brake and derailleur adjustment, and more. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive. To reserve a spot, dial 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

"Feminism Is for Everybody," according to Maribel Garcia (women's studies professor) and guest lecturer and Professor Denise MacNeil, who

will present a panel discussion on Wednesday, March 19. The talk starts at 5:30 p.m. in Academic Hall room 102 at CSU San Marcos. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Free. For information, call 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

There's No Place Like Home, learn about volunteer opportunities for San Diego Earthfair 2003 celebrations during the program starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Free. For information, call 858-272-7370. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Animal Tracking Basics" will be divulged when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this clinic on Thursday, March 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The class is followed by a field trip to Los Peñasquitos Canyon on March 22, 8 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$34 for nonmembers. Call 619-255-0203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Better Birding, Audubon "master birder" Sue Jobe presents a six-week class for beginning birders at the Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). Classes meet on Thursdays, March 20-May 1, 6:30 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$25. For information, call 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Got Housing? Home mortgage rates haven't been this low since the 1960s, and the people at the San Diego Community Housing Works want to help you "achieve the dream of home ownership." They're offering a home-buying education seminar on Thursday, March 20, at 6 p.m., at 4089 Fairmount Avenue. Free. To sign up, call 619-282-6647. (SAN DIEGO)

Seattle-Based Photographer John Stamets meticulously and artistically captures the metamorphosis of landmark buildings during construction. His goal is to establish the Historic Construction Record, creating a doc-

umented history of the incremental development of such buildings. Stamets will speak for the series co-hosted by the Museum of Contemporary Art and the American Institute of Architects on Thursday, March 20.

The talk begins at 7 p.m. at the museum, 700 Prospect Street. Tickets are \$7 general (which includes gallery admission). Information: 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

Bring a Journal and Pen when Bob Yehling leads a class entitled "Writing Your Inner World" on Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m., at the Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). The workshop — for writers of all ages and abilities — features elements of journal writing, nonfiction, essay, fiction, and poetry. The fee is \$40. To reserve a spot, call 760-213-1110. (CARDIFF)

IN PERSON

What Makes Golf Spiritual? Explore "the wisdom it can bring to everyday life" when Dr. Deepak Chopra and PGA teaching professional Tina Mickelson discuss Chopra's new book *Golf for Enlightenment: The Seven Lessons of the Game of Life* on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee. Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307, and by calling 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

Busy on Thursday? Chopra will sign books on Monday, March 17, at 6 p.m., at the La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar. For further information, call 888-424-6772. (LA COSTA)

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)

Enhance Your Immunity System against viral diseases using natural medicines after James Williams signs and discusses *Viral Immunity* on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). For further information, call 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

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)

Musician-Scholars Wang Jianxin and Li Fengyun will perform thousand-year-old traditional Chinese music on Chinese instruments that are hundreds of years old when they make their debut in the United States. The concert is slated for Friday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the MiraCosta College Theatre. The musicians will perform solos and duets, with pieces dating back to the Jin Dynasty and the Yan Shigu of the Tang Dynasty; ancient music inspired by poets, plum blossoms, love, and "the healthy life" will also be on the program.

The musicians are on the faculty at the Tianjin Conservatory of Music in China. Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 for students and seniors. Find the campus at One Barnard Drive. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

"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

11 a.m. on Friday, March 14; and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16. Tickets are \$6. For reservations, call 619-563-5252 or 800-449-4479. (KENSINGTON)

A Dynamic View into the World of Firefighting is offered by Earl Emerson in *Into the Inferno*. The author, a 25-year veteran of the Seattle Fire Department, will sign and discuss books and firefighting on Friday, March 14, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Calypso and Caribbean Night at the World Beat Center is set for Friday, March 14, from 8 p.m. until midnight. Expect music by Steel the Band. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. For reservations and information, call 619-516-3692. Find the center at 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Fifteen Hundred Ugandan Children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic and civil war in the area live in Watoto's children's villages near Kampala, Uganda. The 60-member Watoto Children's Choir presents "Concerts of Hope" in our area, blending harmonic perfection "with the exotic rhythms of Africa."

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 a 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.

Gypsy Guitarist Biréli Lagrène leads a tribute to Django Reinhardt and

Stephane Grapelli on Saturday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). The five-piece band will "evoke all the passion and swing" of these influential European musicians. Tickets are \$26, available by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Hey, It's Time for Hooleyfest! This outdoor Saint Patrick's Day festival is slated for Saturday, March 15, from 5 p.m. until midnight, at Hooleys Irish Pub and Grill (2955 Jamacha Road). The party includes performances by the Fenians and Private Domain, along with food, games, and merchandise. Tickets are \$15, benefiting the J. Scott MacDonald Memorial Fund. For information, call 619-670-7468. (EL CAJON)

Meet Authors Laura and Tom McNeal when they sign *Zippered and Crooked* on Saturday, March 15, at the Brandon Book Nook (located inside the Brandon Gallery, 105 North Main Street). Call 760-731-4813 for information. (FALLBROOK)

"Money Guru" and Debut Thriller Author Kenneth Morris set his financial thriller *Man in the Middle* in San Diego. Morris visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign books on Saturday, March 15, at 2:30 p.m. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by dialing 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

"Retiring the Champ: A Story About Coaching Life's Last Big Bout" is the theme when Judith Black presents a storytelling concert for the Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, March 15. Expect to hear a tale "about shaking it up and working it out in the here-and-now."

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Manchester Conference Center on the campus of the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). The program is suitable for adults. Tick-



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Street, suite 3. The reading will be fol-
lowed by open-mike opportunities.
Register to read by calling 619-571-
2222. Admission is \$5. (NORTH PARK)

"Viva la Diva," the 80-voice Gay
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to perform music by stage, screen,
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sent. Concerts begin at 3 and 8 p.m.
in Sherwood Auditorium at the Mu-
seum of Contemporary Art San
Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street).
Tickets are \$20 for the matinee, \$25
at night. For information, call
619-275-ARTS. (LA JOLLA)

Voces y Manos, an evening of poetry
and music by local female performers
is planned on Saturday, March 15, at
8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, be-
tween Ninth and Tenth Avenues).
The program features spoken word
by Haero and others. Donations ac-
cepted. Call 619-230-1869 for infor-
mation. (DOWNTOWN)

Winter Jazz, the series hosted the
Carlsbad City Library concludes with
a concert by Sue Palmer and Her
Motel Swing Orchestra Sunday,
March 16, at 2 p.m., in the library's
Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove
Lane). The requested donation is \$5.
For more information, call 760-602-
2026. (LA COSTA)

Principle for Success? Kim Doren,
co-author of *That's Outside My Boat:*
Letting Go of What You Can't Con-
trol, will discuss her theories and
book when the Humanist Fellowship
meets on Sunday, March 16, at
2 p.m., in the Wangenheim Room at
the San Diego Public Library (820 E
Street). For further information, call
619-670-4159. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

St. Patrick's Day Lunch, head to the
Poway Center for the Performing
Arts when the Celtic Ensemble per-
forms Irish music and dancing for
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present a "mini-dance" lesson at
11:30 a.m. The \$25 tickets include a
buffet lunch. Call 858-748-0505 for
reservations. Find the center at 15498
Espola Road (at Titan Way). (POWAY)

Jazz Party, the Chicago Four per-
form for the Jazz Artists Guild on
Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m., at the
Musicians Union Local #325 (1717
Morena Boulevard). Doors open at
12:45 p.m., with the jam session
starting at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5 for
members or first-timers, \$8 for non-
members. Call 619-561-1518 for
more information. (BAY PARK)

Enter a Moroccan Festival Tent (or
the illusion of one, anyway), when
the band 9Wind performs on Sun-
day, March 16, at 5:45 p.m., at Saint
Paul's Cathedral. The opening cere-
mony begins at 6:30 p.m. with a per-
cussion circle, the potting of a cere-
monial peace plant, and vocal chan-
ting. Expect music with a "Mes-
sianic" feel, singing the Lord's Prayer
in Aramaic, Psalm 30, and more.

Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth
Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). Free.
For further information, call
619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Man's Relation to the Gods is ex-
plored by Aeschylus in his tragedy
Prometheus Unbound, which will be
performed for the Weeks of Greeks
reading series in conjunction with
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The Stingray Shuffle: A Novel



Tim Dorsey

William Morrow, 2003; 303 pages; \$24.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Serge is back!

Yes, that encyclopedic history buff with boundless energy (but suspect impulse control) returns in his latest quest to make everyone appreciate all things Florida and still have time left for his one-man crime wave.

In this brand-new saga, *The Stingray Shuffle*, Serge takes on all comers: the Russian mob, the Jamaican mob, the cocaine cartels, and spoiled frat boys. But there must also be time for hobbies, and Serge's newest "interest" is trains: how they developed Florida, where the old historic cars are on display, when to book a trip on Amtrak and share his enthusiasm with the other passengers.

And for the faithful Tim Dorsey readers, here are some long-awaited answers. Ever since the publication of his first four novels, audiences have clamored for details: Where's the briefcase with the \$5 million? What happened to the loonies

who managed to survive the merry bloodbaths? How did Serge end up with amnesia? And can he meet the increasingly difficult challenge of maintaining his spot atop the wacko pile that is Florida?

The Stingray Shuffle answers all these and more as Serge and friends pinball between stops including Tampa, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Cocoa Beach, and the Keys before setting their sights on New York City.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: In the frenetic tradition of the film *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, train buff and maniacal killer Serge A. Storms and his druggie pal, Lenny, chase a briefcase containing \$5 million, which surfaced in Tim Dorsey's first novel, *Florida Roadkill* (1999). Others trailing it include Russian hoodlums posing as Latinos, in the employ of the incompetent head of the world's only bankrupt drug cartel. The discombobulated mobsters end up on the New York-Miami supertrain, the Stingray Shuffle. The briefcase eventually lands in deserving hands — but will it remain there?.... Lenny says, "All my friends up north keep asking me, does the freak show ever take a break down there?" Not in Dorsey's Florida.

From *Kirkus Reviews*: Serge A. Storms must be off his meds again, judging from the impressive array of corpses piled up and down the East Coast. Serge doesn't need to kill three of the ex-KGB agents hired out by the Mierde Cartel's Mr. Grande to recover the \$5 million in drug money that Serge and his perma-stoned sidekick Lenny stashed at the Hammerhead Ranch Motel before it was turned into Lincoln Logs by Hurricane Rolando-berto (*Hammerhead Ranch Motel*, 2000) because Nikita backs his Mercedes into a swamp, Leonid gets electrocuted by the equipment he's using to urge cooperation from an insurance adjuster from Bucaneer Life and Casualty, and Pavel belly-flops onto an alligator

hunter's bang stick. Serge does put out Igor's lights, though, strapping him into a range cart and exposing him to the drives of several dozen homicidal golfers. And he dehydrates Brandon and Cameron, the two frat boys who defaced his beloved Florida East Coast Railway's historic Rambler. But meting out justice must wait, since the remaining Russian, Ivan, has recruited Dmitri, Alexi, Vladimir, and of course Chuck, who chase Serge up the East Coast to New York. After a three-way shootout featuring the Russians, the Cosa Nostra, and some Jamaicans intent on protecting their slice of the urinal trade, he joins blues singer Eugene Tibbs, author Ralph Kunkelstein, and the five-woman Books, Booze, and Broads club for a murder mystery ride aboard the Silver Stingray, where life imitates art, and art imitates mayhem.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Anywhere I travel I want to read authors indigenous to the area where I find myself. I want to read books set in that spot. These authors and these books, for me, are more helpful than guidebooks. During the Christmas holidays I found myself in a small suburb outside Tampa, Florida. When I asked at a nearby B. Dalton for books by a local author, the clerk led me to Tim Dorsey's then four novels (his newest, *The Stingray Shuffle*, would not be published for another two months). I took back to my host's house all four books — *Florida Roadkill*, *Hammerhead Ranch Motel*, *Orange Crush*, and *Triggerfish Twist*. I started with *Florida Roadkill* and didn't stop until I'd read down to *Triggerfish Twist*'s last page. As I dwelled in Mr. Dorsey's pages and as I went about central Florida on foot and by car, I sometimes felt confused. Was it in Mr. Dorsey's book that the 'gator ate the poodle, or was it a poodle down the street that got gobbled up? Was it in Mr. Dorsey's books that on Dale Mabry Boulevard I passed mile after mile of the most degraded mini-malls I have ever seen, or was the drive up and down Dale Mabry the way I spent the Sunday afternoon between Christmas and New Year's? And what about those nondescript win-

3704 Sixth Avenue. Call 619-688-9210 for reservations. (HILLCREST)

Irish Literary Genius Brendan Behan was born in Dublin in 1923 and died there in 1964. Shay Duffin presents Behan's *Confessions of an Irish Rebel* on Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets to this St. Pat's performance are \$20 general. For further information, call 760-436-5774. (ENCINITAS)

Explore the Dangers of Not Heeding Warnings such as the one Julius Caesar received about the Ides of March when Tom Leech, author of *Say It Like Shakespeare*, discusses the Bard's insights and signs books on Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

How About a Little Klezmer for St. Pat's? The Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble performs for the San Diego Mini-Concert on Monday, March 17, at noon at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. The group's repertoire in-

cludes traditional klezmer music, along with cantorial, Ladino, and Israeli pieces, as well as songs of the Yiddish theater and folk songs of Eastern Europe. Free. The music lasts about 50 minutes, and you're invited to bring your lunch. 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

Local Poet Rayn Roberts will read and discuss his book *Jazz Cocktails and Soap Box Songs* when the poetry reading group at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore store in Hazard Center convenes on Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Irish Songs and Humor are promised when tenor Patrick Biggs presents a St. Patrick's Day concert on Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church. Guests will hear the Irish national anthem sung in Gaelic, along with "The Star-Spangled Banner," an Andrew Lloyd Webber duet with alto Peggy Harper, and more. Admission is free. Find the church at 1475 Catalina Boulevard (at

Chatsworth). For information, call 619-223-6394. (POINT LOMA)

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)

Debut Horror Author Michael Gruber signs and discusses *Tropic of Night* on Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). "Shamanism and anthropology provide the backdrop for this dark tale of ritual murders." 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Real Events from author Susan Carol McCarthy's life provide the basis for her novel *Lay That Trumpet in Our Hands*. McCarthy will read from her book on Tuesday, March 18, at

10 a.m., in commons 206 at CSU San Marcos. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road; 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Author David Peck will sign and discuss *Or Perish in the Attempt: Wilderness Medicine in the Lewis and Clark Expedition* on Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

The Adult Cultural Series offers a performance by Blurring the Edges on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. For further information, call 619-691-5286. (CHULA VISTA)

The Lingo, Bennie Herron and Paul Phruksukarn of the Taco Shop Poets hosts this open-mike poetry event on the first and third Wednesday of each month, including March 19, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). This

month's featured poet is Lizz Huerta. Donation. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Disappearance by Prestidigitation! Suspense author Jeffery Deaver will sign *The Vanished Man: A Lincoln Rhyme Novel* on Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Signing tickets are available with the purchase of the book at Mysterious Galaxy. For further details, dial 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Author Leland Fetzer will present a slide show and sign copies of *A Good Camp: Gold Mines of Julian and the Cuyamacas* on Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (9938 Mission Gorge Road). For information, call 619-562-6791. Free. (SANTEE)

Whaddaya Know About HRT? Have all your hormone replacement therapy questions answered when Elizabeth Plourde signs and discusses *Hysterectomy, Ovary Removal, and Hormone Replacement: What All Women Need to Know* on Thursday,

March 20, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS

Take Me Out to Spring Training, the San Diego Padres spring training season continues with games against the Anaheim Angels (Thursday, March 13), the Kansas City Chiefs (Friday, March 14), the San Francisco Giants (Saturday, March 15), the Texas Rangers (Sunday, March 16), the Milwaukee Brewers (Monday, March 17), the Arizona Diamondbacks (Wednesday, March 19), and the Chicago Cubs (Thursday, March 20).

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.

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dowless buildings set at the edge of sand-swept roads? Signs out front identified each of these buildings as a "gentleman's club." Were these lap-dance parlors the setting for a scene in a Dorsey novel, or were women who were only like Mr. Dorsey's buxom Sandra showing pink in that "gentleman's club" 20 minutes from where I enjoyed Christmas dinner? Everywhere I went, I half expected Mr. Dorsey's disreputable flip-flop and Hawaiian-shirt half-clad characters to show up and grab my purse or get me hooked on crack or kill my fellow diners or steal my hostess's Honda or sell me the world's worst health insurance.

On the day that we talked, I was back home in California and Mr. Dorsey was in his home in Tampa, where he lives with his wife and two young daughters and the family's two cats. He told me that he was born not in Florida but in Logansport, Indiana, in 1961. His parents were divorced soon after young Dorsey's birth. The family — Dorsey's mother and her parents — moved to Florida in 1962. "So," Mr. Dorsey explained, "I was one year old when I came to a town called Riviera Beach, which then was a little fishing village on the north side of west Palm Beach, about 70 miles or so north of Miami."

I said that the town must have been tiny then.

"It was. I remember when we moved in, we built a house, and they had paved the streets and cleared the land, but there was land cleared for 10 or 15 blocks of new development, and it was, like, our house, and one other house, and that was it. Slowly, though, all the blocks got filled up with houses as construction went along.

"My grandfather worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. They'd just opened a plant on the edge of the Everglades in West Palm Beach County. That's part of what spurred development. It was a very large plant, and they were just gearing up and testing new jet engines, and so a lot of houses started getting built along that area."

"That's similar to what happened in postwar California."

Mr. Dorsey agreed. "Yes. When we moved there, it was one of those deals where A-1A and U.S.-1 came down the coast, and there was a little coastal development with hotels and stuff, but otherwise it was only beaches and sand dunes. Then, pretty soon, with the aircraft manufacturer coming in, you had suburbia."

Mr. Dorsey went through the Riviera Beach public schools. When time came for college he enrolled in Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. Why he did this, he said, was because he had a Navy ROTC scholarship. "I had a limited choice of schools. I'm lucky I went there. I enjoyed it. At that time, you could be in ROTC for up to two years and quit without an obligation. And what happened was, I'd always wanted to be a writer, but I felt that writing was just a fun thing to do, and it wasn't realistic. But part of the pure luck in picking Auburn was that Auburn had a strong journalism program. I started working in that program in my first semester, and then toward the end of my second year, it just became clear that that's what I needed to do."

"What happened in your life that made you want to be a writer?"

"In high school I fell in love with books. It was a major conversion because I hated reading because teachers would pick all the wrong stuff. It was like they were aggressively trying to turn you off on reading. I avoided books like the plague because they're making you read *Beowulf*. You know, that's no fun. Basically, my sophomore English teacher taught me that it could be a blast to read, as opposed to, you know, just a burden. That teacher saw that I was not finding what I wanted to read, and if I did, I'd probably be a good reader. And so he showed me some funny books and irreverent satirical stuff — *Catch-22* — and then I tore through Vonnegut and through *Catcher in the Rye*. This was standard stuff, but I wasn't getting it; I didn't know it existed."

"It changes your life," I said, "doesn't it? Beginning to read."

"It was a complete 180. Not only did it turn me around from avoiding reading to gravitating toward it, but it made me decide it's what I wanted to do with my life. What it was when I read these

guys, it was that they just knocked any other idols I had up on pedestals right off the pedestals and took their place. I thought that what they were doing was so amazing. How could anybody come up with this stuff?"

After graduation from Auburn, where he edited the student newspaper, Mr. Dorsey in 1983 took a job as a reporter for Montgomery, Alabama's evening paper, the *Alabama Journal*. "Montgomery," Mr. Dorsey explained, "is the state capital, and part of my experience there was covering politics and the legislature. So I did that, and then I started at the *Tampa Tribune* in 1987 and

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into a committee room, or wind up in the wrong building. It was uncanny, the similarities."

The character who drives Mr. Dorsey's novels is Serge A. Storms — wiry, intense, bipolar teetotaler, obsessed with Florida state history and preservation of historical sites and treasures, willing to kill at the drop of a hat. I asked how Serge came to be.

"Actually," Mr. Dorsey said, "Serge was an accidental creation. In the first book, I was trying to come up with a villain, and

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Top Sailors from Around the World and right here will be competing in the 2003 Sailing World National Off-shore One Design Regatta, running March 14-16. The format includes the racing of one-design, or identical design, boats (as opposed to racing under a time-handicapping system). The format is said to "reward the best racing skills rather than the best boat."

The regatta begins at 9:30 a.m. each morning, finishing at 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and concluding at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Events start at the San Diego Yacht Club, 1011 Anchorage Lane. For further information, call 619-758-6310. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

Elements of Football and Soccer are incorporated in rugby, a sport played by men and women across the world.

The San Diego Surfer's Women's Rugby Football Club hosts the 20th annual Champagne Classic Rugby Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16. The tournament, taking place at the Robb Field Recreational Facility, promises play by 20 of the nation's best women's teams. The tournament runs from around 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. For

more details, dial 619-298-6099. (OCEAN BEACH)

Commemorate the Ides of March with a ride around the bay to Coronado with Knickerbiker bicyclists on Saturday, March 15. The 40-mile ride for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. in the north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). Expect a flat,

mostly traffic-free route, and bring lunch or money for a deli in Coronado and money for the ferry back across the bay to San Diego. For information, call 858-483-1973. (SAN DIEGO)

The Home Season Draws to a Close for the San Diego Sockers, hosting the Harrisburg Heat on Saturday, March 15, at 7:05 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range

from \$10 to \$25. Call 619-224-4171 for information and tickets (also available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

Runnin' of the Green, the 23rd annual St. Patrick's Day 10k run and 2- and 4-mile fun run/walks are slated for Saturday, March 15, starting at 7:30 a.m., in Mission Bay Park. Reg-

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I wanted to come up with a real good one. Someone larger than life. I wanted to make the challenge for my regular protagonist that much greater. As I started fleshing out Serge, I just had more and more fun. And one thing I discovered in the process of writing the first book is, probably the best thing that you can do is write where the fun leads you, because you'll write better. I don't think I was even consciously thinking — I think I just did it — but I started having fun with Serge and started writing more, a lot more, on him than I anticipated, and then I struck upon the idea of 'Well, he's crazy' because I was trying to find out a way to get in my Florida facts and lore and stuff like that. I figured that since Serge is nuts, I can just have him go off on tangents. Then, one thing led to another, and here we are. But basically Serge became a lovable serial killer. The reason he's lovable is because if he kills people, it's because the people are jerks. So you root for him. Serge is kind of like the Floridian's revenge. In other words, it allows those of us who live here to vent. It allows me, who's writing it, and someone who's reading it — people who are living with all these idiots down here — to get our revenge. He does what the dark side of our souls would do if we didn't have impulse control. But also he's a villain and, as I said, he's insane — he's obsessive-compulsive about facts and trivia, which makes it a fun ride."

Another amazing character in Mr. Dorsey's fictional population is Sharon Rhodes. Here she is in *Florida Roadkill*: "She was the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit edition in person. Six feet tall, gently curling blonde hair cascading over her shoulders and onto the top of her black bikini. She had a Carnation milk face with high cheekbones and a light dusting of freckles. Her lips were full, pouty, and cruel in the way that makes men drive into buildings."

I said how much I liked Sharon, a coke whore and a killer. Mr. Dorsey didn't think my fondness for his antiheroine was unusual. "Somebody," he said, "mentioned this and I think it's true. He said, 'Apparently, you have a lot more fun and success

with bad characters than with good characters.' I didn't really think about it in writing it, but that's the feedback. Sharon, you know, is awful but..."

"Oh, I think she's rather wonderful. She commits all manner of horrors that some of us women would like to commit."

"Ah," said Mr. Dorsey, "that's the thing. She is absolutely the perfect companion for Serge."

Serge, unlike his friends Coleman and Sharon, does not drink, use drugs, or smoke cigarettes. I was curious as to why Mr. Dorsey made his murderous anti-hero such a clean-living fellow.

"I thought that would make it more clear what he's doing and how he's thinking. Another reason was that this freed me up to let Coleman go nuts." Mr. Dorsey paused, then laughed, saying, "Basically most of this stuff is just based on people I knew in college. I was going to say part of where I got that idea was, as I was coming up, I was kind of compiling all these stupid criminal stories in Florida, and it's, like, people are scratching their heads and saying, 'How could this guy do this?' And 'How could he do that?' When you read these stories you see that some of this stuff people will do is the most brainless, stupid, and dangerous stuff. I read one statistic, and in Florida — or perhaps it is only in Tampa — the police have a standard criminal-incident report that they fill out, and there's a 'yes/no' box that they check. The question they are answering in this box is, 'Was the crime committed under the influence of alcohol or drugs?' And more than half of crimes are. So, I said, 'There's my foothold in reality I can use to legitimize Coleman and Sharon going bonkers.'"

From 1994 to 1999, Mr. Dorsey worked as the *Tampa Tribune's* night metro editor and news coordinator. "While I was reading your books," I said, "I thought that working as night editor at the *Tampa Tribune* must have provided you with endless material."

"Yes, and it will be endless. Just based upon my past experiences I could go for the rest of my life doing this. It was amaz-

ing. I just caught myself and said, 'Stop and think of these stories that are just coming over.' The strangest stuff came in, just day in and day out. I'll never run out."

I said that I imagined his coming home in the middle of the night from work, dazzled by all that he had read coming across his computer.

"That is absolutely so true. I would come out at 2:00 in the morning, in downtown Tampa — the place is dark, it's deserted — and you gotta get to your car. I am just trying to get home and lock the door of my house and avoid Coleman and Sharon and those people, and they're out there. So I would jump in the car, and I would start working my way home. And I would see stuff, see people on the sides of the road and just know the craziness of 2:00 a.m. in a big city."

Tampa has main thoroughfares named after people of whom I'd never heard — Dale Mabry Boulevard, Courtney Campbell Causeway, Plant Avenue, Gandy Boulevard. When I'd ask someone, "Well, who's Dale Mabry?" Or, "So who was this Courtney Campbell guy?" I'd get a dumbfounded look. Nobody could answer my questions. I said to Mr. Dorsey that I was pleased to see that he addressed some of these questions in his books.

"It's amazing," he said, "how many things there are around us that we just repeat or see all the time, and it's, like, 'How can you not be curious? How could you drive on Dale Mabry every day and not want to know who in the hell he was? He's gotta be the most famous person here.'"

Courtney Campbell (1895–1971), as a member of the Florida State Road Department, campaigned for the upgrade and beautification of the Ben T. Davis Causeway. In 1947 the causeway was given Campbell's name. Dale Mabry (1891–1922) was a World War I pilot who was killed when his airplane crashed during a test flight.

Mr. Dorsey allowed as how his interest in history and what he described as his "childlike curiosity about my surroundings"

istration starts at 6 a.m. south of the Hilton Hotel (on East Mission Bay Drive). For information, call 619-298-7400. (MISSION BAY)

The Hot Pepper Ten-Miler is slated for Sunday, March 16, at Lake Hodges. The ten-mile run starts at 8 a.m., the 5k walk/run steps off at 8:15 a.m., and there's a kids' fun run. For further information, call 858-274-8898. (ESCONDIDO)

Kayak from La Jolla to Mission Bay during the outing hosted by Hike

Bike Kayak San Diego on Sunday, March 16. The 11-mile outing starts at noon; the fee is \$55. To reserve a spot, call 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

Express Riding, join Sierra Club bicyclists for a ride on Sunday, March 16. The scenic 40-mile loop heads from Miramar Lake to Lakeside and features two challenging uphill climbs and long stretches without traffic lights. Bring money for a mid-ride snack stop. Rain cancels. Expect a brisk 14- to 16-mile-

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Morioka presents slide-illustrated lectures on his work and style on Saturday, March 15, at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 general, \$2.50 for seniors, \$2 for students, children 6 and under free. To make

the recommended reservations, call 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Artists and Craftspeople gather to offer their wares during the spring harvest festival taking place March 14-16 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Look for clothing, crafts, specialty foods, entertainment, and *objets d'art*. There will be entertainment and demonstrations.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tick-

ets are \$7.50 general, with discounts for seniors and children, good for all three days. For further information, call 800-321-1213. (DEL MAR)

Discuss Robert Musil's *Moosbrugger* with the Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Friday, March 14, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Cookin' Up a Kitchen? The 2003 ASID Kitchen Tour, boasting seven newly completed kitchens around the county, is set for Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Designers will be on site to explain their work. Tickets for the self-guided tour are \$20. To find sites and obtain other information, call 858-646-9896. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Calling Book Lovers and Bargain Hunters! The Athenaeum Music and Arts Library hosts a book sale on Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sheet music, books on a variety of subjects, CDs and LPs, and art periodicals are among the items on offer. The Athenaeum is located at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

A Selection from *Genetics and the Origin of the Species* by Theodosius Dobzhansky provides the fodder when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). For details, dial 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Need a New You? The "2003 A New You Expo" is set for Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Double Tree Hotel (7450 Hazard Center Drive). There will be demonstrations and lectures, and exhibits in the areas of health, beauty, decor, finance, fashion, travel, and more. Admission is free. For information, call 619-858-0322. (MISSION VALLEY)

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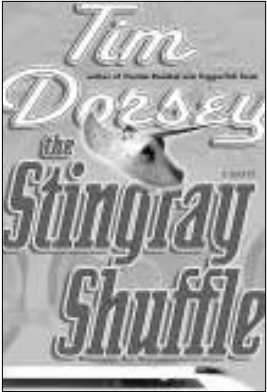
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were part of what he had in common with Serge A. Storms. “I think,” he added, “if you break it down, that’s one of the main ingredients of Serge’s essence, and it might be why he translates or why some people find him likable. Although with someone like Serge, the thing is, it’s good to be in a book with him, but, man, to be with him otherwise would probably just drive you nuts. You know, to, like, travel across country with him in the other seat? That would drive you crazy.”

One of the primary plot elements in Mr. Dorsey’s novels is the attempt by various characters to acquire ownership of a briefcase packed with \$5 million in cash. I asked about this.

“Well, I needed to have some movement as far as locations. I really like traveling around the state and going places. I needed a device for that movement. So it’s almost typically Florida, this business with the money. You know, money is always turning up around Florida, or, if not money, old stashes of drugs. But basically there’s a suitcase of laundered drug money that gets away from some people, and it ends up in a vehicle, and then another vehicle, and then another vehicle. It goes all over the place. It’s like the Holy Grail, that briefcase of money is, and everybody’s chasing it.

“This briefcase of money is also cursed. It’s like *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. But it’s something that they’re trying to chase and get ahold of, and I did it through two books. I had some other ideas I wanted to pursue. And I never intended to resolve it because it was the journey not the destination, you know. But I had a lot of people start saying, ‘You’ve got to wrap up what happened to this \$5 million, you’ve got to let us know what happened.’ So

after being away from it for a couple of books, I decided in this latest one to go back and go ahead and do it.”

This newest book, early on, introduces “five distinguished women in their late 40s” who are on the quarterly field trip of their reading club, Books, Booze, and Broads. “The name,” Mr. Dorsey writes, “was a whimsical joke on themselves; they were trying to break out of obsessively responsible lives now that all their children had left for college.” I asked Mr. Dorsey about these women and their club.

“My inspiration for this group is a book club here that actually is called ‘Books, Booze, and Broads.’ They’re the real McCoy. And they’ve kind of adopted me. And I can’t tell you how thrilled they are that they’re in the book. I basically had to manufacture their childhoods because, well, you know how the book ends. So I narrowed the club membership down to five. But basically the way they interplay on the road, when they had their meetings and stuff, that’s this group of women that I know who are from here.

“I met these women at a book signing, and then again at a book festival, and they had a meeting, and I went to the meeting. And just like in the book, they were cooking chili and making drinks, raising heck. But they’re all successful, responsible women, and this is their time to get together and unwind, and so we went from there. We had a blast together. They do some road trips — not as extensively in the book. Actually we just had a road trip together to celebrate this book coming out. I took my wife, and we met them up in Cedar Key.”

Also introduced in *The Stingray Shuffle*’s opening pages is author Ralph Krunkleton, whose books the women’s book club are reading. “Do you want me to tell you who that is?” Mr. Dorsey asked. I did. “It’s a writer named Randy Wayne White. That’s who that’s based upon. He’s a Florida writer whom I have admired and who was an inspiration to me, and then I got to meet him, and he was particularly kind to me and took me under his wing.”

Mr. Dorsey, while glad that he was able in 1999 to quit his

newspaper job and turn full-time to fiction writing, says, “I gotta say I really loved it. And this would have been utterly impossible without going that route. But not doing that allows me to write these books.

“I actually wrote the first two while I was still at the paper. I wrote the first one, and then I got my contract with Morrow for it. But the first one wasn’t going to come out for a year, and I wouldn’t have to start touring and all that and doing interviews for a year. So I just stayed at the paper and kept saving money. I started getting paid for the books while I was still drawing a salary. So I figured I’d do that to try to pad a little savings there for when I stepped out into the unknown. So I wrote the first two, and looking back, I really should have quit after I wrote the first one, so that I could have an easier time writing the second, because that’s just a brutal proposition.”

“Are you afraid that you’ll get tired of Serge as you continue to write these books?”

“I’m not, but you never know. But I’m not tiring at all right now, and the main reason is he’s not me. He is me as far as being my device to get into my favorite things about the state and about traveling around, what we mentioned before about that childlike enthusiasm and stuff. Because I think that part is refreshing.”

“I love the photograph of you on your book. It’s kind of a Hunter Thompson sort of picture.”

“That, they had to make me do. I’m probably a little shyer than to pose like that. I said, ‘I don’t know if I can live up to that.’ But that is what they wanted, and then they were very pleased that that’s what they got, so if that keeps me in the writing game, I’m happy to go with it.”

— Judith Moore

Have a look at Mr. Dorsey’s website — www.timdorsey.com — for more about the novels and their author. Go to page 98 for an excerpt from *The Stingray Shuffle*’s first chapter.

ter with a reception — including live African drumming, South American flute music, food, and discussion — on Saturday, March 15, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Find the center at 2100 Park Boulevard; 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Paradin’ of the Green, the 23rd annual St. Patrick’s Day parade hosted by the Irish Congress of Southern California is slated for Saturday, March 15. The parade — boasting floats, marching bands, Irish step dancers, Irish bands, and more — kicks off at 11 a.m. at Sixth Avenue and Juniper and proceeds to Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street.

The parade concludes with a festival at Sixth Avenue and Laurel boasting more Irish music and dancing, food and craft booths, kiddie rides, and more (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For information on these free events, call 858-268-9111. (BANKERS HILL, BALBOA PARK)

Meet Animal Intuitive Anupo Kirsten Joy, who will speak “with family pets and their people” on Sat-

urday, March 15, noon to 6 p.m., at the Phoenix Dragon (681 Encinitas Boulevard #307). Readings are \$25 for 15 minutes, \$45 for 30 minutes, and \$85 per hour. To make the requested reservations, call 760-436-7740. (ENCINITAS)

North County Clay Day is planned on Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Trios Gallery (130 South Cedros Avenue). There will be hands-on clay fun including tables for pounding slabs and coiling pots, pottery wheels for throwing clay, and brush making, painting, and glazing demonstrations by local and visiting artists. For information, call 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

All Manner of Computer Goods will be on offer during the computer fair planned on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5 general, free for those under 10. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 800-800-5600. (DEL MAR)

Try Your Hand at a Washboard, pump water from a cistern, plant potatoes in the field, and learn all about farm life when the Stein Family Farm hosts “farm days” activities on Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The El Cajon Early Days Gas and Steam Engine Society will set up working farm equipment, and tours of the house will be offered.

The farm is a Victorian-era farmstead including the original house, barn, and outbuildings on 2.5 acres of land. Much of the land has been planted to orchards and flowers appropriate to the turn of the 19th Century. Tickets are \$2 general, \$1 for kids and seniors. Find the farm at 1808 F Avenue (at 18th Street). For information, call 619-477-4113. (NATIONAL CITY)

The Spring “Friendraiser” hosted by the University City Foundation for Public Schools is slated for Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at University City High School (6949 Genesee Avenue). Art work from all five of the affected schools will be on display, and there will be music and dance

performances by elementary school groups, concert bands, cheering, step-pers, drill teams, and much more.

Refreshments will be for sale all day. Admission is free. For information, call 858-457-4295 or 858-452-8158. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Ikebana International announces its 35th annual Ikebana International Japanese flower arrangement and cultural exhibition. This year’s show may be viewed from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16, in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. Practitioners from different schools present demonstrations each day (at 1, 2, and 3 p.m.) and a Japanese cultural exhibition (in room 102) on Sunday. For information, call 619-239-0512. Admission is free. (BALBOA PARK)

Psychic Fun, a metaphysical conference and psychic fair is scheduled at Alexandra’s BookStore from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16. “Your Luck — Taking Advantage of Opportunities”

is the topic at 2 p.m. on March 15, with a look at “How to Draw in Prosperity” at 2 p.m. on the 16th. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts will be featured; pay \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Bow Wow! The eighth annual ugly dog contest (with multiple categories) is slated for Sunday, March 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Over 400 dogs are expected to compete in categories including ugliest dog, best mutt, cutest dog, best trick, best costume, and others. Tickets are \$6 general, \$1 for those 12 and under; competing canines are charged \$5 per category. Call 858-755-5913 for information. (DEL MAR)

No Blarney, the House of Ireland hosts the Sunday lawn program at the International Cottages on March 16, starting at 2 p.m. The program promises the songs and dances of Ireland. Admission is free; Irish

refreshments will be offered for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

From Shoe Boxes to Impalas, “Classic Chevrolets” are showcased during the San Diego Auto Swap on Sunday, March 16, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Qualcomm Stadium. View vehicles on display and for sale, along with “acres of parts and accessories.” Admission is \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (MISSION VALLEY)

Stamp Collectors Are Invited to the monthly San Diego Stamp Fair slated for Sunday, March 16, with many stamp and cover dealers offering their wares from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Admission is free. Dial 619-469-0337 for details. (KEARNY MESA)

You’ll See Green when more than 30,000 square feet of artificial turf is used on F Street (between Fifth and Seventh Avenues) and on Sixth Avenue (between E and G Streets) for ShamRock 2003 on Monday, March 17. This St. Patrick’s Day cel-

THE STINGRAY SHUFFLE

PROLOGUE

Uh-oh. Lenny slipped me LSD.
That can be the only explanation.
It's been nonstop hallucinations. Which normally I don't mind, but you wouldn't believe how it complicates trying to cross U.S. 1 against heavy traffic. I must have stepped off the curb and headed back about 50 times now. I think I'm in the Florida Keys.
I keep slapping the side of my head to make the visions stop, but it only changes the picture, like a slide projector.
Slap!
Carjackings, exploitation of the elderly, cigarette boats running from the Coast Guard, melanoma, tar balls, deed restrictions, beefy mosquitos that crack windshields, Colombian shootouts, Cuban boycotts, Mexican standoffs, rampant-growth speculators, offshore-drilling lobbyists, cheap rum, cheaper motels, crack vials, condoms, mouse ears, William Kennedy Smith, Phillip Michael Thomas, chicken wing restaurants featuring women's breasts ...
Slap!
Shark attacks in two feet of water, barracuda jumping into boats and biting people, alligators roaming backyards and eating poodles named Muffins, college boys named Bo funneling beers on the beach and trampling sand castles and making children cry, broken-down cruise ships with decks full of irritable people from Michigan in puffy orange life preservers, the lottery won by a pool of 23 office workers who quit their jobs to become down-and-out junkies, trained seals playing "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" on bicycle horns ...
Slap!
There. The hallucinations have stopped. I'm in the dark, now. I'm weightless, too. That's much better.
Whoops. Spoke too soon. The weightlessness is giving way. I'm starting to drop. Faster and faster. Free-falling toward a

pinpoint of light. The light grows bigger, spinning off bright curved red swirls as I hurtle down this spiral chute like some hokey special effect from *The Twilight Zone*, or Jimmy Stewart in *Vertigo*; I'm helpless, this little black silhouette of a man, arms and legs flailing in a blizzard of chads, plummeting toward a haunting psychedelic pinwheel with the floating head of Jeb Bush in the middle ...
The spinning has stopped. I'm coming out of the tunnel now. The LSD feels like it's wearing off, but the sky is still ten different colors and the clouds are whispering about me. Just ignore them or you'll end up doing something odd that will attract attention. Are we hungry? My skin is unusually sheen and agreeable. I want to raise my voice and croon the opus of life! ... I can't think with all the people in my head talking at once! I need to call the room to order. ... That's better. Next item of business? Yes, you in the back with your hand raised. ... Why are we wandering in the middle of busy traffic? ... Good question. How did we get out here? I thought we were still on the sidewalk ...Well, what's done is done. Cars are whizzing by, so work with it. ... Try to get to the opposite curb. So what if that truck is coming? He'll stop because I will it. I am the master of time, space and dimension. Here we go: to the curb ... See? The truck stopped. He hit that car when he swerved around me, but I've made my point ... Where's that music coming from? It's the Doors, "People are Strange." No kidding. The sound ... it's coming from the sun. God's playing it on his personal hydrogen jukebox, the Big Puff Daddy-G layin' down the master moral rap and spinnin' the eternal hits, *If there's a rock 'n' roll heaven, you know they got a helluva band!* ... Oh, no, that horrible song is now stuck in my head. I must kill myself immediately. Damn that Lenny! ... Wait. Who's Lenny? For that matter, who am I? Why can't I remember my name? And what the heck is this strange outfit I'm wearing? A royal blue jumpsuit with a NASA patch on the shoulder. Am I an astronaut? ... Now I'm getting a shooting pain. It's coming from my forehead. What's this I feel up here? That's some huge knot you got on your dome — better have a doctor look at that. Maybe that's why

I can't remember who I am ... When in doubt, check your license. Let's see, is your wallet in this pocket? No, not there, but ... what's this? A prescription bottle? Empty. Wow, that's some serious medication on the label; the guy who's taking this is one real sick-o. ... Hold a sec. Could this be yours? The first name on the label is "Serge," but the last name has worn off. And the refill date was over a month ago. ... Now it's starting to add up. This isn't LSD after all. It's not even a drug experience. That's the whole problem — you haven't taken your drugs. ... Uh-oh, hallucinations again; the ground is starting to move. The road is rumbling and rising up. This is no ordinary street. It's a bridge. A drawbridge. Only one thing to do: hurry up and get to the lip of the span and hang on by hooking your arms through the grating. That way, when the span rises, you'll be way up at the top, above the hubbub, alone with some space to think and a clear view of the situation. ... Here we go, up, up, getting pretty high now, nice panorama. Wish I had my camera. Why are all those people down there pointing at me? And who called the cops? Here they come again, drawing their guns as usual. Now I'll have to dive in the water for my getaway. All this stress can't be good ...

Two weeks later.
An unconscious man in a blue astronaut jumpsuit lies face-down on the shore of a breezy mangrove island in the Gulf Stream. He's coming around, talking in his sleep. "Jeannie! Come out of that bottle right now!" His eyelids flutter in the sand, squinting at the bright sunlight. He raises his head and sees hundreds of eyes staring back at him.
They're still here. What do they want from me? Serge stands up. "I told you. I'm having memory problems. I can only recall



ebration runs from 4 p.m. until midnight, with live music, Irish dancing, food, and drinks. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. (Find the main entrance at Sixth Avenue and G Street.) For information, dial 619-233-5008. Only those 21 and older are invited to the party. (GASLAMP QUARTER)
An Elephant Named Lisa, 15 white tigers, and horses, cats, and dogs are part of the fun when Circus Vargas raises its big top for performances at the Valley Drive-In. You're invited to visit the site at 11:30 a.m. on opening day to watch the raising of the big top, take a sneak look at the petting zoo, go on a behind-the-scenes tour, and experience a "clown encounter."
This one-ring circus presents shows at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18; at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, March 19-21; at 2:30, 5, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 22; and at 12:30, 3, and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 23. Tickets range from \$12 to \$24 for adults, \$5 to \$16 for kids 2-11. For information, call 619-589-2482. (OCEANSIDE)
"Long Gone: The Literature and Culture of African-American Migration" is the theme for the "Let's Talk About It" discussion series at the San Diego Public Library. The program brings

readers together for discussions focusing on these books exploring the impact of changing place on migrants themselves or on their descendants.
The series continues with a look at *The Street* by Ann Lane Petry on Wednesday, March 19. The library has books available to borrow before the meeting. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room at the library, 820 E Street. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)
Ranunculus Rainbows Return, the 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming at the Flower Fields, open for touring through Sunday, May 11. Visitors stroll on pathways through the fields from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. There are theme gardens, antique tractor wagon rides, and the All-American Rose Selection Garden.
Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for children 3 to 10, and free for those five and younger. Find the fields by taking the Palomar Airport Road exit from I-5, head east for two blocks, and turn left on Paseo del Norte Road. For information, call 760-431-0352. (CARLSBAD)
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. This year's art juror was Edwin Wordell,

with poetry judged 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)
"True to Type: A Selection of Fine Printing from Special Collections" is on view through Sunday, May 4, in the donor corridor of SDSU's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Many of the articles were donated by former printer/publisher Richard B. (Dick) Dale, and the exhibit — emphasizing California materials — includes rare books on the printing process and the life histories of its artisans.
Also on exhibit, through March, see Jewish books, music, and ritual items (such as shabbat candlesticks, a mezuzah, a seder plate) from Hillel and the Jewish Student Union at San Diego State University. Viewing is free. For information, call 619-594-4991. (SDSU)
"Urban Speculations," an exhibition of architectural interventions by Woodbury University urbanism students, is on display through Sunday, March 30, at Art Produce (3139 University Avenue). See models, drawings, collages, and photographs exploring possible scenarios of North Park as an arts and culture district.

Call 619-297-8726 for hours and information. (NORTH PARK)
Russian Physicist Leon Theremin demonstrated his now-famous and eponymous musical instrument in 1920, now known as "the first synthesizer." The theremin is an unusual instrument in that the musician never actually touches it. Professor Theremin and his musical instrument are celebrated in an exhibit on view through Sunday, April 6, on the lower level of Geisel Library at UCSD. Viewing is free. For information, call 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

"Mother Holly" will be performed by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, March 16, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Dr. Lackowitz vs. the Computer Virus* presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble March 19-30.
Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

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 Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in the Casa del Prado Theater. The performance on the 15th 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)
"By Kids for Kids," the tenth anniversary multicultural arts festival, runs March 14-16 at locations around Carlsbad. Events begin on Friday when Big Joe Puppet Productions present "Puppets Around the World" at 3 p.m. at the Centro de Información (3333 Harding Street). A folktale storyteller performs at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive), and the Carlsbad Youth Theatre performs in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). All of these performances begin at 3 p.m.
Events and performances run si-

multaneously from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at both of the Carlsbad library locations. There will be Japanese and Chinese poetry and lettering workshops, storytellers, dance troupes and musical ensembles, and more.
On Sunday, the program runs from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Enjoy folktales, tribal dances, bluegrass music, mariachi melodies, and more. Admission to all events is free. For more information, call 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)
Children's Author Rose Marie Grant will discuss and sign her book *Andiamo, Weasel!* during story time events on Saturday, March 15, at 12:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)
A Very Real Yellow Brick Road and live orchestra are part of the fun when the J*Company presents *The Wizard of Oz* through March 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 Saturday, March 15, and at 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 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



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SHUFFLE

textbook history, plus some stuff about a briefcase and a recent trip I took, but I can't piece it all together yet.”

The eyes silently stay on him. Some blink. “Okay, okay. One more lesson.”

Serge steps forward in the sand and spreads his arms in an encompassing gesture: “Railroads had a seismic impact on the development of Florida, beginning with the fabled East Coast line slashing its way through the swamps a hundred years ago, opening up the bottom half of the state, an unforgiving no-man's-land of eccentric pioneers, cranky Indians and alcoholic hermits ...”

Serge. Serge A. Storms. Wiry, intense, unhinged, standing on a beach in the lower Florida Keys, leaves rustling in the salt wind, surrounded by his students, hundreds of small attentive monkeys.

“... Then the railroads unveiled the fancy deco streamliners of the 1930s, introducing the northerners to frost-free vacations and society-page beach sex in Palm Beach ...”

Serge stops speaking. One of the monkeys in back is chattering.

“Buttons, please, I'm trying to talk up here.”

The monkey stops chattering.

“Thank you ... As I was saying, the histories of the railroads and Florida are inextricably entwined. By the end of the twentieth century, Amtrak had unveiled its latest high-speed express train, The Silver Stingray, for its New York-to-Miami route.

nonmembers. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Marshmallow Roasting, Campfire Stories, arts and crafts, and a cook-out are promised during “Kids’ Night Out” at Mission Trails Regional Park. The program for those 6 to 12 years old runs 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, at Kumeyaay Campground (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). The fee is \$15. To make the required reservations, call 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Find, Paint, and Decorate your very own “Blarney stone” and construct a spiral snake when Stelzer Park offers “St. Patrick’s Day fun craft projects” on Saturday, March 15. Children six to ten years old are invited to participate in the program, which starts at 11 a.m. The park is located at 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. To make the required reservations, call 619-561-0580. The day-use fee is \$2. (LAKESIDE)

Sound provides the subject when the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts a family science day on Saturday, March 15, from noon to 3 p.m. Participants will “make a free science experiment” to take home. The event is included in regular center admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

“**Luck o’ the Irish**” provides the theme when the San Diego Symphony’s Family Festival Series continues on Sunday, March 16. The celebration of “all things Irish” includes music by uilleann piper Eric Rigler, fiddler Wanda Law, the Liam Harney Irish Dance Youth Company, and the Brian Baynes Band.

Pre-performance activities include face painting and a musical petting zoo. Tickets range from \$10 to \$30. The fun commences at 2 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Music Ventures Family Activity Day is planned at the Museum of Making Music on Sunday, March 16. Children (four to nine years old) and parents will design, create, and perform on their own instruments in the “Make It/Play It” workshop beginning at 11 a.m.

Rhino/Cargo recording artist Cindy Lee Berryhill presents a song-writing workshop from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for those 10 to 15 years

old). All ages may take part in the drum circle slated for 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and there will be Sesame Street Music Works kits distributed for parents of young children.

Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive. To make the requested reservations, call 760-438-5996 x219. (CARLSBAD)

Botany for Kids, Coastal Sage hosts this outing to the Point Loma Native Plant Preserve on Saturday, March 15, at 9 a.m. Free. For the start point, call 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Children’s Discovery Museum of North County, the museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social

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

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, is located in the middle of Sweetwater Marsh Na-

tional Wildlife Refuge. The facility is home to fish and invertebrates that inhabit the mud flats and marshes of San Diego Bay. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the “Sweetwater Soup,” and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the “Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay” exhibit. At other exhibits, visitors can pet sharks and rays, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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

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

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

Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For information, call 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego’s colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp’s San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and “New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 BC) through the Ming periods (AD 1368-1644) are included in “The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China.” From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as proudly worn ornaments in life. Jades were symbols of dignity and rank (as early as the Late Stone Age) and were status symbols closely connected with the conviction that jade brought long



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life. A new acquisition is now on exhibit: a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). The jade suit continued the quest for immortality. Ongoing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Fore! The Planet" is described as an actual indoor, 18-hole miniature golf course designed to teach

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Up the coast, past Malibu and into Ventura County, Point Mugu State Park sprawls across more than 15,000 acres of ocean-facing hills, valleys, and canyons — all of it emerald-green in the wake of the recent heavy rains. The several-hour-long (10.8-mile) hiking route described here comprehensively covers the park's western quadrant, which includes some of California's most attractive coastal landscapes. Shortcuts are possible, of course, if you opt for a shorter outing.

Park at the Ray Miller Trailhead, off Pacific Coast Highway. Two trails diverge

from the parking lot. The wide one going up along the canyon bottom ahead is the La Jolla Canyon Trail, your return route. To begin, take the narrower Ray Miller Trail to your right, which is the westernmost segment of the Backbone Trail that stretches along (you guessed it) the backbone of the Santa Monica Mountains.

You ascend immediately, enjoying ever-widening ocean views, and reach a junction with the wide, ridge-running Overlook Trail after 2.4 miles. Head left (north) on the Overlook Trail, wend your way around several bumps on the undulating ridge, and arrive at a saddle (4.5 miles from the start) where roads descend both right and left. Go left (west) and descend moderately toward the smooth, verdant floor of La Jolla Valley. The valley harbors native bunchgrass, which constitutes a rare, authentic California "tall-grass prairie."

La Jolla Valley Camp (5.0 miles by way of our circuitous route) has piped water, restrooms, and oak-shaded picnic tables. Continue west in the direction of a military radar installation on distant Laguna Peak. Ignore trails going left, right, and left; you'll want to gradually circle to the southwest and south, heading for a saddle on the right (northwest) shoulder of rounded Mugu Peak. Attaining that saddle at 6.8 miles, you'll enjoy a fabulous view of the Pacific Ocean.

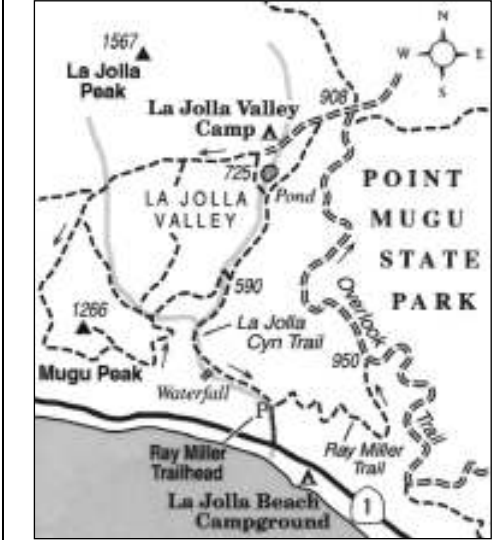
Curving around the south flank of Mugu Peak, you'll arrive (7.7



Mugu Peak summit, looking east

miles) at another saddle just east of Mugu's 1266-foot high point. Five minutes of climbing on a steep path will get you to the thinly vegetated summit, which features a 360-degree panorama of ocean, coastline, and interior mountains.

Return to the saddle east of the peak and continue descending to a junction (9.0 miles) in a wooded recess of La Jolla Canyon. Turn right, proceed east along a hillside, and then hook up with the La Jolla Canyon Trail, where you turn right again. On this, the final downhill stretch through a rocky gorge, take note of blooming (until May) giant coreopsis, a plant endemic to the Channel Islands and a few locales on the central California coast. A little farther down, you'll pass a grove of native walnut trees and a trickling waterfall in the narrowest part of the gorge.



about the nature of life on Earth and how human actions affect the environment. Visitors putt their way through dinosaur extinction, butterfly metamorphosis, and spawning salmon. Play the course through Sunday, May 4.

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

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

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

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

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's

first European settlement, found at 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

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

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

Technology, motion, and illusion combine to create a realistic en-

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

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

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

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Character Counts

If any work of Schumann's offers scope for a pianist's eccentricity, it's Carnaval.

Stephen Hough appeared in the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's "Piano Series." Hough has a large and deserved reputation, which goes far beyond the interest aroused by the puzzle of how to pronounce his name. In an era in which superlative technical brilliance is the norm among all pianists in the public view, Hough stands with the best. His intelligence and musicianship are of the highest quality. As his Sherwood Auditorium recital once again demonstrated, he is an interestingly quirky musician. He never quite sounds like anyone else. Even in the standard Romantic repertoire he has recorded — Schubert, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Brahms, Franck — a unique mind shines through, catching the listener's attention with an unusual shading or articulation, a phrase that shapes the music in a new way, a treatment of rhythm that is significantly different from what you expected.

Furthermore, he has devoted a good deal of thought and energy to composers outside of the mainstream: Englishmen like York Bowen or Kenneth Leighton, minor Romantics like Emil von Sauer and Franz Xaver Scharwenka, neglected modern Americans like Ben Weber, or the Catalan miniaturist Federico Mompou (whose excruciating dullness the pianist's attentive playing cannot conceal, although Hough's notes for his Mompou CD are felicitous pieces of writing). Add to all this his taste for old-fashioned, lightweight, pianist-composer encore material (Godowsky, Moszkowski, Paderewski, Chaminade) — and his authorship of numerous little pieces in the same genre — and his habit of appearing on stage dressed in a black silk Mao suit — and you have an artist with an unmistakable character profile.

A distinctive feature of Hough's technique is his ability to play softer than anybody else — softer than Cortot, softer than Horowitz, softer than Andrew Rangell — with absolute clarity and control. He does this so spectacularly that one is in awe. But when he does a lot of it, as he did at his Sherwood concert, one begins to react to it as to a mannerism. His performance of the Brahms Opus 10 *Ballades* was of noble grandeur and enchanting beauty — but there were moments when the exquisite perfection of the *pianissimo* passages seemed to stop all movement in its tracks.

This is doubtless a matter of intentional interpretation. In Hough's Brahms, in general, there is a stretching of the distance between the two poles of the composer's character: his forthright, powerful assertiveness, and his sensitive, reflec-

tive inwardness. In the *Ballades*, as well as in the Opus 5 Sonata, and even in the Concertos, Hough tends to make these two states of mind extreme — to the point (some might think) where they are no longer organically related.

Hough by no means plays all Romantic music in this manner. There is not a touch of it in his magnificent recording of Schubert's D. 960 Sonata, for example; and it played no discernible role in his performance of Schumann's *Carnaval* at Sherwood. But the pianist's preternaturally quiet suspensions of time and momentum were prominent in Leighton's Six Study-Variations (Opus 56) on the Sherwood program, in several of the pieces in Hough's *Suite Osmanthus*, and in the unidentified encore, a bit of tender, cocktail-piano sentiment refined virtually out of existence.

I don't take issue with any of these instances. The "*Adagio molto, misterioso ma molto espressivo*" movement in the Leighton certainly benefits from such an approach, where the unpredictable dissonant chords and their superbly calculated voicing sound all the more fascinating for floating like shadows on a sea of utter silence, until they gradually expand into a stupendous climax. The delicacy of sound in several of the *Suite Osmanthus*'s character pieces evidently reflected Hough's characterization of the various friends he was writing about. The encore was breathtakingly lovely — and thoroughly effective in toning down the audience's heated enthusiasm, so that they would not demand more. It's just that with so many instances of the same device, however appropriate each one was, they began to lose their effectiveness in conveying musical meaning, instead calling attention to themselves.

If any work of Schumann's offers scope for a pianist's eccentricity, it's *Carnaval*. Whimsy and inconsequence are the underlying organizing principles in this assemblage of diverse pieces: evocations of *commedia dell'arte* figures, the composer's depiction of his two contradictory personalities, musical portraits of the two young women he was in love with at the time, tributes to Chopin and Paganini, a variety of dances (with an emphasis on the waltz), and a concluding militant declaration of the new Romantic style, as Schumann and his (imaginary) cohorts march against the Philistines. It is just the sort of work in which Hough's own individuality and independence of spirit could flourish, and in fact every one of the numbers exhibited something fresh and unusual, something just a little askew.

Some other pianists rely on the large-scale

sweep of *Carnaval*'s Romantic afflatus to underline its unity, drawing all its heterogeneous material together into an impassioned but harmonious whole. Such, for example, is Evgeny Kissin's approach in his glorious recent recording. In Hough's more mercurial and fragmented reading, the idiosyncratic character of each piece was given an edge, and the pianist tried to make the listener actually envision Pantalón chasing Colombine, or Chopin dreamily musing at the keyboard, or the 15-year-old Clara Wieck (the future Clara Schumann) romping around, or a ballroom crowded with elegant masqueraders. This was undoubtedly effective in the short run, but I'm not sure that it enabled anyone to grasp *Carnaval* in its entirety.

It was especially pleasing to hear some music by Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988), a wonderful composer whose works I have admired on recording, but who (so far as I know) has never before been played in a San Diego concert hall. When composing for orchestra, piano, chamber ensembles, or vocal choir, Leighton was consistently a master of his medium. His powers of invention and composition were formidable. His music is at once austere objective and intensely committed. It has a strikingly humane dimension — and not only in his Christian choral works.

His piano music is notable for its deep understanding of keyboard technique, its vigorous rhythmic drive (often with suggestions of jazz), its variety of harmonic effects, and its exciting virtuosity. In all this, one hears the profound influence of Debussy and (even more so) Ravel, but with a post-Impressionist modernity that is manifestly Leighton's. The Opus 56 Variations, like other works of Leighton in this form, are difficult to assimilate if you are listening for a recognizable tune, presented clearly at first and then progressively transformed without ever disappearing. I have heard Opus 56 several times, and I still can't grasp what the variations are *on*, although I sense a coherence throughout.

No matter — the work can be fruitfully listened to as a set of études (it is called "*Study-Variations*," after all), related to each other by matters of color, texture, and motivic gesture that one can intuit in a concentrated performance like Hough's. This music has a sureness of intention about it, and a rightness of expression, which grasp the listener's consciousness as well as any more lucid structural principle could do.

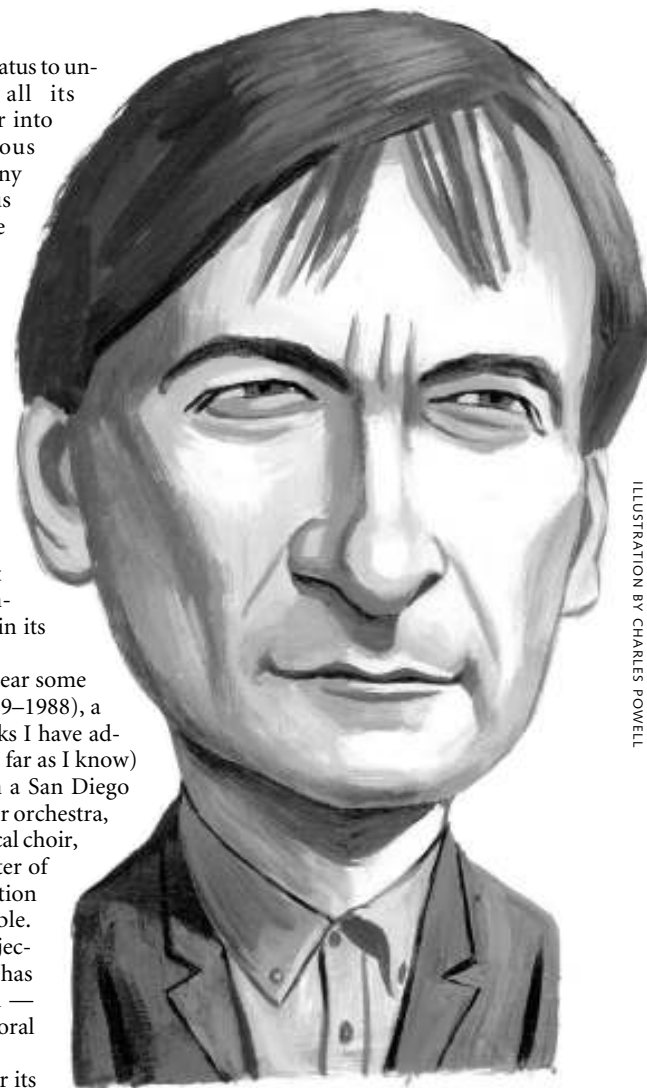


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Stephen Hough

Stephen Hough, piano
Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Chamber Music Society)

Brahms, Four Ballades, Opus 10; Leighton, Six Study-Variations, Opus 56; Hough, Suite Osmanthus; Schumann, Carnaval, Opus 9.

(And who can resist being carried away by the sensational, Prokofiev-like *toccata* that concludes the work?)

In Hough's own deft and unpretentious compositions, for all their secretive play with people's initials and the like, an intuition of rightness similarly provides whatever justification is needed. It's encouraging to encounter a composer who doesn't care about storming the heavens or being on the cutting edge, but is content with making small, beautifully crafted things that delight the senses and touch the heart.

Finally, with talent, taste, intuition, and character out of the way, there remains the question of pronunciation, which has bedeviled everyone who speaks about Stephen Hough, whether to

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praise or to criticize him, or even to order his records. To clear things up: the correct pronunciation is “Steven.”

What’s that you say? Oh, the *last* name! Well, he is not Hough as in “dough” or “though,” not Hough as in “plough” or “bough,” not Hough as in “through,” not Hough as in “thought,” “brought,” or “wrought,” not Hough (“Huh”) as in “Pough-keepsie” or “Macdonough,” not Hough as in “cough” or “trough,” not Hough (“Hup”) as in “hiccough,” not Hough as in “lough” (the Irish form of “loch”), not Hough (“Huck”) as in the Youghiogheny River, Pennsylvania, not Hough as in “ough” (a sound pronounced in comic books when someone is headbutted in the belly), and not Hough (“Hock”) as in the coarse but vivid expression “to hough a loogie” (reported in Ontario). He is Hough as in “rough,” “tough,” and (Arthur Hugh) Clough.

Had enough? ■

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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” and the “Toy Trombone,” and Verdi’s “Nabucco Overture.” Admission is \$5 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

The Chamber Concert Series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues with a recital by the Prazak Quartet of the Czech Republic on Friday, March 14. Ensemble members Vaclav Remes (violin), Vlastimil Holec (violin), Josef Kluson (viola), and Michal Kanka (cello) will perform Martinu’s “String Quartet No. 7,” “From My Life” by Smetana, and Janáček’s “Intimate Letters.”

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

Musician-Scholars Wang Jianxin and Li Fengyun will perform thousand-year-old traditional Chinese

music on Chinese instruments that are hundreds of years old when the musicians make their debut in the United States. The concert is slated for Friday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the MiraCosta College Theatre. The musicians will perform solos and duets, with pieces dating back to the Jin Dynasty and the Yan Shigu of Tang Dynasty; ancient music inspired by poets, plum blossoms, love, and “the healthy life” will also be on the program.

The musicians are on the faculty at the Tianjin Conservatory of Music in China. Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 for students and seniors. Find the campus at One Barnard Drive. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Music at Founders Hall, the concert series continues with arias from the world of opera when the San Diego Opera Ensemble presents “Operafest” on Friday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). The suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for those 13-17, free for kids 12 and under. To make the suggested reservations, call 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Masterworks: Brahms and Beethoven,” it’s the theme when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra performs on March 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 concert begins at 8 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue). For ticket information, call 888-848-7326. (DOWNTOWN)

“St. Patrick’s Pops” is the theme when the San Diego Symphony’s Winter Pops Series continues on Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15.

The celebration of “all things Irish” includes music by uilleann piper Eric Rigler, violinist Wanda Law, the Liam Harney Irish Dance Youth Company, the Brian Baynes Band, tenor John Christian Edward, and Elizabeth Ashmead on piccolo.

The music begins at 8 p.m. each night in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from \$10 to \$55. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

“Mozart and Modern,” explore the “two sides of Mozart with a demonic overture and a sacred choral work” when the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus performs on March 15 and 16. The concert begins with Mozart’s “Overture to Don Giovanni” and ends with a vespers piece. The Young Artists Competition winner will perform, and a symphonic piece by UCSD composer Roger Reynolds rounds out the program.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD’s Mandeville Center. Pre-concert lectures begin one hour prior to each performance. Tickets range from \$12 to \$22. For reservations, dial 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Voice Students of Carol Plantamura present a class concert on Saturday, March 15, at 4 p.m., in Erickson Hall (B-210) at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. Admission is free. Dial 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Mozart’s “Symphony Concertante” for violin/viola and a work by Schubert may be heard when David Shearen and Thi Nguyen perform on Saturday, March 15, at 7 p.m., at the Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Tickets are \$10 general. For the recommended reservations and information, dial 760-729-3407. (CARLSBAD)

Introduction to Classical Music, this “educational concert” is slated for Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). The Chamber Orchestra from the Fairbanks School of Performing Arts will play Ravel’s “String Quartet in F,” the “String Octet” by Mendelssohn, and Béla Bartók’s “Romanian Folk Dances.” Admission is free. 858-259-2503. (DEL MAR)

The Ecumenical Masterwork Chorale — consisting of the choirs of Pioneer Church, St. Andrew’s, and St. Andrews-by-the-Sea — presents a concert on Sunday, March 16, at

4 p.m., at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. 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.” An offering will be received. Find the church at 4816 Glen Street. For information, call 619-460-7272. (LEMON GROVE)

“Luck o’ the Irish” provides the theme when the San Diego Symphony’s Family Festival Series continues on Sunday, March 16. The celebration of “all things Irish” includes music by uilleann piper Eric Rigler, fiddler Wanda Law, the Liam Harney Irish Dance Youth Company, and the Brian Baynes Band.

Pre-performance activities include face painting and a musical petting zoo. Tickets range from \$10 to \$30. The fun commences at 2 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Old Masters in Music and Art, the series continues when the recorder quartet Les Folies performs music from various periods at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, at the San Diego Museum of Art. The concert is included in regular museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Pleasure of Your Company” series continues when violinist Alyze Dreiling and pianist and composer Myron Fink perform Beethoven Sonatas No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 on Sunday, March 16, at 2:30 p.m., at the Scripps Ranch Public Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Free. For more information, call 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

“Toccata: The Real Art of the Touch,” this concert featuring harp-sichordist Yonit Lea Kosovske promises selections by Frescobaldi, Rossi, Storace, and Fischer. The music begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 334 14th Street. The requested donation is \$15 general, \$10 for seniors and students. For information, call 619-840-3416 or 760-497-3759. (DEL MAR)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. Call 619-702-8138 for information on the free concert. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore “The Old Euro Standard” when Westwind Brass performs on Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The program includes music by Palestrina,

Arne, Bach, Mozart, and others, along with “occasionally insightful comments from the tuba section.” Tickets are \$12 for nonmembers. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Guitars in the Galleries, a program of selections by Central and South American composers for guitar may be heard when David Burgess performs on Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m., in the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$18 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

New Compositions by USD Faculty Member Christopher Adler may be heard, along with other pieces, when the San Diego New Music Noise Ensemble performs on Thursday, March 20, at 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor (located in Founders Hall at the University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park). Tickets are \$8 general. For information, dial 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

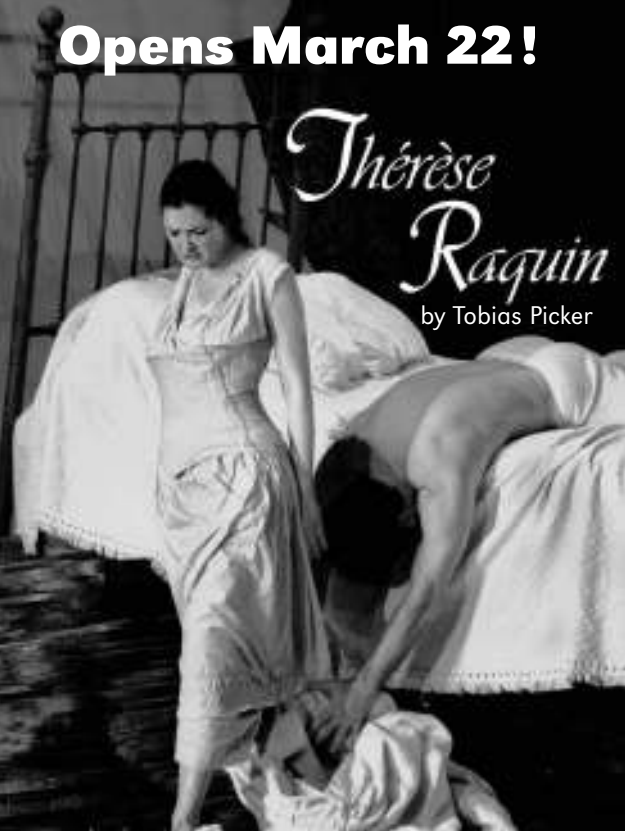
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The whole shebang starts at 8 p.m. at St. James by-the-Sea, 743 Prospect Street. Admission is by donation. For more information, call 619-491-2473 or 760-738-1891. (LA JOLLA)

Operatic Selections, Spirituals, and more may be heard when “opera superstar” Denyce Graves performs on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The program includes selections by Purcell, Brahms, Handel, Saint-Saëns, Piazzolla, and Guastavino, among many others. Graves will also perform selections from her latest CD, *The Lost Days: Denyce Graves’ Latin Songbook*. The mezzo-soprano will be accompanied by pianist Warren Jones.

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GALLERIES

Ceramic Artists Donna Polseno and Richard Hensley have work on view at the Spirals gallery beginning with a reception on Thursday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m. The artists reside in Floyd, Virginia. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Find the gallery at 7906 Girard Avenue; 858-551-8199. (LA JOLLA)

Cuban and American Ceramicists have work on view at Très Studio Gallery during March in conjunction with the NCECA conference. Meet the artists during the reception set for Thursday, March 13, 5 to 9 p.m. Find the gallery at 3803 Ray Street; 619-234-2558. See “Cuba: Beyond the Embargo” through March. (NORTH PARK)

“Clay Without Boundaries,” an exhibit of ceramic sculptures and sculptural vessels by 14 MiraCosta students and alumni, is on exhibit through Friday, March 28, at the Arts

College International (840 G Street). The show was curated by MiraCosta ceramic instructor Lana Wilson. Meet the participating artists at the reception slated for Friday, March 14, 5:30 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 760-753-3792. (DOWNTOWN)

Six Nonobjective Pieces by internationally known ceramic sculptor Paul Soldner are on display in UCSD’s Grove Gallery through Saturday, April 19. “Soldner Works” includes a reception on Friday, March 14, 6 to 9 p.m. According to exhibit organizers, “Soldner is known for pushing the limits of clay and discovering unique textures and forms.”

Find the gallery in the UCSD Crafts Center Complex on the Revelle College campus (off Eucalyptus Grove Lane). Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For details, call 858-534-2021. (LA JOLLA)

“27@999: A Teapot Invitational,” another show coinciding with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts conference, continues with a reception for the artists on Friday, March 14, at 7 to 9 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. 619-521-4803. (NORTH PARK)

“Subtle Discoveries,” these paintings by Bobbie Fisher are on view through March in the Bard Hall Gallery. Meet the artist during the reception planned on Friday, March 14, 6 to 9 p.m. Find the gallery at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street. 619-889-7363. (HILLCREST)

“Chaos to Clarity,” this exhibit in the Third Floor Gallery at the Broker’s Building Gallery opens with a reception for the artists on Friday,

March 14, 6 to 10 p.m. The show features paintings and sculpture. Find the gallery at 402 Market Street (at Fourth Avenue). For viewing hours and more information, call 858-549-1485. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

“Curious Destinations,” an exhibit of recent platinum prints by photographer Scott Davis, opens with a reception at the Farm art space on Friday, March 14, 7 to 11 p.m. The handmade 16” x 20” view camera that Davis utilizes to make his photographs will be on display during the reception. See the show through Friday, March 28.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 3 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment. Find the Farm at 1946 Broadway. 619-595-0677. (GOLDEN HILL)

Making Clay Relevant to Contemporary Life, five M.F.A. candidates have work on exhibit in “Midpoint: SDSU Graduate Ceramics,” on display through Sunday, March 23, at the Joseph David Gallery. The artists will be on hand for a reception set for Friday, March 14, at 6 p.m.

Find the gallery at 760 Eighth Avenue; 619-702-6290. Regular viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. (DOWNTOWN)

“Nine Show Off” features five to seven “prime works” by the nine artists whose work is on exhibit through Sunday, March 23, at the La Jolla Art Association Gallery. Meet the nine when the gallery hosts a reception on Friday, March 14, 5 to 8 p.m. Find the gallery at 7917 Girard Avenue. Questions? Call 858-459-3001 for answers. Regular gallery hours are noon to 4:30 p.m. daily. (LA JOLLA)

Paying Homage to the Car Subcultures that have permeated and defined colored youth, artist Christo-

pher Ferreria’s “Quiver” provides “a collision of street aesthetic...all pomp and ego and sex.” The exhibit at Voz Alta opens with a reception for Ferreria on Friday, March 14, at 8 p.m. and closes on Saturday, April 12. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues; 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

“Currents,” a show of work by Chafey College alumni and teachers opens at the 101 Artists’ Colony with a reception on Saturday, March 15, 1 to 5 p.m. The gallery is found at 25 East E Street. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For information, dial 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

Large-Scale Drawings in Clay by Joanne Hayakawa are gathered in “Parallax-Drawings in Clay,” on view through Saturday, March 22, at Quint Contemporary Art. In this series, Hayakawa “fuses traditional drawing and ceramic techniques to investigate relationships between the human body and plant forms.” The show coincides with the 37th annual Conference for the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts.

Meet Hayakawa when the Quint hosts a reception for the artist on Saturday, March 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. The gallery has relocated to 7739 Drury Lane (between Kline and Silverado). Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and by appointment. For information, call 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

“Blue,” described as “an international exhibit of witty and inspired ceramic works featuring this particular hue,” is on view at the San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). The 25 participating artists use the color in functional vessels, sculptural pieces, and modernist wall relief.

Concurrently, see East Coast artist Michael Jones McKean’s public art installation *The Rainbow, Quasar,*

Roller Coaster Divide, exploring “man’s place in the cosmic design through an impossible epic where the rainbow-castle-quasar junction becomes tangible.” The installation consists of a small greenhouse, over 3000 screws, a fog machine, aquariums, and a clay rainbow, among other things.

Both shows boast an artists’ reception on Saturday, March 15, from 2 to 5 p.m., and conclude on Tuesday, April 1. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive; 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

Works in Metal, Wood, Enamel, fiber, and ceramics by members of the San Diego Allied Craftsmen are on exhibit at the Next Door Gallery through Saturday, April 19. Among the group’s goals: “to provide a forum among artists for communication and inspiration, and to exhibit and share the finest crafts with the general public.”

“Allied Craftsmen 2003” features a reception on Saturday, March 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. Find the gallery at 2963 Beech Street (between 30th and Dale Streets). Call 619-233-6679 for information. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. (GOLDEN HILL)

“Clay Comes Out: Cecilia Stanford, Jolee Pink, Erik Gronborg, and Doug Snider” is on exhibit through Sunday, April 13, at the Nofufi Garden Gallery. The show encompasses both the garden and indoor galleries. Meet the artists during the reception slated for Saturday, March 15, 3 to 7 p.m. Find Nofufi at 90-C North Coast Highway 101; 760-635-0556. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. (ENCINITAS)

“Contemporary Ceramics: An International Perspective” with work by Christine Federighi, Peter Hayes, Karen Koblit, Beverly Mayeri, Geoffrey Page, Jane Perryman, Noi Volkov, and Tetsuya Yamada is on view through March at the Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). You’re invited to a reception on Saturday, March 15, from 1 to 6 p.m. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, and by appointment. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

South African Portrait Artist Martjie Zaayman-Carter has work on exhibit at the Timmons Courtyard Gallery (6009 Paseo Delicias). Meet the artist during a reception slated for Thursday, March 20, 4 to 8 p.m. To RSVP for the reception, call 858-756-0830. The work is on exhibit March 20, 21, 25, 26, and 27. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

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

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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. 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 Se-

ries” 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, “The Grandeur of Viceregal Mexico: Treasures of the Museo Franz Mayer” 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 masterwork *A Young Girl Reading* (circa 1776) serves as the focal point of “Painting Women: From Fragonard to Bouguereau,” a gallery installation of 12 paintings of women from the museum’s collection. On loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Fragonard’s painting presents an image of bravura brushwork and rich color that embodies the painting aesthetics of his time, particularly in how they were applied to the depiction of women. Enjoy these women through Sunday, May 4.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)


Timken Museum of Art, originally created for court occasions, diplomatic gifts, and political purposes, sculptures by the 16th-Century sculptor Giambologna were admired for their high quality and incredible detail. An exhibition of bronze sculptures by Giambologna and the artisans and artists who worked in his studio is currently on exhibit. “Giambologna: Sculpture by the Master and His Followers” includes approximately 70 works, with a diverse range of subjects such as animals, historical, and mythological figures. The exhibition closes on Sunday, March 30.

The museum’s permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles

made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Berzerkergang

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 Siegfried 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 Cuthbert'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.

The Boy Next Door

6th @ Penn Theatre hosts a cabaret show, featuring Joey Landwehr and music by Christopher Jackson. Songs include "Answering Machine," "Meeting Howard," and "Session with the Therapist." 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, THROUGH MARCH 16; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 10:00 P.M.

Cabaret

Stagings of the John Kander/Fred Ebb musical come in two types: 1) Broadway musicalized, show-busy, geared to entertain; 2) authenticity of period and story. The North Coast Rep opts for the latter. Directed by Sean Murray, the production never hypes for showstoppers, or even to endear. Instead it focuses on Berliners trapped in denial mode, as brownshirts mass outside. Marty Burnett's set, which includes the audience in the cabaret, makes the Kit Kat Klub a seedy joint. No one came here for eye candy. And director Sean Murray hasn't laundered the characters: Sally Bowles snorts cocaine; aspiring writer Cliff Bradshaw is bisexual (only vaguely so in the original). And the white-faced MC is never an ally. He understands the *carpe diem* mindset of his audience. This gives him a kind of control, at least in the club's confines. Audiences expecting a jumping bean Liza Minnelli wannabe as Sally may be disappointed. K.B. Mercer doesn't have Minnelli's vocal chops. Doesn't pretend to. What Minnelli does in

the 1972 movie with smeared eye shadow and a bottomless need for attention, Mercer does internally (for this Sally, avoidance behavior isn't an addiction; it's a calling). Best of show: Linda Libby is outstanding as Fraulein Schneider. Against everything life has taught her, and while the rest of 1930 Berlin flees from feeling, Schneider falls in love. As she opens her heart to Herr Schultz, Libby will break yours.

Worth a try.

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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, THROUGH MARCH 30; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Cocks Have Claws and Wings to Fly

SDSU's department of theater stages Amparo Garcia's seriocom-

edy about challenged traditions in a Latino family (i.e., Mama, "an avid soldier in the Army of the Virgin," becomes pregnant). Peter Cirino directed. EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, THROUGH MARCH 23; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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month after Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*. Though both were influential, in many ways Kingsley's had the greater impact. The play, which follows four hours at NYC's Precinct 21, spawned an entire genre. Victims and victimizers roam in and out. In the midst of grimy upstairs offices, Detective McLeod

crusades for justice. At first his tenacity shines like a gallant knight's armor (so much you almost dismiss what others say — that he's "judge and jury" and resembles the criminals he despises). As McLeod pushes his contentious idealism, seeing only black and white, gray-layered reality pushes back. In a program note, director Robert Smyth says, "This was arguably the first authentic picture of the routine life of a police station." Smyth and a 21-member cast turn the Lamb's stage into 1949. Jeanne Reith's terrific costumes graft the period onto

the stage, and an uncredited sound design — street sounds humming like electric rivers — puts Manhattan just beyond the walls. David Cochran Heath, a Lamb's mainstay for decades doing some of his best work ever, makes McLeod a loose cannon who abuses suspects (the way his father abused his mother) and refuses to compromise. To single out actors would be unfair to the ensemble, each of whom contributes to one of Lamb's best shows in years.

Critic's pick.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH

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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. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MARCH 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. NOTE: PATIO PLAYHOUSE OFFERS A DINNER/THEATER PACKAGE WITH BISTRO 221.

Fault Line Players March One-Acts

Death Letters, a "dark drama" by Amy Paddack; *Helmettop*, a "twisted dark comedy" by Kevin Hettinger; *Heroes, Incorporated*, an "adventure comedy" by Ted Falagan; and, back by popular demand,

The Annotated Exploits of Margaret (Revised), also by Falagan. THE FAULT LINE THEATRE, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, THROUGH MARCH 22; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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, 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 at-

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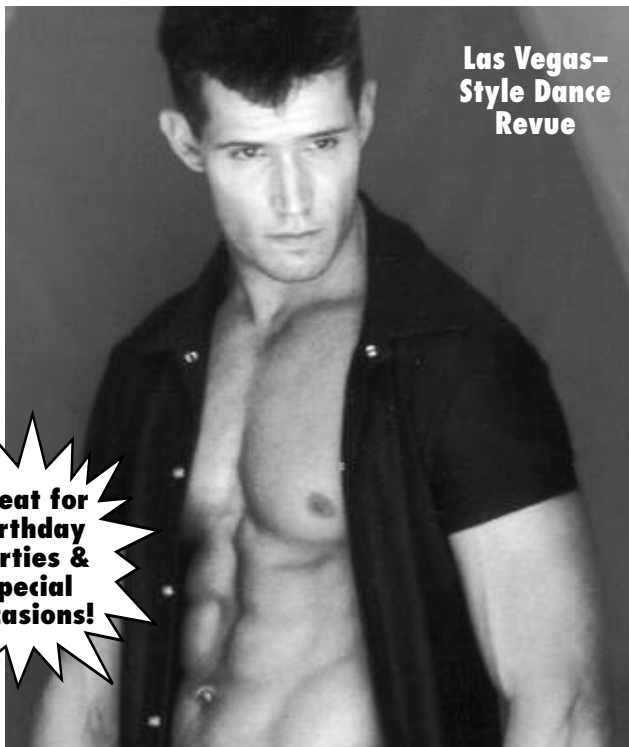
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National Comedy Theatre

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 ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

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HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE, PALOMAR COLLEGE, THROUGH MARCH 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

San Diego Theatresports
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports’ “game show” is a 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 per-

spective 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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Sweet Charity
Grossmont College Theatre Arts presents the musical — book by Neil Simon, music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Dorothy Fields — about “the girl who wants to be loved so much she has lost sight of who she really is.” Henry J. Jordan directed.
STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, GROSSMONT COLLEGE, THURSDAY, MARCH 13, THROUGH MARCH 22; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*.

There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)
Worth a try.
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.

Two Gentlemen of Verona
South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Shakespeare’s comedy about pairs of star-crossed lovers. Mark Rucker directed.
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Uncle Vanya
New Village Arts presents Anton Chekhov’s drama about a famous professor, his “trophy” wife, and the country estate they disrupt. Francis Gercke directed.
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Is Bill Silva, the best-known name in San Diego concert promotion, getting back in the game?

He's not saying. But a

Bay Area. At its peak, BSP had a staff of 14 and controlled such venues as the Cox Arena and the Open Air Theater, both at SDSU. But in 1998 he sold BSP and the SDSU promoting rights to Universal Concerts, which in turn was swallowed by House of Blues (HoB) Concerts. Silva moved to L.A., where he

of Silva, who was working with HoB as a national tour organizer. Last year Silva organized the "Up in Smoke" and Margaret Cho tours. *Hits*



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SILVA'S BACK IN SD?

said that Silva may sell his rights to book the Hollywood Bowl to either Clear Channel Entertainment or Anschutz Entertainment. *Hits* said Silva would continue his management duties (he handles Jason Mraz and the band Unwritten Law).

Silva's San Diego non-compete agreement with HoB may no longer be valid, said the insider. But Silva's challenge may be that he no longer has a local venue to

call home, which is crucial to maintaining a presence in the current concert market. Clear Channel has the rights to the Sports Arena; HoB controls the Coors Amphitheater, the two SDSU venues, and Viejas. House of Blues had no comment.

— Ken Leighton

Jewel was twice named in the April issue of *Spin* magazine. The magazine was devoted to lists. Jewel made the list of "Seven rock stars with bad teeth" (they nicknamed her "Fang"). And under "Top five unintelligible sentences from books written by rock stars," Jewel comes in at number three with "Me with nothing but/ Words to keep me warm/ But I don't want them/ take them back."

Fellow occasional San Diegan Rob Halford also earned two mentions. The former Judas Priest frontman is described as one of "Five great rock ironies."

"[He] was branded a misogynist for singing the line, 'I'm going to force you at gunpoint to eat me alive.' He was talking about a guy."

And Halford was one of six "Rock stars who finally came out," along with George Michael, Michael Stipe, Bob Mould, Melissa Etheridge, and Elton John.

Former San Diego music writers Lester Bangs and Cameron Crowe made other lists. Bangs's *Psychotic Reactions and Carburetor Dung* was number three on the list of "Nine best books



IT IS CRUEL TO CALL JEWEL/"FANG"

written about rock and roll" ("despite the fact that substantial portions of it were likely composed under the influence of cough syrup"). And Crowe's *Almost Famous*

was number 19 on the list of "The 20 best music movies ever made."

— Ken Leighton

"We turned him down, and I heard a couple other venues turned him down. I don't think he's coming to San Diego."

That's according to one promoter who says that three local venues don't want rapper 50 Cent, also known as Curtis Jackson. Jackson boasts he has been shot nine times.

Dates are currently being booked for his spring headlining tour. That tour follows the release of his CD *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, which lists Dr. Dre and Eminem as executive producers. It sold 2.6 million copies in its first three weeks of release.

The Queens-based rapper freely shares stories of his outlaw past. On December 31 he was arrested in New York for possession of loaded firearms in his SUV. But that very same gangsta street cred seems to be backfiring in San Diego.

"Cops are getting really tough," said the promoter who declined to be identified. "You had the fire [in Rhode Island] and the riot [days

recent item in *Hits* magazine (an L.A.-based weekly music industry trade publication) suggests he could be poised to re-enter the local live music arena.

Silva first made his name promoting live concerts at UCSD as a student/talent buyer in the late 1970s. In the early 1980s he partnered with Mike Fahn and launched Fahn & Silva. He broke away and by the early 1990s, his Bill Silva Presents/BSP was to San Diego what Bill Graham Presents had become to the

launched Bill Silva Management and booked the Hollywood Bowl.

As part of his HoB buyout agreement, Silva agreed to not promote concerts in San Diego.

The only problem, said an insider, is that House of Blues never paid Silva what he was promised in the 1998 agreement.

Last week *Hits* magazine reported that HoB Concerts was "unraveling," indicated by the departure of two key executives and the defection

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I said, “A shirt that has

Inside the gallery everyone was touching the

— Jennifer Ball

“Dad likes to stay on the sidelines because he doesn’t want to take anything away from me.” Although Nee-Nee Gwynn’s father Tony adds some



NEE-NEE GWYNN FROM POWAY HIGH

backup vocals to her current single "No Means No," the 17-year-old is placing her future as a hip-hop singer

Nee-Nee said she has

—Ken Leighton

"A woman from [the Del Mar summertime] Powerhouse Concert Series wanted us to perform in June of 2004. Somebody on



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OPPOSUMS ARE THE ANTIDOTE TO RELIGION

Dr. Stephen Baird is a professor of pathology at the UCSD School of Medicine. He's also the chief of the laboratory at the V.A. Medical Center. His



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professional life is going fine. It's his folk band that keeps getting dumped on.

The Opossums of Truth sing the gospel of Darwinism and other scientific truths. Creationists often don't get the humor.

"The letter said the majority of the [Cultural Arts] committee [of the Del Mar Foundation] were concerned that the group might be too controversial and voted not to have us as they just didn't want to offend anyone," said Baird, 58.

In the irreverent spirit of Tom Lehrer and the Smothers Brothers, the Opossums cheerfully skewer religious zealots.

Their "Virgin of Spumoni" is based on a newspaper story about how some Texans claimed to have been healed by a vision of the Virgin Mary that appeared in an ice cream mishap.

"Some kid dropped his ice cream cone one boiling summer day/ And as he watched it melting down he heard somebody say/ Holy

Mary I can see in red and white and brown/ The Virgin of Spumoni on the sidewalk in our town."

The song says one believer tossed his crutches away. "But he's relapsed now it's tragic/ Yes, we lost the Virgin's magic when somebody's dog licked her away."

Even fellow members of the medical community get squeamish.

"We do a lot of songs on science. A chemist on the board of the American Association of Clinical Chemists asked us to play at their banquet. But some fundamentalist on the board wouldn't have it. He said, 'We just cannot have stuff that is hostile to religion.'"

The City of Del Mar gave the name of Cheryl Parks as a contact for the Del Mar Foundation. When asked why Baird's group wasn't picked to perform, Parks said, "The programming is discussed with a whole cadre of volunteers. I don't know why they didn't choose Dr. Baird."

Their next show is a CD-release party at the end of May. For more info, go to www.scientificgospel.com.

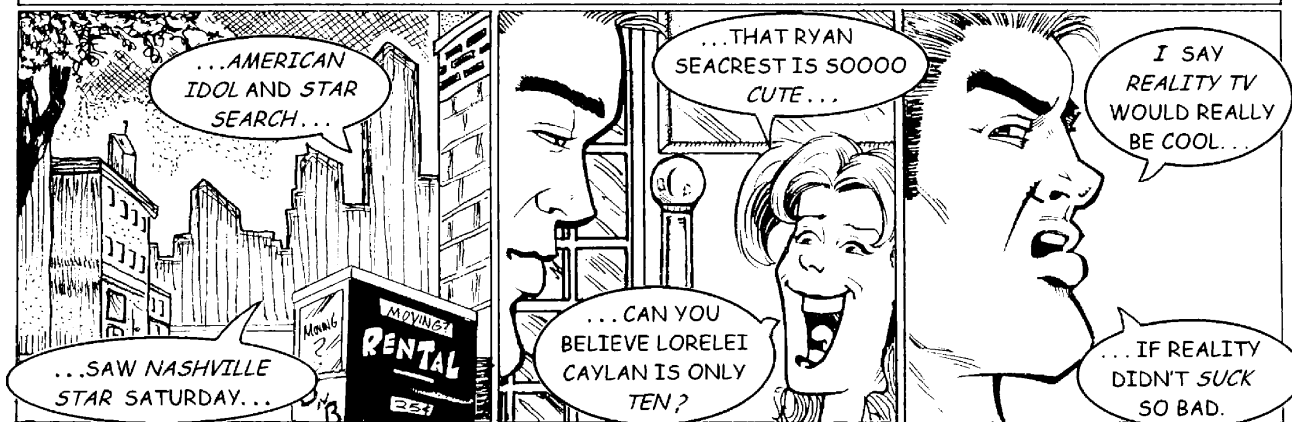
— Ken Leighton

Paul McCartney's

recent million-dollar birthday concert in Rancho Santa Fe has made it all over the news, but no one

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: DOWNTOWN

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



interviewed the postal workers about it until now.

One of the letter carriers in that area said, "The way security was all over [Rancho Santa Fe], we thought Tiger Woods was there, since he was in town golfing. Then we thought maybe it was President Bush."

I called McCartney's current guitarist, Rusty Anderson, to ask about the show. He never called back, but his sister, who lives in Oceanside, told me she was invited to the show that morning but couldn't make it. What would make you miss a show like that?

This story was making news nationally because McCartney — often solicited to perform (including a request from the Sultan of

Brunei, for allegedly a lot more money) — has never done a show like this before (and has not performed in the San Diego area since 1976). The money was donated to McCartney's wife's charity to eradicate minefields.

Howard Stern said on his show (which airs locally on Rock 105.3), "If anybody gives me a million dollars, I'll come to their party. I don't know what I'd do, maybe bring some lesbians or something."

— Josh Board

The following online auctions

of San Diego music memorabilia took place at eBay.com between January 21 and February 21.

A copy of the early 1973 *Life* and *Times* LP by Jim

Croce was said to have been autographed by the singer on 7/9/73, weeks before his death on September 20. The vinyl rarity earned five bids, selling for \$107.50.

A San Diego-based company called Target Collectibles auctioned six identical blink-182 autographed concert programs, posting the same item photo for each auction, even though there were presumably six different programs. "An original blink-182-signed KROQ Weenie Roast concert program," read the auction descriptions. "This is signed by all three members of the band. This item is in perfect condition (mint/near mint). It includes a lifetime 100% money-back Certificate of Authenticity from Target

Collectibles. All items were obtained in person by Target Collectibles."

The six blink programs, apparently indistinguishable from each other, sold on various days for \$10.45 (2/15), \$12.50 (2/2), \$15.50 (2/21), \$20.50 (2/12), \$26 (2/9), and the last auction on February 18 attracted 16 bids and ended at \$66 — for the same thing someone paid \$10.45 for only three days earlier. Oh, the power of the Internet...

— Jay Allen Sanford

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"We all had a drink together. Miles was very relaxed, as if the music he was playing wasn't that important."

Miles Davis turned up in Paris in 1957. It had been a quiet year for him, if not for jazz. His working band with Coltrane on tenor had broken up. After his fabulous collaboration with Gil Evans in May of that year (*Miles Ahead*), there were to be no further recordings until Miles improvised the soundtrack for Louis Malle's movie *L'ascenseur pour l'échafaud* (*Elevator to the Scaffold*).

Davis had been in Paris at least once before, 1950, performing at the Paris Jazz Festival. The '57 visit would be more eventful. For one thing, Miles fell in love with the actress and cabaret singer Juliette Graco. They were both around 30 at the time, and it was a serious affair for them both, though Davis, characteristically, would later discount it. Graco had been a popular performer in the cafés favored by the existentialist set — Sartre, Camus, etc. — in the '40s. Davis would not have been the first commanding, brilliant character she had met. Davis, for his part, had famously "been around," at one point — a low point — working as a pimp. They were both extraordinarily attractive young people and must have cut a memorable figure at the restaurants and after-hours places fashionable in Paris at the time.

But the larger event — at least musically — of Miles's Parisian sojourn was the movie-soundtrack recording, which, it turns out, was a completely fortuitous development. Marcel Romano, who would later also supervise the soundtracks of *Un témoin dans la ville* ("A Witness in the City") with Barney Wilen and Kenny Dorham, along with *Des femmes*

disparaissent ("Women Disappear") and *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* ("Dangerous Liaisons") with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, had booked Davis for a three-

week tour of Europe and had plans to produce a short film on jazz, featuring Miles.

Davis was known at the time in France, but not the celebrity he was later to become. Romano had figured his short film, documenting a recording session with musicians who were playing together for the first time and informally thrashing things out, would be a winner. Regrettably, the project fell through.

But another turned up in its stead. Jean Rappeneau, who was to supervise the short film with Miles, happened to be working on the Malle film at the time. Louis Malle, like Rappeneau, was a big jazz fan and,

at the behest of Rappeneau, was introduced to the visiting trumpet player.

Miles was given a private screening of the stylish thriller, which he enjoyed (and so will you, I think), particularly the acting of Lino Ventura. Malle explained the setup and characters. Miles took notes. The recording session

was to take place two weeks down the road. Meanwhile, Miles went about his tour — which had to be scaled down for want of interest — jotting down notes for the film music in his hotel between gigs.

The recording session took place on December 5, 1957. Malle arranged for a loop of scenes to be

projected continuously while the musicians improvised background music. Malle chose which music suited his needs and which didn't. The process took four hours. Both Malle and Miles were satisfied with the result, but Davis let it be known that he never wanted to work on another soundtrack.

Malle and Miles had every reason to be satisfied.

It is one of the most memorable and successful soundtracks of its era. There exists a long (long in movie terms) history of jazz film scores dating back to the '20s — pre-talkies — when blues, rags, and Dixieland numbers would have been the fare. In the 1950s, with films turning more psychological in content, engaging the subject matter of criminality, alienation, loneliness, racism, drug addiction, despair, and the related pathologies of urban American life, the cool and post-bop styles of "progressive jazz" proved most suitable for film scores.

No one in the history of jazz does moody-broody-haunting like Miles Davis, especially when he has his stemless Harmon mute in, and he's exploring emotional nuance in the instrument's middle register. The genre of film music, jazz film music, with all of its limitations, and which drew Miles only this once, suits the trumpet player and his particular sound. Miles was, all through his career, a peerless

colorist and able to create a mood in a handful of phrases. In fact it is his economy and deftness in shaping his musical phrases that is the feature of the Davis style that has always been most attractive to me, and I'm certain not only me.

In the context of the movie his music, by design, is fragmentary, themeless, unresolved and abstract, but at the same time so much to the point in echoing and establishing a psychological/emotional tone

that you're uncertain if your interest and feelings are being determined by the music or dramatic action, so expert and tight is the fit. Davis was such

a hypersensitive musical creature that he even manages to transform the uniquely American-sounding medium of jazz into something that sounds vaguely European. This last bit of wizardry is difficult to explain except to point out that Miles's performances were often colored by the events and atmosphere of his immediate environment at any given time. You might say he was *porous*, in a way. Nor is he unique in this, vis-à-vis other jazz artists, except in degree.

Davis was not alone on the session. In fact, he had a terrific small group behind him, however constrained their roles. Kenny Clark was on drums, Pierre Michelot on bass, Rene Urtrager on piano, and the superb (and too little known on this side of the Atlantic) Barney Wilson on tenor sax. It's worth quoting the superb French bassist Pierre Michelot on the session:

The session took place after the European tour, so we were used to playing together. We arrived at the Poste Parisian around ten. Jeanne Moreau was there, and we all had a drink together. Miles was very relaxed, as if the music he was playing wasn't that important. It was only later that I learned he'd already been to a screening, and that he's known about the project for several weeks. What was typical of this session was the absence of a specific theme. This was new for the period, especially with the soundtrack of a film. Save for one piece... we had only the most succinct guidance from Miles. In fact, he just asked us to play two chords — D minor and C-7 — with four bars each, ad lib. That was new too, the pieces weren't written to a specific length.... Louis Malle gave certain indications that he couldn't express in the way a musical technician would, but he knew how to make himself understood clearly enough to get what he wanted.

When you get two brilliant artists like Louis Malle and Miles Davis making themselves understood, and you have the sidemen to execute what's been understood, well, you're bound to get something special. ■

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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.

The U.S. Bombs, Furious IV [107], and **Just a Joke**: '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.

Peter White [714]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002.

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.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Sometimes when you're depressed the best medicine is to laugh at yourself. **Quasi's** lead songwriter, **Sam Coomes**, seems to be following this prescription. "I'm not trying to document my suicide," he sings on "The Poisoned Well," but his body of work would make a hilarious suicide note, and he knows it. If Quasi is known for anything, it's known for being a duo made up of a divorced couple: Coomes (a longtime collaborator with Elliott Smith) and **Janet Weiss** (who plays in Sleater-Kinney). Spending too much time with your ex is usually a bad idea, but they make their relationship troubles a part of their act onstage and in their songs in a way that may in fact be ther-

apeutic. Even the songs that aren't about love gone wrong have a defeatist attitude that's so over the top it's funny, especially when set to beautiful, sweeping melodies.

Take "California" (from 1998's *Featuring Birds*), which begins, "Life is dull, life is gray, at its best it's just okay/ But I'm happy to report life is also short." Even harsher is "All the Same" (from 1999's *Field Studies*), which ridicules the notion of hope: "You worship the future like it's some kind of saint/ But it's just like the past with a new coat of paint." By the time of 2001's *Sword of God*, Coomes had mellowed a bit. That album featured "It's Raining," perhaps his catchiest number to date. It's yet another bummer song, but it's sung to a depressed person, telling her to buck up: "It doesn't



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only rain on you/ But you're acting all upset/ Like you're the only one who's wet." Maybe he's getting better.

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The Glenn Miller Orchestra [647]: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, April 12, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Flogging Molly [316] 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.

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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.

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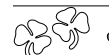
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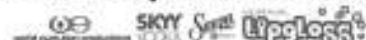
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The Ballad Mongers [147]: Blind Melons
Bastards of Glory: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Bitty Bums: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Blizzard: Blind Melons
Cadaver Dogs: Tio Leo's Lounge
Califone: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Chapter 13: Bub's Whiskey Dive
Common: Belly Up Tavern
The Crashing: Blind Melons
Tom Curren's Band: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Cypher: Hot Monkey Love Cafe
Dama: Blind Melons, Winstons
The Damn Dirty Apes: Winstons
Dan's Band: Dream Street
Deadbolt [114]: The Casbah
Denver Harbour: The Scene
Dismissed: The Scene
DJ Vadim & the Russian Percussion: The Casbah
Dosage & Usage: The Casbah
The Downs Family: The Casbah
Driver Jake: Tio Leo's Lounge
Element 54: Brick By Brick
The Epoxies: The Casbah
Erasure [245]: 4th & B
Every Breath: Epicentre
F.O.N.: The Scene
Gogol Bordello: The Casbah
The Good China [273]: Tio Leo's Lounge
Grouch: Belly Up Tavern
Head Changers: Blind Melons
The Hill Street Strangers: Brick By Brick
Huero: The Kensington Club
Ilya [204]: 'Canes Bar and Grill
ir: Dream Street
Just Like Yesterday: Dream Street
Kramers Rule: The Scene
Kyros: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Legend of...: Blind Melons
Liquid Image: 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Living Legends: Belly Up Tavern

Lodus: Brick By Brick

Lot 13: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Lualta [124]: The Casbah

Lucky Motors: The Kensington Club

Lucky 7: The Scene

Luminaire: The Scene

Mercy Road: Tio Leo's Lounge

Metric: The Casbah

The Millionaires: The Kensington Club

The Mix Mob [190]: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Modus: Epicentre

Mower: 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Murs: Belly Up Tavern

The Mutes: Soma

Mystic Journeymen: Belly Up Tavern

No Knife [309]: The Casbah

One Fine Night: 'Canes Bar and Grill
120 Pain: Dream Street

Other Natural Flavors [173]: Winstons

Mike Page: Blind Melons

Parklife: The Casbah

Pensive: The Scene

People Like Us: Blind Melons

Pound Foolish: Soma

Primitive: Epicentre

Public Transportation: Dream Street

Raw Kandy: 'Canes Bar and Grill

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Remik: Soma

The Reputation: The Casbah

The Revs: 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Robot Ate Me: The Casbah

Saturday's Child: Soma

The Scene Creamers: The Casbah

The Scotch Greens: The Casbah

The Sea & Cake: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Shaggin' Wagon: Winstons

Silver Mullet: Dream Street

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Six Foot Death Trap: Blind Melons

Slave Wom: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Slaves on Dope: Soma

Dick Smiley: The Kensington Club

Sojourn: Dream Street

Something Like Airplanes: Epicentre

Sons of Zap: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Spell Toronto: Blind Melons

Star Dog: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Stars: The Casbah

Starshak: Dream Street

Swords Project: The Casbah

Tall: Dream Street, Brick By Brick

Ten Times a Day: The Scene

This Holiday Life: The Scene

Three Legged Dog: Tiki House

Tragic Ritual: Brick By Brick

The Transit War: The Casbah

Troy's Bucket: Soma

Undecided: Soma

The Walking: Lestat's Coffeehouse

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Matty A.: Blind Melons

Absinthe: Bayou Bar & Grill

Adrian & the Sunburns: Winstons

Agave: Blind Melons

The Agave Band: Zip & Zack's Filling Station

Avalanche: On The Rocks

Black Feet: Dream Street

The Blue Fish Band: Zip & Zack's Filling Station

The Joey Bowen Band [498]: Blind Melons

Caution Children: The Casbah



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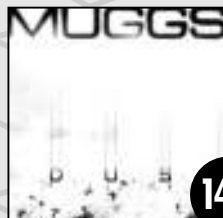
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Cheetah: Sham Rocks Shack

Cooler Kids: 4th & B

The Corduroys: Island Sports & Spirits

Cornerstone: Second Wind (San Carlos)

The Crazy Baldheads: Blind Melons

Cristianne: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

d.fRost [389]: Blind Melons

Downmachine: Brick By Brick

The Druthers: Coyote Bar and Grill

El Jardin: Neimans Bar and Grill

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

Electrovibe: Dream Street

Extremo: Sevilla

The Fabulous Rudies: Dream Street

fluf [493]: Soma

Footloose: San Vicente Inn

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G-Roy: Cannibal Bar

Gang Starr: Belly Up Tavern

John Gieger: Belly Up Tavern

The Great Big Sea: Belly Up Tavern

Harmony 24 [402]: Dream Street

The Helio Sequence: The Casbah

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

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Latigo: Brick By Brick

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Malady [418]: 'Canes Bar and Grill

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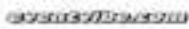
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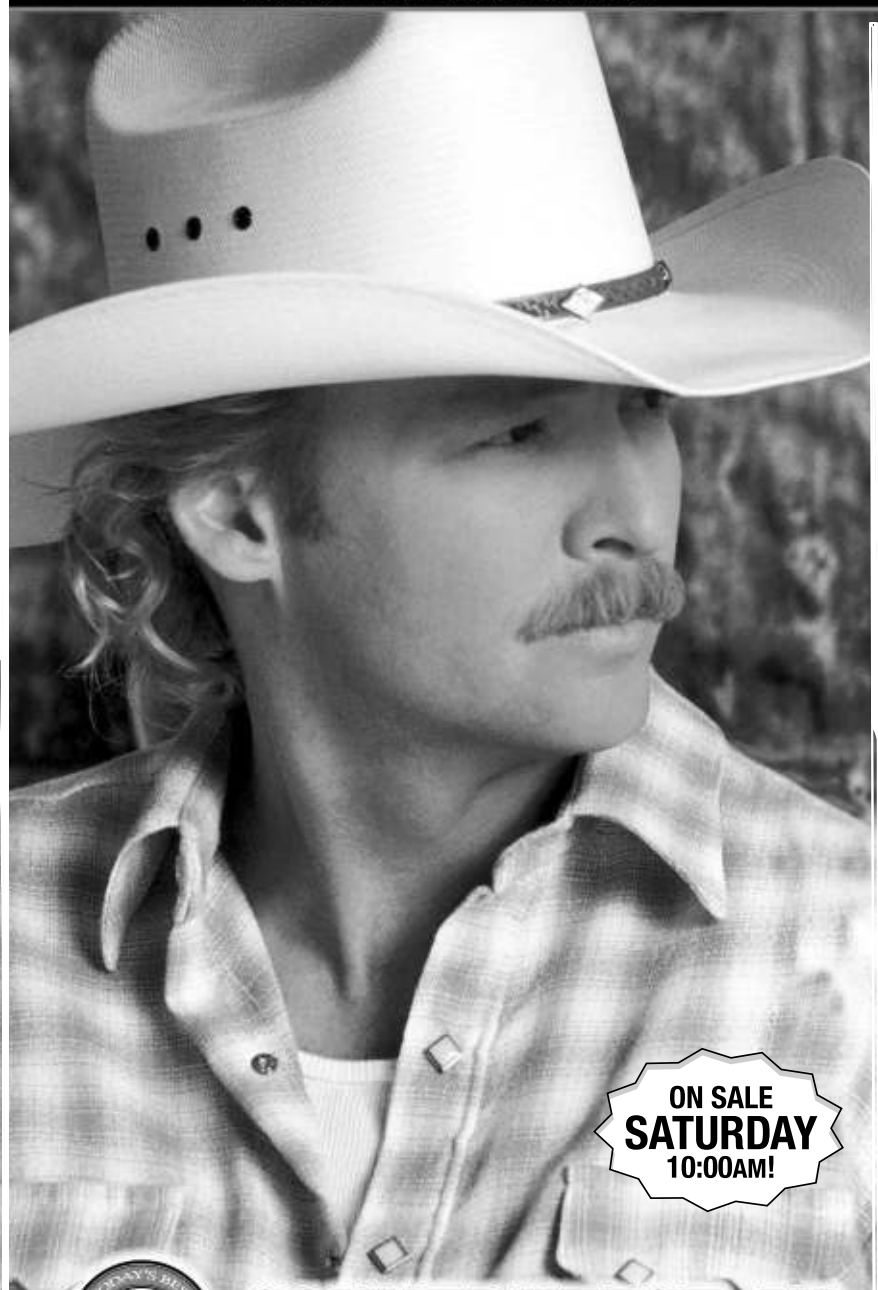
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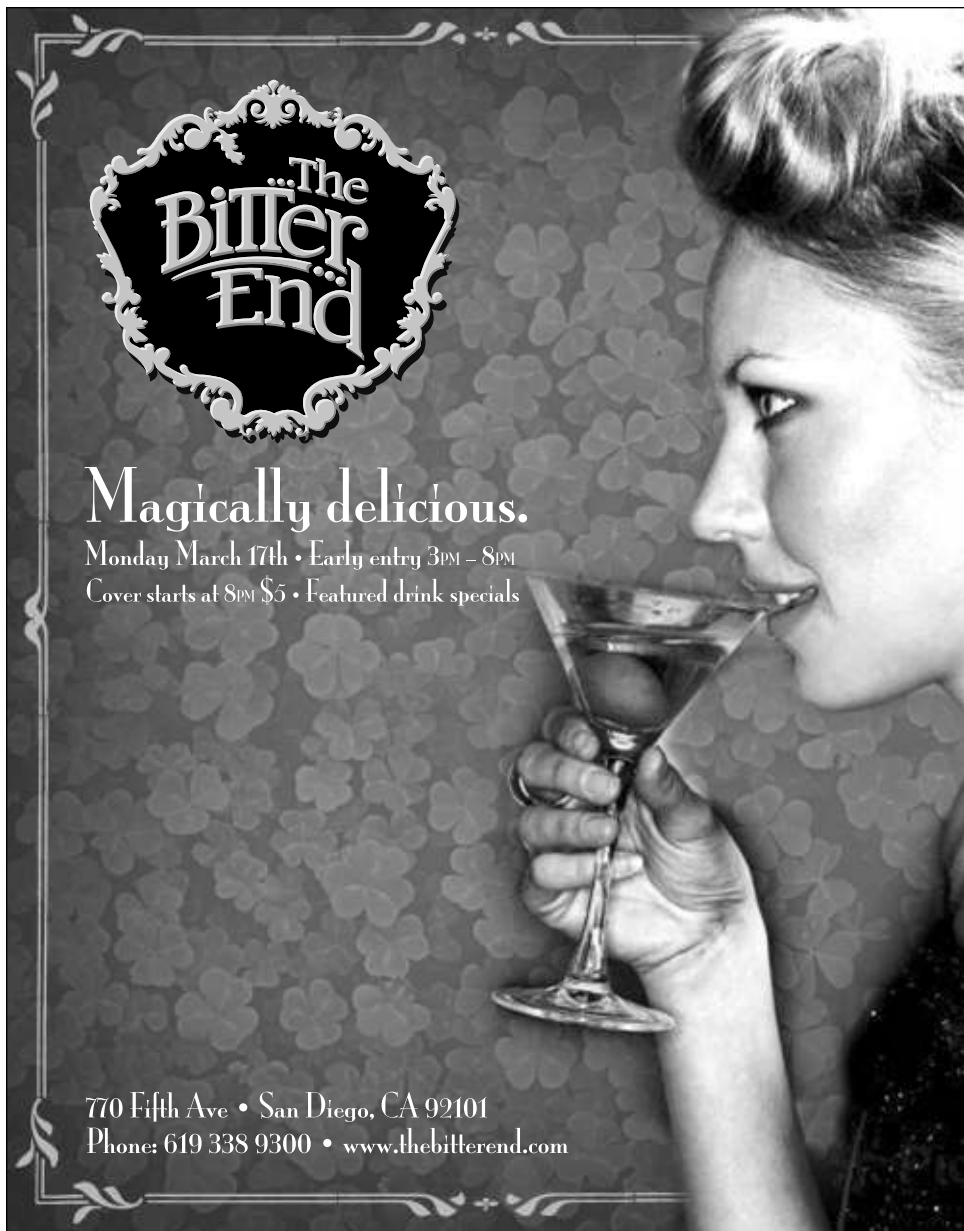
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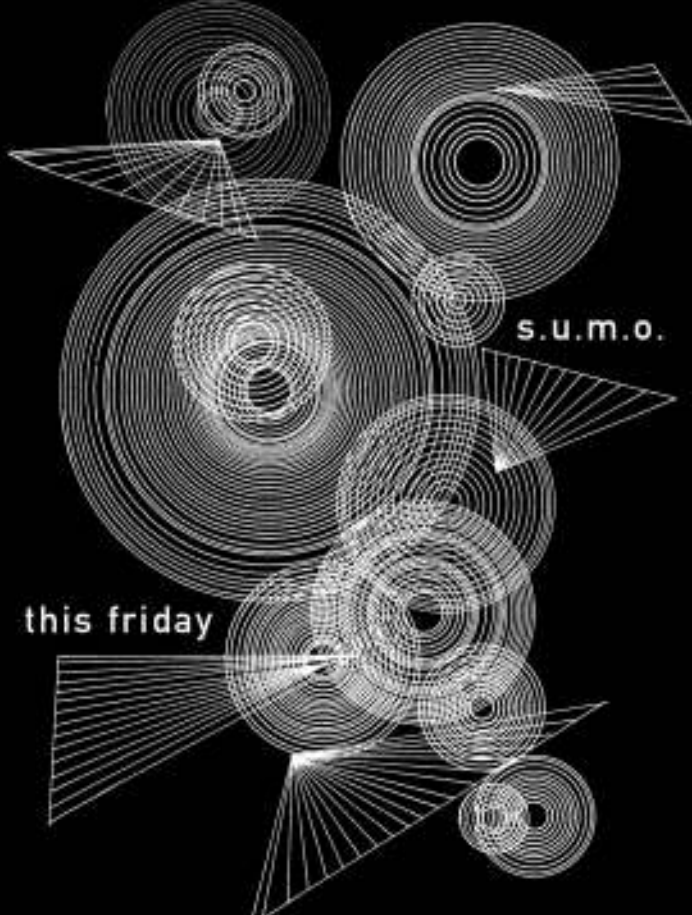
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JAZZ / BIG BAND

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John Opferkuch: Dizzy's

Sue Palmer [641]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern

Quiet Storm [682]: Humphrey's

Rick Ross: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.

Rick Ross-Piano [659]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The SDSU Jazz Ensemble Big Band: Dizzy's

Salsumba: Sevilla

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Ron Satterfield [698]: Dizzy's

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

Jimmy Smith: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Humphrey's

Peter Sprague [643]: Dizzy's

Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Paul Sundfor: Dizzy's

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Richard Thompson: Dizzy's

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

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

The Bredren: Sham Rocks Shack

The Devastators [731]: Winstons

Engineer: Winstons

Ikah Love: Cannibal Bar

Jerry McCann: Coyote Bar and Grill

Mikey Dread & the Fully Fullwood Band: Winstons

Psydecar [740]: Belly Up Tavern, Victor's Restaurant & Bar

The Scientist: Winstons

Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The Beach House

Starshak: Henry's Pub

Vegetation: Winstons

Dave Wakeling: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

High Desert: Second Wind (Escondido)

Kennard & Miller: Don's Cocktail Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Ashley: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Berkley Hart [880]: Humphrey's

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

J.D. Bouchard: Princess Pub & Grill

Brent Byrd: Hennessey's Tavern (Gaslamp)

Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub

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Frank Drennen: The Ould Sod

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Allison Lonsdale: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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Bill Mayes [836]: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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Tommy Price: Kelly's Pub

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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Backwater Blues Band: Patrick's II

The Baja Blues Boys: Etta's Place

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers: Blind Melons

The Blues Brokers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Patrick's II

The Boogiemen: Tiki House

Chill Boy: The Kraken

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Shooters Bar and Grill, Robbie's Roadhouse, Chateau Orleans

The Daily Blues Band: Black Sheep Inn

Dirk Debonair & the Yacht Lizards: Dick's Last Resort

Dejablu: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Family Style: Patrick's II

The Fat Daddies: Fannie's

Robben Ford [935]: Belly Up Tavern

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Mississippi Mudd: Patrick's II

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

Night Light: Pal Joey's

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

Lee Tyler Post: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Mighty Mo Rodgers [922]: Humphrey's

The Nik Simon Band: Patrick's II

The Small Town Heroes: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Sonny & the Rumble Tones: Patrick's II

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Stevi Lynn & Deja Voodoo: Kahuna's

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors [946]: Coyote Bar and Grill, Winstons, Patrick's II

The Urban Gypsies [942]: Belly Up Tavern

Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars [920]: Patrick's II

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Shirley Allen: Red Fox Steakhouse

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Tom Barabas: G-5 George's on Fifth

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Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Cirro: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Tha Disturbing Tha Peace Family: 4th & B

Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate Hotel

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant

Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel

Jim Guerlin: Red Fox Steakhouse

Joe Guevara: Bayou Bar & Grill

Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Honey Bucket [986]: Dream Street

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Kee Stratagee: Blind Melons

Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Tony Lencioni: La Casa del Zorro

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UNDERGROUND DANCE CLUBS

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Bar Dynamite: Thursdays, *Ladies' Night*, DJ Iron Mike spins hip-hop, soul, breaks, and dancehall. No cover; 21 and up. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-8743.

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Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.

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Club Tropics: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-9402.

Fluid: Saturdays, dance, hip-hop, and house. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido, 760-741-9393.

Neon Beat: Mondays, DJ Eternalux and Abe spin '80s new wave hits, misses, and obscure. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848.

The Pompeii Room: Fridays, hip-hop and old skool with Boy Toy Jesse. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, '80s, and reggae. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-5040.

Pure: Saturdays, *Liquid*, ladies' night, resident DJ Showtime spins hip-hop and Top 40. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; 21 and up. 8125 Balboa Avenue (at Highway 163), Kearny Mesa, 858-538-PURE (7873).

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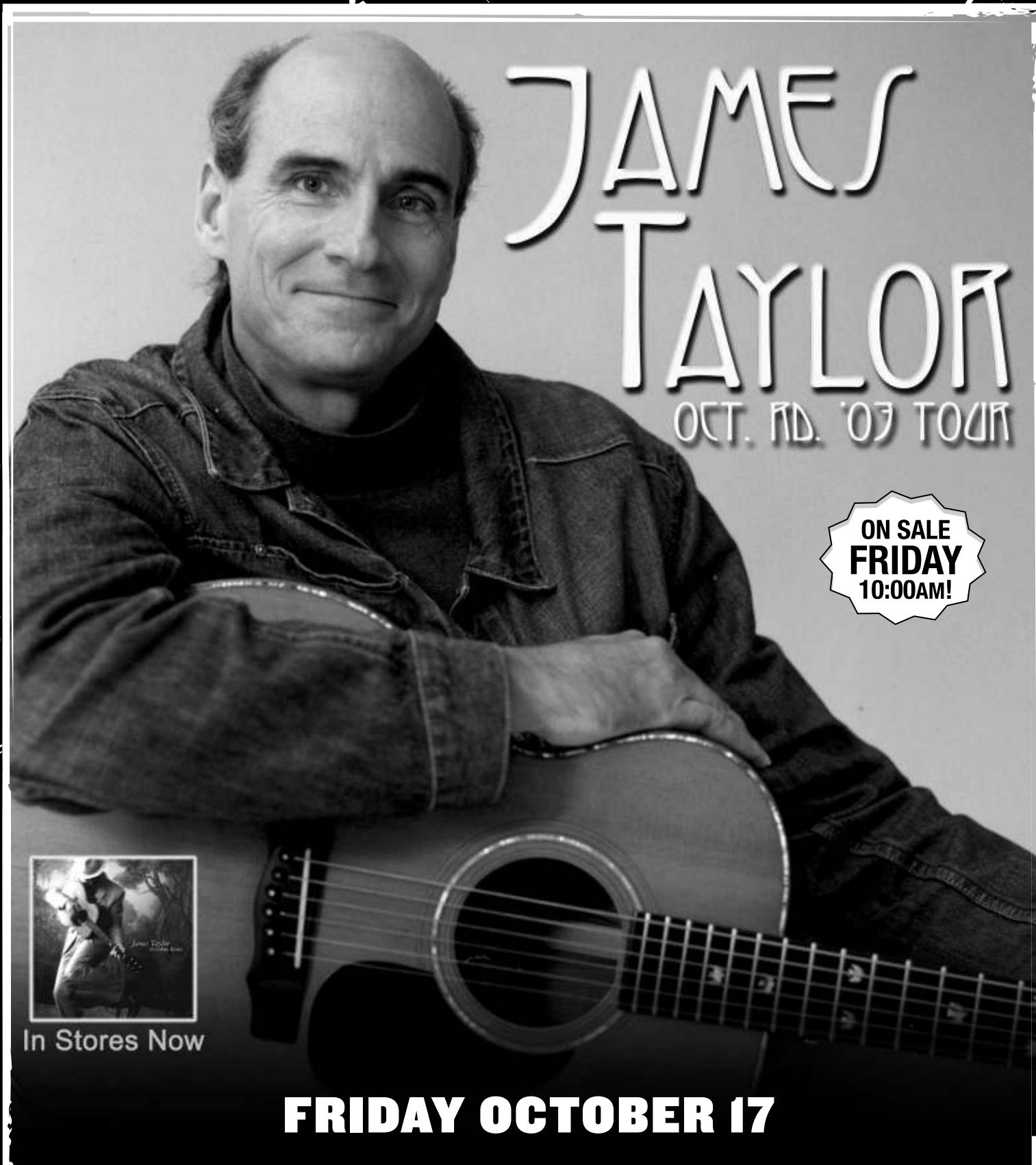
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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop. Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm, except Saturday to 11 pm. Thursday, 5 O'Clock Shadow, jazz, swing. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, *the Justin*

Brothers, acoustic pop rock. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae.


Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8:30 pm, *Robben Ford* and *John Gieger*, rock. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Dennis Quaid & the Sharks*, rock, and *the Urban Gypsies*, blues. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Dave Wakeling*, ska, with *Psydecar*, reggae, funk. Sunday, 7:30 pm, *Primo*, Latin jazz. Monday, 9 pm, *Common* and *Gang Starr*, rock. Tuesday, *the Living Legends*, *Mystic Journeymen*, *Grouch*, *Aesop*, *the Murs*,



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Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, *Javid*, Flamenco.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Saturday, *Chapter 13*, alternative rock. Sunday, 8 pm to midnight, open mike.

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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock. Saturday, *the McNallys*, rock.

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Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, *Wonka Bar*, rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*. Friday, *Streethart*, classic rock. Saturday, *Chill Boy*, blues. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, *the Woodrows*.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday through Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Lencioni*. Sunday and Monday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Dick Matson*, piano and vocals.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Saturday, *Jared Mattson*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Queenly*. Tuesday, *Cristianne*.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Call club for information.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm, *B.B. Kind*, jazz. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Brian Koehler*, acoustic, jazz.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Jared Mattson*, jazz.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 pm to 9:15 pm, *the Credit Union*, swing. Friday, *DJ Ish* and *DJ Phillip*, disco, house, hip-hop. Saturday, reggae and hip-hop. Sunday, salsa *rock en español*.

Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina, 5256 South Mission Road, Bonsall. 760-945-1250. Friday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *Frank Alves*, contemporary jazz.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

San Vicente Inn, 24157 San Vicente Road, Ramona. 760-789-3477. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Footloose*, classic rock.

Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, *High Desert*, country.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, *Trip Fontaine*, rock. Saturday, *Simply Complex*, alternative rock.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Ben Powell*, blues, jazz. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Brian Koehler*, acoustic.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Friday, 8 pm, *the Agave Band*. Saturday, 8 pm, *the Blue Fish Band*.

BEACHES

Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday,



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Album Name: *Sweet New Disease* (2002)

Artist: Call Me Alice

Label: independently released

Songs: 1) Queen 2) Fly 3) Ballad of the Thrawn 4) Speed 5) We Grow Stronger 6) BOTT (reason to live mix) 7) WGS (gaspilot mix) 8) Fly (John X mix)

Price/Where Available: www.cdbaby.com for \$9

Band Members: Crosby (abstract vocal communication), Epiphany (low-frequency encryption), Jude (sonic simulation), Aughustine (melodic wire induction), the Thrawn (percussive instigation)

Extra Info: The members of Call Me Alice are portrayed as 3-D characters in a story that unfolds on the band's website and at live performances.

Website: www.callmealice.com

Theme-based, hybrid rock band Call Me Alice offers techno pop/rock fronted by a female vocalist on the band's second EP, *Sweet*

New Disease.

There is not much variance between each of the tracks. Most of the music is characterized by a fusion of

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Spell Toronto*, the *Crashing*, the *Legend of...*, and *Blizzard*, alternative. Friday, *3 Against 1* and *Railed*, rock. Saturday, *the Ballad Mongers*, *Dama*, and *Six Foot Death Trap*, heavy rock. Sunday, call club for information. Monday, *Agave*, *Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers*, *dJRoSt*, the *Crazy Baldheads*, and the *Joey Bowen Band*, rock, blues, soul. Wednesday, *People Like Us*, *Kee Strattagee*, and *Head Changers*, hip-hop.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Mix Mob*, *Mower*, *Rochelle Rochelle*, *Liquid Image*, and *Lot 13*. Friday, *One Fine Night* and *Ilya*. Saturday, *the Iron Maidens*, *Raw Kandy*, and *Malady*. Sunday, *the Sea & Cake* and *Califone*. Wednesday, *the Revs*, *Tom Curren's*

Band, *Slave Won*, *Stardog*, *Kyros*, and *Sons of Zap*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, 8 pm, *Liquid Blue*, pop rock. Saturday, 8 pm, *Y3K*, classic rock. Sunday, call club for information.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *the Fabulous Rudies*, *ir*, and *Life Without*. Friday, *Public Transportation*, *Electrovibe*, *Silver Mullet*, and *Honey Bucket*. Saturday, *Tall*, *120 Pain*, and *Just Like Yesterday*. Wednesday, *Black Feet*, *Invisible Enemy*, and *Scarred Sanity*.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 pm to 10 pm,

rock and pop with techno beats, with the exception of the third track. A number of the songs also have a muted hip-hop feeling, due to marked percussion/synthesizers. The voice of lead singer Crosby is captivating — she possesses all the seductiveness of Shirley Manson's vocal range, while maintaining the playfulness of Gwen Stefani's delivery.

The third track, "Ballad of the Thrawn," starts off as an operatic duet, sung in Spanish, that then rapidly breaks off into a mess of pulsating beats and Crosby's anxiety-laden voice singing, "Will you fight/ will you pray/ will you give yourself away/ can't you see what's going on/ and if I like it/ am I wrong?"

The album's low light is its second track entitled "Fly," a disturbing rendition of the children's song "The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly." By



Call Me Alice

adding a few choice words to the traditional lyrics and setting it to a revamped techno melody, the band achieves an almost laughable version of the song. The last track is a remixed version of the same song — perhaps Call Me Alice plans to market this as a kids' album.

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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, *Three Legged Dog*, alternative. Saturday, *the Boogiemens*, R&B.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Thursday, *Lee Brown Perspective*. Friday, *Psydecar* and *Pacific Groove*. Saturday, *Lee Tylor Post* and guests. Sunday, 6 pm and 8:15 pm, *Jimmy Smith*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Pink Floyd*, rock. Friday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Saturday, *Zone 4*, *the Damn Dirty Apes*, and *the Devastators*. Sunday,

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SAN DIEGO

Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

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, *Nino & Quinn*, acoustic.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Lynch Mob*, *RDG*, *Tall*, and *Downmachine*. Friday, 9 pm, *All Else Fails*, *Arneson*, *Archie Punker*, and *the Hill Street Stranglers*. Saturday, *Element 54*, *Lodus*, *Tragic Ritual*, and *Amherst*. Wednesday, *Latigo*, *Vex Tripp*, *Tall Midget*, and *Modessa*.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Saturday, *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Saturday, *Something Like Airplanes*, *Every Breath*, *Primitive*, *Red Reverse*, and *Modus*, alternative.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, 9 pm, *the Baja Blues Boys*, blues. Saturday, live rock. 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, *the Small Town Heroes*, blues.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco, retro. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Starshak*, 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, *Berkley Hart*, acoustic rock. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Kitchen Fire*, Irish folk. Saturday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*, blues, 9:30 pm, *Mighty Mo Rodgers*. Sunday, 9:30 pm to 1:30 am, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Monday, 8:30 pm to 12:30 am, *Island Breeze*, pop. Tuesday, 8:30 pm to 12:30 am, *Fattburger*, jazz.

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, *Slightly Turned*, pop.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, live rock. Saturday, *Evans*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, *the Millionaires*, *Lucky Motors*, and *Huerio*. Saturday, *Dick Smiley* and *Red Eye Gravy*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *the Bitty Bums*, alternative. Friday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *the Walking*, alternative. Saturday, 8 pm to midnight, *Allison Lonsdale*, folk. Sunday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Matador Ed Solise*. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Liz Jones*, folk.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Junior's Farm*, rock. Saturday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Frank Drennen*, acoustic. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Night Light*, blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313.

Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Shirley Allen*, piano. Sunday through Tuesday, *Jim Guerlin*, piano.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

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. Music is alternative. Thursday, *Luminaire*, *Kramers Rule*, and *This Holiday Life*. Friday, *F.O.N.*, *Denver Harbour*, *Ten Times a Day*, *Lucky 7*, and *Dismissed*. Saturday, *Waiting for Autumn*, *Say From Charms*, *To What End*, and *With Madison*.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Cornerstone*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, *the Bredren*, *Cheetah*, and *Benjamin Scott Johnson*.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, 7:30 pm, *Troy's Bucket*, *Remik*, *the Apples*, *Undecided*, *Pound Foolish*, and *the Mutes*. Saturday, 7:30 pm, *the Accident Experiment*, *Slaves on Dope*, *fluf*, and *Saturday's Child*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *the Good China*, *Driver Jake*, *Cadaver Dogs*, *Mercy Road*, *Bastards of Glory*, and *Mercy House*.

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*.

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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, and Sunday through Wednesday, 9 pm, *Absinthe*. Saturday, 9 pm, *Inner Voyage*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 9 pm, *Scott Williams*, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *No Knife*, *Caution Children*, *the Nervous Return*, and *the Peppermints*. Saturday, *the Scene Creamers*, *the Epxoxies*, *Lualta*, and *Dosage & Usage*. Sunday, *Metric*, *Stars*, *Swords Project*, and *the Robot Ate Me*. Monday, *the Downs Family*, *Deadbolt*, *Gogol Bordello*, *the Scotch Greens*, and *Red Eye Gravy*. Tuesday, *Quasi*, *the Helio Sequence*, *Magic Magicians*, and *Palomar*. Wednesday, *the Transit War*, *the Reputation*, and *Parklife*.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, *Breezin'*, jazz, pop.

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, *Sue Palmer*, jazz.

Saturday, *A.J. Croce* and *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*, jazz/blues.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, and Monday through Wednesday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Friday, *Dirk Debonair & the Yacht Lizards*, blues. Saturday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 pm, *Richard Thompson*, *Paul Sunford*, *Gunnar Biggs*, and *Tim McMahon*. Friday, *Peter Sprague*, *Steve Kujala*, and *Bob Magnusson*, jazz. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Lori Bell*, *John Opferkuch*, and *Ron Satterfield*, jazz. Sunday, 7 pm, *Gossip*, Brazilian jazz. Tuesday, 8 pm, *the Society for Modern Music* and *the SDSU Jazz Ensemble Big Band*.

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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, *NRG*, high-energy dance. Friday and Saturday, *Super Funk Fantasy*, pop. 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*.

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On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Friday, *Jason Overell* and *DJ Scooter*.

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Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Brouhard*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop rock.

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, *Salumba*. Monday, *Extremo*. Tuesday, *Primo*. Wednesday, *Timbao*.

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.

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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, *Mike & Valerie*. Friday and Saturday, *Triple X*, 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.

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ACCESS ► parking lot in back has 20 spaces; if you don't get one, it's hard to find parking on the street; café is located a mile and a half south of I-8 and only half a mile from SDSU
DRESS ► casual; a few T-shirts (Grateful Dead, mostly), and a lot of weird hats and berets
DANCE FLOOR ► none, but large area in front of stage has lots of room for dancing
BATHROOMS ► the nicest men's

room I've ever been in; a toilet with a magazine rack near it (but the magazines were all camera/photography, which I'm less fond of), a table and chair, a blue vase filled with flowers, a sink in the corner, a full-length mirror, a scented candle on the tank of the toilet, a framed photo of Glenn Gould, liquid soap, paper towels; very clean; women's also had a table, chair, and flowers, with a bowl of potpourri, an abstract painting, and a framed picture of Marilyn Monroe
CAPACITY ► 120
SPECIAL AREAS ► smoking in alley (there are lots of chairs), a pay computer that takes credit cards or bills
FURNISHINGS ► two nice couches, a few bigger, cushioned chairs, along with the 20 chairs arranged to see the bands perform; lots of stuffed monkeys (two hanging off one of the amplifiers – the owner provides the P.A. for the bands), a bookshelf stocked with paperbacks, board games, four

gumball machines
DECIBEL LEVEL ► 96 during a Dylan cover by Ryan Blue (a busy downtown street corner is 75 dBs); 105 last week at the Kraken
WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ► Hot Monkey Love
QUOTABLE ► "They don't serve alcohol here? Well, it's good I got some pot."

This place opened a year ago. The owner told me, "My husband's band is called Hot Monkey Love." And I thought it an amazing coincidence that the Hot Monkey Love band would play at the Hot Monkey Love Café...
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Rosarito Red Meat

Maybe it's the resurgence of the Atkins Diet; maybe it's the political climate that's making folks want to beef up. Whatever's triggered it, steakhouses are multiplying in San Diego like Tribbles, popping up all over the county and even overrunning the pasta parlors of the Gaslamp. On our side of the border, a great, prime-grade restaurant steak is likely to cost you a week or two's worth of lunch money. But if you're hungry for a carnivore's carnival at a gentler price, go south, young man. This week's destination: Rosarito Beach. It's a quick 18 miles from Tijuana and an easy, comfortable town for visitors. If you find that too long a trip for a day and a dinner, there are scores of hotels and motels to crash in, with plenty of comfortable choices at under \$25 per night (cash only) in the off-season, affording you a chance to savor Rosarito's nightlife.

The quality of the beef in Baja steakhouses is astonishingly good, given the old, unflattering assumptions about Mexican cattle. It's as tender as U.S. beef, and it's usually dry-aged the old-fashioned way, so that it tastes beefier. The smoky flavor from the kiss of flaming mesquite is incomparable. Prices are less than half those at Morton's or Ruth's Chris. And for adventurers piqued by the untamed reaches of the menu, there are locally raised quail and venison to enjoy.

El Nido is currently considered Rosarito's top restaurant, and it's certainly among Baja's finest steakhouses. Serving continuously from morning to late evening, with its breakfasts as interesting as its dinners, it attracts a wide range of patrons. Surrounding our table one evening were several upper-middle-class Mexican families with well-behaved *niños* in tow, local lovebirds sending each other soulful eye-beams, a scattering of Yanqui tourists and/or expats, and one group of Gringo-trash jet-setters, just in from Paris and Prague, one-upping each other's drug stories.

The restaurant's name means "the nest," and the decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, calling, and chirping all over. One covered patio, roofed with twigs and branches, features a large cage full of parakeets, plus a huge brick hearth (one of three in the restaurant) containing a working mesquite-wood grill. There's a stone fountain in the corner, cacti reaching roofward, and tables shaded by straw *palapas*. Another patio is under the skies, with cloth umbrellas over the tables, an artificial waterfall, and wild birds honing in on the nut



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

El Nido

wreaths that festoon the tropical foliage. Inside, one corridor holds a retail butcher counter displaying gorgeous meats that you'll want to take home. (Better check with U.S. Customs first.)

Along with live birds to admire, there are cooked birds to eat. Nearly 20 years ago, El Nido's owner, Lupe Pérez, bought a quail farm in the Guadalupe Valley, Baja's wine country east of Ensenada. The quails we ate at El Nido had clearly never been frozen, and the difference in flavor and moisture was stupendous. (Their meat isn't gamy, but they don't "taste like chicken." Chicken should only be so lucky.)

The house specialty is *codorniz al mojo de ajo*, quail with garlic sauce. It's available as an appetizer (one quail), an entrée (three birds), or as part of a combination platter with steak. The mesquite-grilled birds arrive with crisp, smoky skin and juicy flesh anointed with the subtle, irresistible sauce.

If you've got a quail farm, you've got delicious little quail eggs, too. These show up mainly on the extensive breakfast menu. You can start the day with numerous variations of *chilaquiles* (tor-

tilla chip casseroles) or *machaca*, well-seasoned shredded meat, in addition to a full array of morning standards (chicken eggs, hotcakes, omelets, etc.).

Lunch and dinner share the same menu. One noontime, we created our own "tasting lunch" from the appetizer list. The fried zucchini was succulent in its slightly sweet breadcrumb batter, arriving with a tartar sauce made with a mellow vinegar. Heavily battered onion rings were sweet-flavored, too, and came with a ranch dip similar to Hidden Valley. Melted cheese with mushrooms is another hit, except that like most Baja restaurants, the "chips" to dip in it are chewy, slightly greasy, housemade from yesterday's tortillas. Maybe they're a taste you develop, since they're sure ubiquitous in the region.

The steaks are roarily good, of course, with those smoky mesquite overtones. But even more interesting is the venison. In 1994, Ms. Pérez bought a breeding herd of 98 does and 4 bucks of New Zealand red deer and a ranch in the Guadalupe Valley where they can roam. This is not the ultra-

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

El Nido

★½ (very, very good)

67 Boulevard Juárez (1½ blocks north of Hotel Festival), Rosarito Beach, Baja (011-52 from US) 661-612-1430

HOURS: Daily, 7:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m.

PRICES: Breakfasts and Mexican dishes, \$5–\$8; appetizers, \$3–\$7.25; entrées, \$11–\$24 (steaks about \$16). CASH ONLY.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Mesquite-broiled dry-aged meats, free-range locally raised venison and quail, and local seafood. Many combination plates offer surf 'n' turf or turf 'n' bird. Interesting Mexican breakfast dishes. Full bar.

NEED TO KNOW: Bilingual staff and menu. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual.

Los Pelicanos

★½ (good to very good)

45 Calle de Cedro 115 (west of Juárez), Rosarito Beach, Baja (011-52 from US) 661-612-0445; 661-612-1737

HOURS, CUISINE & PRICES: All about the same as El Nido (same owner), but menu is much shorter. CASH ONLY.

NEED TO KNOW: Look for large sign on west side of Boulevard Juárez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to Los Pelicanos. Bilingual staff and menu. Pretty ocean-view terrace for fair-weather lunches. One wind-flight up to the restaurant, no elevator.

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venison appears on the menu in multiple guises — as venison chorizo sausage at breakfast, stuffing a burrito, in appetizers of liver or riblets, and in full entrées of steaks and chops.
One of the tastiest treatments is *machaca de venado*, available as an appetizer, entrée, or breakfast dish. The grilled and shredded deer meat with sautéed tomatoes, onions, and peppers

gets even better when you add a spoonful of the fresh and lively house table salsa. At breakfast, you can order it straight; mixed with tender, despined nopal cactus pads; or, for a truly wild treat, with quail eggs.
The venison chops I chose at one dinner were thin cut, pleasantly smoky, but very overcooked to my taste. (It’s a totally lean meat, but I doubt they’d grill it

rare even if you begged.) One lunchtime, as an experiment, I tried an appetizer of venison liver and onions, despite the fact that the only liver I’ve ever loved is named foie gras. The onions were perfect — soft-crisp and sweet. The thin-sliced liver, however, was dry and gamy; a few bites went a long way.
El Nido also features a selection of seafood items: local fish,

shrimp, calamari, and lobster in season. Most are either breaded and fried or broiled and served with garlic butter. We tried a grilled seafood combination platter, where the star of the show was a divinely tender calamari steak. The white local shrimp seem to be better at absorbing other flavors than as soloists; the best bet for them is a house special, where they’re wrapped in foil and baked with garlic butter. (Both the garlic shrimp and the calamari are available by themselves or with steak.)
Dinners come with a bland pinto bean soup and a salad with a choice of house dressing (which tasted commercial) or Roquefort. Most entrées include a splendid baked potato with sour cream and high-quality Challenge butter. I can’t guarantee the spuds’ consistency — like any vegetable, potatoes have their seasons — but the large russets last fall had a richness of flavor that surpassed even Idahoes.
There’s a token selection of “Mexican dishes” on the menu, but we didn’t see anybody eating them. For dessert, there’s the house flan, *nada mas*.
A few blocks north, El Nido has a sister restaurant called Los Pelicanos (“the Pelicans,” maintaining the avian motif), which is the dining room of the same-named hotel. In fact, on our first day in Rosarito, Los Pelicanos was actually one of a dozen-odd lower-price motels and hotels we looked into in search of several days’ lodgings. Three pretty maids in a row on the reception room couch reluctantly tore their eyes away from the TV just long enough to toss us a room key. We trudged up a winding stairway, which led only to the bar and restaurant, and we plodded back down. Feeling our way like sleepwalkers in dim corridors, we finally met a working maid who directed us to another staircase in back. Our potential room was filled almost wall to wall with a huge, firm oval bed covered with a regal-looking polyester sateen spread. I can’t tell you its exact color because the only light was a ceiling fixture with a pretty straw shade, hanging down over the bed and casting, at maximum, 40 watts of illumination. One wall was covered with a long mirror, but the ceiling wasn’t. There were no other lamps, no chairs, no desk, table, or fridge; all those “no’s” cost \$30-something a night, cash. We continued our search for something cheaper and more practical for a work-

ing vacation (okay, if you gotta know, we chose the funky but peaceful Motel Colonial, due east of the Ejido Mazatlán strip mall) but returned to eat at Los Pelicanos the next night.
The restaurant’s decor is as charming as its sister’s, with wooden floors and another mesquite-burning, smoky hearth. Before sunset you can see the ocean from many of the tables, which are covered with little *pala-pas*. A slightly higher deck with picnic-table decor affords a full ocean view during the day. The restaurant serves three meals daily, as you’d expect in a hotel. There were few customers the evening we ate there, and those were evidently hotel guests, turning the dining room into a miniature department of international affairs.
The menu is like a *Reader’s Digest* condensed edition of El Nido’s — the same basic themes but with far fewer pages. Missing, significantly, is venison. The Mexican choices are more limited, the combos fewer and less intriguing. Here, too, most diners come with pinto bean soup (possibly even blander than El Nido’s), another great baked potato, and salad — this one putatively a Caesar. It was dressed with tasteless oil (perhaps that dastardly villain, canola), harsh vinegar, and very salty Parmesan. What really annoyed me was that my boyfriend’s plate held only sweet hearts of the romaine, while mine was filled with tough, bitter outer leaves fit for the compost bin.
I tried a combo of simply grilled quail and rib eye steak. The steak was great in flavor and huge in size, probably a full pound of flesh, cooked precisely to my order of very rare. Oddly enough, though, the quail didn’t taste quite fresh, carrying a hint of the fridge. It really needed a sauce. My boyfriend chose breaded shrimp as a change from the parade of *mojo de ajo* seafood we’d been eating throughout our trip. The batter was thick and a bit stodgy, with a touch of sugar and a hint of bitterness, while the prawns were gigantic and sweet, served with a gentle tartar sauce nearly identical to El Nido’s. My margarita was exceedingly strong.
Comparing El Nido and Los Pelicanos, both are pretty, but the latter is definitely the less-gifted sister. Yet it has its uses: If I wanted a beefy lunch with an ocean view, it’d be a top candidate. ■

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This is ridiculous. It's raining. I'm running. It's 11:30 at night in I.B. I'm wet, cold, and, most of all, starved. But first, looking for shelter here. I lurch from bar to bar, asking if they serve any food. The Vienna? Closed. The Bullpen Tavern? Nope. I cross Ninth and head for Little Bonanza. The slinky gal smoking at the door shakes her head. Scoreboard II, she says. Just across the road. They have food. I splash over to Scoreboard II. But only see the bar area active. The Silver Sands, next door? No grub here, say the two good old boys holding up the bar.

By this time I'm filling up like a wet sponge. Let's see. This is the western end of Palm Avenue. I'm not far from my late beloved pawn shop near Ninth. (They've moved to their other store in Chula Vista.) Suddenly, I see Marco's Italian restaurant, lights ablaze. But no, their chairs are up. Someone's sweeping. I take shelter under the entrance of the New Song Church, the old movie theater, and that's when I realize I have only one chance: across Palm, facing the Goodwill store, shining like a little Swiss chalet, sits a... Jack in the Box.

You know my feelings about fast-food franchises. Mass-produced cholesterol city, underpaid people working for some faraway fat

cat...plus I'm trying to avoid the big carnivore items. Tattered remains of my New Year's res. So now I've gotta stick to my principles, right?

Wrong. Any port in a storm, I say. Jack in the Box looks too damned dry and warm. And I'm thinking, they may be part of the globalization conspiracy, but at least they started here in San Diego. So, heck, I'm still thinking local, right?

I always knew Jack in the Box's big thing was drive-through. That's where they get two-thirds of their business. Inside, there's just this one other guy and me. And half a dozen women wearing mike-sets on their heads, serving the drive-through customers. They talk to the customers in English, relay orders in Spanish, laugh a lot.

Somebody yells "Angelica!" and nods toward me and the other guy. "Counter!"

"Yes?" says this up-front gal with "Angelica" on her nameplate.

'Course, now that I've crossed the line, I want it all. All those things I haven't had for months. Like the one Hank's always taunting me about. Yeah. There it is: the Bacon Ultimate Cheeseburger (\$3.79). "That burger has 1120 calories, Dude, 2260 milligrams of sodium, 160 milligrams of cholesterol." We'd seen it on the Web.

Lord. If he ever finds out I'm doing this, I'll hear

about it for a year. And when he squeals to Carla, which he will. No. It doesn't bear thinking about.

"Uh, sir, we'll be closing in 15 minutes."

"Oh, right." 'Course, I could have just the basic hamburger. I mean, only 89 cents, and 250 calories. And, heck, not that much more than the founder guy, Robert Peterson, charged back in 1951 when he started Jack in the Box — 18 cents. I see Chicken Teriyaki Bowls are \$3.79. No arguing these prices: they're good. Guess when you've got 1880 restaurants in 17 states and half a billion customers a year, you get economies of scale. Photo on the wall shows a suited Jack, with the big ping-pong head, smiling out. That guy has been so-o successful. It says they've sold 17 million Jack in the Box antenna balls.

"Sir, we need to..."

"D'agh... Chicken Fajita Bowl, \$3.19. Chicken Fajita Pita, \$3.19."

But then I see the way out. Salads. "We sell so many of those," says Angelica. "We were surprised."

Hey, health worries penetrating the fast-food market? That's news, isn't it? So the salad choice is Chicken Club, with cheese, bacon, tomato, onions; or Southwest, with corn, black beans, peppers, cheese, and onions; or Asian, with oranges, assorted lettuce, onions, and chicken. All \$4.49.

No contest. I go for the Asian. Those oranges. So now that I'm eating healthy, it's okay to get a

small fries (\$1.19), and maybe the special of three cheese sticks: bread-crumble tubes with hot cheese inside, \$1.57. And I've gotta have a Coke. The small endless refill is \$1.29. Oh, man. Add tax and it's \$9.22.

But as soon as I sit down, no regrets. The salad has spinach, lettuce, what looks like arugula, carrot, a glistening pile of mandarin segments, red onion, *woah!* and then a whole pile of packages: wonton strips, roasted slivered almonds, Butter-milk House Dipping Sauce, and, best of all, Asian sesame dressing. I slob the lot on, toss the cheese sticks in, and have at it. Tastes fresh, crunchy, Asian, and healthy. And the fries keep me from being too holy about it.

But what is this? I'm being sucked in. We're talking globalization here. The few ruling the many. How can something so bad taste so good? Maybe it's to do with that miserable night outside, but this is the most delicious salad I've had in ages.

I suddenly remember that the last bus is coming by in five minutes. The girls are getting twitchy too. I put the plastic top on the salad. Angelica gives me a bag, and I stash it in my big pocket. They've still got two hours to go, serving the drive-through till 2:00 a.m. Hey — two-thirds of the biz. I bolt for the bus shelter, feeling like I've just slept with the enemy — and liked it. ■

The Place: Jack in the Box, 890 Palm Avenue (at Ninth), Imperial Beach (619-424-6302)

Type of Food: Fast food

Prices: Hamburger, 89 cents; Jumbo Jack, \$1.29; Sourdough Jack, \$2.99; Ultimate Cheeseburger, \$2.99; Bacon Ultimate Cheeseburger, \$3.79; Chicken Teriyaki Bowl, \$3.79; Chicken Fajita Pita, \$3.19; Southwest chicken salad (with corn, black beans, peppers, cheese, onions), \$4.49; Chicken Club salad, with cheese, bacon, tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, \$4.49; Asian chicken salad, with oranges, lettuce, onions, chicken, wonton strips, almonds, \$4.49

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"Some wines have a longer shelf life than others, but if a wine gets a little out of date, we cook with it or dump it."

Restaurateur Paul Fleming built a career out of three words: high-style accessibility. After years of running a Ruth's Chris Steakhouse franchise, Fleming teamed with chef Philip Chiang in 1992 to create P.F. Chang's China Bistro. Gone was the gloriously low-rent décor that can adorn even the best Chinese restaurants; in its place stood Asian-tinted urban chic. Menus were pared to emphasize familiar favorites — no more getting lost amid a dozen pages of subtly different preparations. Fleming and Chiang sought to do for Chinese food what Il Fornaio did for Italian — create a tasteful, welcoming corporate chain that didn't feel corporate.

P.F. Chang's China Bistro flourished, and after Fleming's noncompetitive agreement with Ruth's Chris expired, he approached fellow restaurateur Bill Allen with an idea for a steakhouse. Fleming suggested a restaurant "that has great Prime-grade steaks, just like the other guys," recalls David Trainer, now wine manager at the La Jolla location of Fleming's Steakhouse and Wine Bar. The trick, Trainer says, was "to make it cheaper, more uplifting, more encouraging to people that aren't clubhouse-business-male types." To that end, red cherry wood replaced brown-black mahogany and light levels rose above minimal. The place was designed to feel friendlier, particularly to the fair sex.

Next, Fleming set about importing into his new steakhouse the concept that defined P.F. Chang's wine list: the idea that most everything should be available by the glass. "You don't have that 'I'm getting the swordfish, you're having the rib eye; do we share a bottle of wine?'" Instead, each guest can choose from one of the regular list's hundred or so wines, paying one-quarter bottle price for a six-ounce pour. Accessible.

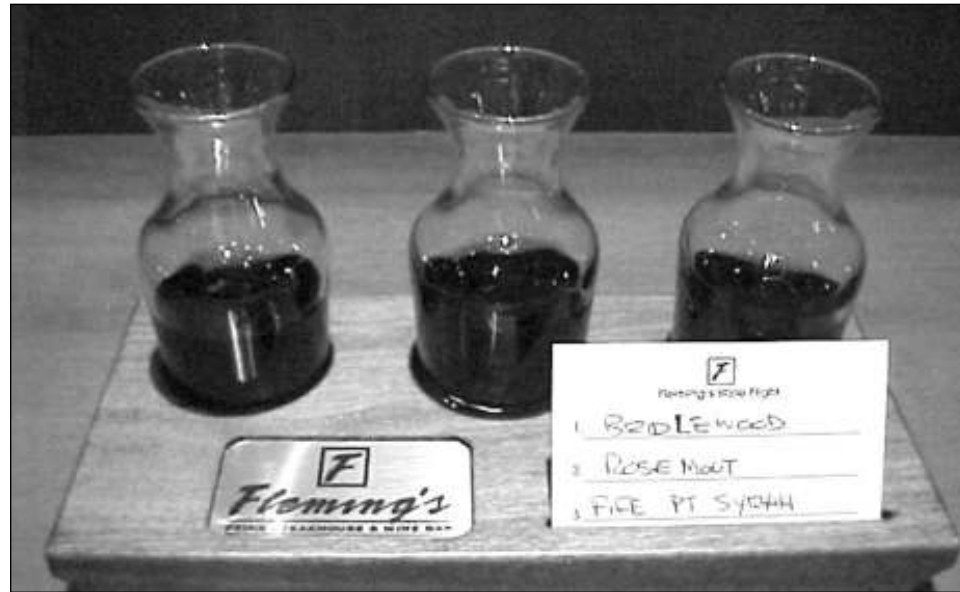
Carrying up to a hundred open bottles of wine is a huge financial risk, of course. Once a bottle is opened, it begins its journey into oxidation, which in the end renders it undrinkable. Even oxygen-blocking sprays like Wine Preserve can

only temporarily postpone the inevitable, extending the life of a wine from, say, three days to seven. "We have a whole subprogram to make sure the wine is fresh every day. Everything is dated. Some wines have a longer shelf life than others, but if a wine gets a little out of date, we cook with it or dump it down the drain."

Amazingly, Trainer estimates that only about five percent of the restaurant's wines actually meet that ignoble end. The key to this efficiency is the Featured Wine Program. "Being

a steakhouse, our white wine sales pale in comparison to our red wine sales. If you have a Sancerre, most people aren't going to drink that in the middle of the winter when it's raining." If somebody does order a glass, "We open a fresh bottle, great. Then, two days later, we look at it and it still hasn't sold." When that happens, "There's always somebody, whether it's the bartender or myself, who knows where each of the bottles is in terms of its shelf life. We'll tell one or two of the servers, 'Hey, really get somebody to try the Sancerre.' If they do, great; if they don't, we lose it."

Such a program depends on the server's skills as a salesperson, but the list and the program provide considerable aid. The list is skewed away from cult wines and cult prices; many bottles run between \$26 and \$50 (with corresponding glass prices between \$6.50 and \$12.50) although a number of bottles are priced as high as \$72. Wines are presented in progressive fashion, first listed by varietal, then by increasing "intensity" within that varietal. "For the purposes of our list, 'intensity' tells you the amount of mouthfeel, the amount of nose, the amount of power," Trainer says. "The Steltzner Cabernet is an elegant wine; when you get down to the Honig, you're going to get more intensity." About half the wine of the labels are familiar, chain-wide offerings such as the Clos Du Bois Merlot, which keeps things friendly for casual drinkers. The other half, which includes offerings such as the Eberle Cabernet



Tasting flight at Fleming's Steakhouse & Wine Bar

Sauvignon, are selected by the restaurant staff. "Some, such as the D Cubed Zinfandel, are the result of customer recommendations, which keeps things friendly for the connoisseurs."

Casual or connoisseur, everybody ends up drinking their wine from a big ol' broad-bowled Burgundy stem. "Some people ask if we have Bordeaux-style glasses," which would seem appropriate to a Cabernet/Merlot heavy steakhouse. "But the Burgundy is just a little bit more versatile; we're going to pour everything from White Zinfandel to Stag's Leap Cabernet into the same glass." Trainer says that "you're talking about minor differences" between Burgundy and Bordeaux stems. The big, uniform glassware provides a touch of sophistication, but nothing overly complicated.

In a practice popularized by the restaurant, by-the-glass wines arrive at the table in a miniature six-ounce carafe. This guarantees uniform pours. It also benefits folks who don't want to worry about the stem snapping under the weight of their swirling wine, because the customer controls the quantity.

For all that, there are still snags in the business of selling \$15 glasses of wine. "Most glass programs in this country are geared toward the low end," laments bartender Chaz Waddington. "Some people have sticker shock. It's an educational process. We ask them, 'If you go out and buy a nice bottle of wine and split that among four people, how much are you spending per

pour?' " If you reckon that there are about four six-ounce pours in a bottle, then a \$15 glass from a \$60 bottle is dead on. It's just that people aren't used to breaking it down that way.

The tendency to equate "by the glass" with "bargain basement" means that he hears a lot of requests for the house wine. Fleming's doesn't carry a house wine, but when Waddington tries to help customers select something, he sometimes finds they've been "jaded by the service industry." They suspect he's just after their wallet. He finds a solution in the flight of three two-ounce pours (each served in a two-ounce carafe), priced at one-third the cost of the full glasses. "People gravitate toward the 2000 Beringer Founder's Estate Cabernet for \$7.25, when the Preston Syrah is a '97 vintage off a single vineyard" for just \$1.75 more. With the two-ounce flight, "I can bracket the customer" and so introduce them to heretofore undiscovered pleasures while not ignoring the initial request. And if someone is feeling particularly adventurous, he will put together a blind flight that highlights differences of style and region. When I visited, I gave it a shot with Syrah and got surprised by the earthy balance of a Rosemont Shiraz. I generally find Australian Shiraz too viscous, but paired against a Central Coast Syrah and a brawny Petite Sirah, it came off better than expected — lesson learned. "That's Paul's thing," concludes Trainer. "He wants wine to be accessible to anyone, novice or expert." ■

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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

BIRD HOUSE GRILL 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, a pile of very fine-grained halved sausages (resembling soft-skinned hot dogs with Middle Eastern seasonings) dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. A sister restaurant to the venerable establishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are *carnitas*; quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork; tostada *suprema*; and breast of chicken Milanese. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

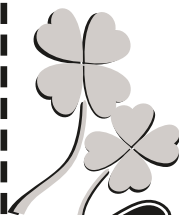
LA ESPECIAL NORTE 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

PAPA GUS 698 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-9168. Healthful Cuban food is the specialty at this tiny, hard-to-find café with a pleasant sheltered patio. (It's just north of La Especial Norte, but the doorway may be half-hidden by hanging T-shirts from the shop next door.) The lively dishes are full o' beans — savory black beans, Cuba's staple dish, cooked with no animal products. There's no red meat on the menu; tuna and turkey are the furthest Papa goes with critters. The "Cuban Black Bean Soup Deluxe," rightly subtitled "a meal in itself," is a cauldron of thick beans (more stew than soup) with melted cheese, onions, avocado, a dash of sour cream and a daub of sprightly fresh *salsita*. Don't miss the cooked plantains, fully ripe and as sweet as candied bananas. The menu also offers some Mexican dishes styled with a Cuban accent, an odd-tasting ground-turkey *picadillo* (Cuban hash), plus salads, sandwiches, and smoothies made to order with whole fresh fruit. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

POTATO SHACK CAFE 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lum-

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RUBY'S DINER 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

TOM GIBLIN'S IRISH PUB 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/02)

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NORTHINLAND

BERNARD'O RESTAURANT 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. The restaurant is elegant in food, service, and ambiance. The cuisine is California-French, menus change seasonally. Best bets are rack of lamb, filet mignon, daily fresh fish, and crème brûlée. You'll have a good experience here. Lunch weeknights, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (8/99)

ISLAND BOY GRILLE 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple taro poi, seven-hour cooked lau-lau (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two

scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/02)

LA TAPATIA 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

SAND CRAB CAFE 222 Micro Place (at Oppen, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

TONG SZECHUAN 609 North Broadway #E-F, Albertson's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, kung pao, ma la, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

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LA JOLLA

910 RESTAURANT Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. In this lively, casual-chic dining room, Chef Michael Stebner shapes a constantly changing, luxurious menu based little on "luxury foods" and much more on inspired combinations of luxuriously perfect local, seasonal foodstuffs — clean, fine flavors that taste like themselves. Most items are available as either "small" or "large" plates, so it's easy to create your own tasting menu without breaking the bank. Pastry chef Jack Fisher creates the avant-garde desserts. Open daily, three meals; Monday (typically chef's night off) is a best bet, with Stebner usually on hand to cook for his peers. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

MANHATTAN OF LA JOLLA Empress Hotel, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-0700. If you're searching for a restaurant that provides a sense of gaiety as well as good New York-style Italian food, then try Manhattan of La Jolla. Of the many tantalizing à la carte dishes, some of the best are rack of lamb, superb steaks, and "Seafood Mediterranean." Cannelloni is the best in San Diego. Very New York atmosphere. Lunch and dinner daily. Reserve for weekend dinners. Expensive. — E.W.

ON TAP! BISTRO AND BREWERY 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy's), University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-587-6677. On Tap! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning presentations carry the day here. The extensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp receive special treatment. Open daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

TAPENADE 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork tenderloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs. Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — E.W. (7/98)

TRATTORIA ACQUA 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. — E.W.

TUTTO MARE 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its

toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

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94TH AERO SQUADRON 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

ANDRES' PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch Monday to Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

BALE FRENCH SANDWICH SHOP 6937 Linda Vista Road (at Ulric Street), Linda Vista, 858-565-8057. Also, 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

EMERALD CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark

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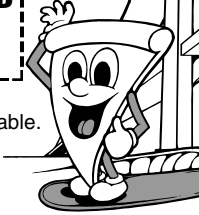
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fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — *N.W. (9/02)*

HUNGRY STICK 4664 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 619-272-1412. "Life's too short to drink cheap beer," says the sign. They must mean it. At Happy Hour (weekdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.), a 24-ounce glass of Guinness is as cheap as a Bud. Which is nice because it goes great with this pool bar's greatest hit: "San Diego's Famous 1/2-lb. Steerburger." The burger bun is crisp, the big slab of meat's crunchy-grilled, and the tomato, lettuce and raw onion are fresh. The small menu also includes chicken breast on a bun, patty melt, and hot wings. They boast 24 beers on tap, and, of course, dozens of giant-screen sports TVs. Open seven days, until late. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SEOUL B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gwi*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N. (12/99)*

THE BEACHES

CHINA INN 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand Avenues), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. At least 118 items appear on the menu, which offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties and includes sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. Simple setting; outstanding food. The dinner is always preferable when Andy Kam, the chef/owner, is there. Ask his advice about dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

HARBOR'S EDGE Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), Harbor Island, 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inexpensive diversion, try the Bakery (adjacent to the dining room) where sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE MISSION CAFE AND COFFEE HOUSE 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

QWIGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good sushi bar, sprightly salads, and fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service. Long flight of stairs to the dining room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAURANT 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp,

vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

THE SURFSIDE 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni*, *toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san's* away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASIA CAFE 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *Larb-Kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *Bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, *Crying Tiger* (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *Lard Nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

HAPPY HOUR SPORTS BAR 2519 Market Street, Sherman Heights. (No phone.) Winner: hardest-to-find eatery in San Diego. You have to walk from 25th and Market till you hear the sound of barking dogs. Next to their dusty yard sits a little building that looks 100 years old and they say used to be a carriage house. It is 10 feet wide at the max, weather-worn chocolate brown, and hidden by a big California pepper tree. No sign except for a notice in the musty window: "Yes, we're OPEN." Reminds you of *Lonesome Dove*. Inside, maybe the friendliest bar since *Cheers*, but a lot smaller, a lot more real. During the week expect only hot dogs, but weekends, great bargains with down-home dishes like the Pork Chop Plate, Swiss steak with mashed potatoes, gravy and corn, and BBQ spare ribs. Outside BBQ during the football season. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window

featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SAIGON 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

TURF SUPPER CLUB 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

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LA MESA OCEAN GRILLE AND SEAFOOD MARKET 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard (at Maryland Street), La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot speaks seafood in several accents — Italian, Mexican, Cajun, and "Continental." One part of its menu is devoted to basic fare, such as seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, blackened, "wraps"). Then there are the more elaborately sauced-and-garnished seafood dinner entrées, most with pasta accompaniment. Fish-

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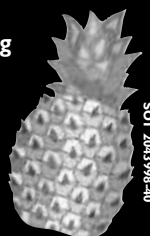


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LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3983 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W. (9/99)*

SUNNY GARDEN CUISINE OF CHINA 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly non-sweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

VALLEY HOUSE RESTAURANT 10767 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Corncob folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it lowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

DULZURA CAFE Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

POTRERO'S CAFE 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2694. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and

gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/01)*

CABLE CAR CAFE 1945 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-291-8607. A lot of San Diego history is tied to this place. For starters, a real Frisco-style cable car used to terminate near here from downtown. So did later electric trolleys at Trolley Barn Park across the road. Harvey Bentley's ostrich farm was here too — which explains the mural of ostrich characters inside. They say the first Cable Car Café opened on this spot in the 1920s. Today it's a happy little red-and-white corner joint offering honest American fare. Breakfast includes two eggs any style with potatoes and toast, or "make-your-own" three-egg omelets. Walk by late morning and your nose will lead you in — the owners roast their own beef with fresh garlic every day. One great result: the Cable Car cheese steak (sliced beef, grilled onions, and cheese on a hoagie roll). Or try the BBQ pork sandwich (with coleslaw, potato, or pasta salad). Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

CAFE PACIFICA 2414 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-6666. Superior standards always prevail here. The cooking is clean to the palate and bursting with freshness. For appetizers: Dungeness crab cakes or mussels steamed in chardonnay. For entrées, daily fresh fish, lamb chops, pasta. Everything is memorable. Not to be missed. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CAFE W 3680 Sixth Avenue (south of Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-291-0200. Chef-owner Chris Walsh combines world-ranging ingredients into eclectic, fusion-y "tapas" to mix, match, and share around the table in a lively, casual ambience. Three plates per person make a reasonably filling meal, particularly if you include some starches (e.g., pizza, polenta). Unfortunately, though, the number of menu choices has grown to a length beyond what the kitchen can execute with any consistency. Numerous vegetarian choices. Can be very noisy. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/02)*

HAMBURGER MARY'S 308 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

JOE'S GRILL 3537 Fifth Avenue (at Brooks, inside Nunu's Cocktail Lounge), uptown, 619-295-2878. Nunu's is a bar with a history. It has al-

ways been a tuna fishermen's hangout. You still hear Italian and Portuguese in the mornings. But evenings, the neighborhood shows up, along with chefs and maitre d's from the Gaslamp, and the theater crowd — directors, actors, disciples. Most end up going to the hole in the back where Joe serves up his solid, no-nonsense nosh, from meat loaf to his half-pound mushroom-and-bacon cheeseburger to his much-loved pot roast. You won't leave hungry — unless you're timid. You have to shout good and loud through that cubbyhole; Joe's got a lot of noise back there. Open until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

KHYBER PASS 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamodd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/02)*

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy Street), uptown, 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner; closed Monday. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (3/00)*

ONO SUSHI AND PACIFIC SPICE 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (11/98)*

TERRA 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

DOWNTOWN

BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. A welcome addition to downtown. Dinner only, from 5 p.m. Expensive. — *E.W.*

CABO CAFE & GRILL 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals

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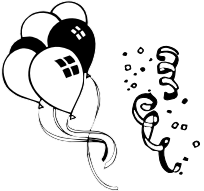


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CANDELAS 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in “la nueva cocina Mexicana,” a luxurious, inventive update of traditional Mexican fare, combining French techniques and Latin ingredients into a sophisticated new cuisine that you've never tasted before. In a romantic Spanish-style dining room with extremely gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including jumbo prawns flamed with three tequilas, sea bass with *huilitacoche* (mushroom-like “corn fungus”), and a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat-lovers, too, including a thick veal chop with a rosemary-mole sauce. Reservations advised, slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

EDGEWATER GRILL 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention

Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to “graze” on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

GREYSTONE 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly “suits” with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W. (12/01)

KANSAS CITY BARBECUE 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at

the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their “sleazy bar scene” in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers (“Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man”). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch untillate, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/01)

REI DO GADO CHURRASCURIA 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of roisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends.

Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — N.W. (10/02)

TOP OF THE MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost “formal” by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

THE WESTGATE GOURMET DELICATESSEN Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

WILDSIDE CAFE & REBEL JUICE BAR 1048 Seventh Avenue, (at C

Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: “lunatic lentil soup,” sandwiches like “turkey tantrum” (roast turkey with salsa), “tuna scandal” (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites: “veggies on a bike” (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and “bagel without a cause” (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofts: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday, breakfast to late lunch; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND CREPES 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ISLAND WOK 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll

to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

JADE HOUSE CHINESE RESTAURANT 569 H Street (at Broadway), Chula Vista, 619-426-5951. Fairly barebones, but comfortable, decorated with red dragons and paper lanterns. William and Anna, cook-owners from Hong Kong, seem to change the revolving “All U Can Eat” lunch buffet dishes quicker than you can say “Re-fills!” *Kung pao* squid, beef with broccoli, orange beef, and fried yam are great, but hang in for (in my opinion) the star turn: William's batter-covered crab puff — imitation crab with cream cheese. Or go with the menu and try the Pu Pu Appetizer Tray (for two) including fried shrimp, crab puff, and paper-wrapped chicken with flaming habachi. Seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

MARCO'S FINE ITALIAN FOOD AND PIZZA 736 Palm Avenue (at 7th Street), Imperial Beach, 619-424-3636. You hardly notice it tucked into a row of TV repair shops, but Marco's is a jewel. Marco, Frank, and Rosa Palombo ran the place for 30 years. Now Alex Pacheco does, but nothing has changed. There are the classic red tablecloths, murals of Italian scenes, white trellises, dripping plastic grapes, and Chianti bottles. Try spaghetti, mostaccioli, or rigatoni with meat sauce and meatballs. Three meals, six days; Sundays, dinners only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

MARY J'S CAFE 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with



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MCDINI'S 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front “patio.” Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/01)

MOONLIGHT ON THE SEA/CLUB 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at McKinley Avenue), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas*, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as “Club 13.” Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic “Moonlight On The Sea” moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own *lumpia*, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

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ORIGINAL ORTEGA'S In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original “Lobster Village” restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including “Viagra,” which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted “Kitchen Maid” margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W. (11/02)

ROSTICERIA LOS POLLOS Avenida Constitución, between 6th and 7th Streets, Tijuana. Relatives of prisoners in the Tijuana jail (one block south) come here to buy treats for their locked-up loved ones. The cops come too, for the cinnamon-flavored fried chicken. Think KFC, but a little sweeter. And with more variety: You can eat just chicken necks if you want.

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TAURINO STEAKHOUSE 7531 Sixth Avenue (off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Located in the heart of the old section of Tijuana, three blocks west of Revolución, this restaurant provides superb value in an excellent setting. Basically a steakhouse, it also offers fish, seafood, and fowl. The price of the entrée includes grilled quail, soup or salad, and mammoth amounts of the main course. Almost everyone orders *cabreria*, or try *empapelado*, fish and shrimp cooked in silver foil. Superior service. The menu is printed in Spanish and English, and the maitre d' speaks perfect English. First-rate bargain for high quality. Open daily, noon to midnight. Continuous service. Inexpensive to moderate, except for lobster. — E.W.

VALLARTA NATURAL 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo tlalpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and especially *milanesa*. The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (9/98)

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BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud ambiance is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti the best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (6/00)

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is “crabioli,” fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese (“crab Rangoon” by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

POPEYE'S CHICKEN & BISCUITS 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)

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Monica Bellucci Week, if that means anything to anyone:

In *Tears of the Sun*, the zaftig Italian, best known for Giuseppe Tornatore's *Malena*, plays an American doctor by marriage (American by marriage, not doctor by marriage), who is ordered to be "extracted" ASAP from darkest Nigeria during a period of "ethnic unrest," as a British TV journalist blandly understates it. The trouble is that when the team of Navy commandos skydives into the jungle to carry out the order, the doctor refuses to budge without her patients, lapsing into unsubtitled Italian and self-explanatory gestures to drive her point home. So the commander of the commandos (the bullet-headed, dagger-eyed Bruce Willis) strings her along in the belief that at the pick-up spot there will be plenty of helicopters to go around, when in fact there prove to be only enough — two — for the commandos and the doctor, who must be heaved on board like a sack of well-arranged potatoes. Partly, perhaps, because of the accumulation of ac-

cusatory glares on her part, and partly because of the cleavage she has begun to reveal, and partly because of the Madonna-at-the-Cross pose she assumes inside the copter, but mostly because of the spectacle of slaughter

down below as they fly over her vacated village, the commander orders the helicopters to turn around and pick

up the refugees least able to ambulate, while the commandos will guide the rest to the border of Cameroon: "I broke my own rule. I started to give a fuck." They are surprised, however, to discover the tenacity with which a large force of ethnic cleansers is willing to give chase on this trek. Viewers, in their turn, will thus not be surprised to discover that the refugees include the incognito sole survivor of the overthrown Presidential family, though they might at that juncture be just a bit baffled as to why the prize fugitive did not feign a twisted ankle (if need be) and fly out on one of the helicopters when he had the chance.

This simple solution, on the other hand, would have deprived viewers of



Tears of the Sun

the priceless moment when the steely hero exhorts the faltering fugitive to "Cowboy-the-fuck-up!" It would further have deprived them of the whole wobbly balancing act of a two-faced movie that wants to salute the might of the American military at the same time as it wants to salute American individualism. (To say nothing — and

the less said the better — of American conscience and rectitude.) Even then, it cannot be bothered to individualize anyone but the hero, and it demands that the chomping-at-the-bit military withhold its support of him (much as in *Behind Enemy Lines*, not too long ago) until the final seconds of the schmaltzy climax, when the swelling

music threatens at any moment to break into Barber's *Adagio for Strings*, and the agonies of our hero and his men ascend past Gethsemane and up toward Calvary, and every last drop of blood has been squeezed from every stone. Then, and only then, come the shrieking iron birds (hooray) and the blossoms of fire (yippee). The ensu-

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ing round of thank-yous, reunions of parents and children, choral African chant on the soundtrack, and swaying sea of upraised arms would ask you to believe that the rescued fugitive must be Mandela, Lumumba, and Tutankhamen rolled into one, and that an enlightened democracy lies just around the corner. It's enough to choke a whale. Notwithstanding the show of concern over the plight of the natives (director Antoine Fuqua, of *Training Day*, has at least the seeds of a reputation to water), the movie's foremost concern is its visual voluptuousness: the glistening lacquer of perspiration on the players, the jungle chiaroscuro, the shades-of-green coloristic studies. The earnestness literally gets lost in the foliage.

In *Irreversible*, by the French misanthrope Gaspar Noé, La Bellucci plays the brutalized rape victim who sets in motion an errant vendetta by her former and her current boyfriend: “Fucking B-movie revenge crap,” as the former and more reluctant one puts it. (Noé’s vision of humanity at large: the shadowy figure who appears at the far end of the underground passage in mid-rape, and unhurriedly turns and leaves.) It seems a little odd to speak of any sequence of events being “set in motion,” however, inasmuch as the action of the entire film is laid out, as in *Memento*, in reverse order: effect precedes cause. There are, in contrast to that celebrated predecessor, no transitions between the single-take segments, though the one-day plotline is simple enough to be easily followed (if that’s word): it lacks the earlier film’s ingenuities, too. My own feeling is that too little time has passed — two years — to countenance a repeat of this storytelling stunt. (Eighteen years had passed between *Memento* and *Betrayal*.) But that’s the least of my feelings about the film.

Those who saw the director's *I Stand Alone* (of which they will be immediately reminded when its lead actor puts in a cameo appearance at the outset: "I slept with my daughter") will not need to be warned of what they are in for, and yet even they might get more than they bargained for. (And at the same time, less.) Noé fancies himself an alternative, an antidote, to the glibness and slickness of Hollywood, but the retort to that would be that he merely favors one sort of distortion over another. *Irreversible* might be pushing a different edge of the envelope from *Tears of the Sun* (and its ilk), or pushing different buttons on their viewers, but both are comparably pushy. The French one makes two concerted efforts — or major pushes —

to drive you out of the theater in horror and disgust (the “revenge” and the rape, in that order of occurrence) and a more tempered effort the remainder of the time to drive you out in boredom and exasperation. (The roaming camera, ungenerous with the simplest of information, sometimes seems to be strapped into a carnival ride.) Because of the backwards structure, the worst is over after an hour, and all that awaits you is the compensatory nude scene with Bellucci and her off-screen husband, Vincent Cassel — equal-opportunity nudity — and the final nostalgic plunge into bathos. If the purpose of filmmaking could be reduced to making the viewer cry uncle, this practitioner would have a good chance of acquiring the greatest number of nieces and nephews on the planet. ■

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About Schmidt — Alexander Payne's late-life-crisis comedy about a retired Omaha insurance executive who now begins to wonder what it was all about. Jack Nicholson may be too big a star, or too hip a one, in relation to his surrounding cast (chosen with care down to the smallest role), but you cannot fault his effort: his frog-on-a-lily-pad lethargy, his flat-footed waddle, his comb-over, his open embrace of humiliation, in total harmony with the understated grotesquerie around him. Much of the fun of the movie, much of the comic cushion against the harshness of its vision, is in seeing King Jack demean himself. Payne, a perfectly named if not perfectly spelled filmmaker, evinces a fine eye for the topographical and architectural barrenness of America's Heartland (what someone might see as a "visual correlative" of the hero's spiritual state), and a fine ear, as well, for the clichés, the jocularities, the pieties, the mendacities of social lubrication. The opening retirement party ("Nice event"), the invited but unwanted visit to the office of the hero's yuppie successor at Woodmen of the World Insurance, the funeral reception, the nautically minded tourist from Eau Claire ("Aho!"), and the climactic wedding bash are all on a par with the 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.

★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12;
OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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;
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Agent Cody Banks — Teen spy comedy
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All the Real Girls — 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 (Zooey 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. With Patricia Clarkson; written and directed by David Gordon Green. 2003.

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★★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/13, 7 P.M., AND 3/14, 1:30 AND 7 P.M.)

Bowling for Columbine — Michael Moore's engaging and enraging documentary on gun culture in America, and by extension violence, homicide, and the climate of fear in America. Dishevelled as ever in his baggy clothes and collection of ballcaps (one of them emblazoned with

"Writer"), usually unshaven, a definitive schlump, he is still his own protagonist, no matter how antagonistic a one. Here he is, selecting a free rifle as a bonus "gift" for opening a CD account at a heartland bank *cum* licensed firearms dealer. Here he is, testing the theory that Torontonians don't bother to lock their homes, by going right up to some front doors and opening them. (Canada comes off very well in the film, not just for the low murder rate among a well-armed populace, but for the bedrock of social beneficence.) And here he is, escorting two crippled survivors of the Columbine school shooting to Kmart headquarters, to "return" the bullets to their place of purchase. Surprisingly — you can see it plainly on his face — Kmart capitulates to the cease-and-desist demand, a tiny victory on Moore's quixotic quest to change the world. His search far and wide for connections and causalities, for an explanatory nexus, can at times resemble mental meandering. And he is not averse to the cheap shot and the heavy hand: a montage of U.S. foreign-affairs follies will be accompanied by Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." (Joey Ramone's sneeringly ironic cover version of the song will be heard in the closing credits.) Yet his sincerity, for all his showmanship and all his sarcasm, never seems in doubt. His lack of slickness may or may not say something about his level of expertise as a filmmaker. The film is not so much *unslick* as strategically and pragmatically *anti-slick*. The film mirrors the filmmaker. With Marilyn Manson, Dick Clark, Charlton Heston. 2002.
★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA PALOMA)

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



Till Human Voices Wake Us

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.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12;

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Chicago — How quaint: a Broadway musical transferred to the screen! (Directed and choreographed by Rob Marshall.)

Apologetically self-conscious and campy, despite the present-day "relevance" of the courtroom antics and media manipulation in a sensational murder trial of the Jazz Age. (Commemorated already in William Wellman's rambunctious *Roxie Hart*.) There's a good deal of frenetic cutting and hyperkinetic camerawork, as if in mortal terror of being taken for a stage play. And the dingy, dungeony image hardly recalls the genre's Technicolor glory days. Renée Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones (it must be without precedent for the two top-billed stars of a movie to be so close to the end of the alphabet) do indeed sing and dance as advertised, and in Zellweger's case, even act. Lest she never again land a role as anything other than a prison matron, she also amply demonstrates that the pounds she put on for Bridget Jones are all gone now. Yet her new figure — thin as a rail, though knotted and gnarled with muscle — cannot be counted an asset to the re-creation of the period. With Richard Gere, John C. Reilly, Queen Latifah. 2002.
● (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 MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

City of God — 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-yak wiseguy narration, chapter headings, the kitchen sink. 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. With Alexandre Rodrigues, Matheus Nachtergaele, Seu Jorge; written and directed by Fernando Meirelles. 2002.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Cradle 2 the Grave — 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*

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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. The big action scene, achieving bigness by simple addition as well as inflation, cross-cuts between Jet Li in a 1-against-many, hand-2-hand free-4-all with the contestants in an illicit Tough Man competition, and DMX 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 DMX can make good on his vow 2 get his shit 2gether, it could pave the way 2 a sequel, *Cradle 2 the Grave 2*. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 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 capeless Batsuit in a lovely shade of raw liver. To say that this character is less credible than a humanoid extraterrestrial with X-ray vision, the ability to fly, and the strength to stop a meteor, is saying a lot. And Ben Affleck, sometimes acceptable as Just a Guy (*Chasing Amy*, *Good Will Hunting*), lacks the depth for even a two-dimensional Paper Hamlet. With Jennifer Garner, Michael Clarke Duncan, Colin Farrell, and Joe Pantoliano; written and directed by Mark Steven Johnson. 2003.

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Darkness Falls — Not just the name of a movie, but the name of a New England town where Matilda the Tooth Fairy, hanged as a child-killer in the deep dark past, and now a fluttering flapping thing in a porcelain mask, still makes vengeful visits on the occasion of a resident’s last, lost baby tooth. That’s about all there is to it (that, and an easy-to-remember, hard-to-obey rule: “Stay in the light: stay alive”), a threadbare scare show, at a stretched-out hour and a quarter, with a “scream-track” so loud that you cannot be sure whether anyone around you is screaming along with it. Chaney Kley, Emma Caulfield, Lee Cormie; directed by Jonathan Liebesman. 2003.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Don’t Look Now — Nicolas Roeg’s psychic thriller, taken from a death-in-Venice story by Daphne Du Maurier, is largely feints and loose ends. What with the free-swingingness of the camerawork and the jaggedness of the cutting (the celebrated Julie Christie-Donald Sutherland lovemaking boot comes out looking like Illustrations A through J in a Danish sex

manual), Roeg achieves little continuity and still less momentum. But he does sneak some occasional edginess and portentousness into the strange story developments. 1973.

★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/14 AND 15, 9:45 P.M. AND MIDNIGHT)

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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 3/14)

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.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Frida — Belated contribution to Frida-mania. The same-named 1984 film by Paul Leduc, while timelier, was too low-profile to discourage additional spotlight-seekers and altar-worshippers. So now we have a new chiselled Frida Kahlo (Salma Hayek), an almost Manneristically elongated one, to grace the cover of the paperback reprint of Hayden Herrera’s definitive biography, and to obstruct our view of the real woman. The movie unmistakably works a kind of magic (not to say “magic realism”) in the transformation of so fascinating a life, so lavishly re-created and so lusciously photographed, into something so dull and ordinary. Certainly we might have expected

some visual pyrotechnics from director Julie Taymor, who had shaken up Shakespeare in *Titus*. And for sure, Taymor pulls out all the stops for the grisly trolley accident that crippled the artist in her youth (though she’s dancing a tango before you know it). And her voyage to New York — otherwise known as the Invasion of Gringolandia — will be done as an animated collage of paper cutouts, with her muralist husband, Diego Rivera, scaling the Empire State Building as King Kong. For the rest, this is a surprisingly pedestrian “biopic,” in the subgenre of Tormented Artist, endlessly relating the marital infidelities and blow-ups (“My goddam sister! You’re an animal!”), and casting only passing glances at the oh-by-the-way paintings. Taymor, in effect, is like the socialite who attends a gallery opening



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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)

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 musty research than of pulsing life, and as a tale of revenge it seems static and monotonous. And please don’t bring up *Hamlet* for precedent: the Prince of

Denmark was not an eyewitness to his father’s murder, and he at least had the presence of mind to hash over his hesitation, and for all the flavor of the language here (from a trio of heavyweight screenwriters, Jay Cocks, Steven Zaillian, Kenneth Lonergan), it isn’t Shakespeare by a long shot. With Cameron Diaz, Jim Broadbent, Henry Thomas, John C. Reilly, Brendan Gleeson, Liam Neeson. 2002.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Gods and Generals — 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 solider 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 yearning and unfulfilled father, an implacable warrior: a hero of a kind who seems conceivable only in olden days. Before television, before Freud, before God died. 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.

★★★ (OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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; LA JOLLA 12)

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; GALAXY 6, FROM 3/14; GROSSMONT TOLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6, FROM 3/14; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10, FROM 3/14; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 3/14)

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days — The hot-shot ad exec will win the big diamond account if he can first win the private bet that he can make any woman fall in love with him in ten days. But his competition for the account knows that the chosen woman is writing a first-person magazine article on how to ruin a relationship in that same amount of time. Fun, no? Well, no. (Despite the maniacal energy brought to it by Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson.) It is both completely nonsensical and, if you have seen enough bad movies, completely predictable. With Adam Goldberg, Michael Michele, Shalom Harlow, and Bebe Neuwirth; directed by Donald

Petrie. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Hunted — Chase thriller with Tommy Lee Jones and Benicio Del Toro, directed by William Friedkin.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/14)

Irreversible — Reviewed this issue. With Vincent Cassel, Albert Dupontel, and Monica Bellucci; written and directed by Gaspar Noé.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/14)

The Jungle Book 2 — The reunion of Papa Bear and Man-Cub (“You can take the boy out of the jungle, but you can’t take the jungle out of the boy”) for a reprise or two of the Oscar-nominated song (1967), “The Bare Necessities.” Tail-chasing animated sequel that ends up pretty much back where it started. The Big Bad Tiger looks and moves well, but the teeth and claws are just for show. With the voices of Haley Joel Osment, John Goodman, Mae Whitman, and Tony Jay; directed by Steve Trenbirth. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Just Married — Myopic, borderline xenophobic romantic comedy about a couple of blissfully self-obsessed young Americans — Ashton Kutcher, a name that sticks in your teeth if not in your memory, and Brittany Murphy and her upturned nose and her upturned lip — on a European



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“honeymoon from hell.” Directed by Shawn Levy. 2003.

● (VOGUE)

Kiss Me, Stupid — Unbuttoned Billy Wilder bedroom comedy, set in Climax, Nevada (joke). Kim Novak, a sinfully undervalued actress, is very touching as a small-town chippie with a bad head cold and some flattering blouses. Dean Martin winkingly kids his “swinger” image, and Ray Walston and Cliff Osmond overplay abominably. However, the dullsville locale, spread out in black-and-white Panavision, has a uniform bleakness that maintains rigorous stability. 1964.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/19 AND 20, 7 P.M., AND 3/21, 1:30, 7, AND 9:30 P.M.)

The Last Tango in Paris — Bernardo Bertolucci's big splash. It has been so overdiscussed that nearly every incident seems familiar even as it's happening. And so, the focus of attention is narrowed to where it mainly belongs — the extravaganzas of Bertolucci's juicy romantic style, his inexplicable bursts of camera movement, gushes of music, rich lighting effects. In the acting department, Marlon Brando's mulled-over maneuvers are effectively counterbalanced by Maria Schneider's breezy instinctiveness. 1973.

★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/14, 15, AND 17 THROUGH 20)

The Life of David Gale — Preachy, preposterously plotted, ostentatiously overwritten beat-the-clock thriller in which

a Texas death-penalty abolitionist finds himself on Death Row. How ironic! How heavily, heavily-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; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Morvern Callar — 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-toed 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 (“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.

With Kathleen McDermott. 2002.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/13)

The Neverending Story — The adult might well appreciate the plug put in for novels (versus video games) as a source of children’s entertainment, and might also appreciate the elementary lesson dished out at the climax about the audience’s vital role in the creative process: more or less what Coleridge had in mind with the expression “poetic faith.” But the particular fiction used to demonstrate these ideals — an overproduced and underimagined fairy tale about a land called Fantasia besieged by something called The Nothing — will best be left to the wide-eyed or merely undiscriminating tot. With Noah Hathaway;

directed by Wolfgang Petersen. 1984.
★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/15 AND 16, 1:30 P.M.)

Old School — A post-collegiate fraternity, complete with hazing, beer-chugging, streaking, KY wrestling, etc. In short, a “guy” comedy. Or anyway a young-guy comedy. Or anyway a dumb-young-guy 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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Pianist — The true survival tale of Wladyslaw Szpilman is the most basic, most elemental, most elementary Holocaust film since *Schindler's List*, right down to a recitation of the “If you prick us” speech from *The Merchant of Venice*. Episodic, anecdotal, rich in detail as well as in brutality, absurdity, degradation, and horror, it covers the arrival of Naziism in Poland, the establishment of the Warsaw ghetto, the embarkation of the trains to the camps, the uprising and its quelling, and the eventual collapse into chaos, all from the point of view of the Jewish protagonist (Adrien Brody), who, after the roundup of his family and his retreat into hiding, enjoys a ringside seat on some of these events from an upper-story “safe house,” before he is rooted out in a frighteningly staged assault on the apartment building. It has been well chronicled how the Polish-born director,

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Roman Polanski, was himself cut off from his family under similar circumstances in his boyhood; and the commitment he brings to the subject is plain to see. One respectfully wants to suggest, however, that it is only through our cultural puritanism that this will be seen as a finer job of filmmaking than *The Ninth Gate* (to name the director’s most recent), and that his inerascable early experiences have no doubt informed all of Polanski’s best work, albeit less literally. Or in other words, more artfully. With Thomas Kretschmann, Emilia Fox, Frank Finlay. 2002. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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. ★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 3/14; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Rabbit-Proof Fence — Factual folk tale of three little half-caste girls who in the early 1930s, by authority of the Aborigines Act, were taken from their home and transported 1200 miles away to an “assimilation” camp,

whence they promptly escaped and set out homeward on foot, using the titular structure — “the longest fence in the world” — as their road map. The assimilation policy, scandalously on the books into the 1970s, is no doubt deplorable, and as a dramatic subject, in consequence, it inspires easy indignation and self-satisfaction, as well as such dog-eared images as the mother running tearfully alongside, and then collapsing in the dust, of the vehicle spiriting away her children. And Kenneth Branagh, as the prissy pen-pusher in charge of enforcing the policy, all too plainly relishes his blandly villainous lines: “In spite of himself, the native must be helped.” (Director Phillip Noyce’s subsequently shot but almost simultaneously released *The Quiet American*, from the Graham Greene novel, ventures into grayer morality.) The trek itself makes an acceptable if unexciting adventure story, with the girls going through a variety of terrains and helpers. And the appended documentary footage of two of the real girls as old women administers a guaranteed

heart-tug. With Evelyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury, Laura Monaghan, and Davil Gulpilil. 2002. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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,

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Agent Cody Banks; **The Hunted**; **Willard**; **Tears of the Sun**; **Bringing Down the House**; **Cradle 2 the Grave**; **Old School**; **The Life of David Gale**; **Daredevil**; **The Jungle Book 2**; **Shanghai Knights**; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days**; **Final Destination 2**; **The Recruit**; **Chicago**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cineraama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Call theater for program information

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Amandla! A Revolution In Four Part Harmony (PG-13) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
City of God (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Frida** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; **Irreversible** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:50) 4:20, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:20, 7:20, 9:55; **The Quiet American** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **The Safety of Objects** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:50) 10:05; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri. (2:10) 7:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:10, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 7:40

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Anatomy of a Murder, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 1:30 and 7 p.m.; **Kiss Me, Stupid** Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:30; Sat. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Everest** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 7:00; **Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 5:00; Sat. 5:00; Sun. 11:00, 5:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 5:00; **Journey Into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 7:00; **Lewis and Clark** (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 8:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:00; Mon. 11:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 3:00; **Ring of Fire** (PG-13) Wed.-Thu. 6:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated)

Sat. 10:30; **To the Limit** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:45) 7:10, 10:10; **Agent Cody Banks** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:20, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 5:20) 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:20; **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, 9:45; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:45, 10:15; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45) 7:20; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:00) 7:00, 9:40; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:05, 4:05) 6:05; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:25); **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:20); **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:00; **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; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:05; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:25; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:10; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:15

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
Call theater for program information

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50; **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. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:00; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30); **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:10) 7:35; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 5:05) 10:30; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Old School; **Chicago**; **How To Lose a Guy in 10 Days**; **Bringing Down the House**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Agent Cody Banks; **The Hunted**; **Willard**; **Tears of the Sun**; **Bringing Down the House**; **The Quiet American**; **Cradle 2 the Grave**; **Old School**; **The Life of David Gale**; **Gangs of New York**; **Daredevil**; **The Jungle Book 2**; **The Hours**; **Shanghai Knights**; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days**; **Final Destination 2**; **The Recruit**; **Darkness Falls**; **Chicago**

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:25, 2:25, 2:50, 4:50, 5:15) 7:15, 7:40, 9:40, 10:05; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 2:20, 3:00, 4:45, 5:25) 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:25; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 5:15) 10:35; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:35, 5:10) 7:55, 10:30; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:00, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:30, 5:05); **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:50; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:00) 7:30, 9:45; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:35) 7:05, 10:15; **The Quiet American** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:25, 10:00; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:50) 7:45; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:00, 10:35; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:05) 7:30, 9:55

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Just Married (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:30, 9:45; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:30; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 7:45

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
How To Lose A Guy in 10 Days; **Bringing Down the House**

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) 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; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00; Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; **The Hunted** (R) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sat. 11:00, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. 11:00, 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)
Call theater for program information

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **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; **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; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30; **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 Hunted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 12:45, 5:15; **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. 2:45, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 2:45, 7:15; **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

"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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15;
LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20;
OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY
PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

The Safety of Objects — Patchy, raggedy “indie,” based on short stories of A.M. Homes: back and forth between four neighboring middle-class families, your proverbial lives of quiet desperation. Despite the juicing-up (roadway tragedy, the threat of pedophilia, a young boy’s intimate conversational relationship with a Barbie doll), it remains flat and drab. With Glenn Close, Patricia Clarkson, Dermot Mulroney, Moira Kelly, Mary Kay Place, Timothy Olyphant, Joshua Jackson, Jessica Campbell; written and directed by Rose Troche. 2003.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Talk to Her — Almodóvar in awe, all over again, of the opposite sex. (Michael Cunningham's novel, *The Hours*, can be spied at one point as bedside reading, and we might well speculate that Almodóvar would have *killed* to be the filmmaker who brought it to the screen.) The first half, delineating the central quartet of a male nurse, a bald journalist, a lady bullfighter, and a comatose dancer who embodies the

Mystery of Woman, is played with such simplicity and sincerity as to raise the interest and hopes of the director's non-fans, and to sow uneasiness among the faithful. The second half restores order, in particular the ostensible silent-movie pastiche involving an incredibly shrinking man and a foam-rubber vagina. (An image ripped from the reels of another provocateur, Bertrand Blier, *Femmes Fatales*.) The color, in a warm palette weighted toward red, rust, orange, and yellow, can be appreciated by anyone. Javier Cámara, Dario Grandinetti, Leonor Watling, Rosario Flores, Geraldine Chaplin. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Tears of the Sun — Reviewed this issue.
With Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci, Cole
Hauser, and Tom Skerritt; directed by
Antoine Fuqua.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;
CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18;
FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15;
GROSSMONT 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)

Till Human Voices Wake Us — A closed-off psychologist, in deference to his father's Last Wish, accompanies the coffin to the scene of a childhood tragedy, where he unburies the past while at the same time treating an enigmatic amnesiac. (The lead role passes back and forth between Guy Pearce and a teenager who looks nothing like him.) What emerges, besides a belated ghost story, is an undramatic display of sensitivity: "If moths are attracted to light, why don't they come out in the day?" and "Is there a word for that — the moon's reflection on the water?" With Helena Bonham Carter; written and directed by Michael Petroni. 2003.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Willard — Remake of the 1971 trained-rat chiller, starring Crispin Glover and directed

by Glen Morgan.
(CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION
VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON
PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION
MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;
OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY
PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9;
TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/14)

Wuthering Heights — Sam Goldwyn's production of the Emily Brontë novel (or part thereof) plays up the already overlarge element of pulp-gothic in it. On that level, it is well done. In particular the darkly glowering Laurence Olivier does well. As does Alfred Newman with his achingly Tchaikovskian accompaniment. Merle Oberon, though, is no more at home in the heather than the heather is at home in the California hills. With David Niven and Geraldine Fitzgerald; directed by William Wyler. 1939.

★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/16)

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California
Wald (760-471-3711)

About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 4:50) 7:45, 10:25; **Agent Cody Banks** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 12:00, 2:05, 2:30, 4:35, 5:05) 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:25, 4:25, 4:55) 6:55, 7:25, 9:30, 10:00; Tue.-Wed. 11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:25, 4:25, 4:55, 6:55, 7:25, 9:30, 10:00; Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:25, 4:25, 4:55) 6:55, 7:25, 9:30, 10:00;

Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:35, 4:05) 6:55, 9:35; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:30) 7:05, 9:25; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Gods and Generals** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05); **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:40, 4:20) 7:05, 9:40; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 2:40, 4:20) 6:00; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05); **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:40) 7:35, 10:20; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:45; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:45; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:10, 5:15) 8:30; **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, 1:45, 2:15, 4:25, 4:55) 7:10, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45,
 2:00, 4:10, 6:20, 8:30; **Bringing Down the**
House (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:40, 5:00,
 7:10, 9:20; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00,
 2:15, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15; **Old School** (R)
 Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:45, 8:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road
(858-646-9420)

Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **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; **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; **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 Hunted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:30, 5:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 2:30, 7:00

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45,
 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30;
The Life of David Gale (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00,
 4:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 4:15; **The Pianist**

(R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 7:15; **The Quiet American**
(R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00,
10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00;
Tears of the Sun (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15,
5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00,
7:45

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Agent Cody Banks; The Hunted; Tears of
the Sun; Bringing Down the House; Old

School; Daredevil; Shanghai Knights; How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101
(760-436-SHOW)
Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:15;
Sun.-Thu. 6:20, 9:00, Live Show Mon. 6:20,
9:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 *El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)*
(760-599-8221)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00,
12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00,
12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **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. 11:00,
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45,
4:30, 7:15; **The Hours** (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 Hunted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00,
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00,
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; **Tears of the Sun** (R)
Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15;
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10 Days; The Recruit; Chicago

A black and white movie poster for "Tears of the Sun". The top half features a close-up of Bruce Willis as Major Trip Tucker, wearing a military uniform and headset, looking off-camera with a serious expression. Behind him, Monica Bellucci as Captain Kate Warner is visible from the chest up, also looking forward. The background shows a silhouette of a boat on water at night. The title "TEARS OF THE SUN" is prominently displayed in large, serif font. Above it, the name "BRUCE WILLIS" is written in smaller letters. Below the title, it says "FROM THE DIRECTOR OF 'TRAINING DAY'". The bottom section contains promotional quotes from various sources like Ebert & Roeper, Parade Magazine Radio, and Westwood One, praising Willis's performance and the film's action elements. At the very bottom, there are production credits, logos for Revolution Studios and Cheyenne Enterprises, a "RESTRICTED" rating box, and a small Columbia Pictures logo.

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Richard Horrmann, PARADE MAGAZINE RADIO

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Student
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I used to ice skate for the U.S. team, and I ran into a girl I used to ice skate with at an Aerosmith concert. I hadn't seen her since I was six. I recognized her outside the bathroom; she was on the phone.



Becky Cortez
Retail Sales
City Heights

It was a girl I grew up with, and I had lost contact with her; I really never thought I would run into her. It was a Magic 92.5 concert. The last time I saw her I was 10 or 11. She walked right by me and sat two feet away — she was actually blocking my view, so I was going to tell her to get out of my way! It was really loud at the concert, so we just went, "Oh, my God!" and then we had to walk away to talk. It was really cool.



Ashley Attisha
Clerical
Point Loma

Well, it wasn't exactly from my past, but it was out of context. I ran into someone I work with in Mexico — in Tijuana. We were at a club. I had heard she went down there quite a bit. I first saw her on the club's video camera, being funny. I caught up with her later; she was fine with it. She was just laughing away.



Erin Arnold
Unemployed
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

The night before my husband and I got married, we went out — no one threw us a bachelor/bachelorette party — so we decided to go to a strip joint. We went to Déjà Vu, and I ran into a girl I went to high school with...up on the stage. And she was the goodie-goodie girl — I won't mention any names — and she was the rich girl, and she was up there shakin' it! She asked us if we wanted a lap dance, and she said, "I know you from somewhere." And I'm all, "Dude, I went to high school with you!" I didn't see her the rest of the night.

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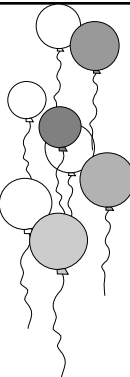
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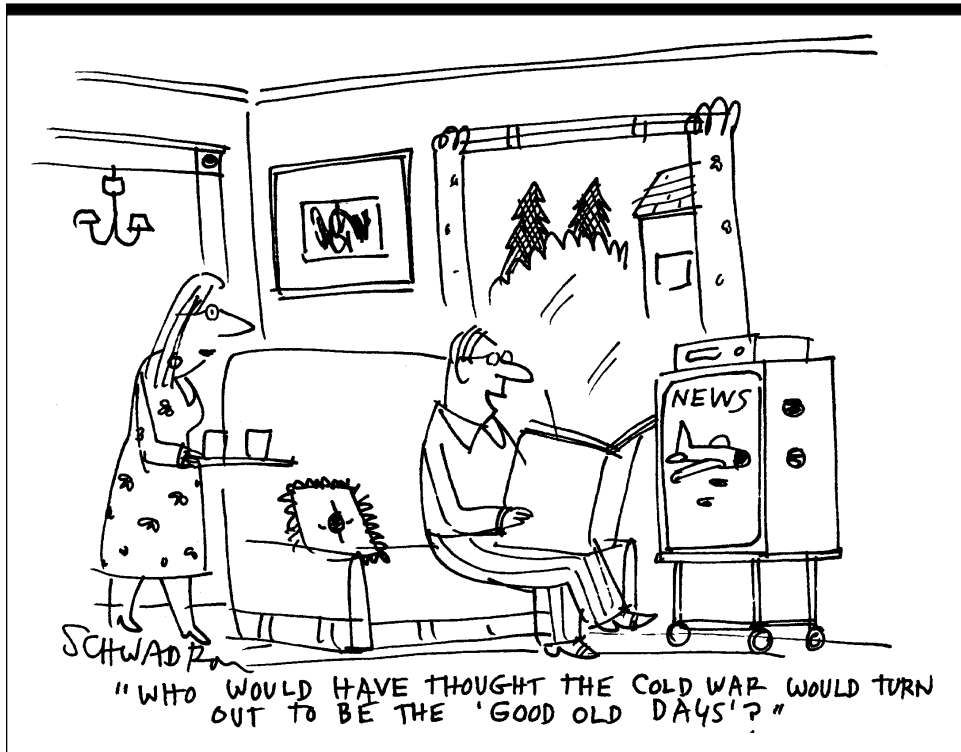


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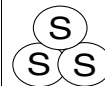
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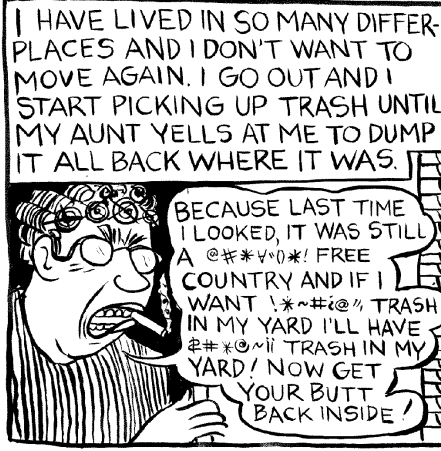
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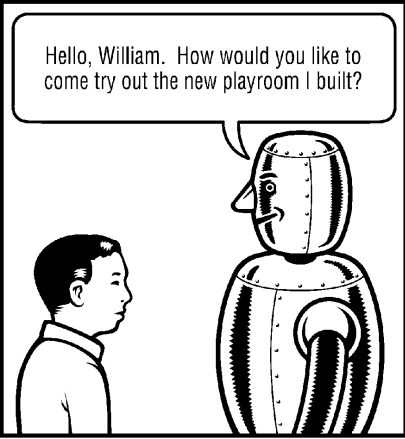
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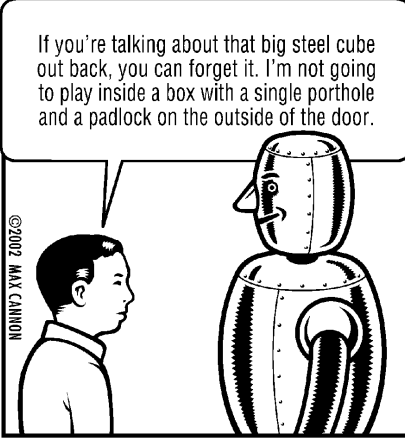
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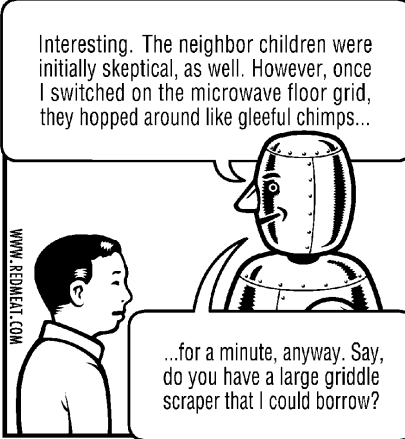


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Across

- "How the Other Half Lives" author Riis
- U-turn from NNW
- Rule, in India
- Old-fashioned warning
- Take down ____ (humble)
- A.F.L.'s partner
- Start of a musical scale
- 1963 Debbie Reynolds movie
- 1991 Julie Delpy movie
- Kuwaiti chief
- Scribbled, old-style
- 1994 Whoopi Goldberg movie
- Brand that's canned
- Kind of hands that are "the devil's playthings"
- With 13-Down, a popular CBS drama
- Caretakers
- Pitcher Paige
- Financial page announcement, briefly
- They go back and forth to work
- Depressing condition, with "the"
- Apt title for this puzzle
- Within: Prefix
- Capone's nemesis
- 1982 Al Pacino movie
- 1997 Jim Carrey movie
- Popular Beverly Cleary character
- Early waking time
- Inflection
- Buffy is one
- French one
- 60's antiwar grp.
- Catch

Down

- Kind of plant
- Baseball family name
- Novelist Caleb
- Snack since 1912
- Kind of pool
- "Shogun" character
- Practice in the ring
- Architect Saarinen
- Elvis' label
- Show
- Elation
- See 35-Across
- Bilk, say
- Bryn ____ College
- German one
- "Three Times a Lady" singer
- Atlas features
- Flip response?

- Like some bow ties
- Decide not to take part
- Go bad
- Audiophile's amassment
- Suffix with pay
- Abbr. after an officer's name, perhaps
- Half of a 45
- Immigrant's course: Abbr.
- Sally Field's "Norma ____"
- Personal ad abbr.
- Revival producer: Abbr.
- Mexican misters
- Tusked animal
- ____ Lingus
- Kind of hands that are "the devil's playthings"
- They're ordered a lot
- Nth deg.
- Uncles, in Cuba
- It's shaken, not stirred
- 52-Across, notably
- Georgetown hoopster
- Singleton
- Pink, as a steak
- Shaquille O'Neal's alma mater
- "Am ____ your way?"
- What a feller needs

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- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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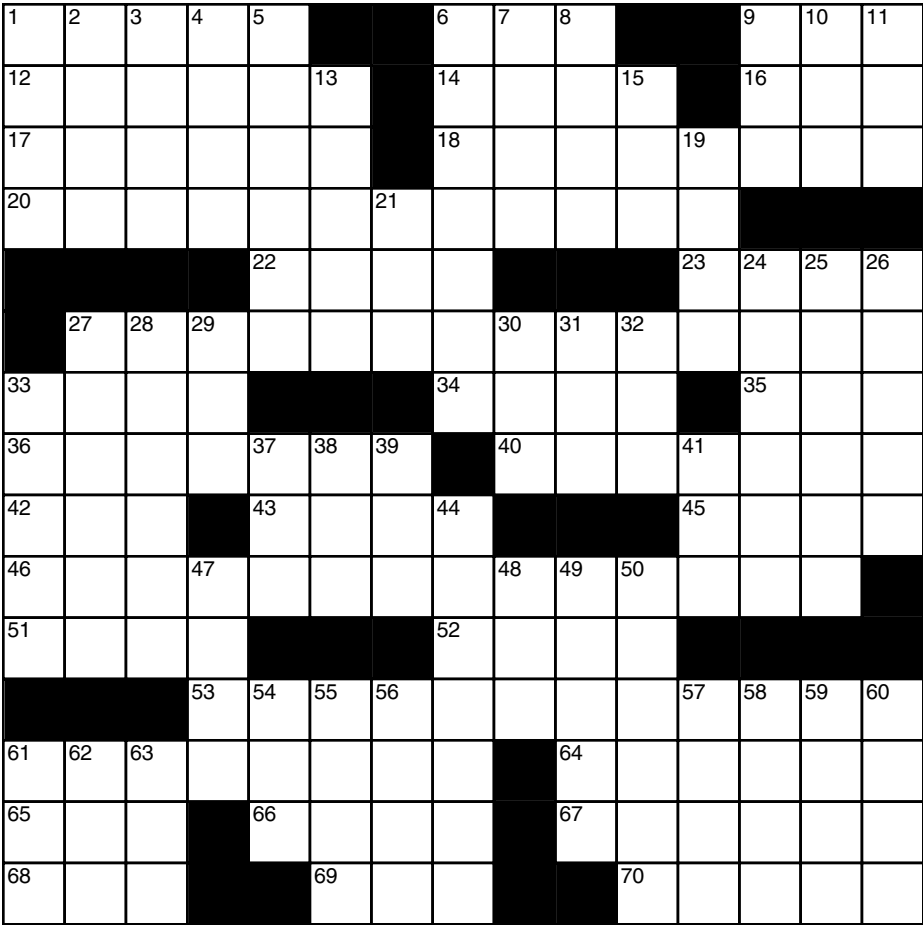
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 3/6/03.

Of the 85 entrants, 83 were correct. The winners are:

- Jonah Hulst, *San Diego*
- Vic Kowalski, *San Diego*
- Ahuitzoh Gutierrez, *La Mesa*
- Patrick Delany, *San Diego*
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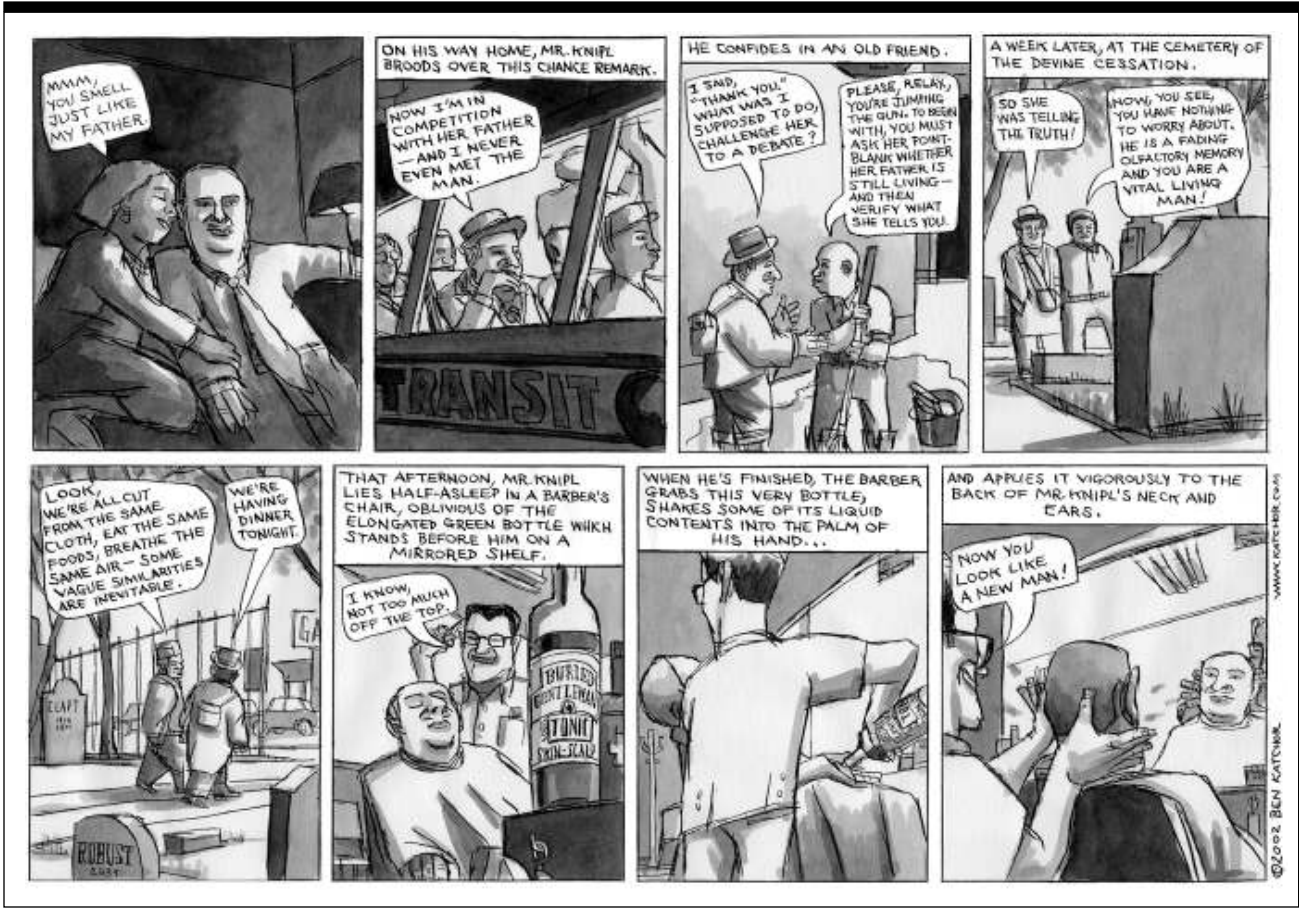
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FRIENDSHIP. Female, travel partner wanted. Must be nonsmoker, professional, 40-65, honest, pleasant, clean independent Caucasian to travel with same. Theatre, dining, etc. For friendship. (3/26) ☎69540

FRIENDSHIP. La Mesa gal seeks a few platonic girlfriends. Down to earth chatting, TV, movies, walking, eating out,

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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

PEN PALS. Two beautiful, young, Filipina women, 31 and 32 years old, seeking pen pals. We are single with no children. (3/26) ☎69523

MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

ELEGANT DOCTOR. Slim, very attractive, athletic, witty, charming, North County. Can open champagne, dance. In search

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EAST COUNTY WIDOW, pretty, slim, active, blonde, 50s, youthful, happy. Travel, dancing, boating, theater, movies, concerts, dining. Seeking tall, fit, 50+, nonsmoker, similar interests. (3/26) ☎50617

CARAMEL DELIGHT! Sweet, sensual, spiritual, warm, romantic black female, 20's. Seeking very attractive, kind, upscale dresser, healthy, wealthy, successful, sincere white male, 50+, seeking romance. (3/26) ☎50609

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GREEN EYES, hazel eyes, where are you? Man of substance, adventurous, humorous, big heart? No baggage! This adorable, diverse, childless, black goddess awaits. Savor! (3/19) ☎50564

EAST COAST WOMAN seeking East Coast man, 55+. Vivacious, pretty, blonde, happy, witty. Enjoys travel, dancing, mutual spoiling possible long-term relationship. (3/19) ☎50560

SENSUAL, HONEST, intelligent, 54, long blonde/blue, 5'2", curvy, seeks honest, confident, degreed, successful, over 5'8", selective, special man for our best relationship ever! (3/26) ☎50589

ABSOLUTELY ATTRACTIVE, oriental golfer, eclectic, fun, caring, 5'5", shapely, 115lbs., educated, intelligent honest, healthy, real. Seeking kind, monogamous, educated, handsome, 5'8"+, 39-50, youthful, adventurous, passionate. (3/26) ☎50608

SEXY, BROWN-EYED GAL, 50ish, desires generous, Caucasian, caring, nonsmoker, homeowner. Fun, travel, romance, sincere, honesty required, because the best is yet to come. (3/26) ☎50599

ATTRACTIVE, LOVELY, European, vivacious, romantic, funny, artistic, spiritual, caring lady, with spunky personality, seeks successful, handsome, considerate, stable, honest, sexy, easygoing, positive, gentleman, 43-55. (3/19) ☎50574

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ATTRACTIVE WHITE WOMAN, 47, seeking an attractive white male for relationship. I like dancing, traveling, movies, outdoors, dining, music. Seeking sincere, honest, lovable man. (3/26) ☎50605

EAST COUNTY, WHITE, good looking, 5'1", 115lbs., brown/brown, financially/emotionally secure. Looking for educated, honest gentleman, 46-60, with same qualities for monogamous relationship. (3/26) ☎50586

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s. Outgoing, adventurous. Movies, theater, dining, weekend getaways. Seeking tall, professional, intelligent, romantic, fun loving,

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BLACK, FULL-FIGURED female, 50ish, seeks tall white man, financially secure, 50-65, who enjoys sports, outdoors, music, quiet times. No smoking or drunks. (3/26) ☎50590

VOLUPTUOUS, FUN, WHITE female, brown eyes, waist-length brown hair, seeking good humored, nonsmoking male, 35-50, with similar interests. Discovering San Diego, dancing, music, movies, and more. Seeking friend. (3/26) ☎50593

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PETITE, 45, BRAZILIAN, loves God, bible study, prayer, church, loving, giving, loyal, friendly looking for the same and let God lead us. (3/19) ☎50563

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ATTRACTIVE BLACK WOMAN, 35, educated, creative, outgoing, fit. Seeks good-natured man, 30-45, nonsmoker, financially stable, witty and unencumbered for quality relationship. No race issues. (3/26) ☎50601

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

QUALITY, VALUE, CHARM, attractive, Asian, registered nurse seeking Mr. Right. You: funny, attractive, educated, secure, young-looking, 5'10"+, 45-60, fit,

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SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, loving, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic. Enjoy outdoors, seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65. Wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (3/26) ☎50606

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ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, blue, 5'8", 39, white female, curvy. Seeking white male, 5'10", 6'4", 40-50. Dates, fun, possible long term relationship. (3/26) ☎50612

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, 5'3", slim, athletic, educated, intelligent, sincere. Seek-

ing 57-67 gentleman, refined, honest, fit, financially secure, health oriented, moral values, caring, sensitive, stable, clean. (3/26) ☎50591

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

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48, ATTRACTIVE, BLONDE, classic, educated, affectionate lady, warm, sexy, slim seeking nice, honest, generous businessman, retired, 64+; travelling, mature, zoo, music, theater, movie, dining, museums. (3/26) ☎50597

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

Pretty Oriental, Middle Aged

Just want a nice companion between 45 and 62. Nonsmoker. Prefer a military retired or financially stable homeowner. I'm financially independent. (3/26) ☎50595

SPIRITUAL WHITE FEMALE looking for friend for e-mail or maybe fun. 5'9", 40s, and kids away from home. Like music, books, interested in a lot. (3/26) ☎50587

LOOKING FOR A NICE MAN, 45-55, to spend time with. Call and we'll see what we have in common. I'm 5'7", blonde, blue and fun. (3/19) ☎50575

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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

LONGHAIRED BLONDE, GERMAN born, green eyes, 5'6", very good looking, shapely, intelligent, funny. Seeking a tall, educated, professional, quality male, nurturing, witty, romantic, 40-50. (3/19) ☎50556

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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? (3/26) ☎69536

DINING FOR INTELLIGENCE, aesthetics, kindness, joie de vivre, integrity, creative thinking, well travelled/read, informed, curious, accomplished partner, 47-55. I'm sensuous, romantic, attractive, courteous, quick. (3/19) ☎69498

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

ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 48, 6', 182lbs., biking, hiking, dancing, foreign films, comedy clubs, jazz, metaphysics. Seeking attractive Filipina, 32-50, athletic, petite, North County. (3/19) ☎69411

LOVABLE, CUTE, FINANCIALLY secure, 5'10", physically fit and slightly compulsive. North County guy seeks unencumbered, attractive woman, 35-45 to go out and have fun with. (3/26) ☎69533

CROSSROADS? READY! Best half of life, monogamous relationship with, witty, travelled, sensitive, spiritual, North County, retired. You: tall, unencumbered, romantic... doer in life... your life. (3/26) ☎69539

TIME IS NOW to meet a special man, 53, sincere, nice, respectful, easygoing, reliable, honest, enjoys movies, dining, dancing, hoping to meet special someone. (3/26) ☎69549

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

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

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

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ITALIAN MAN, 39, 6'1", honest, sincere. Enjoys movies, walks on beach. Easygoing, home oriented. Seeking slender, attractive woman, for meaningful relationship. No drugs/smoking/games. (3/26) ☎69559

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



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GORGEOUS LATINO, fit, slim, 5'8", 40's, college graduate, fun, outgoing. Seeking childless lady, slim, fun, outgoing. Race immaterial. (3/26) ☎69546

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

SEARCH NO MORE: attractive, romantic, intelligent, employed, shy, white male. Seeking adventurous, enchanting, insatiable, open-minded, uninhibited, female, 21-35. Don't delay, call me today! Lakeside. (3/26) ☎69558

GERMAN-ITALIAN, SOBER, gardener, artist, would like to meet lady of substance, integrity, 35-45, for long-term relationship. Enjoys films, galleries, outdoors, cafes, cats, me. (3/26) ☎69529

PART FRASER, PART SEAU, loyal friend, genuine guy, not artistic, seeks partner for long conversations, outdoor activities, and someone to spark my creativity. (3/26) ☎69510

HOT MEXICAN, FINANCIALLY secure professional, 42, young at heart, very affectionate, passionate, loving, humorous, fun, intelligent, 5'8", 160lbs., seeks sincere woman, any nationality. (3/26) ☎69553

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

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

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

BLACK FEMALE! Sean Connery look-alike, tall, athletic, sexual, passionate, communicative, 59. Seeking attractive, down to earth, personable, equal, fun lady for good times together. (3/26) ☎69509

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 52, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, Midwest values. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (3/19) ☎69466

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

FUN LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, educated, 5'8", athletic gentleman seeking nonsmoker/nondrinker, slim, medium build, passionate, 50s, Caucasian female for

conversation, outings, beaches, music, movies, home. Love? (3/19) ☎69489

WITH AN EYE TO CHILDREN. Caucasian professional, homeowner with pool, wants to have a family. Full natural blond hair, green eyes, intelligent, handsome, trim, athletic. (3/26) ☎69534

OCEANSIDE HANDSOME, Latin, surfer, 44, tan, fit, neat, fun loving, well rounded. Her: Feminine, sweet, kind, cute, educated, happy, watergirl, camping, dancing. Nonsmoker. Relationship. (3/26) ☎69514

QUEEN SIZE, WHITE FEMALE, attractive, shapely, sexy, passionate, wanted by attractive, romantic, black male. I adore large women. Will love every inch of you. (3/19) ☎69479

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

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. (3/26) ☎69532

HONEST, SUCCESSFUL, businessman, looking for someone who wants to be spoiled. You are 21-30. We have only one life to live, let's enjoy it. (3/26) ☎69537

HELP ME FEED THE DUCKS at the lake across the street. Sensitive Lakeside homeowner, 60, 5'11", 150lbs. needs your caring, affectionate companionship. Enjoys movies, music. (3/26) ☎69545

SEXY, 27, CAUCASIAN, tall, artistic, romantic, intelligent, humorous, athletic, nonsmoker, enjoys traveling, dancing, walking. Seeking caucasian or latina nonsmoker without children. Weight/height proportionate. (3/26) ☎69550

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE. Could it be you? Physically fit, 50, health professional seeks attractive, physically fit woman, 35-50. North County. (3/19) ☎69473

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. (3/26) ☎69517

FULL FIGURED, VOLUPTUOUS female. North County Coastal, handsome, affectionate male, 45, waits for your call for dating, romance and a possible relationship. Operators standing by. (3/19) ☎69495

LONGHAired COMPUTER hippie seeks college educated, sweet, petite, childless, vivacious, creative, unique lady, 30-45. Love animals, music, concerts, sushi, photography, travelling, outdoors, movies. (3/19) ☎69501

DOUBLE DATE. My former girlfriend and her fiance want us to socialize with them. I'm 50, Irish/Italian, athletic, outgoing. We'll enjoy good, clean fun. (3/26) ☎69513

smoker/drinker, nonpretentious. (3/26) ☎69518

LESSON IN DICHOTOMY. Over-educated/watcher of trash television. Fitness fanatic/social smoker. First grade teacher/lawyer. Contemplative/clown. Unpretentious, 6'1", 40, long hair, Hispanic. (3/26) ☎69556

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, North County, professional, 41, 6'1", slim, athletic build, loves to travel and play. Seeking athletic lady for biking, tennis. Thick legs a plus! (3/26) ☎69522

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL someone unconcerned with particulars, but who's main desire is loving, generous nice guy by 50ish individual seeking that rare kind of friendship. (3/26) ☎69544

YOU: ASIAN, 20-31, who is nice, honest, loving, and a free spirit. Me: 31, preschool teacher, who likes football, soccer, beach, family and working out. (3/26) ☎69527

ADORABLE, ENERGETIC, physically fit, 40s, 6' male. Enjoys dancing, travel, yachting clubs, casinos. Seeks sophisticated, sexy, active, intelligent female. (3/26) ☎69519

LONGHAired, GOOD-LOOKING, athletic, 33, trim, Caucasian, churchgoer, loving, caring. Seeking 25-40, open hearted, beautiful minded, active, attractive female for friendship, talks, walks and more. (3/26) ☎69531

HANDSOME, PASSIONATE, 36, fit, humorous, family oriented, nonsmoker, steady guy. Loyal, fun loving, enjoy exercising, movies, dancing, Vegas. Seeking attractive, white female, 25-35, similar interests. (3/19) ☎69507

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

SHARP LOOKING SENIOR man, full of fun and vigor to share dining, dancing, theater, movies, walking, etc. with sharp looking senior woman, for lasting relationship. (3/26) ☎69543

CARING, ROMANTIC, healthy, positive, optimistic man who likes travel, world affairs, hiking, French food and wine. Seeking a petite sensitive easygoing lady. (3/26) ☎69538

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

JAZZ MUSICIAN, HANDSOME, 51, 6'1", 170lbs., red/blue, teacher/performer, road bicyclist, swing dancer, nonsmoker/drinker/drugs, childless. Seeking someone who could compliment my life! (3/26) ☎69511

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

ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 48, 6', 182lbs., athletic, biking, tennis, dancing, hiking, metaphysics, foreign films, jazz arts. Seeking Filipina, 33-51, very attractive, athletic, for relationship. (3/26) ☎69521

Seeking Asian Female 20-35. I'm single, Caucasian, professional, tall, funny, laid-back. Enjoy movies, Padre games, exercise, dining out, Vegas. You're sweet, cute, wanting friendship, dating, possibly more! (3/26) ☎69526

GREAT CATCH! Down to earth, Jewish male, 33, enjoys movies, hiking, cats, '80s music, and more. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (3/19) ☎69482

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

GRAYING WITH AMAZING GRACE. Still young, funny, creative, intelligent, sensitive single dad, seriously loves laughing. Seeking petite, passionate fun loving cutie for miles of smiles. (3/26) ☎69547

LADIES READ THIS! Want security, honesty, romance, kindness, monogamy, humorous, sweet, 6'2", 185lbs., nonsmoker, fashionable, good looking, successful, loving, spoiler who's 49? Then you found me! You: 20s, 30s, early 40s, very attractive, kind spirit, fun, trendy, sexy, integrity counts. Let's have fun, friends grow into lovers. I can be your future...forever. (3/26) ☎69562

BLACK, YOUNG 48, 6', homeowner, South Bay, divorced, no baggage, retired marine, very romantic, seeks younger, attractive, slender lady for long-term relationship. No games. (3/26) ☎69496

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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

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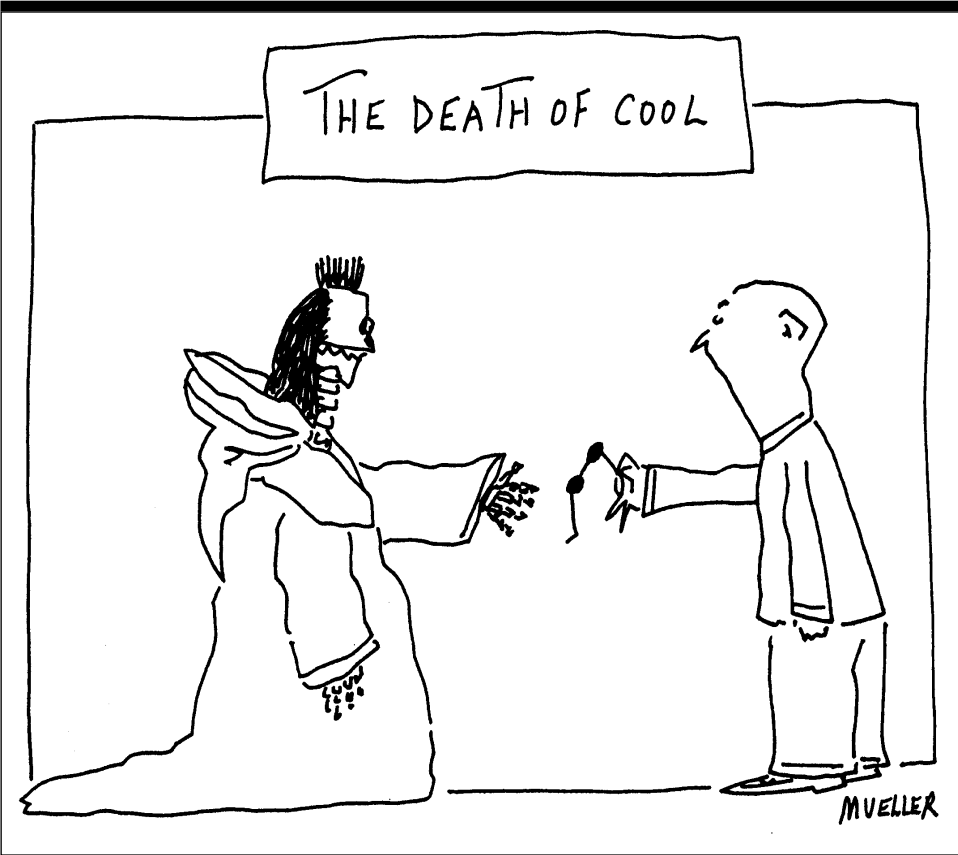
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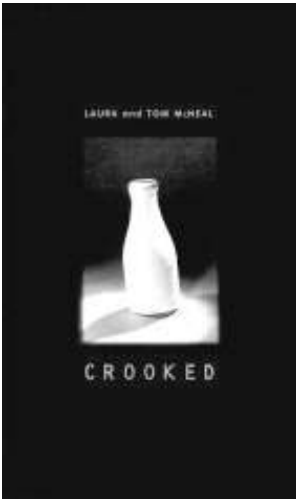
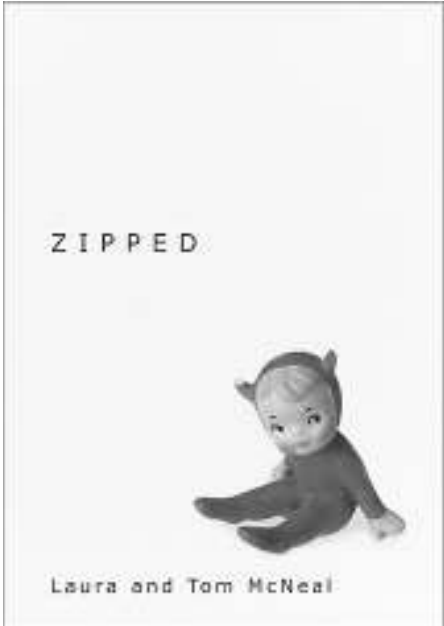
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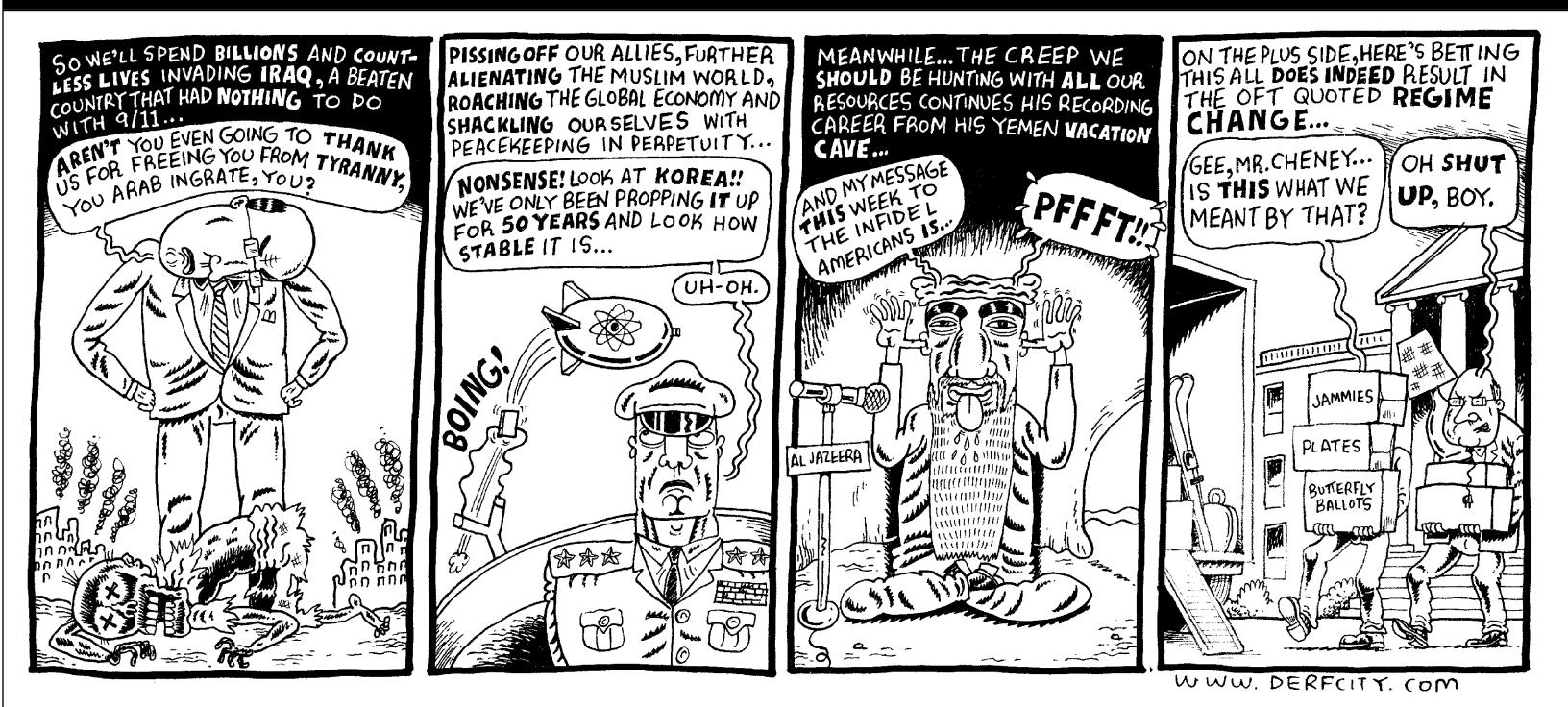
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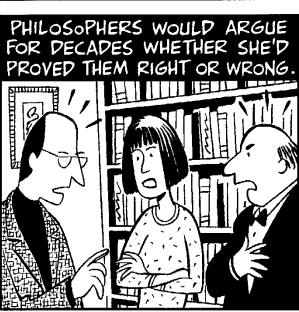
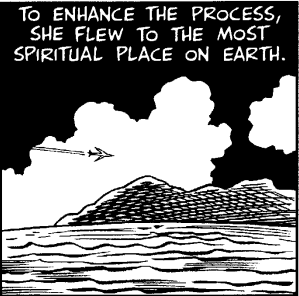
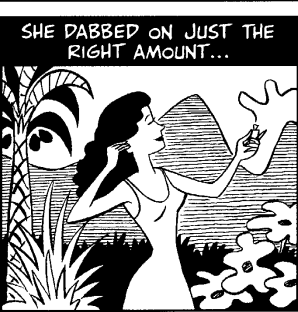
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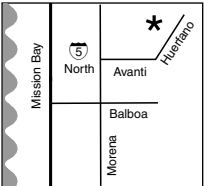
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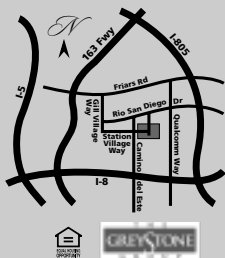


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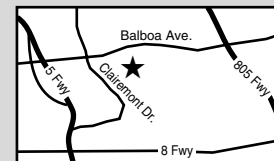
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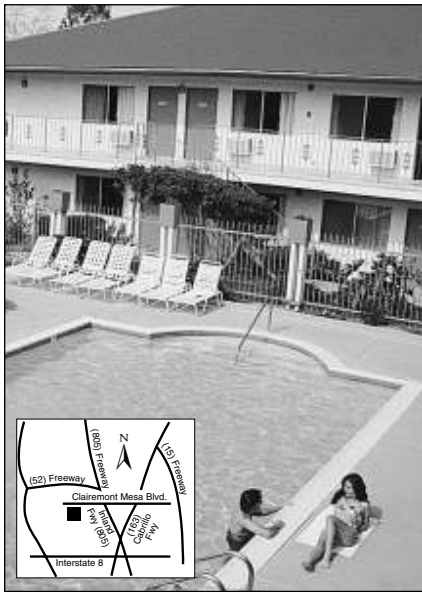
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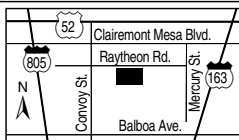
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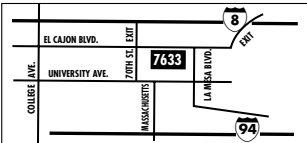
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LEAD STORIES

— University of California, Santa Barbara, researcher J. Gordon Melton’s new edition of the *Encyclopedia of American Religion* lists 2630 denominations in two dozen informal “families” (e.g., 116 Catholic flocks, “hundreds” of Pentecostal flocks), according to a January Associated Press report. Among the least mainstream: the (John F.) Kennedy Worshipers, the Nudist Christian Church of the Blessed Virgin Jesus, the Church of God Anonymous, the Church of the New Song (once offered porterhouse steaks for communion), and 22 that believe in UFOs (including the clone-happy Raelians).

— The British government proposed privacy-rights legislation in January that would permit people to have sex in public restrooms as long as they could not be seen by others using the restroom. The week after that, the *California Patriot* (a student publication at the University of California, Berkeley) reported that a university-funded gay students’ website was openly discussing which restrooms on campus were the most hospitable for public sex (acts which are still illegal in California).

America’s Real Gun Problem

— Some recent accidental self-shootings: Jason Gins, 19, Baton Rouge, La., January, in the genitals (gun stuffed in waistband during getaway from robbery); Michael Bent, 30, New York City, September, hit an artery near the groin, fatal (fooling with gun in car while talking to his girlfriend); Randal Lewis, 40, near St. Louis, September, in the head, fatal (while demonstrating to 12-year-old son how to unload gun); Robert E. Slay Jr., 55, Gonzalez, La., October, leg (trying on pants at an outlet store); Dr. Steve Kyplesky, 57, Raceland, La., hand (fumbling with gun in his truck’s glove compartment); Dale B. Grimmer, 41, Ione, Wash., shoulder (pointed rifle at himself while cleaning it); 15-year-old high school student, Detroit, December, leg (bent over to pick up pencil in class).

Something Else to Worry About

— In December, Robert John Cusack, 45, was sentenced to 57 days in jail for a June smug-

gling caper on a flight to Los Angeles. He had four endangered songbirds and 50 illegal orchids in his luggage, and when one bird flew off down an airport corridor during an inspection, the agent asked if Cusack had anything else. “Yes,” he said. “I’ve got monkeys in my pants” (actually, two endangered pygmy monkeys from Thailand, which Cusack dug down for and handed over).

People Worse Off Than Michael Jackson

— Police in Lowell, Mass., said in January that dozens of young Asian women had purchased sloppy breast augmentations, nose jobs, and eyelid surgeries from a Cambodian couple posing as doctors in a bloody “Frankenstein’s workshop.” And a Venezuelan couple were sentenced to prison (for two to seven years) by a New York City court in December for injecting a rooster-comb derivative into the faces of 20 women as cut-rate wrinkle-smoothers but which scarred them for life. And authorities in Guadalajara, Mexico, arrested fake “Dr.” Myriam Yukie Gaona (a former stripper) in July for performing cut-rate plastic surgery on “hundreds” of women, augmenting the breasts and lips of some with industrial silicone and motor oil.

Yeah? What’s the Problem?

— In February, the lawyer for former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke (who is to be sentenced in March for defrauding financial contributors in order to feed his gambling habit) appealed to the judge to send Duke to an upscale prison because otherwise black inmates would tear him up. And Kenneth Hawthorn, a Jehovah’s Witness proselytizer, filed a lawsuit in Adelaide, Australia, against a couple whose ram attacked him, battering him to the ground, as he approached the couple’s door. The parties settled the lawsuit in January. (Bonus detail: The ram, since deceased, was named Shit for Brains.)

World’s Greatest Lawyer

— In Holmes County, Miss., in October, Mr. Chocwe Lumumba, Esq., earned an acquittal for his client, former policeman Eddie Myers, hav-

ing convinced the jury that it was self-defense when Myers killed his sister-in-law (who was the assistant police chief). Myers told the jury that, yes, he grabbed two .40-caliber handguns and fired 36 shots, hitting the woman 14 times, and yes, the victim’s own handgun was found by emergency workers still strapped inside its holster, but it was still self-defense.

Unclear on the Concept

— In November, the Pentagon rejected a Freedom of Information Act request by a reporter to see an internal training video, claiming that the law allowed it to be withheld. The video is the 22-minute “Freedom of Information Act/The People’s Right to Know,” which is utilized to teach Pentagon employees how to carry out the maximum-disclosure purpose of the act.

— Convicted sex abuser Daniel Ray Erickson (who once “purchased” a 5-year-old girl whom he then molested) petitioned a judge in Brooksville, Fla., in December to have his photo removed from Florida’s sex-offender website. “How,” he asked, “can a guy get married and become a good, stable citizen if they’re putting your picture there?” (Indeed, he said, his previous girlfriend had left him when she found out he was on the website.)

— Boston city councilman Felix Arroyo, who opposes war in Iraq, announced in January that he was going on a hunger strike to protest U.S. policy. Arroyo said he would begin a liquid-only regimen, but then limited that to daylight hours (thus allowing himself dinner and, theoretically, breakfast), and later qualified that to mean that he would only adhere to this hardship diet on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Things You Thought Didn’t Happen Anymore

— The men of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Ripon, Calif., voted 25-17 in December to let women start voting on church matters, but that was still three votes shy of the required two-thirds majority. And health researchers told a conference in San Antonio, Texas, in January that they had treated a well-fed college student

who had come down with the old-time mariner’s disease of scurvy (absence of vitamin C in the student’s steady diet of cheese, crackers, cookies and soda). And a retired professor was appointed in November by the town of Colwood, British Columbia, to find out why garage doors suddenly open, sprinklers come on, TVs and VCRs start automatically, and one couple’s mechanical bed folds up while they’re asleep. (Two new broadcast transmission towers are the suspects.)

A Woman with Two Problems

— Authorities in Lincolnshire, England, are trying to identify the 60-ish-year-old woman who was admitted to Lincoln County Hospital in December, suffering from amnesia but insisting she is Barry Manilow. The only things she was carrying were several Manilow albums.

Readers’ Choice

— The *Philippine Star* reported that George Mamaril, perhaps overreacting to his wife, Evelyn’s, suspicion of infidelity, severed his penis on Feb. 22, wrapped it in newspaper, and tossed it through the window of her parents’ house, where she was staying, with a note reading (in Filipino), “So you will not suspect I am courting another girl.”

Also, in the Past Month ...

— A Maryland state auditing office found, based on examining cell-phone usage of 74 state employees, that the state could have saved \$130,000 last year if the 74 had switched to a higher-minutes call plan. And Daniel Torres was convicted of killing a man (and his pet cockatoo) after prosecutors showed that Torres’s DNA was found in the cockatoo’s beak because the bird had pecked Torres furiously to defend itself (Dallas). And a highly lauded Vermont sex-crime investigation unit, staggered by government budget cuts, announced it would turn to raffle tickets and bake sales to keep the office going (St. Albans, Vt.).

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T.G.I.F.

What was I escaping from? Well, in a nutshell, it was the 1950s.

By John Brizzolara

A long-forgotten English rock group from the 1980s, the Fabulous Poodles — featuring Steve Winwood's brother, I heard — made a record I loved called "B Movies." The chorus: *B movies in black and white/ B movies on rainy Tuesday nights/ B movies...they always fill my dreams.*

The bridge, as I recall, went something like this: *Whatever happened? Where did they go? Familiar faces at the picture show/ They seem to pass like in a dream/ Those unsung heroes of the silver screen.* This was followed by a litany of minor cinematic saints, including Shirley Eaton and Martin Benson.

The song articulated perfectly the appeal of one of my favorite pastimes, one that crosses the boundary into guilty pleasures easily and often. B movies, like drive-in movies (pretty much the same things), don't really exist as such anymore, at least not purposely. And while rainy weekday afternoons are rare in these parts, they're still to be had. But finding the perfect place to combine the experience of watching a flick that might not be a blockbuster, while outside a smattering of showers taps the pavement like polite applause, is no longer easy. But it is still possible, at least in Chula Vista at the Vogue.

The venerable uniplex might not have a balcony, but it does have a loge section for an extra four bits. And on a recent rainy Friday afternoon, it was a distinct and bittersweet pleasure to take

a trolley to E Street, then a quick cab ride to Third Avenue for an early-afternoon double feature. Even by itself, a cab ride in the rain can be an occasion for nostalgia.

I grant that, with some effort, you will still find the odd double feature offered, not likely a triple feature, which is often the deal at the Vogue for \$3 (loge seats \$3.50). On this Friday afternoon it was merely the double feature, no doubt due to the length of the first movie, *The Two Towers* in the *Lord of the Rings* series. Not, you might point out, a B movie exactly, but with its cozy brand of big-screen adventure, it's suitable for a rainy afternoon. I was put in mind of playing hooky with my brother and sneaking off to the Mercury Theater in Chicago for a screening of *Jason and the Argonauts*.

It might have been *The First Men in the Moon* or *The Time Machine*, or any sword-and-sandal gladiator epic with George Reeves or Gordon Scott; we ditched school for all of them. I'm not sure which ones we snuck into and which we paid for, but that they were all on school days can be attested to with copies of my permanent record. If anything like the *Lord of the Rings* movies had been around, we'd have ditched for them without a backward glance at Saint Luke's and its battalion of mustachioed nuns.

This would have been in the early 1960s, and Tolkein's work had been languishing, neglected for years, but about to be reintroduced, this time to the baby boom generation, with the adult fantasy series from Ballantine Books edited by Lin Carter. That Lin Carter was the editor who also bought my first written work and is dead and pretty much forgotten contributed to my mood this past Friday. Remembrance, rumination, déjà vu...nostalgia. The only time-wasting weaknesses, along with gambling, that I never indulged the hell out of. Just about the time we were breaking free of the chains of mediocrity forged in the America of the 1950s, a wave of nostalgia for that period swept the mainstream. That would have been around the mid-'70s, itself now a focus of nostalgia among those who refuse to recognize phenomena that sucked the first time around.

I pretty much look like an old hippie because I wear my hair long and often have a beard, with a lot of gray in both. I cringe at the Jerry Garcia cracks because my tonsorial presentation is not a matter so much of waving my freak flag against the prevailing winds as it is probably a tribute to old pirate movies with Errol Flynn, like *Captain Blood*. I associate hours of pleasure and escape bathed in flickering black and white in old third-run movie houses on Chicago's west side — probably, more than once, on rainy afternoons and often with my father. What was I escaping from? Well, in a nutshell, it was the 1950s and all that the



Shelter from a storm, Chula Vista

decade meant.

Looking around me at the audience in the Vogue that afternoon, some 25 or 30 of us, alone, middle aged or elderly, it was hard to avoid the cliché of movie house as church. After all, each of us was there for similar reasons, no doubt, reasons that had more than a little to do with some kind of transcendence. And the fact that I had no idea what was going on in the story on screen, who was who or why anyone was doing what they were doing (not having read any of the books) mattered not a whit. A walking, talking tree was carrying two elfin characters through a forest, and that was fine with me and all I needed to know. It didn't matter that I left early and saw none of the second feature, a zany bedroom farce with Hugh Grant. The time I spent in the Vogue was quality time away from taxes and bankruptcy hearings, doctors' offices, the DMV, and rehab. Time out from a gathering shitstorm of a world outside hell-bent on re-creating the Velveeta-cheese-like oppression of the 1950s, with its buzz haircuts, status-oriented electronic-gizmo consumerism, jingoistic trailer-park patriotism, strip malls, condos, and quiet desperation.

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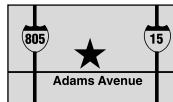
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Ash Wednesday

The liturgical year rolls around. In each of the 13 years that have passed since I came back to the Catholic Church, I have lived the Church’s year like a shadow of the secular year. Sometimes the liturgical year extends far ahead, sometimes just behind the rest of the Western world’s holidays and anniversaries. The liturgical year starts in late November or early December with four weeks of Advent. Then the Christmas season extends from Christmas Eve to Epiphany during the first week in January. We relax into a few weeks of Ordinary Time. Then Ash Wednesday, which falls anywhere between February 8

and March 8, marks the beginning of Lent. According to Church teaching and tradition, Lent is a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving designed to mirror Jesus’ 40 days in the desert. Catholics give up something they like — a favorite food, a favorite TV show — to remind themselves of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the Church asks the faithful to fast and abstain from eating meat. It’s not a real fast. You can still eat two small meals and one almost normal-sized one. For all the other Fridays during Lent, Catholics don’t need to fast, but they do need to abstain. I remember that when I came back into the Church, I thought “fast and abstinence” meant Catholics couldn’t eat or have sex on those days. “No,” a friend corrected me. “You just can’t eat meat.” At 10:00 this Mardi Gras, I sat on the couch in my family room eating Ben & Jerry’s Half Baked ice cream directly from the little round carton and watching the revelers on TV get drenched in the Gaslamp. My husband Jack sat beside me polishing off a bag of Ruffles and a pint of Coffee Heath Bar Crunch. We always give up junk food during Lent, so we were ridding the house of any untoward temptation. “What else are you going to do for Lent?” Jack asked as he licked the last creamy drips from the back of his spoon. “I think I’m going to try to take the kids to daily Mass,” I answered.

“That’s great,” Jack said. I remember the first time I went to daily Mass during Lent. Jack and I had one child. Rebecca was 15 months old. Every day at lunchtime, I drove from our house in Clairemont to Our Lady of the Rosary in Little Italy. Jack worked near the church and met us most days. I remember the way Rebecca slid around on the polished wooden pew in her tights and little dresses. I remember bringing books and snacks and quiet toys to keep her occupied. I remember thinking, “This is *sohard*. I can barely concentrate on what the priest is saying. I hope God appreciates what an incredible sacrifice I’m making by being here every day.” As the weeks of Lent wore on, I started worrying less about Rebecca’s little toddler noises, the whispered questions. One day at a particularly crowded Mass — it may have been Good Friday — Jack lifted Rebecca up to his shoulder as we sat waiting for Mass to begin. Rebecca spied a large, framed photograph that hung above the church’s double front doors. “I see the Pope,” she called out gleefully. Jack and I smiled as a quiet chuckle rippled through the crowd. What I remember most, looking back now, is the sense of awe and quiet and peace that settled over me every day as Rebecca paged through her books and I listened to the readings and repeated the familiar rhythms of the Mass responses. After Easter, I stopped going to daily Mass. I found myself missing that little oasis in

the middle of the day. In the nine years that have passed since that Lent, Jack and I have had four more children. We moved from Clairemont to San Marcos. There have been times we’ve gone to daily Mass. During Rebecca’s first year of elementary school, we hustled her and her younger sisters Angela and Lucy into the van every morning. We strapped baby Johnny into his car seat and drove the three miles to church. Rebecca sat or stood or knelt in her plaid jumper and white blouse with the Peter Pan collar. Instead of reading books, she followed the readings and spoke the responses. Angela and Lucy paged through picture books. Johnny made enormous, unearthly noises as I held him close and he nursed under a blanket. Jack’s schedule changed. Johnny became a toddler and wanted to wander up and down the church’s aisles rather than sit in a pew. We started going to church only on Sundays and holy days of obligation. When Benjamin followed Johnny two and a half years ago, making it to church even on Sunday sometimes presented a challenge. We always went to Mass. We just went in shifts sometimes. Or Jack and I took turns walking Benjamin around outside or taking Johnny to the bathroom while the girls squirmed in their seats. Which is why Jack seemed surprised but pleased when I told him I was going to try taking the kids to daily Mass.

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