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From left to right: Area sprayed with emulsion-bonding agent; asphalt raked into place; heavy roller compacts asphalt

Pothole Time Bomb

No one seems to know where San Diego's worst potholes are. A pothole is forgotten unless it's driven over frequently, and then it is instinctively avoided. Drivers swerve into the next lane, then back again once the danger is behind them. At businesses located in front of potholes, employees hear the loud *clunk* of rims plowing into the unexpected holes. What they don't hear are the drivers worrying how badly out of alignment their cars have been thrown. In that respect, potholes are a business.

Tim Witucki, 53, has worked as a mechanic at Service Specialists – Exclusively BMW, downtown, since 1976. I spoke with him last spring. "I've installed lots of shocks, and I can tell you that potholes not only hurt the shocks, but they hurt the wheels, probably more than the shocks. You can bend a wheel fairly easily by hitting a pothole. The shocks will take the punishment, but the wheels won't. They're usually aluminum or steel, and some of the high-end wheels cost a lot of money to replace."

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Racist Theft

I'm calling about the suit having to do with American soldiers trying to sue the Japanese government ("Slave Soldiers," March 13). That's fine and wonderful, and it's probably extremely deserved. However, did you guys ever do anything in terms of the American government stealing, or allowing to be stolen, assets, property, and other things from the Japanese-American citizens from California at the beginning of World War II? President Reagan allowed all these wonderful people a \$20,000 payment for everything they lost. I happen to have a relative whose land in downtown L.A. was stolen from him. It was probably worth a couple million bucks. Twenty thousand dollars? He declined. (He's passed away by this time.) So, you know, how dare these guys think they're going to get anything when true American citizens had money and property stolen from them and got basically screwed. One of the things that I've been told when I bring this up to friends — and these are good people — they say, "Ooh, it was war." Well, it was racism. At the very least, the guys in your story were supposedly soldiers. Well, these were American citizens who had stuff stolen from them. How dare they?

Leigh Sagara
Hillcrest

Idiotic Iraqi War

What Jim Morris says ("Chimps with Nukes," "City Lights," March 13) is that G.W. Bush spent the Vietnam years in the Texas Air National Guard; Richard Perle, who has been pushing for the Iraq war, was deferred; Mr. Wolfowitz was deferred during Nam; and Cheney was deferred dur-

ing Nam. All were essentially draft dodgers during Nam. Of course, let's not forget the quintessential draft dodger, Bill Clinton, and that other guy who was in the Guard and never got to Nam, Dan Quayle. These were all yellow bellies. To overthrow this rotten government is indicated. All draft dodgers should be sentenced to life in prison.

Let me say, I went in as RA [regular Army] in 1955 when there was no war. In '61 I volunteered again; the Army said I couldn't see. In 1968 I volunteered again and the Army adjutant general replied that my sight was even worse. The answer was no. I appealed and a quick no came back. Of course, the Army saved my life. I would have been impaled on Vietcong bungee stakes or shot in Saigon or blasted in the swamps, for sure.

Yet I am thinking of the deaths of innocent people on both sides that this idiotic Iraqi war is going to bring about. Stop the war.

Name Withheld

Set Up The Hookah, Chill Out

After reading the March 13 story "O.B. Bong Baron Takes Hit" ("City Lights"), I could not help but picture a group of obese federal officials sitting around a table in an austere room in Washington, D.C. They have just consumed an artery-clogging meal of hamburgers and fries and are discussing what is to be done about the drug problem in America. They drink double martinis and triple espressos and chain-smoke cigarettes. Between coughing fits, they come to the stark realization that they have lost the War on Drugs to a group of stoners whose only crime is that they want to be left alone to enjoy their innocuous pastime in peace. Flustered, the men decide to see what all the fuss is about. They set up a confiscated hookah pipe in the center of the table, place a large bud of seized medical marijuana in the bowl, and light up. Sullen faces crack into smiles, and then laughter erupts in the room. From that point forward, wars and attacks on our personal freedoms are a thing of the past.

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Payoffs In the aftermath of a student walkout sponsored by disgruntled parents last December at John-son Elementary School, ex-San Diego Unified School District board member **Shirley Weber** has bagged a retroactive \$10,000 "consulting" contract from the district. Grievances centered on the controversial educational reforms promoted by superintendent **Alan Bersin**.



Shirley Weber

"In an effort to thwart the walkout, we worked through the weekend to identify and solicit support from key community members in helping us address these issues," according to a recent memo from district administrator **Angela Bass**. "Dr. Weber was one of the initial people we contacted to help us lead and support the community during this crisis." After the walkout, the memo says, a meeting was held and Weber, chairwoman of the African-American studies department at San Diego State, was informally retained to sooth the troubled parents. "Dr. Weber was in attendance on this night, and I considered Dr. Weber an ideal candidate to act as a third party to facilitate the entire process. Given the volatile nature of the situation, there was not sufficient time to follow the normal procedures for establishing a contract for Dr. Weber. Further, until we had conducted several meetings, we were unsure what Dr. Weber's scope of work would be. Now, after meeting with the Parent Task Force several times, we are better able to describe and delineate the duties of Dr. Weber and therefore have brought forward the contract for approval."

... Faced with a local low-income-housing crisis of mounting proportions, San Diego's top public housing executive, **Betsy Morris**, has hit the road. According to recently released records, Morris has traveled to a housing convention in Nashville (\$2007.52); a "Women's Caucus" in Washington, D.C. (\$2705.25); and a "Legislative Conference," also in D.C. (\$2123.38), among other junkets. Other housing agency execs are listed as going to a "Process Improvement Workshop" in D.C. (\$2296.26); a "Business Process Analysis" meeting in Los Angeles (\$2574.96); a "Reinventing Affordable Housing" session in L.A. (\$1409); and a "National Alliance to End Homelessness" convention in D.C. (\$1817.14). The grand total cost of "Out of Town Travel and Training" for the fiscal year ending last June: \$91,500.

McGrory's folly, part II? Word's out that ex-San Diego city manager **Jack**

McGrory (on whose watch the Chargers' ticket guarantee and troubled Qualcomm Stadium expansion deal got done) may be trying to shut down city-owned Montgomery Field and build condos there, and it's getting a poor reception from aviators. As reported by the *Daily Transcript*, McGrory and his boss, developer and financier **Sol Price**, along with downtown real estate mogul **Malin Burnham**, partner of Padres owner **John Moores**, are meeting with chamber of commerce CEO **Jessie Knight** to explore ways to grab the public property for private development. That's not such a good idea, says **John King**, a respected dean of local fliers who runs King Schools, an aviation training outfit. "There would be huge economic and social loss to the community if they ever closed down that airport," says King. "Sure, they think there's a lot of money to be made by certain developers by trying to take over a public airport, and that's not at all uncommon for them to covet that land. But there is over \$200 million worth of aircraft based there and many businesses located there. I understand why they covet it, but it's part of San Diego's vital transportation infrastructure, and in the end I don't think it's going to happen."

Horse's mouth There's a small story behind that horse named San Diego, a 14-year-old dark bay gelding that recently turned up safe and more or less sound in a Palm Beach County, Florida, stable after being allegedly kidnapped and abused by Cathy Crighton, 44, a troubled Chicago veterinarian. It turns out that San Diego's owner is Washington lobbyist **Bob Manafort**, whose hobby is raising horses in Virginia. Manafort, a close associate of late Republican mega-consultant **Lee Atwater**, was presidential nominee **Bob Dole**'s manager at the GOP's San Diego convention in 1996 ... Democratic state assemblyman **Juan Vargas** has signed up with a group calling itself the "Democratic Moderate Caucus," which recently threw a \$1500-a-head fundraiser at the home of **David Townsend**, political consultant and confidant to Governor **Gray Davis**. Other caucus members include **Ron Calderon**, **Ed Chavez**, **Rebecca Cohn**, and **George Nakano** ... After selling out in the nation's capital, the Federal Election Commission is encouraging those who want to attend one of its "compliance" seminars, popular in light of the new McCain-Feingold campaign law, to set their sights on the event in San Diego, set for October 28 and 29 at the Hyatt Regency Islandia.

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Baby Killers

By Jim Morris

Last week I wrote a piece called "Chimps with Nukes." When I had a draft I e-mailed it to a bunch of old soldiers to see if anybody thought I had left anything important out. Only one person had a problem with the piece, and his problem was with my use of the term "dead babies."

the most engrossing unit history ever written, *Six Silent Men*, the three-volume story of the 101st Airborne Long Range Patrol unit in Vietnam. All three



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Vietnamese children run from their homes, Trang Bang, June 8, 1972

The guy who objected to the term was Kenn Miller, author of my favorite Vietnam novel, *Tiger the Lurp Dog*, and also author of volume two of what is perhaps

authors of these books were young NCOs, and it covers the entire history of the unit from activation to deactivation. No self-serving general's memoir here, just the

straight, painful, profane, fascinating truth.

I've also seen Miller's team picture from 1969. He was 19, and he looked older then than he does now, totally game-faced and grim as death.

When most guys came home from that conflict, they caught a lot of flak. "Baby killers" was a term that was bandied about a lot.

Probably the most hurt I ever was in my life was when the hardcover of my book *War Story* came out with a painting on the cover of a Special Forces guy holding a wounded child. Both my publisher and I had been in SF in Vietnam. (The book has been in continuous print since 1979 and has sold over 200,000 copies, but at the time no conventional publisher would touch it.) He took the hardcover on a tour of paperback reprint houses in New York. The first editor he showed it to, a young woman, just took it for granted that the illustration suggested that we had killed that child deliberately and that we were proud of it. When he told me that, it was sort of like being chopped in the gut with an axe.

I missed most of that harassment by being wounded and coming home in hospital channels. I came home to Oklahoma, a conservative state where there was a lot

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Neal Obermeyer



Prehistoric Gas Station an Eyesore?

By Ernie Grimm

Drive east out Interstate 8 through the mountains and down the long, winding grade into the desert, and the first manmade structures you pass after crossing into Imperial County will be a cluster of four dilapidated buildings off to the left. “This is Miller’s,” says Bob Caldwell, a Lakeside contractor who has purchased the buildings and the four acres of desert they sit on. “It was Miller’s Cafe, it was Miller’s Texaco, it was Miller’s! It appears on a number of old period maps as if it were a town.”

But it wasn’t a town. The compound was once owned by Al Miller, a Texan who moved to this area in 1926, first working for a garage up the hill in Jacumba, then opening his own roadside restaurant and garage — and later a gas station — just west of Ocotillo in 1933. There’s

no exit for Miller’s from Interstate 8. The compound dates back to when U.S. Highway 80 was the road linking San Diego with the Imperial County and, ultimately, coastal Georgia. A mile east of Miller’s there is an exit for the town of Ocotillo, also on the north side of the freeway. By exiting there, and doubling back on Old Highway 80, you can reach Miller’s. In the early 1970s, travelers on the newly completed interstate found this detour inconvenient, Al Miller’s business became unprofitable, and the compound was abandoned.

As you approach Miller’s from Ocotillo, just before you reach the oldest and easternmost structure — a river-rock

house with a low-pitched roof — a narrow, cement roadway splits off to the right on a perfectly straight path to the horizon. “That’s the older, old Highway 80,” Caldwell explains, “dating from 1915.”

It’s the newer Old Highway 80, built in 1932, that Miller’s fronts. A visit to the site reveals two things: the buildings are in better shape than they appear to be from the interstate, but the mess of rusted car parts, broken timbers, old refrigerators, and twisted sheet metal surrounding the buildings looks even worse from close range. Yet Caldwell beams with pride as he walks up to the rock house that once served as a roadside diner. A tall man in his late 40s, with dark hair

and a tanned face, Caldwell reminds you of a film star you’ve seen a hundred times but can’t name. Standing under a wooden awning sagging in the middle due to a missing post, he pauses to think when asked what inspired him to spend \$25,000 to buy the place. “I like it,” he says finally, “I don’t care what condition it’s in. I like it the way it is.”

Seeing that this answer hasn’t satisfied his interviewer, Caldwell explains further, “I spend most of my free time reading history. I have read some of the highway history, and this place is part of that. And I have spent most of my life working on buildings; that is what I do. So...I don’t know — here are some buildings that need work.” To the left of the old café, as you face it, stands an old gas station. Its metal awning is collapsed on one side, thanks to a few stolen six-inch-thick metal posts. Beyond that stands a wood-framed utility building and finally, westernmost in the compound, stands the block-walled garage. Faded four-foot-tall letters painted above the three service bays spell “MILLER’S GARAGE.”

Leaving the shade of the awning, Caldwell begins walking around in front of the buildings, heaping pieces of scrap metal and old wood

into separate piles in front of the gas station. “I have an 85-year-old mother who lives alone in Phoenix,” he explains as he works. “I try to see my mom about once a month. This is really why I ended up buying Miller’s; I have been passing by it for so many years. There was never a For Sale sign on it. Who

wanted it,” Caldwell explains.

Though it began happily, two and a half years later, the transaction is still not complete. Rural land purchases generally take more time than urban lot purchases because property lines aren’t clearly defined. And in addition to that, there were environmental issues, such as the



Miller's Garage



Interior of Miller's Cafe



Miller's on Highway 80 (left) old Highway 80 (right)



Bob Caldwell

would want it? But I finally took it upon myself to go down to the county recorder's office in El Centro and looked up the owner of record. I wrote them a letter saying, 'Hi, my name is Bob Caldwell....' That was in the fall of 2000.”

The owners, B.C. and Velma Weaver of Alpine, were happy to sell. They agreed to take 10 percent of \$25,000 down and carry the rest as a loan. “No one else had ever

underground gasoline tanks. “They were filled with sand in the ’60s,” Caldwell explains, “which was legal for the time period. It took a while, but the county has accepted that they are legal.”

Another major snag was that the wrong parcel was recorded by the First American Title Company, which was handling the sale. “They recorded an adjoining parcel,” Caldwell moans. “Won-

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of anti-war sentiment, but no anti-GI sentiment.

Miller went to the University of Michigan in Ann

Arbor, one of the most virulently anti-war campuses in the country.

None of the GIs since Vietnam have been so vilified. For one thing, there has been no KGB disinformation campaign against

American forces since then. And there has been no army of millions of draft dodgers projecting their collective guilt on those who served. I doubt that soldiers against Saddam will catch that kind of flak. But some will always

believe that we do such things.

I have to assume that the people who have such grim imaginings have a vision of a bunch of power-mad thugs blasting everything in their path.

The truth is that when you go in on a combat operation, you are scared to death. Nothing I've ever encountered in civilian life has scared me like that — not skydiving, car wrecks, can-

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cer scares, or jealous husbands with guns.

Picture a company-sized (100 to 200 men) assault

into a hot LZ. There's the whop of many helicopter rotors, choppers landing and disgorging men. There are gunships in orbit around all that, firing rockets into the bush. There are the explosions of rockets all around.

There's automatic-weapons fire coming from the jungle. In Iraq it would be from *wadis* (dry creek beds) and from behind dunes, or maybe from buildings, but you get the idea. And there's your trusty (I meant that

sarcastically, but they're better now) M16, chattering its little song in your hands. Add to that the minor irritation of being sandblasted by dirt kicked up by the rotors. Under those circumstances fear becomes an-

other thing, a live thing that takes your body for its own. The decision-making process so taken for granted in daily life is as forgotten as Ozymandias. An untrained man would simply cower and shit his pants, no matter

how brave, because he wouldn't know what to do. A poorly trained man would, and many have, lie in the weeds and shoot wildly in the air. The well-trained man searches his sector for targets, takes up a good prone position, has good sight picture and sight alignment, takes a breath, lets half of it out and squeezes the trigger so slowly that when his weapon fires, he's mildly surprised. Whoever he was shooting at then either dies or starts calling for a medic.

But the well-trained man is also on autopilot. If a psychiatrist, sitting calmly behind his expensive desk, could somehow examine an infantryman in the throes of combat, the only conclusion he could reach is that the man is clinically insane.

American troops are well trained. They're trained not to commit war crimes and seldom do.

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Crews continued forward to view the enemy casualties. The dead one was a two-year-old baby boy, the wounded one was his mother. Crews had two daughters, one then a bit younger, one a bit older than the dead boy. He grasped Nay Re by the front of his shirt and jerked him a foot off the ground. "If any member of this strike force shoots another unarmed civilian I will kill him myself, on the spot. Do you understand?" Nay Re gulped and bobbed his head up and down. Then we broke a lot of rules to get a medevac chopper for the wounded mom.

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he?" Crews demanded.

"Oh, he run 'way."

"Why didn't you catch him?"

"He run very fast."

"Then why didn't you shoot him?"

Nay Re gave Crews a hurt look. "You say no shoot man he no have gun. This man no have gun. We take away."

The whole point of a rifle is that you can see what you're shooting at. There's no point in shooting unarmed people because they're not shooting at you. Most civilian casualties are caused by artillery and bombing, which are by definition area weapons and indiscriminate. When they're used in conjunction with infantry attacks, they're called "suppressive fires." Their function is to keep the enemy's head down so you can take his position without getting a lot of your own guys killed. When the enemy position is in an inhabited village, well...

The Rules of Engagement vary from war to war and battle to battle, but in Vietnam the rules were designed to minimize civilian casualties, very much at the expense of the GIs. When you don't use suppressive fires, the enemy has a big advantage. There is nothing but what the GI has with him to keep the defenders from killing the attackers.

I was talking to Mark Berent, a retired Air Force fighter jock and bestselling author (*Rolling Thunder*, *Steel Tiger*), bemoaning the fact that our GIs were called "baby killers" when they lost so many trying to avoid civilian casualties. "I'd say at least half the casualties on the Wall were a direct result of our efforts to avoid civilian casualties."

"I'd say all of 'em," Mark replied.

From an Air Force perspective we could have turned all of Vietnam into blasted earth and dead people and not lost a man.

If you knew all the relevant factors (which nobody ever does) beforehand, you could just about work out the casualty figures on a calculator. So the question is, "How many GIs are you go-

ing to sacrifice to avoid how many dead babies?" Is it worth losing ten GIs to avoid one dead baby? Is one for one okay? One dead GI for a hundred dead babies?

If the combat actions since Vietnam are any indi-

cation, the determining factor is television. The American public will accept any number of dead babies if they're just numbers in a newspaper. But if they're a pattern of colored dots on a cathode ray tube, then we

have to back off, a lot of GIs die, and we lose the war.

I was home on terminal leave when Lt. William Calley was being tried for the My Lai massacre. I was so outraged at what he had done, at the disgrace he had

brought on the U.S. Army, that I actually thought about putting on my uniform and going to Ft. Benning to blow him away. I was being retired of wounds, but I still had my .45, and I shoot pretty well left-handed.

I cleaned the weapon and sat looking at it for about four hours. I didn't do it, of course. It would have just been more of the same. Now I'm glad I didn't. I'd rather be dead than have Lt. Calley's dreams. ■

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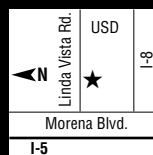
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derful. Thanks very much. No one noticed — my own attorney hadn't noticed, their attorney hadn't noticed, title

and escrow hadn't noticed."

Caldwell discovered the error in November of last year while on the way to Phoenix. "I came by here and saw the tattered remains of a notice of zoning noncompliance with building codes,

posted on one of the buildings," he says. "Mind you, escrow closed September 24, but I had received no copy of the condemnation. So I called county and I said, 'What is this about?' and they said, 'Who are you?'"

"We informed him," says Imperial County planning director Jurg Heuberger, "that, according to our records, which triggered a review, that showed that he, for lack of better words, thought he bought the parcel but in

fact had been given a different parcel by the seller. That required him to go back to the sellers and try to get things square. And, as of today, he has not submitted anything to us to indicate that he's actually got title to

the property."

Caldwell and Heuberger met in December. "I stated my intention that I wanted to refile for rezoning," Caldwell says. "He said that was fine, 'You will be working with this individual, and these are the fees, and this is the planning schedule.' He told me all of this. Then, a couple weeks later after that, I got the demolition order."

The demolition order, signed by Heuberger, stated that the buildings on the site would be razed unless they were brought up to compliance with building codes. "It was dated December 2," Caldwell claims. "Our meeting had been on December 3. And he made no mention of a demolition order at that meeting. The certified mail records show that it was not mailed from El Centro until 11 days later, the 13th. I can't help but to wonder if it even existed December 2, which I doubt."

"That property," Heuberger counters, "was actually condemned nearly a year ago, much before we ever knew he existed, and certainly before he ever bought it. When we met with him, we told him what the situation was, and we told him that we were going to continue on with the condemnation, but we would certainly be able to give him some time if he were indeed the owner."

Heuberger adds, "There's no doubt that the sellers knew that it was condemned because they actually filed an appeal on the first condemnation notice, then withdrew it."

Caldwell also has filed an appeal. "But we can't honor it until such a time as he's actually the owner," Heuberger explains. "When that happens, we would commence the appeal on the condemnation. It would go to the building board of appeals."

But Caldwell proving ownership won't necessarily save Miller's from the wrecking ball. He'll have to submit plans for renovation, Heuberger says, and they'll have to be enacted quickly. "There will be time limits," he says. "And then there's the land-use issue."

Within the past decade, that area of the desert was rezoned by Imperial County as

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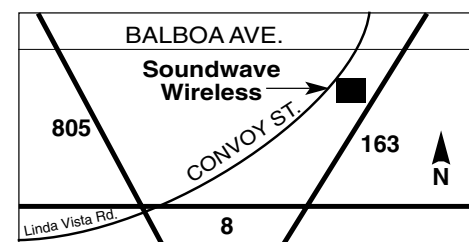


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residential. Therefore, the restaurant, gas station, and service garage that once flourished on this site would be against current zoning. "That area was there prehistorically, so to speak," Heuberger says, "before a lot of the ordinances and zoning. But it's been zoned for residential use for about seven or eight years now. But he could always apply for a zone change or something like that." And, after he's proven ownership, Heuberger says he's going to need to see some definite plans for the place from Caldwell before he stops the demolition. "He's mentioned some things, but they've not been solid," he explains. "He hasn't even sent a letter that says, 'I'm going to make this a retreat or a gas station' or anything else. It's just, 'Well, I'm going to get the house restored, I'm going to redo the garage, I may do an RV storage compound, I may do this, I may do that.' We said, 'Well, first of all, it's got to be in the

right zone regardless of what you do.'"

Caldwell complains that the rezoning of what is — other than the Miller's compound — open desert "seems so capricious and arbitrary." He uses the same words to describe the decision to raze a compound that has stood abandoned for 30 years.

"Well," Heuberger responds, "it's just gone downhill. Two years ago, that garage was virtually intact. I went out there personally about a year and a half ago, and I looked at that garage, and I thought if somebody came out here and cleaned the rest of the mess up and put a little bit of money into fixing the doors and the windows, the rest of the building was pretty good for a storage or garage-type building. But in the last 12 months the thing has been totally destroyed. It's also an attractive nuisance for migrants and people using the property for all kinds of purposes. It's a combination of being an eyesore, a public nuisance, and in violation of the codes." ■

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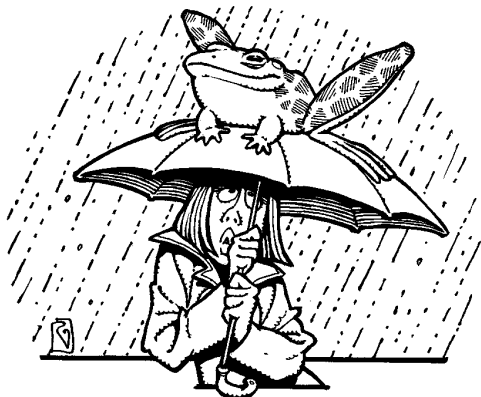
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— Mrs. Ingram, fifth-grade teacher

Now, if a tornado can pick up Aunt Em's house and blow it to Oz, don't you think it could pick up a crummy frog and blow it into the next county? It's rained amphibians and reptiles, trout, flounder, bass, carp, birds, snails, trucks, lamps, landscaping, appliances, Hummel figurines — just about anything that can be picked up. A tornado or waterspout Hoovers across the landscape, sucking up anything in its path. At some point, the debris is released from its grip and succumbs to gravity. None of this is news to science; the only mystery remaining, apparently, is how the frogs, fish, whatever, remain grouped together and aren't more widely scattered by the force of the winds.

Hey, Matt!!

My seniors have two important questions. How many times can you recycle paper, and is there dirt in Antarctica, or is it all ice?

— Linsey Kitchens, Grossmont High School

Hey, Linsey!! Can't send tomorrow's leaders into the world unprepared, can we. According to the technical association of the paper pulping and recycling industries, you can reuse old paper five to seven times before it craps out. This sounds simple, but how can you tell how many times a cellulose fiber has been processed? Luckily, the fibers check themselves out when their time is done. Paper is recycled by returning it back into its basic form — individual cellulose fibers — in big vats of water and chemicals. Young, studly fibers, on only their second or third go-round, maintain their long, springy form. Geriatric fibers are brittle and stiff and eventually shatter. These pieces are filtered out or skimmed off in the processing, before the new paper is made.

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— Mystified Mainer, the net

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Half-Baked Mail

I tried to avoid that question about "baker's dozen." But some of you have been moved to offer your own stale opinions. The thing I didn't say at the time is that no one's really sure what the term meant originally. But of course, that doesn't stop the word nerds from speculating. I wanted to spare you all the blather. But since this is blather sent in voluntarily, I assume you care more than I do. As I said last week, I'm not responsible for any financial losses or personal injury that result from bad facts you read here.

Varick, via e-mail, offers an explanation that is quite popular with official word nerds. "Back in the Middle Ages, cheating and short-changing had become so rampant in England that the king instituted...penalties for the crime.... The bakers, to ensure they did not incur the punishment, started adding an additional roll to the dozen. That way, they were sure there would be at least 12 in the bag." The word nerds' officially official version of Varick's story assumes the rolls or bread were sold by weight, not count, so the 13th loaf was added so the customer was not short-weighted.

Craig, also from emailville, says, "I was led to believe that a baker's dozen consisted of 13 so that the bakers themselves would have one to sample for quality before putting the rest out for sale. Could that be why?" Not a chance, Craig, since the 13th item is (by definition) given to the customer. I doubt that even in the sad and droopy Middle Ages anyone would want a loaf of bread with a big bite taken out of it.

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By Patrick Daugherty

The Last Good Day

Drove over to Vegas for the Mountain West Conference Basketball Tournament, which was a bad idea — make that a futile idea, since San Diego State was beaten in the first round, as I knew they would be. Visited friends for a couple days, became restless and decided — it being March and raining like hell — to drive over to Lake Meade, the Virgin River Arm, to be specific, and camp along the river, confident the area would be tourist-free. Can report I had the steak cooked before the monsoon hit. Two days, good books, no people, and one long, hard rain.

I should have stayed longer. I note that things have gone to shit since I’ve been gone. Junior Seau is fired, the Chargers are leaving town, and, according to our president, the war is set to start in — let me look at my watch — 30 hours.

It’s been a busy Tuesday morning around my personal battle station. I have CNN/MSNBC/FOX on the TVs and the British House of Commons (www.parliamentlive.tv/) on the Internet. The Brits are debating whether to war or not. Apparently, they still do that over there. My phone, fax, and e-mail are running at capacity, and yes, there is a sports column to get out.

Well, let’s get to it. The Chargers are moving to Los Angeles. Now, I’ve assumed everyone knew that, but then again, in a country where most people believe Iraq had a hand in 9/11, it’s wise to recheck assumptions. The Chargers’ L.A. move was revealed in May 2002, when the football club announced they had signed a five-year agreement to hold their summer camps at California State Dominguez Hills in Carson, California.

The Chargers have held summer camps at UCSD since 1976. That location is gorgeous. Players and staff have ocean views, ocean breezes, plenty of space, ample practice fields, all of it away from freeways and crowds, set conveniently near to the well-appointed Spanos Athletic Training Facility.

And so, having all that in place, why not pick up and move everything to the smoggy armpit of Southern California, now no longer one of those nameless civic parasites that glom onto the perimeter of Los Angeles, but — *tah-dah!* — introducing Carson, California!

And why would you do that? Because you love tacky mini-mall cities and unknown state colleges? No, of course not. You’d do it because “I never got a feeling it was a training-camp environment. I want this to be a whole, total football environment.”

So said newly hired general manager John Butler. He didn’t get a feel-good football feeling from the Chargers’ summer home of 26 years, and that’s enough to move the team, of which he is a mere employee, to the enduring swamp beast two counties up the coast.

Is that all there is to it?

Well, golly, maybe not. The \$100-million-plus training facility is being built by Philip Anschutz, who, besides liking pets and small children, is also the Anschutz of Anschutz Entertainment Group. Think Staples Center. Anschutz has been hustling *for years* to bring an NFL team to Los Angeles.

Spanos World saw what the Padres went through and realized that no matter what deal

they made with the city, somebody would sue them. Worse, there would be no sweetheart deal this time. San Diego has paid Spanos World more than \$25 million since signing the last Chargers deal, and frankly, too many people are angry about that. Besides, the city is broke, the state is broke, and God knows the country is broke.

Now, look a little ways north to the majesty that is Los Angeles. If somebody is going to give you a sweetheart deal on a new stadium, one with all the nice luxury suites and a guaranteed rotation into hosting the Super Bowl, well, bye-bye San Diego.

Psst! The fix is in. On both sides. The mayor and city council know the Chargers are leaving. The Chargers know they’re leaving. All the rest is a dance meant to fool you into thinking babies come from big, white wading birds.

Oops, Breaking News! *U.S. Has Allies!* Ari Fleischer, the White House spokesman, is

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on CNN. He says the U.S. has 30 allies but declines to divulge their names.

It’s finally come to this. This war is so discredited, the U.S. is so isolated, that its government won’t name its supporters for fear of embarrassing them in front of their own people. All the rest is a dance meant to fool you into thinking babies come from big, white wading birds.

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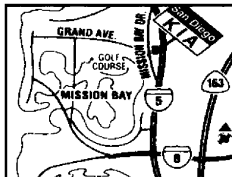
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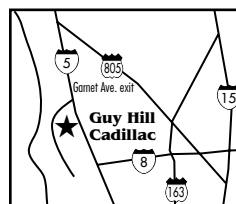
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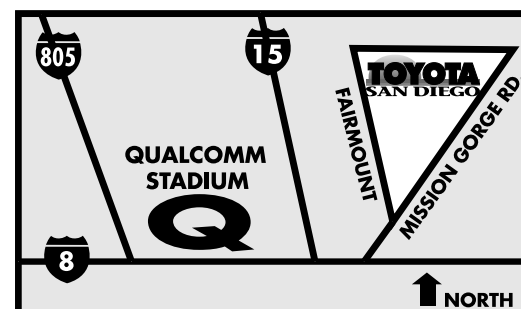
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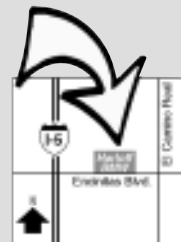
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Congregation: 250 families
Staff: 2 full-time, 2 part-time
Annual budget: \$400,000
Singles program: no
Diversity: American, South African, Mexican,
Israeli
Dress: dressy casual to dressy
Services: Sabbath morning worship, 9:00 a.m.

In the Enlightenment's aftermath, Modern Orthodox Jews took what Christians might call a *via media*, or middle path, between rationalism and faith. Modern Orthodoxy chose as its motto "*Torah u'maddah*," "Torah and Science." Modern Orthodox Jews hold that secular learning and other careful concessions to modernity are compatible with Orthodox faith and practice.

The Modern Orthodox, when they emerged, of course raised eyebrows. The Ultra-Orthodox disdained them for becoming too secular. Liberals criticized them for remaining too Orthodox. Modern Orthodoxy became the late 20th Century's most influential Jewish religious movement. Twenty years ago there was one Modern Orthodox synagogue in San Diego. Now there are five. The largest, with 250 families, is Adat Yeshurun in La Jolla.

Fifteen years ago, Rabbi Jeff Wohlgelernter, a product of East Coast yeshivas, started Adat Yeshurun with one family. By 1995 the congregation was large enough, and self-confident enough, to buy an \$863,000 parcel of land on La Jolla Scenic Drive. A year and a half ago, Adat Yeshurun celebrated the opening of its new synagogue, a hefty light-filled structure of concrete, glass, and finished pine. Last Saturday morning, rain pounded down on the barrel vaulted wooden roof, filling the synagogue with a soft pleasant roar. The rain knocked needles off the huge Torrey Pine in the courtyard and pelted the lavender and the olive trees surrounding the parking lot.

Adat Yeshurun has been designed so that when you walk inside, you see hundreds of books. Many editions of the Talmud. Scores of talmudic commentaries and commentaries upon talmudic commentaries. Bible commentaries. Biographies of great rabbis. Jewish histories. The crowded bookshelves make Adat Yeshurun feel more like a *beis midrash*, or yeshiva study hall, than a typical Orthodox synagogue. The effect is homey.

"My main job is education," Rabbi Wohlgelernter told me early last week. "I teach almost 30 different classes each week."

Many of the people who attend his synagogue weren't raised in Orthodox homes. One member I spoke with estimated that only 30 percent of Adat Yeshurun's families are *shomer shabbos*, or 100 percent observant of *all* the Jewish law regarding the Sabbath.

"Most of the others," this member told me, "are working their way toward becoming more observant. They're interested. They're learning. They affiliate as Orthodox. They're doing the best they can."

Adat Yeshurun's traditional three-hour Saturday morning liturgy is uncompromising. It assumes a solid working knowledge of Hebrew and a familiarity with Aramaic. Rabbi Wohlgelernter, built like a linebacker, speaks in a dialect informally known as *yeshivish*. It's of course mostly English, but you have to know some Yiddish, some Hebrew, and understand the way religious Jews from Eastern and Western Europe pronounce Hebrew, to grasp his finer points.

And yet, last Saturday morning, when I glanced up at Adat Yeshurun's women's section, I noticed that few of the well-dressed ladies sitting there covered their hair in keeping with normative Orthodox custom.

To navigate daily between modernity and faith, between covering your hair or not, keeping all the Sabbath laws or not, requires considerable intellectual and spiritual stamina. It requires a charismatic rabbi like Wohlgelernter to convince you that what you're doing has some forward momentum.

During his brief sermon regarding Purim, the holiday which started last Monday morning and ended last Tuesday night, Rabbi Wohlgelernter reminded us that we were living in times of great uncertainty. Purim, which celebrates the great deliverance described in the Book of Esther, is a holiday well-suited to such times.

"There are two ways to arouse God's compassion and mercy," Rabbi Wohlgelernter told us. "The first is when we fast, pray, give charity, and cry out to him for his help. It's like when any parent sees his child in pain. If your child gets hurt, you know how that immediately arouses your strongest feelings of compassion. It's automatic. It's profound. The second way is to express joy. When you see your child happy, when you

see your child express love, you know how that, too, arouses within you your strongest feelings of love, compassion, and mercy.

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After the service, everyone gathered on one side of the big open synagogue for pastries, donuts, cookies, crackers, egg salad, tuna salad, fruit juice, and single malt Scotch. I chatted with a South African physician who introduced me to a pulmonologist. I can't remember all the people who shook my hand and encouraged me to come back again. Well after the goodies were gone, we all lingered in the synagogue, talking and laughing, reluctant to wander outside into the downpour.

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I'm in my 60s, and there's a younger guy who works for me who I'm very fond of. He's smart and quite likeable but seems miserable much of the time lately, and I think I finally figured out why. "Jay" is gay and feels he has to hide this fact from his family, meaning parents, aunts, uncles, etc. He comes from a big, close-knit family, and over the years all his cousins have gotten married. Jay's 38 now, and I know his very conservative family keeps bugging him about when's he going to meet the right girl and settle down. He seems increasingly anxious about the whole subject. I'd like to give him some helpful advice. Don't you think he should tell his family about his sexual preference rather than continuing to live a painful lie, pretending to be straight for the rest of his life? Why should he have to hide his real identity from his relations? Do you think I should encourage him to come clean with his clan, so maybe he'll feel better?

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Dear Caring,

If you want to be a true friend to Jay, don't pressure him on this front. It sounds like he is already between a rock and a hard place. Coming out is a very personal decision. If Jay approaches you and wants to talk about this, be a good listener. But it's not really your place to bring it up. If he broaches the subject, you can be sympathetic and helpful without being directive. He knows his family better than you do and might have very sound reasons for his reluctance to share his sexual preference with them. Of course, in an ideal world, our families would always accept and adore us for who we are, but experience and reading the newspaper every day teaches that we are not living in a perfect world. Therefore we must sometimes make uncomfortable compromises. Let Jay make his own decision.

Dear Readers,

Here's a response to a letter printed in a previous column from "Ringin' off the Hook in Lemon Grove," who complained that her husband's ex-wife was barraging them with annoying phone calls.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I had to laugh at the woman who wrote asking for advice because her husband's "looney" ex-wife called too often. She could be talking about me! My ex is not much of a phone-conversationalist. In fact, in a recent family emergency it became clear that neither his mother nor his sister knew his phone number. No one calls this man "just to talk," so, why call? Well, there are kids involved. It just took me a while to realize that, despite protestations to the contrary, he doesn't really want to

know about suspensions, broken limbs, school achievements, upcoming events, signs of psychological troubles, a first homerun, or even that I'm rushing one of his sons to the doctor and need help. All of this information constitutes, in his and his wife's minds, "no good reason to call," because it interferes with their carefully crafted fantasy world in which the boys pop into and out of existence when they are with them every other weekend and reminds him of duties he's neglecting (many of which are then fulfilled by the boys' stepfather).

Since their dad has three phone numbers, I often call each multiple times because I can't reach him at any of them, and his response time (even in an emergency) is unbelievably slow. Whenever possible, I try to put the boys on the phone to convey the information, but adolescent boys are notoriously bad at that. Now, I understand his new wife's feelings of jealousy at hearing me on the phone. I was wife #3, and she is wife #4, and I know that each phone call reminds her that there were three other women who shared the same intimate relationship — even were called the same term of endearment on a daily basis (he's not a very creative man). Also, she is a jealous person, in general. However, there are better ways to handle necessary information exchange and discussions. The man could call his ex-wife on a regular basis from work, or when the wife is away, and discuss the kids' needs and well-being. An emergency phone-call system could be set up for times when kids are being rushed to the hospital or need to be picked up from school unexpectedly. Or, conversely, the man could admit that he does not need or want any information about his kids, and he's just as happy to have the stepdad pinch-hit for him all of the time. Either way, this would resolve the phone-call problem and assuage the new wife's jealousy.

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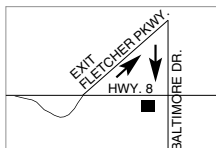
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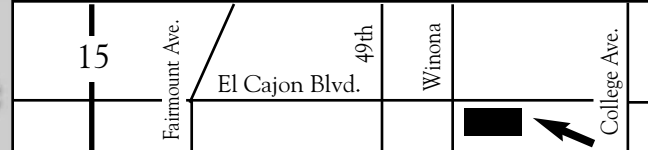
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I know, I know, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. I know that with three small children, it's just good sense to learn CPR. But, like buying a fire escape ladder for the upstairs, or installing deadbolts on the doors, it's one of those things that just didn't get done — until now. With summer weather riding up my tail fins and with it the prospect of many hours in the pool with the kiddies at my friend Bernice's, I decided to spend the money and the time and get it learned.

I met with Christine Gallagher, owner of Amerimed (619-469-7109), a company that specializes in CPR, First Aid, and Health & Safety training. It turns out I wasn't alone in putting CPR off. “A lot of people say, ‘I really want to do it,’ but when it comes down to it, if they're not made to do it, they don't do it,” she told me. “Most people call because they have to.” Classes for the public are generally held at the company's facility — evenings, weekdays, and weekends, usually taking between six and eight hours.

After a video and a Q&A session, it's on to the CPR training. “It's mostly hands-on. You practice all the procedures, some on each other, if you feel comfortable. We have adult-, child-, and infant-size mannequins. Some mannequins are hard plastic; ours are lifelike — soft with pliable faces.” The class emphasizes hands-on practicing because “if you panic and forget everything, your body can still remember. Once you start moving, muscle memory kicks in.”

The mannequins are cleaned thoroughly between trainees, but Gallagher pointed out that you don't usually get a clean victim to work with in real life. “Usually, when you find somebody unconscious, there's vomit, blood, saliva, or urine. It smells and tastes disgusting” — and it may be dangerous. “The two most common reasons that people don't give CPR are that they're afraid of being sued or getting AIDS or some other kind of disease.” California's Good Samaritan Law provides considerable protection against the first: “The person suing you has to prove negligence, abandonment, or intent to cause harm.” As for the second, “AIDS is unlikely, but if you have mouth-to-mouth contact with someone who has something like tuberculosis, you'll probably get it.”

To avoid this, Gallagher recommends the use of a barrier. She offers three models for sale: a pocket mask (\$20), which is equipped with a plastic apparatus into which you blow; a purse-portable barrier, which comes with Latex gloves (\$10); and a key-chain barrier (\$10). She favors the third. “The others are a little intrusive and won't work on small children or babies. The key-chain barrier fits all sizes, is super-easy to use, and you can carry it on your key chain!” The barrier opens to reveal a plastic shield that is held in place by an elastic hook over each ear.

Gallagher then descended into the nitty-gritty of CPR. “First, try to get the person to respond. If they don't” — if they're unconscious

“You fill 'em up with oxygen, then pump it up to the brain.”

and may require CPR — “have someone call 911. If you're by yourself and the victim is an adult, call first. The most common cause of cardiac arrest in an adult is a heart attack” — in which case they need to be jump-started by a defibrillator. “But with a child or infant, it's lack of oxygen,” in which case you need to get going with oxygen delivery via CPR, then call after a minute of care.

The first step in care is going through the ABC's. “A is check the airway, B is check for breathing, and C is check the pulse. You open the airway by tilting the head back like this,” said Gallagher as she worked on a mannequin. “That gets the tongue out of the airway. Then you look, listen, and feel for about three to five seconds. You're looking to see if the chest is going up and down, and you're listening and feeling for air. If there is no sign of breathing, then you give two breaths — now you need your barrier. On an adult or child, you pinch the nose; on a baby, your mouth usually covers both. You want to see a gentle rise of the chest — that way, you know the victim is not choking, because the air is going in.” (If no air

is going in — if the chest doesn't rise — you need to perform the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge whatever is blocking the airway. Gallagher's class covers this procedure for adults, children, and infants.) “Next, check the pulse — at the neck on adults and children; on the inside of the upper arm on infants. That tells you whether or not the heart is beating.

“From then on, you administer rescue breathing, which consists of one breath every five seconds and a pulse check every minute. This is done until the victim is breathing on their own or a trained professional shows up to take over. Once you start, you can't stop and walk away. That's abandonment, and they can legally sue you for that.”

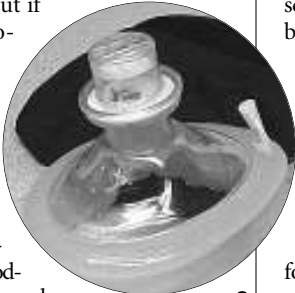
If there is no pulse, “that means the heart stopped. You have to give oxygen and then circulate it up to the brain by pumping the heart.” To find the pump spot on the sternum, Gallagher favors just “going right between the nipples. Put the heel of the hand on that spot. For adults and children, use two hands, lock your elbows, and use your body weight to push. You're squeezing the heart between the breastbone and backbone and that pumps the blood. You fill 'em up with oxygen, then pump it up to the brain. Give 15 compressions and then two breaths. For a child, give 5 compressions and one breath.” The procedure varies slightly for infants: the push-spot is one finger-width below the nipple line, and compressions are given with two fingers instead of two hands.

Amerimed classes run \$30 for CPR, \$25 for First Aid, and \$40 for both taken together.

Other prices around town: American Red Cross (619-542-7679): Adult, child, and infant CPR, \$48; First Aid, \$40; both taken together, \$58.

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Pothole Time

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“Trucks are made a little more sturdy,” Witucki continued, “but I’ve known axle spindles to break from hitting potholes. Lightweight passenger cars aren’t designed to take that kind of hit. The suspension also suffers. We see bent control arms, struts, and even some of the paneling under the car gets torn up from the potholes.”

Witucki laughed when asked how badly San Diego’s potholes rated. “With all the construction going on around here, there are more than enough potholes. Especially downtown. There are more potholes downtown, going down 11th or 10th — just about any street there are a lot of potholes and cracks. Eastgate Mall in University City is a really bad street.”

One of Witucki’s coworkers commented that the worst thing about hitting a pothole is “it makes you spill coffee on your crotch.” Witucki went back to listing the potential damage potholes can inflict. “Internal panels get loose and start rattling. If it hits your tires just right, you can get tread separation. Rims. They really hurt a lot of things.”

Roland Luque, 48, is the public works superintendent of roadways, street division, for the City of San Diego, a position he had held for two and a half years when we talked last spring. “I’m

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Tim Witucki



Pothole; exit from Mesa College lower lot, Marlesta Drive

in charge of the street and sidewalk system,” he told me. “We have five superintendents here in the street division and each with a major part of the division to oversee. In my division, I’m in charge of 102 people.” A native San Diegan, Luque had worked in road maintenance for 23 years.

San Diego potholes. “We take all the requests from all the ways they come in,” said Luque. “It can come from citizens calling in, from another department, and even from our own folks out in the field. We use SAP software — it’s very powerful and tracks all the work that we do, whether it’s

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street maintenance, street repair, sidewalks, traffic signs, signals, street lights, street trees — all those types of functions are in the database.

“Through our own folks and the calls that notify us, we are constantly updated. In 2001, we patched 42,000 potholes, but those are the ones we knew about. How many more are out there, I don’t know.”

Repairing the simplest potholes doesn’t require any preparation, and they can often be filled in about 15

the drive lane, where a tire hits it, then, for us, that’s something that’s really important to fix. Then you have other areas of deteriorating asphalt, where there are a series of potholes or there’s been a water-pipe break, and that makes the asphalt ripple. Now you’re talking about a big pothole.”

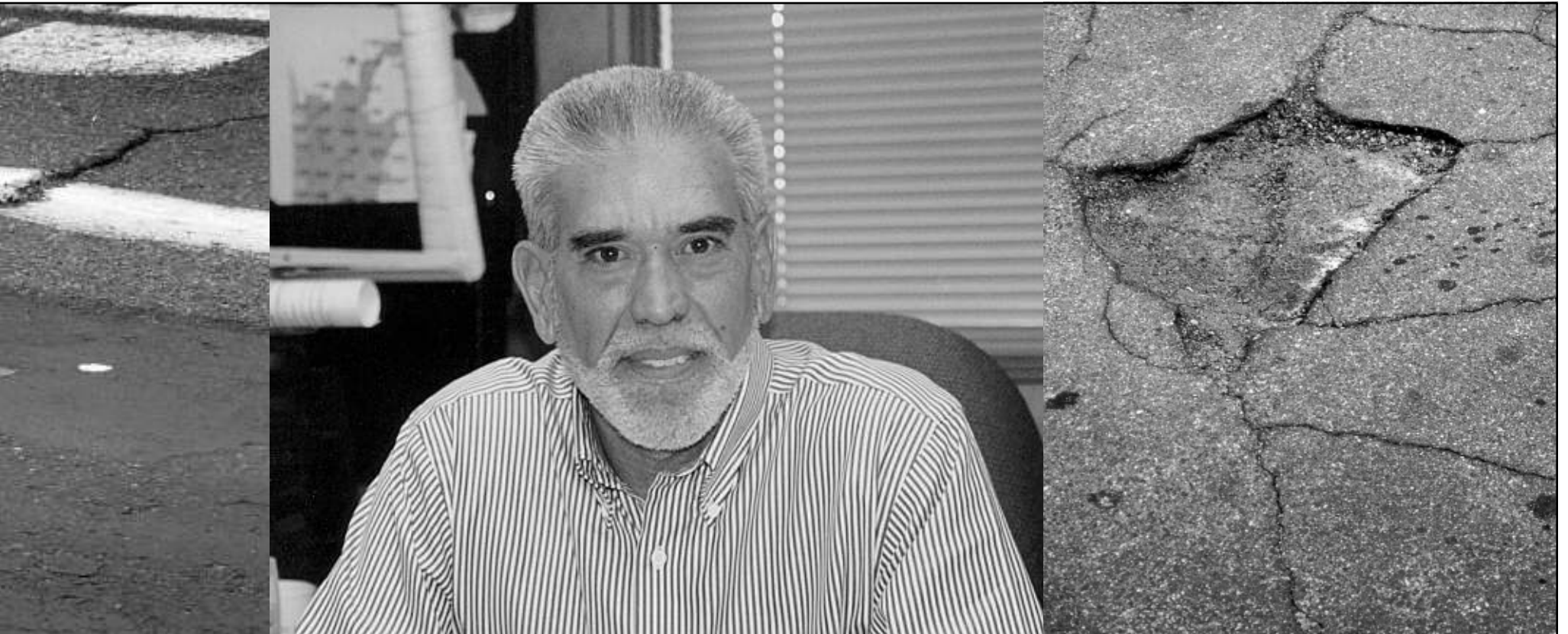
Another factor in pothole repairs is the material used to surface the street. “For the most part, we have oil-based black asphalt,” Luque said. “Then we have concrete, which is gray or whitish in

longer, but there are also some negatives to concrete; particularly that it’s very expensive. Back then it was much more reasonable.

“The great thing about concrete is that its design life is 60 years. The average design life of an asphalt street is 20. Now the only time we use concrete is when the grade of the street is steep enough to where asphalt won’t work. But most of the neighborhoods that still have concrete were built between 1918 all the way through the mid-1930s. The

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disturb it — and all of our utilities are in the street, which is a problem. We don’t overlay concrete streets with asphalt. What we do is replace panels, because we can’t take out a whole street of concrete and put it back again. When they replace utility lines on an asphalt street, they dig a big



Roland Luque

Pothole caused by spalling, Ibis Street

minutes. Larger potholes take longer, especially if workers must clear away debris or loose material, which may require a jackhammer. “If you’ve got a smaller divot in the surface, that’s pretty easy to fix, depending on where it is,” said Luque. “If it’s right in

color. Many years ago, concrete was used extensively for a variety of reasons. It was used by the WPA [Works Progress Administration] under Roosevelt when they were expanding the infrastructure of a lot of our roads. It’s a lot stronger than asphalt and it lasts a lot

downside is that concrete is not made to mess with. You get these ‘expansion joints,’ where the panel is broken up so it’s allowed to expand and contract with the weather, which causes the little tapping sensation you’ll get driving over it. But you don’t want to

trench and put in the new pipes and bring the trench up and restore it. On an asphalt street, they’ll do maintenance on the street while they are there: they’ll get a slurry-seal coating or resurface it with a new layer of asphalt. But with concrete, there are no mainte-

nance options. So in the older neighborhoods with concrete streets, they would fill the trench with concrete, and even though it's a different color, that's the way they're going to leave it. But they're supposed to leave it smooth enough so that the driving surface is decent."

A variety of factors play into the creation of potholes. Since the average design life of asphalt is 20 years and much of San Diego has been developed in the past couple of decades, the pothole problem has been growing since the 1980s. The biggest factor, however, is weather.

In Eastern cities, the phenomenon of freeze and thaw creates



Pothole, India and Washington Streets

pothole nightmares, as the subbase expands and contracts, causing "subbase upheaval," according to Luque, and as the moisture that has intruded into

the asphalt particles expands and contracts, causing the pavement to fracture. Further compounding the problem back East is the salting of roads

during snowfalls. "The salt particles become embedded into the pavement," said Luque. "The corrosive nature of the salt strips the liquid asphalt from the

aggregate. It's like taking away the glue that holds everything together. Secondly, the expansion of the built-up embedded salt particles combined with moisture fractures the pavement."

In San Diego, the biggest contributor to an eruption of potholes is a rainy winter. "When it comes to asphalt streets, rain is your worst enemy," Luque said. "In San Diego, we're in a desert, but we still get our fair share of rain. In the road-maintenance business, we jump up and down and cheer for dry winters! The drought conditions, given the resources available for us to do our job, help us to not get further behind.

When we have a really wet season, the water will find every weakness in the asphalt structure and it will pop. It's called 'spalling.' Once you introduce moisture, that's when the asphalt will start to break up."

Another factor in pothole creation, says Luque, is the weight of the vehicles that pass over a street. "That's called 'vehicle loading.' We could have millions and millions of passenger cars going all over the streets of San Diego every day, multiple times, and it wouldn't bother us at all. One bus or one truck is another problem. Just one 18-wheeler is worth 3000 cars. When our roads were designed, I don't think

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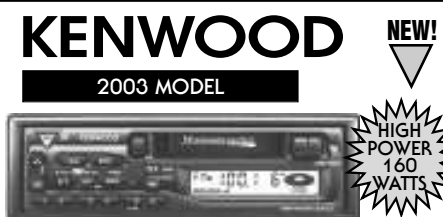
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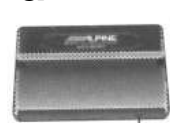


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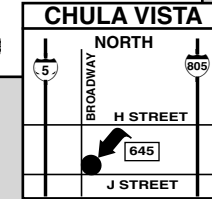
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the designers ever envisioned articulating buses — those are the buses that are actually two city buses joined at the center like a caterpillar. That type of what they call ‘concentrated vehicle loading’ on the surface of the street causes a lot of problems for us — not only asphalt failure but potholes in general. Where buses stop at the bus stops, you’ll see where we’ve put big pads of concrete, because concrete is a lot harder. We are trying to develop programs to put bus pads at all the locations where buses stop, but there are tens of thousands of locations where they stop. It’s a constant problem for us, because the asphalt

will shove. It looks just like the ocean — there are waves, because the weight of the buses has ruined the subbase structure and the asphalt has moved.”

Another, lesser, cause of potholes in San Diego’s mild climate is heat. “We do get some heat expansion,” Luque says, “because sometimes it gets kind of warm here. We don’t get a lot of it, and it doesn’t affect our concrete streets as much as it does our sidewalks. Every once in a while you’ll see how heat expansion just pops the panels up. They can rise as much as four feet. It’s the strangest phenomenon I’ve ever seen.”

Older parts of town are more likely to



Gene Matter

be pocked with potholes. “The populations are more dense in older areas — they’re not like subdivisions in Rancho Bernardo or Peñasquitos,” Luque said. “In North Park,

they may take out 2 bungalows and put up 15 apartment units. Now you have 15 families living there, whereas in 1942 you had 2. You can’t stop progress, and next to

water, construction is asphalt’s worst enemy. “Anytime you disturb the street surface, it’s never going to be the same. Whether it’s putting up a new restaurant, new housing, or those lofts that are going up in Little Italy — they all need brand-new gas lines and feeds for water. Downtown is in this constant state of flux. There are also a lot more buses and commercial vehicles making deliveries downtown.”

The street division competes with other city services for its budget. “There is no average-sized pothole,” Luque explained, “but we have to come up with some kind of figure, otherwise how

would we match resources to do what we need to do? The figure we use for the average pothole is \$32 to repair. I could never find us enough money to fix them all.

“In the [2001–2002 fiscal] year, our budget was \$765,000,” Luque continued. “[In the current fiscal] year, it’s up to \$778,555, but that’s mostly for increased labor costs and inflation. As far as resources to fix the problems, there is no increase. We’ve been at static levels for the last few years. That’s where it starts to get a little political, but I’m more of an operations guy. I have to take what’s available to me and try to do the best I can to serve the public. If you

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asked everybody in the different divisions, they will all tell you that they are always begging for more money, because they can't do everything they need to do. Now, elected officials have a hard job, because they have to figure out how to allot the money. I mean, we have to buy fire hoses, we need more policemen on the street, we need to build playgrounds. We need all these programs to take care of all these needs of our customers, and I'm just one of those needs. I need money to fix the streets and keep them in good shape. It's a constant battle.

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We have general-fund money. We have TransNet money [from a half-cent sales tax] and money from federal and state programs for road and bridge maintenance. But my

general-fund money is the same money that buys policemen to put on the street or do other things."

Eight pothole-repair crews serve the city of San Diego.

"Each crew can repair as many as 15 to 20 potholes a day," Luque says. "But it depends on how big they are and how many tickets [service requests] they have." In the midst of

the El Niño rains of March 1998, then-mayor Susan Golding claimed that the city normally repaired 16,000 potholes annually. She said that crews had recently repaired 6000 in three weeks, including 1300 in one day.

"Customer" is the term Luque uses when talking about city residents. He has respect for the customers' needs, and he tries to convey that to his staff. According to Luque, every neighborhood gets equal attention. It's a myth, he says, that upscale areas get preferential treatment. "That's a misconception that's been around for many years. We service all the communities and listen to all the

citizens, regardless of what neighborhood they're in. Are some communities better organized? And is their voice louder because they're better organized? Possibly. Do they get better service for that? In the way I go about my business, I'd say no. I treat everybody the same, because everyone has their needs. Take La Jolla: Is that an older part of town? Yes. So do they sometimes get service because they are older? Yes. But so do San Ysidro and parts of Kensington and North Park. In the same respect, most of Rancho Bernardo is newer, so we get less calls for there. But it's not based on economic levels. I grew up here, and I know the streets of this city like the back of my hand. I know where some of the problems are, and I think I can make a difference. We're not here drinking coffee and playing cards."

Complaints get attention, Luque says, but not enough people bother to make them. He described how complaints are processed. "We've been online for about two years with our system,

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which allows us to take a lot of information and organize it better. Our goal is to fix 90 percent of the potholes within 48 hours, and we've met that goal for the last two years since we've gone online. If you call on the phone, it goes into the computer. If a pothole is set as a priority because it is an extreme safety hazard, then it is radioed out to a crew and it's usually patched in half an hour. If the pothole is more of a standard or routine hole, then it falls into 90 percent of our requests, which are fixed in two days.

"If I look at this like a regular guy and not a city employee," Luque said, "I can understand how some people get very upset about potholes not being repaired. I once

had to call Chase Manhattan Bank in New York. I think they have a 75-story building, and I must have worked my way up every floor by speaking to a phone on each floor, trying to get to the right person that could help me. In our case, I think when people say they have had to yell loudly, it's possible that they have moved around a lot of government departments and they lose their patience, because each time, someone transfers them on the phone, and some of the city employees aren't quite sure who to get in touch with. I think that's where the frustration level really sets in. Someone may say, 'I'm tired of all this, I'm calling the mayor.' That's fine, you can call the mayor, but I don't



Jay Waelder

think that's the fastest way to get it done. All of our trucks have a bumper sticker with the phone number for reporting potholes. I speak at community meetings throughout the year, and I'll take stacks of cards with the

number and ask people to pass them out to their friends. If you have trouble or think you got the runaround, we can track who you talked to, when, what they said, and what they promised you. It's all in the computer."

The pothole line is 619-527-7500 (one can also report broken traffic signals and downed street signs here and request other street services; the phone book lists the number in the government section, under City of San Diego, Streets). Once someone calls in a pothole report, a staff member enters the pothole into the computer. "They try to ascertain how bad the pothole is," Luque explained. "Is it a safety hazard? Are there children around? They will set a priority for it, and it is automatically sent to the proper maintenance supervisor for the proper area of town. It is then lined up in the worklog of requests, and we can approach it and fix the pothole. If a lot of people call about

one location, that will bump it up in priority, regardless of what priority we originally gave it, because it's affecting a lot of folks. If ten people call in on the same pothole, we try to get out there and see what's going on. But if a pothole is not in a drive lane or in the way of any pedestrian traffic, it can sit there for months."

Although most potholes are repaired in the daytime, a night crew is available for emergencies. "We have somebody on call 24 hours a day — not just for potholes, but for accidents where somebody knocks over a sign or a tree limb is blocking the road in a storm. We use a special type of asphalt that can be used in the day or night, dry or wet. It'll stick to anything, but



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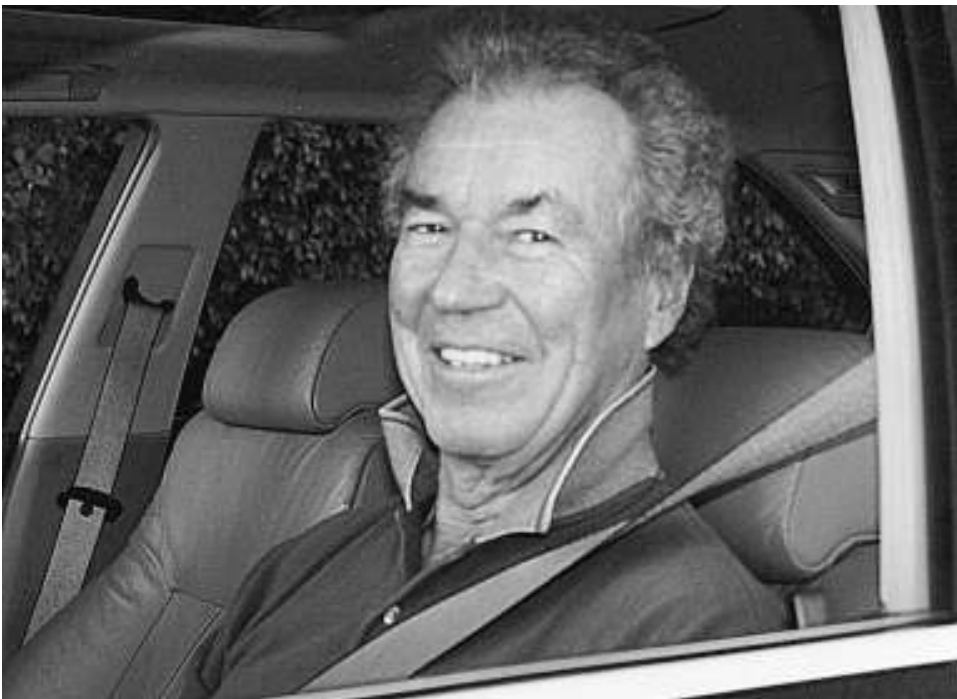


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Without an increase in the street division budget, Luque said, “the only other thing we can do to improve is to try to be more efficient at patching potholes. We have a new machine — we’ve had it a couple of years — that allows us to repair potholes using only one person rather than an entire crew. But it only works with certain potholes, the kind that don’t have to be prepped. It’s a big truck with a snorkel on it. The man in the cab can bring the snorkel over the hole and fill it in. It’s called the Roscoe Automated Patcher, and we’re one of the first cities in the nation to use it. We’re finding we can get a lot more done with these and it’s safer. You never have to leave the cab of the truck. Right now we have three. We also have heated-patch trucks — they’re more conventional — they keep the asphalt warm and have jackhammers.

“We don’t think of a pothole patch as temporary,” Luque continued, “but there are other things that can make it temporary. It’s never that people don’t care or are not doing their job right or using the right materials. Some repairs last for years. Other times, because there are other filled areas around that are loose, it can last three days, then pop out.



Ben Cherski

“Most people don’t believe us, but if we pass a pothole on our way to a location for a reported repair, we don’t drive over it. We stop and fix it. The problem is, by the time a call gets to my department, people are often very upset and frustrated. You’ll hear this same story again and again: ‘I’ve driven

over this pothole five times, and if I have to drive over it again, I’ll really let somebody know!’ My point is, if you’d called us after you drove over it the first time, you’d only have to drive over it maybe once or twice more before it would be fixed. I want the public to know, as soon as you see a defect, call it in. If we mess up, if it falls through the cracks and we don’t fix it, then call and yell at us, but don’t drive over it every single day and get mad at us because we haven’t fixed it yet.”

The potholes that result from wear and tear are only part of the equation. A larger number of potholes are caused by “trenching” — digging trenches to repair or replace sewer and utility lines. When trenches are refilled, they often sink below the level of the street.

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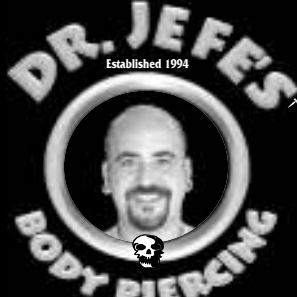
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tion of trench potholes lay along a one-block strip of India Street between Spruce and Sassafras Streets. The uneven surface annoyed not only the drivers but also the businesses on the street. Rich Crawford owned Prestige Motors, a high-end car dealership on that block. Crawford made no attempt to hide his disappointment with road maintenance. "There are times when I'm driving certain portions of our highway system and I feel like I'm in a third world country. Here we are, one of the most envied nations in the world, yet sometimes our infrastructure would lead you to believe otherwise. I would think that the contractors that work for the city could be a little more diligent when they put up temporary steel plates — particularly



Sunken trench surrounding gate valve cap, Sutter Street

when you're driving at night. They could put up a placard or temporary light to warn us. You can do severe damage to a car's suspension or undercarriage just hitting the plate at the legal speed limit. You can see it in the daytime, but at night, you can't. You could be going the legal speed limit and literally bot-

tom out a high-performance Porsche, BMW, or other car with a nice suspension — or any car. "I'd like to think that the city and county would have the presence of mind to coordinate the utilities to use the same trench once," Crawford said. "But oftentimes they will have one utility trench,

put in their services, then dig up the very same trench and put the second utility in. I've seen this happen three or four times, where a road is dug up continually and the interruptions impact everybody: drivers, business people — there are safety issues, stability issues, and, most importantly, cost

issues to the taxpayers and utility companies. For the life of me, I cannot understand why they cannot coordinate. I understand that they have to be at different depths and all that, but they should coordinate where the deepest-depth utility can come in and lay, then have the next company come in, and get it all done at once. Redigging the street two, three, or four times is unconscionable, and if I or any other business owner ran their business that way, we'd be out of business. When you think about it, we're all taxpayers and so we all pay for this foolishness and mismanagement. The traffic engineers say, 'Well, we can't force the utilities to work together,' but that seems like a real waste of resources."

Gene Matter, an associate civil engineer for the street division,

has worked on street maintenance for over a decade. According to Matter, the construction crews that refill the trenches can do a lot to prevent the development of potholes. "The most important thing is compaction. Poor compaction when they are doing trench restoration causes a lot of problems. A lot of the utility companies, whether they're city entities or private, don't compact the materials properly. If the material is not compacted enough, it will settle over time. The street above it will tend to deteriorate and you will get water infiltration and the material will sink. Many of them surround gate valve caps — the metal caps that are smaller than manhole covers." A gate valve, Luque explained later, "is like a faucet handle. It is used to turn on and off

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Matter continued, “I can show you 40-year-old streets — concrete or asphalt — that have not been trenched that are in really good shape. I can show you other streets that have been trenched, even concrete streets, and they’re in terrible shape. If the pothole surrounds a gate valve cap, we don’t have the responsibility to repair it. That’s another entity’s work that they should be responsible for. You don’t want your gas tax dollars spent to correct something that your water bill should be paying for. The water bill includes paying for the maintenance of the water infrastructure.”

Like his boss, Roland Luque, Matter was frustrated by the lack of public concern for infrastructure. Our interview took place last year the day after the city council’s budget hearing for street maintenance. “It was a bummer. Nobody showed up from the public to talk about the importance of street

maintenance. Last year, two people showed up to talk about street maintenance. We had more people show up to talk about the public library system than street maintenance. There were about 40 people there to talk about the library.” The proposed street-maintenance budget of \$778,555 for fiscal year 2003 had been approved.

Bill Fair, 59, a public works supervisor for the street division, has worked in construction for 30 years. According to Fair, trenches are the culprit in 70 percent of street repairs. “Potholes are usually just weak spots in the asphalt, or where water found a seam to get under there and deteriorate the subbase. In the past few years, with all these fiber optic and telecommunications trenches that they’ve put all over town, they’ve created seams for the water to go in and undermine the base material.”

At 9:15 on a Monday morning, Fair and his crew, Gary Hosford and Malcolm Richardson, headed downtown to 10th and B. There had been complaints of a nasty pothole at the



David Rieber and Linda Brown

Burger King, where the drive-through exit met the street. Upon examination, the pothole appeared to be two inches deep, but Fair said that was enough to upset a car’s suspension and annoy a driver. A second pothole nearby had not been reported.

The crew would fix this one too.

After the heated-patch truck had stopped near the pothole, Hosford took a hose with a special nozzle and sprayed the pothole with an emulsion-bonding agent. The truck’s hopper

contained three tons of hot asphalt. The back door from which the material was emptied looked like the entrance to a furnace; when the door was opened, pungent smoke emerged. A conveyor belt dumped about 250 pounds of


asphalt (a small amount) onto the street, and Hosford and Richardson scraped the material over the pothole. Richardson used a shovel and Hosford used a “lute” — a rake designed for this purpose. Richardson had coated the shovel with an oily soy-based substance to prevent the hot asphalt from sticking. A push broom was used to keep the asphalt from drifting into the lane, where it would create more bumps in the road. The men worked quickly while also dancing around traffic. A steady stream of cars exited the drive-through, and cars coming off 163 raced past. Only two orange cones diverted vehicles out of the far left lane where the men worked. Fair pointed to a puddle of water near

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the curb, evidence that the potholes had been caused by poor drainage from the businesses on Tenth Avenue.

After Richardson and Hosford had created the "skin patch," Richardson turned on a motor and detached a portable heavy roller from the truck. He sprayed the roller with the soy-based substance. Fair emphasized the importance of rolling over the asphalt to compact it — a task that took a special skill. Too much or too little rolling would ruin the job. Correct com-

paction gave the asphalt more strength. Richardson manipulated the roller as if it were a power lawnmower. When he was finished, Hosford took a coffee can filled with sand and shook the sand over the patch to make it dry more quickly. The entire process took nine minutes. Fair estimated that the patch would be completely dry in one hour. As soon as the first patch was finished, they got to work on the second. Fair was not a stand-around supervisor, as proven by his willingness to shovel

asphalt with his crew.

Richardson had been repairing San Diego's streets for four years. "Sometimes we get people yelling at

respond." When asked what the meanest response he ever had from a citizen was, Hosford, a nine-month veteran, said that he

ful that we are here."

As Fair looked over the job, he said that the patch would probably be temporary. He pointed to the concrete trench patching all over the street. "This street really needs to be milled and repaved." When a street is milled, it is ground down with a large machine to remove the failed street surface. "I don't know when this street is scheduled for that," Fair continued. "They schedule them when they get the money. And a lot of streets are on utility-hold. They know that there are

certain underground utilities that need to be repaired, and we now have a system in place where we can call and make sure we don't do any work where there's going to be a repair."

While city crews get paid to repair potholes, other crews get paid to create them. Julio Martinez worked for the Ortiz Corporation, a private construction company that had contracted to lay new sewer mains throughout the city. Of course, neither Martinez nor his crew intended to create potholes. Martinez said his

"We already have significant cracking going on, the resurfacing job was really substandard."

us," he told me, "asking why we took so long to fix a pothole. Some people come out and thank us. A lot of them are really surprised at how quickly we

couldn't repeat it for publication. "We get responses almost daily. Some of them are nice, but we get our share of angry people too. A lot of people are just grate-

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company worked hard to prevent trenches from sinking. "We take soil samples and do compaction tests with inspectors. We're very aware of soil compaction, and we try to do the job right."

Last spring, at the intersection of Sutter and Ibis in Mission Hills, a 3½- by 6-foot pothole, 3 inches deep, surrounded an SDG&E valve cover, the result of a trench that had sunk. Drivers making a right turn from Ibis Street went straight into the pothole. As they drove by, some cars moved to the left, avoiding the pothole. Others made a loud *clunk* as they plowed into it.

Jay Waelder's house sat across from the intersection. Waelder, a construction manager, said he felt frustrated about the pothole but had low expectations about anyone repairing it. "It's probably been there for about eight months. It's kind of fun watching the cars go up and down as they drive through. I haven't called the city because the hole is there as a result of an SDG&E gas-line repair. They didn't recompact it well enough and do the patch right. I haven't called SDG&E either. If you take a look up and down the street with what the city does with the sidewalks, you can see that the general standards are low, so the pothole seems like a pretty minor thing. People driving by here can go 45 miles per hour, so it can get hairy as people get a little out of control."

Waelder's neighbor, Dr. Thomas Johnson, was equally disgusted with the condition of the street. "It's probably been there for the last year, year and a half or so. It's a result of the street work they've done and the sewer. They've actually dug it

up several times since then in the last year. I haven't called anyone about the pothole. We have trucks out here all the time from the city. It hasn't personally caused me any problems. I notice the cars

that hit it, but it's a pretty common occurrence around here. Most of the streets are in pretty bad disrepair."

In this older area of San Diego, the original concrete streets have been paved over with

asphalt. "When you consider that this street was completely repaved just a few years ago and we already have significant cracking going on, the resurfacing job was really substandard. It's deteriorated in a very

short period of time. Most of the neighborhood went up between 1910 and 1920. My home was built in 1918. If you look down at the asphalt job, you can see how it's created a shallow curb." Dr.

Johnson watched a car approach the pothole without slowing. "There he goes, right over the pothole."

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face was not lasting as long as it should have," Luque explained, "due to combining two different types of pavements, one flexible, one rigid." Another problem was that "adding three inches of asphalt over the existing concrete surface tended to change the drainage characteristics of the street. In a major storm event, flooding could occur. Also, the expansion joints from the concrete surface reflected up through the asphalt surface creating cracks and an uneven, noisy driving surface."

Another neighborhood resident found the pothole on Sutter Street annoying but took it in stride. "There's another pothole as you're coming up Washington and turning off to University — it's at the far side of the right lane. If you hit it, it'll take your axle out."

Ben Cherski had just driven over the pothole. He didn't seem upset, especially as he compared it to another experience. "About a year ago, up in Del Mar, I was driving home at night with a couple, and we get

this terrific crash. And I don't see anything on the road — no markings, not anything else. So the next day I went

to a new development. No markings, no anything else. If a motorcycle had hit it, the driver would have

department said that it was a contractor and they had no obligation, no responsibility whatsoever. There was no way at night you could have seen that thing. It was dead flat with no markings at all."

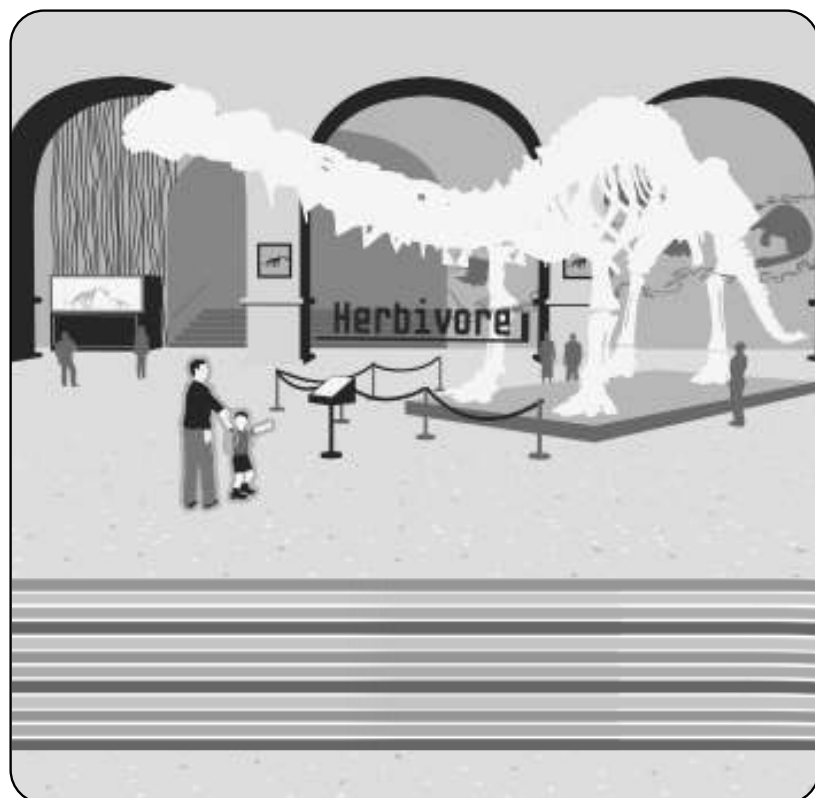
While most potholes don't stand out in one's mind, an area with bad roads is remembered, even after the roads have been fixed. A limousine driver claimed that La Jolla Boulevard was one of the worst areas in San Diego for potholes, but a drive through La Jolla proved that the road had been

paved over and smoothed. Two deliverymen from Jerome's furniture store thought that University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard had the worst pavements in the city. When I drove east on University from I-15 last spring, the street was heavily patched and bumpy. There were a lot of potholes, but the city was resurfacing the street in sections. Many of the potholes were elevated or sunken manholes or valve covers recessed below the pavement. Past Euclid Avenue, the situation improved.

While 30th and the other busier streets were paved over with asphalt, the neighborhood side streets were still concrete.

out and took pictures of it. There was a hole at least that big [he holds his hands two feet apart] where they had run a water con-

killed himself because he would have lost control. As it was, it cost me about \$600 in damage to my car. I wrote the city, and the water



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The city's strategy seemed to be to keep the busy streets in good shape and allow the side streets to stay blighted. The signature clue was the newness of the pavement: the blacker the asphalt on the main street, the worse the condition on its side streets. Turning off University onto 52nd Street, I found the surface once again cracked and bumpy, especially in and around intersections where drainage flows were prevalent. Trojan Avenue between 52nd and College was particularly bad, with a two-inch-high elevated patch in the eastbound lane that could easily throw a speeding car out of control in this residential area. From College Avenue to the west, El Cajon Boulevard was being resurfaced, making what was once one of the bumpiest areas in the city relatively smooth. The resurfacing ended at Fairmount Avenue, where a huge cement patch sat right in the intersection. Besides the plethora of old, sunken patch jobs, El Cajon Boulevard was covered with spray-painted markings made by various utility companies for repair work.

A convenience store clerk said that Adams Avenue had bad potholes, but Adams Avenue was near the completion of its own repaving. Antique Row, between Park Boulevard and 30th Street, was still rough, but the road crew was moving westward. In Normal Heights, the avenue was smooth and black, until you took a side street. Thirty-Sixth Street between Mountain View Drive and Adams Avenue was bumpy except for the portion that crossed Adams Avenue. South past Adams, the street looked smooth, but it

sent the car up and down with its hidden bumps — an example of why the city stopped covering concrete streets with asphalt.

Back on El Cajon Boulevard, I encountered a huge patch in

the westbound right lane that was elevated on one side and sunken on the other. Complementing this was a sunken gate valve cap at least four inches below the pavement. When I asked a

motorist stopped at the intersection if this was one of San Diego's worst potholes, he told me I should look downtown.

Exiting 163 South to Tenth Avenue, I could not avoid the

potholes. The street was scarred for several blocks with a long concrete patch, complemented by other patches, fissures, cracks, sunken manhole covers, sunken valve covers, and eleva-

tions in the asphalt. Every lane offered a bumpy ride. The long, uneven trench patch got worse farther south. Eleventh Avenue was no better. A right turn from Market to Ninth guaranteed a



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plunge into a pothole bordered with cracked asphalt.

Luque's claim that the city took no regard of an area's economic status seemed to hold true — at first. Driving eastward on Market Street or Imperial Avenue past I-5, I found relatively good pavement. But when I made a right on 30th Street, the pavement

turned bad. A long, uneven trench patch ran for several blocks, and the rest of the street had cracks and rises. While 30th and the other busier streets were paved over with asphalt, the neighborhood side streets were still concrete. The cracked and patched concrete streets had not survived their 60-year life expectancy well.

Ocean View Boulevard running east from 30th was in very poor condition, with lots of potholes, particularly in front of the Health and Human Services building. After I crossed the bridge over I-15, the pavement improved, until I turned off onto a side street. Thirty-Sixth Street was cracked and pockmarked. Two particu-

larly nasty potholes awaited southbound drivers approaching Logan Avenue.

The communities of Southcrest and Shelltown, along the National City border, are among San Diego's poorest neighborhoods. As I examined the horrid condition of the streets, I wondered if they were so bad because the city didn't

care or because community residents — many of whom don't speak English — don't call the city to complain. The intersection of Newton and Goodyear Streets had a recessed manhole cover at least three inches deep. This had the potential of cracking an axle, in a neighborhood whose residents could least afford the repair.

Shelltown's streets were the worst I found in my search for potholes.

Although the older sections of San Diego tended to have more problems, particularly since more maintenance had been done throughout the years, newer areas were not immune to the pothole phenomenon. The side streets off Balboa Avenue and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard showed signs of age. Many of them were patched and bumpy, although there had not been as much trenchwork here as in the older sections. Genesee Avenue winds from Interstate 5 in La Jolla all the way to Linda Vista. Eastgate Mall in the Golden Triangle had lots of bumps and potholes as it headed west from Genesee to I-5, and then it improved. Another Genesee side street is Marlesta Drive, which leads from Tecolote Canyon into Linda Vista. It is also the back way to Mesa College parking lots. Exiting one lot, I found a round pothole before the stop sign that was 16 inches in diameter and 3½ inches deep. Most of the drivers who plunged their tires into it didn't seem to mind, probably because of the slow speed at which they made contact. One young woman driving through it in a Blazer 4X4 said, "What pothole?" Examining the exit from inside the parking lot, I noticed that the pothole was only part of the problem. The pavement was uneven and chopped with a bad patch, most likely something campus security would prefer to keep as a makeshift speed bump.

San Diego Avenue in Middletown seemed under a special curse. The center northbound lane approaching

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Washington Street had a pothole 25 by 54 inches, 3½ inches deep at its lowest point. A result of spalling, the pothole had a "tail" that curled into the right-hand lane. The pothole was always filled with water. Uphill is a Mobil station with a car wash and the India Street Art Colony, which has seven restaurants — all of which drain in the pothole's direction. Since its position was downhill, an alert driver could spot it and swerve away, but others did not.

Sharon, a Mobil

station attendant, was aware of the pothole. "It's been there such a long time, I couldn't even tell you. No one complains on my shift. But things get stuck in it. It's all wet and muddy and yucky. It's pretty deep. I don't think the car wash is responsible, because none of our water passes our entrance. It could be from them cleaning up the parking lot at El Indio. They're always doing roadwork or plumbing work around here, and everything comes toward us."

Betty maneuvered

her new Nissan Infiniti around the pothole as she came to a stop. "I'm aware of it. I drive by here frequently. I become aware of it when I get close and slow down."

David Rieber, a Mission Hills resident, avoided the pothole as he approached the stop in his Toyota Camry. "I drive by here every day. It's been there for about two months. Previous to that, it had been patched, and prior to that, it had been a pothole for about six months, and prior to that it had been patched." Rieber had

never called the city to complain about a pothole. "I really don't notice all that much except for this one."

Rieber thought political pressure was an effective tool for getting streets fixed. "We had a real bad paving situation in front of our house for a long time. After repeated phone calls to the city street department, after months of no action, we finally called a city council representative, and practically overnight, the situation was taken care of. It was Byron Wear's office. The paving near

the curb had deteriorated to the point where there was a crevice six inches deep."

Rieber's companion, Linda Brown, was less hopeful. "The city just doesn't respond. We also had a water pipe leaking in front of our house. It was our next-door neighbor's, but it rolled down in front of our place. We saw someone from the water department out working and asked about repairing it, and he said it was the street department's problem, and the street department argued that it was water's. It was at least

six months before they fixed it, and we called every day. We went up and down the street to get other people to call. It was wasting thousands of gallons of water, and it went on for months. It was finally resolved when one of the new city council candidates came knocking door to door. Our neighbor complained directly to him, and he did something to take care of it. It was Faulconer. They complained directly to his face, and the paving crew was there practically the next day." ■

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Before World War I, Congress passed the National Defense Act of 1916. The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC), which offers military training to high school students, was thus created.

First Lieutenant Fritz Garcia has been in JROTC for three years. He's 18 and is in the 12th grade at Morse High School.

Do you have family that's in the military?

“No, I don't.”

Why did you join JROTC?

“Well, actually, I joined JROTC because my friend forced me into it. In the beginning, all of us stayed, but at the end of the first year I was the only one that actually stayed. The rest of them quit.”

Are you ever singled out in a good way because of your uniform?

“Sometimes the teachers tell us how good we look with all of the medals and how our uniform is straightened out and ironed.”

Ever singled out in a bad way?



Fritz Garcia

“Yeah, most of the time by other students, because they don't understand what it's like to be in JROTC.”

What's the most rewarding aspect about being in JROTC?

“Being in a team and belonging to a group of people.”

Most difficult aspect?

“The first year, because you are going to have to go through rigorous training and marching and all that stuff. And the heat, of course.”

What privileges do you have that your non-JROTC classmates don't have?

“Being disciplined. Teachers rely on us because we are in JROTC, and they think that we are more of a leader than those other people.”

How has JROTC made you a more disciplined person?

“I've been doing more homework...and in the classroom I'm not talking most of the time.”

Has JROTC made you more aware of world politics?

“Actually, I was in touch with world politics before joining JROTC.”

Who did you want for president: Bush or Gore?

“I didn't really care, but I was going for Gore because he had more experience as vice president.”

Do you believe initiating a war against Iraq is worth the risk?

“I think it is worth the risk because Iraq may have nuclear bombs that can kill many people.”

Do you believe North Korea is a threat

that must be dealt with now?

“Yeah, because if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. North Korea isn't part of the solution; it's part of the problem.”

What is being threatened more by Iraq and North Korea: citizens of the U.S. or U.S. democracy?

“I believe the citizens of the U.S., because no one really knows where or when they're going to attack in the U.S.”

Would you be willing to go fight in Iraq?

“Yeah, of course, to protect my country. This is my country.”

Do you plan to join the military after graduating from high school?

“Actually, I plan to go to military school so I can be an officer, and I was planning to join the Army.”

Fifteen-year-old First Sergeant Arlene Dacio is in her second year of JROTC. She's a sophomore at Morse.

Do you have family that's in the military?

“Actually, I have a lot of [family] in the military. My godfather was in the Navy for around, I think, almost 13 years, and my dad had been in the Navy for, I think, probably 8 or 9 years.”

Why did you join JROTC?

“My brother inspired me to be in JROTC because he was in it himself, and also my sister was in it, and just



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Arlene Dacio

seeing them in their uniforms made them look important."

Are you ever singled out in a good way because of your uniform?

"Sometimes, it depends... When we have performances, there are certain uniforms for our teams, and then I'm singled out because I'm on drill team and so I wear, you know, a unique kind of uniform that singles me out, and I'm kind of proud of it because it's the Morse colors."

Ever singled out in a bad way?

"For JROTC, on certain uniform days, if you don't wear it on that day you have to wear it the next day, so that kind of singles you out in a bad way because you're wearing it by yourself and you're not wearing it with the battalion."

What's the most rewarding aspect about being in JROTC?

"The most rewarding aspect about being in JROTC besides [the fact that] you get really close friends in JROTC, I believe, is experience; because you get to know what it's like to talk to actual officers and go to competitions and deal with, you know, basically, a really big challenge."

Most difficult aspect?

"The most difficult aspect about being in JROTC is, well, right now I think it's the reputation; it's, I don't know, honestly, with everything that's going around — yeah, we're disciplined and everything, but it's just that some other people in high school don't think that JROTC is a good program, but it really is. It's hard to try to defend JROTC when

people are thinking it's like that, but it's not."

What privileges do you have that your non-JROTC classmates don't have?

"Well, our privileges are we get to wear the uniform, which is a privilege because, you know, it points us out. Other privileges are that we learn more about the military than other people. We learn more about worldly issues and we also learn about mentoring and leadership and, you know, other people don't really learn that."

Has JROTC made you a more disciplined person?

"JROTC has made me more disciplined because, before, I wasn't really good in school and now it's really helped me organize. Before, I was, you know, a little bit of a slacker and now I'm a perfectionist; I have to get everything done, and I've been more disciplined. I keep my bearing more because when it comes to serious things, I am serious. When it comes down to certain deadlines or something that I have to do, I'll do it, and it's really helped me to balance having a good time and being serious."

Has JROTC made you more aware of world politics?

"When I first got into JROTC, I believe it made me more aware of world politics. Because, for JROTC, every month there's kid of the month, and it's an award and you go up against other people, and I went up and we had to read the newspaper and memorize it; memorize certain things in it, like worldly issues, and it's really helped me because I've just started getting into the newspaper and it interests me to know what is really going on."

Who did you want for president: Bush or Gore?

"I really didn't care; I'm not into politics." *Do you believe initiating a war against Iraq is worth the risk?*

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“Honestly, I don’t think it’s worth the risk because I believe that war is bad, and that if you do cause war, it really doesn’t solve anything. And I don’t really know why we’re having all these issues with Iraq. I don’t like it at all.”

Do you believe North Korea is a threat that must be dealt with now?
“The stuff with North Korea...I think it should be dealt with now because we already have issues with Iraq, so we might as well get North Korea

over with.”
What is being threatened more by Iraq and North Korea: citizens of the U.S. or U.S. democracy?
“I think it’s U.S. democracy, because I don’t really know what’s going on be-

cause [the government isn’t] telling me anything. But I know that the citizens of the United States are just following what the government is telling us, so that’s what I think.”
If you were 18, would

you be willing to go fight in Iraq?
“No!”
Do you plan to join the military after graduating from high school?
“I want to stay in JROTC for four years since this is my second year, and I do want to

join the military. It’s just that I have to see what my other goals are.”
What branch of the military?
“I want to either join the Navy or the Army.”

Roxanne Joy Olegario, 17, is in her last year at Morse. She’s been in



Roxanne Joy Olegario

JROTC for four years and holds the rank of C/major.

Do you have family that’s in the military?

“Yes, my brother has been in the Navy 8 years, and my father was in the Navy for 22 years. He’s retired.”

Why did you join JROTC?

“My brother and sisters have been in the JROTC program, and that is why I decided to join.”

Are you ever singled out in a good way because of your uniform?

“Yes, by teachers, because of various medals and ribbons.”

Ever singled out in a bad way?

“Yes, by other individuals [students].”

What’s the most rewarding aspect about being in JROTC?

“Being varsity unarmed drill team commander and deputy commander.”

Most difficult aspect?

“Doing a lot of paperwork for the Army instructors.”

What privileges do you have that your non-JROTC classmates don’t have?

“I get to decide what teams participate in invitational drill meets.”

Has JROTC made you a more disciplined person?

“Yes, because of the way the program is being run.”

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Has JROTC made you more aware of world politics?
“Yes, because you have to know what’s happening around the world when being inspected by the drill directors.”
Who did you want for president: Bush or Gore?
“I wanted Gore for president because of his political views.”
Do you believe initiating a war against Iraq is

worth the risk?
“Yes, because it is a way to ensure every U.S. citizen’s safety.”
Do you believe North Korea is a threat that must be dealt with now?
“Yes, because they have more nuclear weapons than Iraq.”
What is being threatened more by Iraq and North Korea: citizens of the U.S. or U.S. democracy?
“U.S. democracy is be-

ing more threatened, because through our democracy we affect the pride of every U.S. citizen.”
If you were 18, would you be willing to go fight in Iraq?
“Yes.”
Do you plan to join the military after graduating from high school?
“I plan on joining the Air Force after I get a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry.”

Cadet Captain Alanna Es- guerra, in her third year of JROTC, is 17 and in the 12th grade at Morse.
Do you have family that’s in the military?
“My Uncle Rene and Uncle Lohmi are in the military. My Uncle Rene has been serving for 19 years, and my Uncle Lohmi has been serving for 21 years.”
Why did you join

JROTC?
“My best friend Mariel convinced me to join JROTC, and I also wanted to experience a challenge.”
Are you ever singled out in a good way because of your uniform?
“When I was taking my ASVAB test, I was wearing my uniform because it was uniform day, and there was a recruiter there. He came up to me and said, ‘You

make the uniform look good; I’ve never seen anyone with a sharper uniform than you.’ That made me happy.”
Ever singled out in a bad way?
“I was never singled out in a bad way because of my uniform.”
What’s the most rewarding aspect about being in JROTC?
“The most rewarding aspect of being in JROTC is learning

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Alanna Esguerra

leadership characteristics and learning to use them in everyday situations.”

Most difficult aspect?

“There is no difficult aspect about being in JROTC.”

What privileges do you have that your non-JROTC classmates don't have?

“The privileges I have are having a staff room with my own desk and a supply room to work in.”

Has JROTC made you a more disciplined person?

“Yes, it has helped me be more disciplined; I know what my capabilities are.”

Has JROTC made you more aware of world politics?

“Yes, but I was in touch with a little bit of politics before I joined JROTC.”

Who did you want for president: Bush or Gore?

“I wanted Gore for president.”

Do you believe initiating a war against Iraq is worth the risk?

“No, it is not worth the risk because our economy is already going down and we haven't even begun the war yet.”

Do you believe North Korea is a threat that must be dealt with now?

“I don't believe North Korea is a threat that must be dealt with now because we have to focus on one problem and that problem is Iraq.”

What is being threatened more by Iraq and North Korea: citizens of the U.S. or U.S. democracy?

“U.S. democracy, because [Iraq and North Korea] are attempting to bring down the United States and not the citizens in general.”

If you were 18, would you be willing to go fight in Iraq?

“No, I wouldn't be willing to fight in Iraq.”

Do you plan to join the military after graduating from high school?

“No, but I plan on joining the military after college. I plan to enter the Air Force.”

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Jaypee Punzal, also a 17-year-old 12th-



Jaypee Punzal

grader at Morse, has spent over three years in JROTC.

Do you have family that's in the military?

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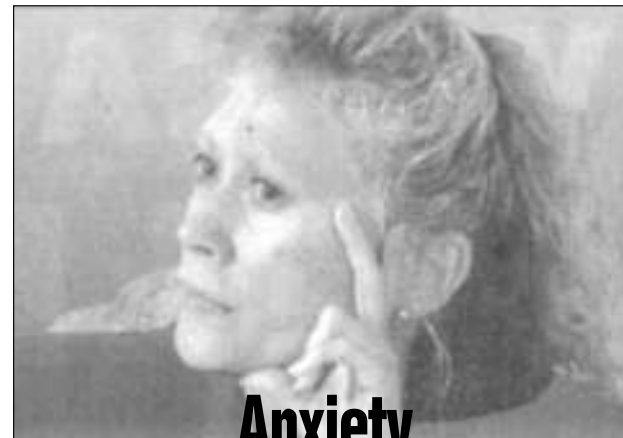
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cousins are in the military: Air Force, Army, and Navy.”
Why did you join JROTC?
“Basically, I just looked at how they conducted themselves and what made them different between regular people, and I wanted to experience what they experienced.”
Are you ever singled out in a good way because of your uniform?
“Yeah, all the time. I’m always singled out because every time I’m in my uniform people always get this impression. They always look up more to me like they expect more out of me.”
Ever singled out in a bad way?
“Not bad as in people-wise, but then just by

the crowd; like, by kids. You know kids, they mock, but that’s the only bad thing.”
What’s the most rewarding aspect about being in JROTC?
“Probably the most rewarding aspect to me is the self-fulfillment. I’m helping out others at the schools and also giving leadership and also maybe bringing some future military people for our country.”
Most difficult aspect?
“Probably the most difficult aspect is maintaining school, because once you’re active in the JROTC life, it’s like your own kind of family; so, to be active with JROTC and school is hard to balance. That’s probably the hardest thing.”
What privileges do you

have that your non-JROTC classmates don’t have?
“I got plenty of privileges. I get my own locker, I get my own desk to work at, we have our own microwave and refrigerator for drinks and soda, and we get to represent our school.”
Has JROTC made you a more disciplined person?
“No doubt about that, because what we learn with JROTC is that you need hard work and discipline and that you just have to follow your part. You know, if you come into the JROTC service as undisciplined, they teach you how to be disciplined because you learn later in life that that’s what you need in all aspects of jobs and school and whatnot.”

Has JROTC made you more aware of world politics?
“Basically, it’s the same before and after, but I learned more insight about how it is being a soldier and what else you need to do...and the morale of a soldier, like, what they think of and everything else.”
Who did you want for president: Bush or Gore?
“I like Gore just because he’s a Democrat and Bush to me is not a very good speaker and I favor Democrats.”
Do you believe initiating a war against Iraq is worth the risk?
“I believe that it’s worth the risk, because what the United States always does is we always set the precedents, and if we initiate war it will show that there’s no tolerance

from America, and this will cause other countries to be scared; therefore, we will always keep them in check.”
Do you believe North Korea is a threat that must be dealt with now?
“I believe they should be dealt with. Not immediately, but they should be dealt with because, just like the situation with Iraq, if we leave it to just let it die out and come back in our face again, then it might explode. I don’t think we should have a two-front war, but then I think that after Iraq we should deal with Korea.”
What is being threatened more by Iraq and North Korea: citizens of the U.S. or U.S. democracy?
“I say probably U.S. democracy, just be-

cause, to me, us Americans don’t have that much to be afraid of, but our democracy and what we stand for and what we believe in is what is mostly threatened.”
If you were 18, would you be willing to go fight in Iraq?
“That’s a hard question, but if I had to answer right now, yeah, because I love my country.”
Do you plan to join the military after graduating from high school?
“I don’t plan to, just because I want to go to college, but an aspect that I’m looking for is going into JROTC in college and to hopefully become an officer. Maybe I’ll either go into the Army or the Navy.” ■
— Brian Lawless, Morse H.S.

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DOMESTIC SPY

I HAVE BEEN GOING TO OPEN HOUSES FOR SOME TIME NOW. I do not go looking for a place to move; I rarely visit places I could ever hope to afford. I do not go for decorating ideas; I will not be replacing my mishmash of slowly acquired piecemeal furniture anytime soon, and I do not have the time or the inclination to “update a room’s look” for fun. I go because I like to look. There is undoubtedly a measure of how-the-other-half-lives curiosity about it, and there is plenty of nostalgia involved as well. People say they miss the seasons back East; I miss the blocks of modestly priced two-story houses full of wood floors and double-hung windows and high ceilings and gorgeous woodwork. All these things meant “house” to me, and I like to walk about in such places, see echoes of my old home in “old” California Craftsmans and Spanish-style manses.

I also visit open houses out of amazement and delight that it can be done — I can walk through another person’s home. Though the houses are usually cleaned to better than “company’s coming” perfection — not

a stray toy in sight, not a crumb on the counter — I get to see, in some small way, how someone lives: the art on the walls, the books on the shelves, the videos beside the television, the stuff in the pantry, even

the clothes in the closets. It doesn’t matter that I don’t actually know whose material life I’m taking in — in fact, it’s better that way — all that matters is that it is someone’s.

Once, however, I *was* looking for a place to live. I bought my first house off an open house — walked in, walked through, and said, “This is it.” Though I had an agent, Betsy Bowers of Prudential Real Estate, I was still driven to find a place myself, and I did. In doing so, I was the exception. “One of the things about holding open a really nice house is it inspires people to move,” says Bowers. “But really good, bona fide business off an open house? I’d say you would maybe have 300 or 400 people come through the house before you would get one who was going to

work with you. Statistically, [the number of houses sold off open houses] is very, very low.”

So why hold it open? Why make your home a tourist destination if it probably won’t lead to a sale? “There are two reasons to hold it open. One is to expose it to potential buyers who may be out driving around and whose agent didn’t show them the house for some reason.” Bowers happens to be acting as the agent for the people selling her childhood home on Titus Street in Mission Hills, and she notes, “I’ve had two people get interested in that house whose agents didn’t show it to them. They told their agents they didn’t want freeway noise” — the 5 sighs in the background; such is the price of the downtown/harbor view — “but then they loved this house so much, they started thinking they could live with the freeway.”

“There used to be this hideous saying in real estate: ‘Buyers are liars.’ It’s an awful thing to say, because they’re

not. They just don’t really know what they want or what they’re willing to do to compromise. They’ve told you one thing, and then they buy another. It’s a process; they discover that they’ll give up this because they want that. A good friend of mine had to have a pool, and he had to have four bedrooms and a big yard, and

“She was letting him lead the way, but when it came down to it, she was the one calling the shots.”

he would look anywhere from Point Loma/Ocean Beach to San Carlos. I kept finding things that fit the criteria, and nothing was working out. Finally, one day, his wife ended up calling me, and they bought this itty-bitty two-bedroom

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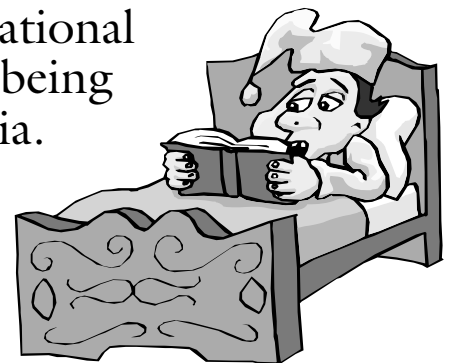
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house in OB with no pool. The whole thing for her was she wanted to be near her parents, who lived in the neighborhood. She was letting him lead the way, but when it came down to it, she was the one calling the shots." So, you hold your house open in the hopes of opening a buyer's eyes to what they really, really want.

The other reason has little to do with the property in question. "Partly, realtors hold open houses not to sell the house, but to pick up new clients — other listings, buyers" for other properties. This is the reason for the ominous sign-in sheet that agents often shepherd you toward upon your entrance into an open house. "The seller has requested that you sign in," says the agent, so you feel obliged — this is their home, after all. The least you can do is let them know who traipsed through. But even if the seller requests it, it's the agent who wants it.

Bowers doesn't bother with the sign-in. "I don't see the point. People can put whatever they want down there. Unless you're going to check ID, they can say, 'I'm John Smith and I live on A Avenue.' I have found those lists to be a waste of time in terms of follow-up — if you don't connect with people at the time, get an appointment with them while they're at your open house, you're never going to see or hear from them again."

In her early days as an agent, "They would try to train us to get names and numbers and go back to the office and immediately call them all. We'd call them all, and nobody would be home and nobody would call us back. I have not, in 18 years, found a list of names and numbers to be of any benefit to me at all.

You'll find that the people that have been doing this the longest are the least likely to be making people sign in. It's the newbies — they're doing what they've been told to do."

But while she doesn't believe in signing in, Bowers does believe in holding open houses, in part because of one big fat stars-aligning-in-the-heavens experience years ago: "I'd had this big, expensive house [A] listed for a long time. I was

holding open another house listed by my office [B], because if these people could get their house sold, they were going to buy my listing. In walks this person that has to have the house I'm holding open. I list their house [C], sell this house [B], and those people buy my house [A]. The prices were like \$385, \$485, and \$725. And then I sold another house off a contact made at that open house for a half-million dollars."

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caravan on Tuesday. "Plant flowers," she said, and my wife installed rows of this and that wherever possible. "Get rid of your pictures; the more empty flat spaces and the fewer signs of your family, the easier it will be for someone else to imagine living there." So we wiped our house clean of ourselves, until it had less individual character than a page from the Pottery Barn catalog.

Now, Bowers claims to have softened — she'll allow family pictures, but she still suggests clearing the fridge of magnets and children's masterpieces. And she will still comment if a house's

decor shows a little too much...personality. "There are houses where we go into the house, and there is too

much nudity — on the walls, figures, that kind of thing." Would you ever say anything? "To my clients, I

would."

I sympathize. Even on my exploratory tours, I like to look at signs of life, not

"There are houses where we go into the house and there is too much nudity — on the walls, figures, that kind of thing."

Street house, I'm going to have 100, 150, 200 prospects through the door." And she ventures to say, "Whoever buys the Titus Street house is going to be someone who saw it on an open house.

and went home to hang up the For Sale sign.

Bowers was also my agent when I sold my first house, and I remember the frantic weekend of preparation before the agents'

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full-blown proclamations. I think of a judge's home office in Del Cerro, whose computer was on but asleep, his screen saver flashing one bikini babe after another. I think of a master bedroom in deepest Kensington, one of those homes right on the ridge above Mission Valley. On the wall, in enormous, gilt-framed glory, a Varga pinup girl lying on her back and clad in the sheerest black lace, her head thrown back in ecstasy, her impossible figure jutting out in several directions. So hard not to wonder about the point of such a display — something for the trophy wife to check herself against? "How am I holding up?"

For the bored husband to glance at in an attempt to get his engine running? A demarcation of the bedroom as erotic space? "Here be sex" instead of the ancient maps' "Here be dragons."

But better (worse) still than the Varga girl was the upstairs master bedroom in Rolando where my wife and I (and many others) discovered a series of professional portraits of the lady of the house when she was a blushing bride. Except she wasn't blushing — we would have been able to tell if she was. The portraits captured her, except for her billowy veil. None of the portraits was explicit, but they were certainly sug-

gestive — the bride, seated on the floor, looking back over her veiled shoulder with a smile. The effect was not the anonymous, mysterious (who are these people?) sexuality denoted by the Varga; this was My Personalized Sexy Space. Hard to imagine taking up one's own love life in such a room.

After I bought my second house, I stopped going to open houses for a long while. There was no point, I told myself, and my Sunday afternoons were better spent elsewhere. But after a year or two, I started stopping here and there — one at a time, just for fun, mind you — especially in Mis-

sion Hills, long my favorite neighborhood and also the site of Mission Hills Nursery, where my wife likes to shop. Gradually, I got the bug again, and now, here I am, a full "Sunday, 1-4 p.m." in front of me, heading down Washington to see what there is to see.

First stop, a 5/5 (bedrooms/bathrooms) on Goldfinch, just a half block north of the first house I ever hoped to buy, the brick one on the corner of Goldfinch and Bush. (Back then, the agent was very gentle in letting me know that it was well out of my price range; he mainly stressed the importance of getting prequalified with a

lender so as to "get an idea of what I could afford.") Bowers said that anything under 900K tended to fly off the page in Mission Hills, but this is Mission Hills below Washington, so perhaps things aren't moving quite as fast here. After three months or so on the market, the house is down almost 50 grand from its original list price — \$849,500 instead of \$899,000. At 2959 square feet (out of a 4539-square-foot lot) the flyer boasts that the house costs a mere "\$287 per square foot!"

The two-story 1913 Craftsman leads with charm, charm, charm — white picket fence, blooming front yard, brick driveway, those

lovely old Mission-style window frames. Inside is more charm — oh, that porte cochere, those fir floors showing their ancient nail-heads, those French doors between living and dining rooms! Those alcoves off the front bedrooms, lit by sunlight pouring through fascinating trapezoidal windows! Those period Arts-and-Crafts light fixtures! The old pleasure in fine old houses warms anew.

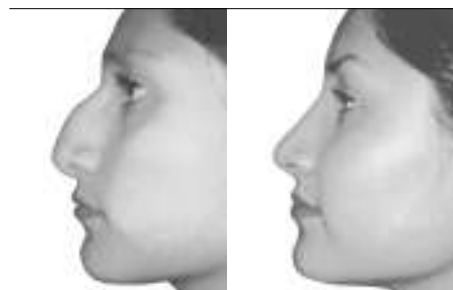
But the period chandelier in the dining room hints at what the kitchen confirms: this is not simply an older house, not even an "updated" older house. This is a total remodel, the kind that is bought to be

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fixed up and sold. There is a uniformity to the color and decor that says that great swaths of work were done at the same time — no piecemeal upgrades here.

Naturally, amendments have been made for the modern taste. The kitchen has been allowed to maintain its antiquated tininess (10' x 11') but has been stuffed with a checklist of amenities: granite counters, maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances, and Travertine floors. The house was originally a 4/4 with what counted as a spacious back yard by city-home standards. But there was no family room for children, toys, and media entertainment centers; and no gigantic (14' x 20' as opposed to 14' x 13') master bedroom with accompanying bath and walk-in closet. Two of the upstairs bedrooms had their own baths, but neither was large enough for the near-mandatory "over-size Jacuzzi tub and over-size shower," outfitted with not-so-mandatory "double waterfall showerheads." So the owner built back into the yard, creating two tasteful, fairly well integrated (wood floors, stone — Travertine! — fireplaces, more period light fixtures) rooms and leaving a cozy-shady square of back yard around an enormous alder. Next to the back yard, a "refinished" garage: drywalled, painted, brick-floored, with yet another period light hanging down from the rafters.

It is pleasant enough to imagine living here. But after a while, the un-lived-in quality of the house begins to sink in. A bed is covered in financial paperwork — surely no one will sleep here tonight? One becomes conscious of just how white all the walls are, how blank the canvas has been made for the prospective buyer. (The master bath, a study in taupe, is anonymous in an off-white sort of way.) One notices the similarity of materials in three of the original (restored) bathrooms and the failure of the period light fixtures to quite mimic their wrought-iron forbears. Though black and dully metallic and properly shaped, they hint at something insubstantial, something lightweight. They are reproductions, not

replacements.

"You know they're serious when they bring Mom back," says the realtor to the owner, who is present. "Mom, you'll be down here [in the downstairs bed/bath room]..." The owner talks

to a couple about the house next door, as the three of them peer out of the French windows in the kitchen. From what he says, I guess that they're asking if it is about to undergo a similar remodel/resell. "Actually,

she's owned that house for about 35 years. Now she's having it painted. They took all of that rock — like Palm Springs — out of the front yard. She's redoing the house. She has all these children in their 30s, and they're

redoing the house for her..." I'm curious to see what becomes of it; it sounds so much more personal.

North of Washington now, along one of Mission Hills' main drags: Fort Stockton. Another Craftsman,

built 1915. Single-story this time and on a larger lot — 6800 square feet. The price is only \$879K, despite the location, and it's not hard to see why. Besides the fact that it's smaller (2117 square feet), it's something of a

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camel — the addition that takes this from a 2/2 to a 3/3.5 is bumped up to the back of the house in a two-story hump. Still, for all its exterior oddity, this one feels even more Craftsman once you step inside. There is almost more wood than white on the walls. Delicious curves of oak coving between wall and ceiling, still-intact double-hung windows covered by narrow-slat shutters made from the same wood as the win-

dow frames. Built-in glass-fronted bookcases. Built-in hutch in the dining room, wainscoting up to my neck, a built-in settee under the window.

The kitchen has been remodeled, but it was a while ago; the roosters-and-pears country French wallpaper makes me think of the '80s somehow. A wood-topped island has a functional but not commercial air — no stainless steel in sight. I like the pullout cutting boards

very much — they're the real deal, nice and thick and heavy and solid, the sort on which you could actually chop a chicken.

Back beyond the original house, back into the newish "hump," the color scheme shifts from woods and yellows to white walls, ice-blue trim and sky-blue carpeting. Up front is the showplace, back here is where people live. There are pictures of children, and pictures by children,

lace curtains instead of shutters, the home office, the family room with the big-screen TV. Though more solid than many newer homes, the addition feels a touch worn. One bathroom dates from just before the ascendance of wall-to-wall earth tones: pink and beige, a herald of things to come.

Up the stairs is a master suite with a similar just-yesterday feel: huge enough bedroom, but a bathroom

in which everything is rectangles and squares — none of the diagonals so common today. The toilet has its own little room, and the Jacuzzi tub is appropriately gargantuan, but the pale blue grout between the white tiles pulls the space back in time. A TV, VCR, and boom box sit on a desk facing the bed — no media center here. The most interesting thing is the poster hanging in the stairway: Bosch's *Garden of Earthly*

Delights, surely the most eclectic display of nudity one could use to decorate a bedroom. That great festival of revealed flesh, flanked by the sparse bliss of heaven and the torturous horrors of hell...

Because of the larger lot, there is more yard left here than on Goldfinch, despite the larger addition; the grass is satisfactorily lush and gorgeous for Mission Hills. The garage is still just a garage — a place for

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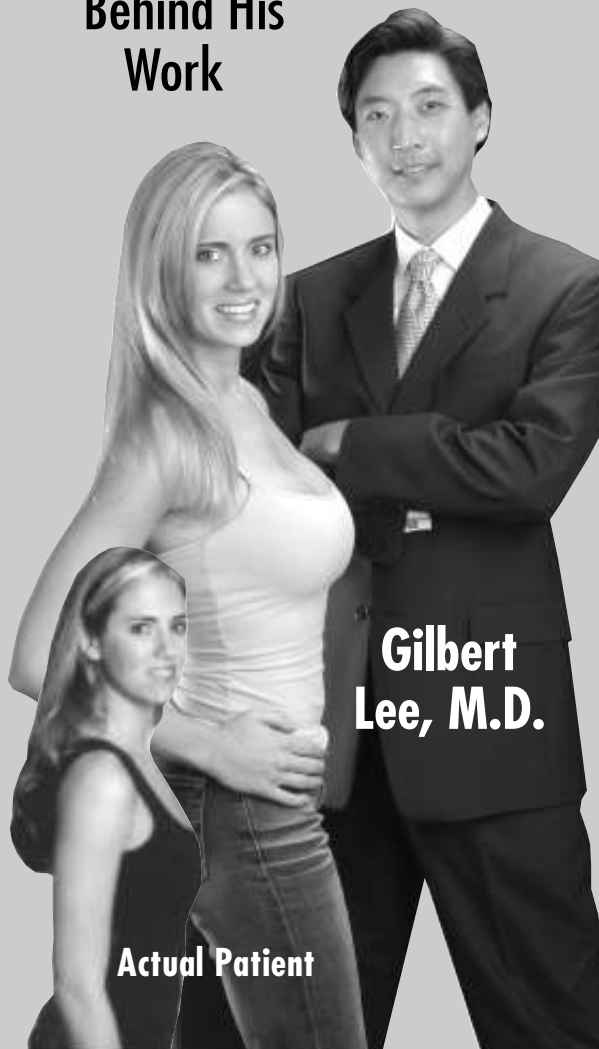
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From there it was down into the interior canyons, down "most picturesque street in Mission Hills," Randolph Terrace. Here, the ratio of bedrooms to bathrooms tipped luxuriously in favor of baths: 5/5.5, 3411 square feet of 1930 two-story Spanish on 11,430 square feet of lot. The price came in at a whopping \$1.975 million; this was not a remodel, this was a gut-and-start-over. "Everything in the house is new," proclaimed the agent, wonderfully polite despite my approach by beat-up car. "New floors, new windows, new electrical, new plumbing." The owner, an architect who bought the place in '98, "kept the footprint but changed the entire interior. The people who lived here before raised eight kids here — thrashed it. The windows and the doors are truly awesome in terms of high-quality — the man spent a lot of money. The floor is stained oak; the doors are Douglas fir. This is probably a \$130,000–\$150,000 kitchen."

The kitchen is magazine-ad worthy — Gaggenau stovetop, stainless steel counters above broad, steel-fronted German drawers that roll out with a whisper. The fridge is covered by a laminate that matches the deep red-brown of the cabinets (and the doors throughout the house). "It really looks like another cabinet; it freaks people out." Though there is uniformity here, the place is not so anonymous as Goldfinch; it bears a designer's stamp. All casings are a pewter-gray/black, contrasting sharply with both the stark white of the walls and the warm brown of the doors. The kitchen is only the most obvious expression of the house's hard-edged leanness, a quality that contrasts with the rambling "Oh, another room over here" layout.

The stamp is there in the all-important master bath as well — gray stone for the entrance to the cavernous shower, a Jacuzzi ringed by a hundred tiny jets instead of eight big ones — but the agent tells me the master suite has been something of a sticking point. "With younger couples in this price range, this

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is the room that turns them off. It's not big enough [17'x 12'], because they bring their kids into the master bedroom, toddlers and such." The walk-in closet boasts a wide array of gray T-shirts on hangers — the architect is methodical.

The garage (which contains a Ferrari) and the house combine to form a courtyard, which leads to an L-shaped pool and deck, which leads to another patio, which leads to a patch of grass, all wrapping around the out-

side of the house. From the yard, I can see my next house: 3/3.5, but two stories and a mammoth 4077 square feet. Built in 1955, yours for only \$1.825 million. By now, I'm feeling a little full of houses... details and amenities wash over me, and it becomes harder and harder to cram them into my eyes and brain. The house wraps in a C-shape around a pool deck, accessible from just about anywhere via a long row of French doors. "There's 80 of

these doors and windows," says the agent. "They're all from Canada. They're a Douglas-fir frame and then coated with some kind of rubberized film on the outside. They're all double-pane."

Besides the doors, what you notice is the airiness of the 31' x 23' living room, which segues invisibly into the 16'x 12' dining room — the ceiling is vaulted and was built with steel so that no cross beams were necessary. The lower third of the C is

formed by a kitchen/family room that has been built out over what used to be a garage-top deck. Here, the decor is slightly more expected than the Spanish house — lots of pale stone, marble countertops, etc. Expensive, but not unique.

The bedrooms curl around the top of the C; the master suite is reached via a curving staircase. "There used to be a deck up there. The house was built for an older lady — she used the downstairs master bedroom. There was just a little bedroom and bath up there for her kids when they visited." A Rancho Santa Fe team — two brothers, one an architect, one a contractor — was brought in to improve the property. Now, all that remains of the homely old upstairs is the banged-up

hollow-laminate bedroom door with its forlorn handle. The bathroom was expanded, the deck became the master bedroom, and the bedroom became the walk-in closet.

There's a selling point: a closet the size of some people's bedrooms. Because there is so much spotless luxury about, the eye is drawn to things that are not neatly stacked, not carefully arranged, not comfortably appointed. There is a leather-clad repository for glasses, wallet, watch, etc., but next to it, a La Victoria salsa jar for spare change. There are Nordstrom shoe trees in all the shoes on the shelves, but the sneakers are piled on the floor. There are plastic bags full of stuff. Bras are piled on a shelf, handbags on the shelf above. The women's shoes are stored

in their original, faded boxes — Salvatore Ferragamo, Peter Kaiser, Bruno Magli, Cole Haan, Nine West, Nichols. The boxes are carefully labeled with marker: black patent flats, rubber sole black pump, green suede flats, green flat sandals, taupe sandals.

I am stuffed, heavy with real estate. I need something light, refreshing, a sorbet after the beef course. A two-bedroom bungalow near a park, down to \$599,000 from \$629,000. Compact living spaces, lots of old windows looking out on a canyon, the comfort of lively jazz — music to sell houses by. Still Mission Hills, but Mission Hills with the old Dishmaster faucet jutting from the wall in the kitchen. There is a deck with a spa overlooking the canyon and a tire-swing hanging from a tree at the base of the property. A little girl walks up the hill with her mother, who tells her, "No, honey, there's no room to put in a pool." ■

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Tom Hickey, private eye and nightclub owner, stuck in icy Denver, away from home (wartime San Diego) may be out of his league (mobsters and religious charlatans), trying to stop a young girl (his nightclub's singer, Cynthia) from ruining her life (killing her stepfather, Pravinshandra, the man who raped her). By hiring a two-bit contract killer like Donny Katoulis to kill "the Master," Cynthia had put Tom Hickey straight in the path of the two men who could harm Cynthia most. He thought for sure the bum who trailed the crowd was Donny Katoulis, so he tried to take him out. Only this bum claimed he was someone else — called himself Stavros — but Hickey knew better. How could he forget the lousy punk? His very existence reminded Hickey of misery, and he wasn't about to miss his chance a second time. Now Hickey's bloodied and bruised, arrested for murder, and being held in a Denver police station with a wisecracking detective and a bully lieutenant. All because he tried to make something happen that should have happened a long time ago. Who was he protecting, anyway?

CHAPTER 22

The detective named George ground his elbow into



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the desk and yawned. "How is it the cabbie tells us Stavros didn't show his gun? First anybody saw his piece was when you lifted it out of his belt."

They sat in the lieutenant's office, Hickey in a hard straight-backed chair by the window that overlooked 13th Street, a vacant lot, gray trees

along a creek. George, in the leather-quilted swivel chair behind the desk, had slick dark hair from which a scar angled down to his eyebrow. Sickly pale.

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The lieutenant sprawled on the love seat squeezed between two wooden file cabinets. Past retirement age, he might've been hacking at golf balls in Phoenix if not for the war. He was paunchy, with buzz-cut hair and puffy, reddened eyes. He kept kneading both sides of his neck, underneath the ears, as though trying to fix his swollen glands. Every couple minutes he'd sneeze heartily.

"What'd I tell you?" Hickey droned. "I didn't say he got to his gun. I said he was reaching for it."

"How'd you know he had one?"

"Twenty years I've known the punk. When

has he not had a gun?"

"Michael Stavros?"

"Donald Katoulis. Anybody call San Diego yet?"

"Sure. And your pal Captain Thrapp's out on the town. We even told him to call collect. Generous, huh? How about you reciprocate, partner? Tell us the awful truth so the lieutenant can go home and snooze. If he comes down with pneumonia, we're gonna see that you fry."

"Uh-huh." Hickey gazed out the window, through the space between the window frame and the blackout curtain, at the headlights of three airplanes flying toward him side by side. Every word he uttered or breath he exhaled seemed to waste valuable air, as if Denver weren't just one

mile high but four or five, and his lungs were like divers' tanks — once they ran out, he was through.

"Make him run through it again, George," the lieutenant grumbled. "Tell him, watch out every detail's the same, no slip-ups, or his ass is charcoal."

"Take it from the top,

"Maybe we'll cut you loose before long. Soon as you spill your guts."

will you, Tommy?"

"I got a phone call," Hickey muttered. "Some guy, squeaky voice, says Donny K's gonna knock off this swami. He wants me to stop him."

"Why?"

"Beats me."

"Why don't he call the law?"

"He says cops've been

after Katoulis a long time. They had their chance. Anyway, Charlie Schwartz owns cops. This guy isn't taking any chances."

"How's he know so much about the Jewish mob?"

"Maybe they go to the same temple," Hickey snapped. "He wants me to

take a few guys along, grab Katoulis in the act. I tell him I'll think it over. Next I know, a messenger drops off two grand for me at the nightclub."

"Ruby's."

"Rudy's. I'm supposed to get five grand more when Donny's in the joint."

"Or dead?"

"Wasn't supposed to happen. I messed up. This guy didn't want anybody done in. That's the point of why he called, George. I think the fellow hired Katoulis, then had a nightmare or something. All of a sudden his feet get cold. That's my surmise."

"Fuck your surmise. I'm asking what'd he say."

"Not so much. I'm telling you what I got from his tone of voice."

"Hey, Lieutenant," George called over his shoulder, "Ol' Tom's not lying about one thing. I'm damned sure he used to be a Tinseltown cop, the way he thinks he's Sigmund Freud." He cocked a big finger, gazed down the crest of it at Hickey's right eye. "So how many sidekicks you bring along?"

"Nobody. I only had

a few hours."

George rubbed his eyes, scowled disgustedly. "Tom, if you're gonna lie, make it good, will you? I'll give you an easy straight line here, see what you can do with it. Why'd you drag Stavros out onto the tundra? Invite him to a picnic, did you?"

"I got spooked. I figured, once we got to the reception, it'd be too easy for Katoulis. Too crowded, might've turned into a bloodbath."

"Try this angle, George," the lieutenant offered. "Tommy's not a liar, he's a retard."

"I like it." George slapped the desk, leaned closer, craned his neck. "Mystery man's paying you to take some guys, grab this shooter in the act, turn him in. So you go it alone, drag him onto

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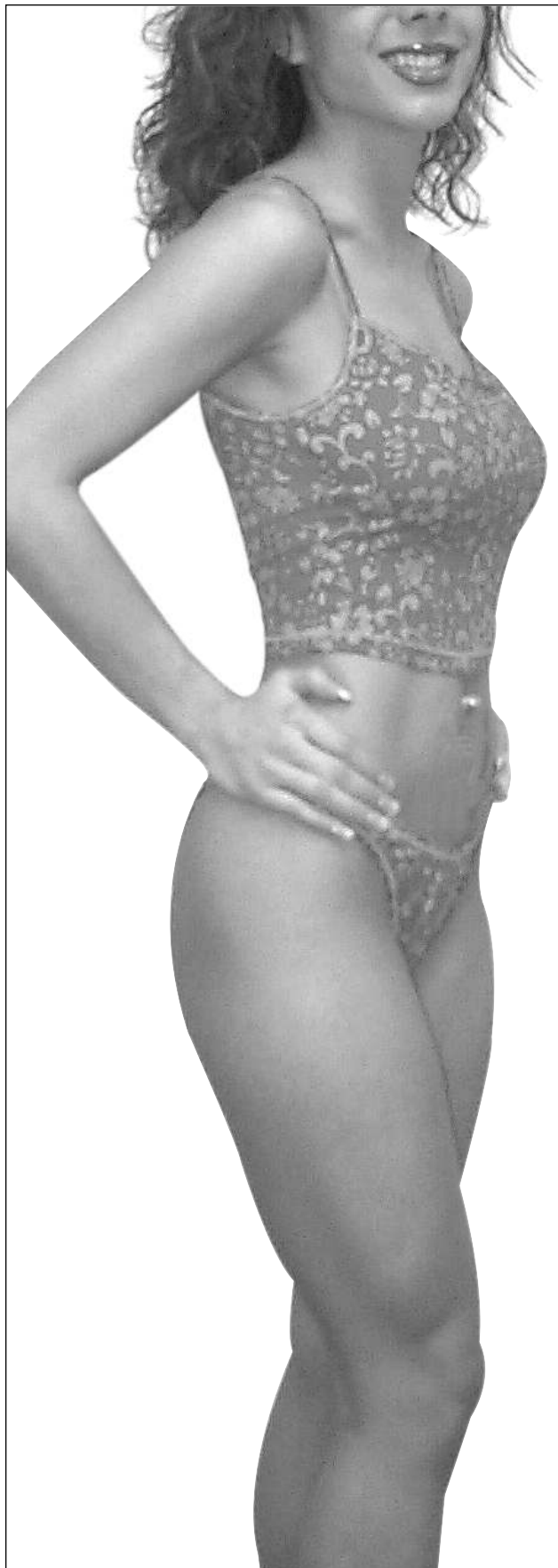
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the capitol lawn when as yet he hasn't so much as tickled the swami. Then, like maybe you don't want him to talk about something, you pop him twice, dead center. Make a hole you can already see daylight through, then widen it a little."

Hickey was staring out the window, trying to follow the line that silhouetted the Rockies against the obsidian sky, using his vision to blur the movie that played on the backs of his eyelids, of Donny's fall onto the snow. Every few seconds a shiver zinged across his back, between the shoulder blades. A numb spot at the base of his skull felt like an ice pack rested on it.

"What's he gonna come up with next?" The weary lieutenant raised the pitch of his voice, gave it a tremor, like an actor trying to sound appalled. "He figured to hold the bum until we showed to bust Stavros for trespassing on the capitol lawn? Ask him, George."

"I messed up," Hickey mumbled. "I lost my head and messed up bad, all right?"

"Yeah." George leaned back in his swivel chair, clasped his hands behind his neck for a second, then lunged forward and grabbed a cigarette out of the tray on his desk. "Want a smoke, Tom?"

"Naw."

"Shot of bourbon?"

"Not unless you're planning to cut me loose directly, give me a lift back to the hotel."

"Why's that?"

"A drink and I'd probably nod off."

"Or mouth off, right?"

"I'm tired, is all."

"Take it lightly, don't you, this murder routine?"

Hickey glared silently, pinning George's eyes until the cop wagged his head and rubbed the bridge of his nose. "Maybe we'll cut you loose before long. Soon as you spill your guts. About your mystery man. He tell you how he knew your buddy Katoulis was gonna hit the swami?"

"Way I figure," Hickey droned as if repeating for the fiftieth time, "he's some religious quack,

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"Can't fault you there, Tommy," the lieutenant grumbled. "I got a son-in-law's that way."

George chuckled quietly, crushed out his cigarette. "Suppose we're gonna buy the mystery-man story. Not that we're about to, but suppose. Here's what I think. It was

like you say, except he wasn't paying you to get Stavros busted. He was paying you to hit the guy. What I mean, Tom, Stavros gets nailed, he rats on the chump that hired him, next thing you know the mystery man's busting rocks. How do you figure?"

Hickey kneaded the back of his neck, giving himself a moment. "Could be he knows Donny wouldn't rat on anybody. He'd wait 30 years if he needed, then pop the guy that set him up. Maybe the guy that called me figured on getting lost. Or he's the kind of nut that wants to get punished."

"Oh, Lord," George moaned. "Freud again."

The lieutenant sneezed, sat up, and gave Hickey a wry smile. "You're a lotta laughs, Tommy."

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a few hundred thousand soldiers
and innocents shot, bombed,
stabbed, cremated.*

For another half hour the detectives fired the same questions in different disguises, until a sergeant rapped on the door. George let him in.

He looked like a rookie, promoted every couple weeks since all the able-bodied cops had run off to the war. He wore a fuzzy mustache, a mop of blond

hair. "I got what we needed outta L.A.," he said, "and outta the morgue. The stiff's name's Katoulis, an old-timer with that mob that runs Hollywood."

"Who says?"

"Not much doubt, Lieutenant. He's got the same tattoo, says Irene, on the upper right bicep. Same appendectomy scar. Name on the driver's license, Michael Stavros, is one of the guy's aka's. The prints are on their way, special D."

The lieutenant sneezed, wiped his nose with his sleeve. "Get Tommy outta here, will you, son? I'm allergic to him. Give him the honeymoon suite."

The sergeant motioned Hickey to his feet, held the door for him, followed behind giving Hickey directions down two

flights of stairs. He chatted a minute with the jailer about some local basketball team, then used a giant key to open the cell block and waved Hickey in.

The jail looked like a kennel. No interior walls, only bars, small cages with iron bunks. Some Mexicans who'd clustered around the junction of four cages — shooting dice or playing cards by flashlight — fired commands at the cop. The Spanish all mixed together. "Venga cabrón su madre dame una mota." Beyond the Mexicans were the whites. Orientals next.

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"I sure ain't," the sergeant said.

Hickey got shoved into the fourth cell on the right. There was a seatless toilet alongside a one-tap basin, beneath the small, high window. In the adjoining cells, everybody looked asleep except a wild man who shot piercing glances around as he paced from the cage door to his wall and back. Hickey's cell mate, a bald white fellow wearing khaki work clothes, lay face-down on the upper bunk, snoring like a V-8 with corroded spark plugs.

Hickey flopped onto the lower bunk, wrapped the fetid, scratchy blanket around him, cursed the police for taking his army coat. Bone-cold and sore, his stomach painfully tender, his head throbbing, muscles taut as guitar strings, he lay sideways, his knees tugged against his chest for warmth, wondering if there could be any relief or if he'd always feel this way. He'd amazed himself by holding his desolation in check the two or three hours those detectives had made him sit there lying until they saw there wasn't going to be any wearing him down beyond where the hunt for Katoulis had dragged him. They'd recognized that, like a prisoner of war, Hickey'd steeled his will, locked the truth so deeply inside him he might choose to have his nuts removed before he'd tell. It might be less painful. If he gave up now, turned on Cynthia, every time he looked in a mirror or reflecting window, he wouldn't only see a murderer. He'd see a weakling, a forlorn clown.

What he couldn't figure, what tormented him most, was — why couldn't he rationalize it, take a little pity on himself? No matter what he'd done, somebody had to die. If he'd backed off, minded his own affairs, and let everything else run its course, then Pravin-

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shandra would've got it between the eyes. If he'd called in the law — with no solid evidence against Donny, and the girl knowing who'd betrayed her — wouldn't Katoulis have been waiting behind the oleanders at the end of Fanuel Street when Hickey stepped out of his car one night? Sure, he would. And the girl, after a few years in jail for conspiracy, comes out with a felony record, dropping the odds to one in a million any bandleader's going to take her on. Even if somebody did, likely she'd be so filled with venom, who's going to fall for her love songs?

Somebody had to die. Who better than Donny Katoulis? In the past week

or so, Hickey'd been too preoccupied to read the news or keep up with the headlines on the radio, yet just in passing he'd heard of a few hundred thousand soldiers and innocents shot, bombed, stabbed, cremated. There was no logic Hickey could find that wouldn't excuse him for killing one of Earth's viler creatures. He couldn't find a single reason to grieve for Donny Katoulis or to blame himself for killing the man. But logic didn't rule the heart. From the moment after Donny's last spasm, his muscles felt colder and his blood flowed thickly, on account of the knowledge that he was going to pay forever. A day might not pass that

he didn't watch the man writhe and stiffen, didn't feel himself standing there, playing God with his .38. What you don't know about playing God until you've tried it, he thought, was that there's no place lonelier. His mind pulsed with the noise of

walking as if there were springs in his shoes. The streets were icy, the sidewalks bunkered with ridges of snow. A near-empty streetcar rattled past while they waited at Broadway and Colfax, from where Hickey chose not to look at the scene

As the elevator descended, Hickey wondered briefly if Venus and the master were still asleep.

gunshots, the kick of the discharge against his hand and arm, and visions of Donny's eyes dilating as if they filled with dark blood. For a couple hours, every time he'd accepted the sounds and visions, made them take on a rhythm that began lulling him into a dazed slumber, as close as he was likely to get to sleep, some Mexican would howl a curse or demand.

The jailer woke Hickey. The blond sergeant led him up the stairs to a counter where a pock-faced matron returned his wallet, coat, everything they'd appropriated except the gun that had finished Katoulis, while uniform and plainclothes cops sat on their desks swilling coffee and giving him a variety of stares. Cold. Amused. Analytical. The blond sergeant told Hickey to call him Mitch. Leading the way, he bobbed up and down,

of his crime. Otherwise the streets were deserted as though an air raid had driven the citizenry underground. A garbage truck crossed a distant intersection. A valiant newsboy skidded his bike along the icy street, saluted as they passed him.

"Seems your pal in San Diego made a deal," Mitch commented. "Promised to conk you on the head and ship you back here if the DA won't fall for your self-defense crap."

"Swell," Hickey said. "Where we going?"

"The Palace, pick up your gear. Next stop Denver Municipal Airport. Lieutenant wants you long gone. I guess you bored him."

"You're gonna break my heart, talking like that," Hickey muttered.

"I wonder what kind of deal your chum made. He must've swore you was next in line to Christ, getting Lieutenant Pluim

to let you go home when they got a solid witness against you."

"Who's that?" "Why you wanta know? Maybe you figure to ice him?"

"Tell you what, Sergeant," Hickey growled. "Let's you and me practice keeping our mouths shut."

Mitch slid the patrol car around the corner of Broadway and 17th, where the Salvation Army woman had played her oboe. The thought of her and the sight of the Brown Palace, as they parked in its loading zone, touched Hickey with a violent nostalgia, as though one age had concluded last night, the moment he'd spotted Katoulis, replaced by a new and sinister one. The doorman, the desk clerk, the elevator boy all had new faces. The onyx looked duller, the copper more tarnished. On the chandelier and Christmas trees, he noticed all the darkened bulbs.

He didn't bother to change out of his uniform, just collected his gear, crammed it into his suitcase, and retraced his steps, leading the sergeant out of there. As the elevator descended, Hickey wondered briefly if Venus and the master were still asleep, and if they even knew what might've hit them last night.

On the drive to the airport, the sergeant pointed to a tract of shoe-box houses. "Used to be wheat

fields." Hickey pulled the watch cap over his eyes, trying to concentrate on simple things. The inside of his eyelids, how they kept looking redder. Whether he should eat cereal or eggs. The pain and weakness in his right ankle. "Over here, used to be a ranch of longhorns, now it's some damned outfit makes runners for tanks."

"The nerve," Hickey grumbled.

In the airport he bought a sandwich and milk, devoured them, tried futilely to relax with his head on the table. Somebody'd left behind a *Denver Post*. Hickey's eyes watered, couldn't focus on the headlines. He got up, left two dollars, and walked to the phone booths. Two or three people waited at each one. He bribed an ensign and a Mexican woman to cut in front of them. He would've called home except that he couldn't bear the thought of Elizabeth's voice. Just as he'd given the operator Leo's number, the loudspeaker announced his flight. In the middle of a ring, the line clicked and Leo grumbled, "It better be good."

"Collect call for Mister or Missus Weiss, from Tom Hickey."

"Yeah. Sure. You there, cheapskate?"

"I'm here. Tell Madeline, will you? I'll get back sometime today."

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gonna be, one of these days."

The line buzzed a while. Finally Leo said, "You okay, Tom?"

"Sure. Top of the world."

* * *

On the DC-3 to L.A., Hickey slept without nightmares, at least ones he could remember. He woke a few times in turbulence, his heart pounding as though it had prophesied the plane was about to nose-dive. He fell back into a reluctant sleep, trying to obliterate a weird idea he'd caught, that if the plane did crash, the blame for splattering a hundred and some people all over the desert would land on him.

At Los Angeles Airport the soldiers and sailors looked more battered and weary. It seemed half of them wore bandages, used crutches, lugged duffel bags with their solitary arm, or weaved through the crowds in agonized stupor. Hickey made a stop at the rest room, changed to his civilian clothes and left the uniform with the washroom attendant. Everything, including the long coat with his watch cap and gloves tucked into the pockets. The old Chinaman could make a few bucks. Hickey wouldn't have to look at the costume again.

He walked outside, stood in the sunlight, caught a scent of ocean breeze through the sooty air. He pictured Madeline and Elizabeth. They stood blocking the doorway, underneath his carport. Madeline glared with contempt, her lips dry and twisted. Behind her stood a shadowy form, maybe Castillo. Elizabeth leaned against the doorjamb, watching her father with mournful, forsaken eyes. ■

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Blessed Waste

Re: "Who Wasted Your Money and How They Did It" (March 6).

It is absurd for most anyone to believe that such a comprehensive distance-education program could even be studied, much less conceived, for the paltry sum of \$125,000. That amount of money is barely two full-

time teachers, each with an assistant, working for one year. That would leave zero money for computers, software, or other important equipment, such as scanners, digital cameras, printers, paper, and maybe even books.

Here, in financial terms, is a very basic, no-frills approach to the first year's cost to implement such a program:

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costs \$2K and is redeveloped or redesigned every three to four years. This is paid to teachers for content production)...\$125K.

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system they will be using. You could have your administrative staff do this, but they would be very overwhelmed)...\$100K.

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Workstation software, 20 @ \$3K (yes, the software costs more than the hardware)...\$60K.

Server hardware, 2 @ \$14K

(this is the bare minimum, assuming a student population of around 2000)...\$28K.

Server software approximation (this is bare minimum, assuming purchase of a commercial-grade software designed for distance education. It certainly cannot be designed more economically)...\$80K.

Server colocation annual fees (assumes basic HTML pages, with no streaming content, or the costs escalate accordingly)...\$16K.

Colocation equipment (required switches, firewalls, and networking equipment)...\$9K.

System administrator...\$50K.

I'm sure I've left something out of this hypothetical distance-education project. For those doing the math, my total came out to around \$750,000, and mine is a very conservative estimation. It seems that most projects start out with an "astronomical" budget of something like \$125,000, with little thinking about the requirements of the actual equipment, software, and personnel costs of the project. And with a distance-education program of this magnitude, no wonder it failed. It was fatally starved of funding from the beginning, by pointy-headed managers who don't have a clue

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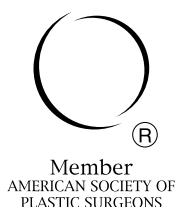
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about the costs involved to implement medium-scale projects with new technology.

The real waste of distance education for K-12, as some education institutions are finding, is that it is far more expensive than the traditional brick-and-mortar classroom. There may be a hidden blessing in wasting \$125,000. It could save us from blowing millions of tax dollars.

Joseph L. Hemen
Network Administrator
Coleman College

Corruption Grades

Re: Global Learning@Home ("Who Wasted Your Money and How They Did It," March 6). Connect the dots to corruption.

Matt Potter and the *Reader* have given San Diego dots that are placed so close, all we need to do is stare and they blur together to create a clear, quite unmistakable portrait of Alan Bersin. It seems our superintendent of schools is somewhat of a teacher after all, but "highly qualified?"

Either the members of the chamber of commerce's Business Roundtable for Education were not paying attention in school when the topic was "Consultants: you too can use public monies for lunch," or the teacher was inefficient.

Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce: Grade F (in need of additional attention).

San Diego Unified School District: Grade D- (How 'bout those Padres?).

Matt Potter: Grade A+ (excellent work).

S.D. City Council: Incomplete (do your job).

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Royalty Rumors Sicken

I am so excessively irritated at all these people bashing ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC because they collect song-writing royalties. It's pathetic because all the articles I have ever read in all alternative papers have been so one-sided. I mean, if you all really like to do research, try doing a little research about the music industry.

This letter is really a response to the prior letter writer (March 6) who seemed to suggest that he might feel threatened by the thought of not having free music.



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an establishment that plays all country-western probably does not want a minority clientele. So, now one could consider the music as a sort of advertising. No establishment would go to a billboard company and ask them to do free advertisement. They would get laughed out of the place! So why should a songwriter's hard work be exploited for free? And if I recall the article correctly ("Blurt," February 27), ASCAP only asked

for \$100 a year. The last time I bought a coffee in a shop, it cost \$2 for a regular coffee. So all a group of people is asking is the profits of one coffee a week. I am sure that the owners pour away that much in a week. And without music, the shops would have no customers. Sounds like a fair trade. And also, I am sick of the rumors about how music professionals make so-o-o-o much money. It's not true. The most a songwriter

(not to be confused with a rock star) could hope to make on a song is \$500,000. Which sounds like a lot until one considers that the writer has probably been making music his entire life and quite possibly this could be his only number-one song in his life. A lifetime McDonald's employee makes more. And before I hear about the "you're a sellout," it is also bull. *No one* does *any* art, whether it is music, graphic, culinary, for just the money.

This would foster uninspired and inconsequential objects that would soon be forgotten, and art of no form would have ever even made the slightest scratch into the fabric of our world. And one last thing: the Harry Fox Association has nothing to do with collecting performance royalties. As I read the article and then saw that pathetic letter, I could only think of one adage. If you cannot spell it, don't say it. D.rianTo

section states the "district's budget deficit is far more dire" than the public has been told. He claims the district's budget deficit over the next two years is \$87 million, according to a January 17 letter from the San Diego County Office of Education. Unfortunately, Mr. Potter is incorrect and doesn't realize that the district has repeatedly stated to all audiences — teachers, staff, principals, parents, the Board of Education, and the community — that \$75.1 million in midyear (2002–03) cost avoidance and budget reductions would be necessary to maintain a balanced

The actual ASCAP fee is \$100 a month. — Editor

Dire Denial
Reporter Matt Potter in the February 20 "City Lights"

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budget in light of the state's current fiscal crisis.

This amount refers to the 2002-03 school year only. Additionally, the district has also stated that the budget reductions necessary for the 2003-04 school year could reach \$150 million. Thus, the district's two-year problem could approach \$225 million, well over the \$87 million reported by Mr. Potter. For the sake of our students, teachers, and classified employees, I wish the district's problem was only \$87 million, but unfortunately it is not, as the state budget situation is incredibly fluid.

The district will continue to provide updates to the budget situation as information is learned, and district staff will review the budget situation and revise estimated reductions required. In fact, district staff has acted prudently in estimating the reductions required and has been planning for the worst-case scenario until such time as the state legislature takes final action. The Board of Education's action on January 28 of reducing the 2002-03 budget by \$47 million has placed the district in a better position to manage the more significant reductions that will be required for next year.

Rick Reynolds
Budget Director
San Diego City Schools

Matt Potter responds: As mentioned in the item, the figures cited were those of the county's office of education. In the weeks since, as a result of the county letter, the district has conceded the situation has grown even more dire. Sources say the worst revelations are yet to come.

Nicole Explodes

I can't for the life of me understand Naomi Wise's mediocre review of the excellent quality and supreme value at Harney Sushi (Restaurant Review, March 6), unless she was so miffed over not getting her four places at the sushi bar that she'd called ahead and asked to reserve.

Does she not understand that sometimes people are enjoying themselves so much ahead of her that servers simply cannot clear them out for the next group? Was Naomi unable to wait for a couple of minutes before

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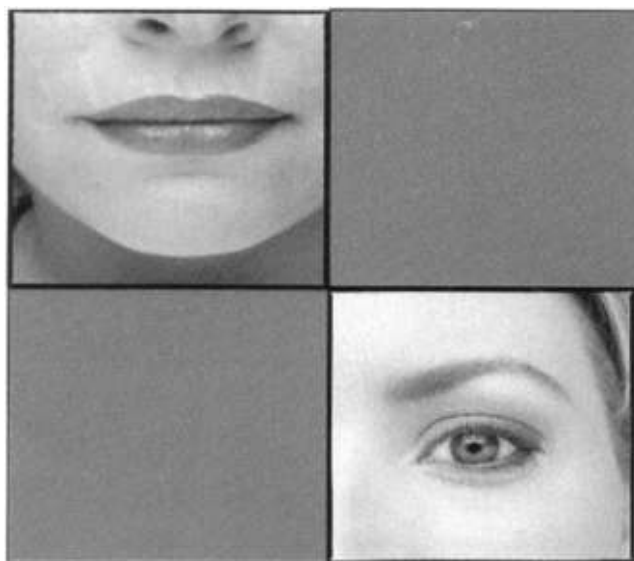
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“settling” for her table? Is this seasoned reviewer unable to let this small impropriety get in the way of an objective review?

Why didn't Naomi point out the spectacular value and across-the-board quality of the fish at Harney Sushi? She talks about the quality of the *toro*. I believe that Sushi Ota and Harney Sushi have the exact same supplier of fish, so how in the world can she separate the quality of the fish from

one restaurant to the next? Find some Purell if you like clean hands. Those steaming towels may be wonderful ceremony; they are also wonderful havens for bacteria and belong in the hamper with the rest of the wet towels.

Obviously Naomi didn't try the Nicole *nigori*. A slice of salmon lying over a barrel of rice touched by a bit of wasabi, then layered with avocado and lemon and finished off by a sprinkling

of sesame seeds. The flavors explode in your mouth.

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fill up on sushi and go home with a full wallet. Harney Sushi is a great place if you're not a sushi snob. If you are, go spend a big portion of your week's paycheck at Sushi Ota and reserve a place next to Naomi Wise at the bar!

Patricia Lundberg

Naomi Wise responds: I did recommend both Harney and Umi as good neighborhood places for eating enjoyable (if not quite top-class) sushi in a friendly atmosphere. Readers are entitled to know that reservations for the sushi bar aren't necessarily honored. (The wait

would have been at least a half hour.) The table certainly had no effect on my taste buds or those of my party. Whether or not Sushi Ota and Harney Sushi share the same supplier, fish wholesalers sell various grades. I remember Ota's toro as being superb. No, I didn't order the Nicole Roll, but only one (the uni) of the seven sushis that we did sample could be said to explode in our mouths. And for mouth-explosions, sushi-lovers need not restrict themselves to spending big bucks and jostling elbows at Sushi Ota. I've enjoyed wonderful, vibrant flavors for widely varying prices at Sushi Bar Kazumi (my personal favorite), the Fish Market's sushi bar, Surfside in Pacific Beach, Tomiko (toro like edible satin — the best!) in Encinitas, and Sushi on the Rock in La Jolla, among others. Harney is charming, and I'm happy it has devotees like you, but I can't fool myself into pretending it's in the same class. This isn't "sushi snobbery," it's restaurant-reviewing.

De Anza's Bad Deal
The most important fact

not mentioned in the article about the De Anza Mobile Home Park ("It's Hard to Move When You're 92," "City Lights," February 27) is that the De Anza Corporation receives 80 percent, or \$4.8 million, and the City receives 20 percent, or \$1.2 million, of the rents received each year. This clearly is a bad deal. Why would anyone make a deal like this?

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In these economic times, surely the City wouldn't want to lose \$4.8 to \$5 million a year and throw 1000 of its citizens on the street.

I must remain anonymous since I "voluntarily" signed the lease after my rent was doubled.

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cerning Valentine's Day.
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they left behind to deal with this loss.
 I grew up in the 1930s and 1940s and married and thank God for many blessings (and I am not a religious person) that I produced four normal, healthy children that are normal

adults attracted to the opposite sex. Otherwise, not too likely I would have been able to cope if I had to find the courage to accept homosexuality. I have very strong, firm convictions when it comes to what is right and wrong.

I have heard most of these people are highly educated, but it appears they don't have any common sense and, if so, would know their lifestyle is far from being what is normal.
 Paula Davis
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Displaced Mistake
 Re "History Floats" ("City Lights," February 20).
 The *Midway* CVB-41 will not "take up" acres of water, it will *displace* them.
 Environmental Health Coalition of San Diego spokeswoman Laura Hunter's think-

ing has been displaced.
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Joe Deegan responds: What's at issue is the surface area of the harbor, not the water displaced.

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Saddam Might Boost Sales

Antique Row After Lunch Stroll

Brian Cegelski is not a whiner. The old joke about the difference between a whining antiques dealer and a whining dog (the dog eventually stops) doesn't apply to him. With his wife, Julie, the 39-year-old Cegelski owns Revivals Antiques on Adams Avenue in Normal Heights. He has been there for over eight years and considers himself part of the resurgence that began in the late 1980s, after many of the original "Antique Row" people from the 1960s had passed away.

"You'll find that almost everyone on Adams now is younger, trying to bring the stores back to life. It's a younger community, overall, buying the older homes. And in the antiques stores, they can find the chandeliers, the doors, and the stained glass that give these

homes their character."

Antique Row is well-placed, at the hub of two

historical destinations, Kensington and Mission Hills, and two others, North Park and South Park, that are starting to gentrify. "This furniture comes out of those homes and goes right back into them."

Chippendale is not the younger person's style of choice. They're buying "retro," says Cegelski. It dates mostly from the 1950s. "We also call it 'mid-century.' It's less expensive than older pieces. You can buy a retro dining room set for \$250 to \$350. You can furnish an entire house here, and people do."

Nostalgia drives some sales to the younger crowd. "They're looking back at what Mom and Dad had and having memories of their grandparents. You walk into Ikea and say, 'Particle board — it's functional,' but there's no family behind it. These things are warm to the touch. They have history." He elaborates: it could be a chest of drawers from the 1860s. Maybe the family was originally from Philadelphia. Maybe this



Retro '60s lounge

was the last piece the La Jolla matriarch had in her collection. "There's always one piece that keeps getting passed down, and then it gets bought by some other family."

The older people who come into the store, by contrast, are topped up in the furniture department. "Mostly they have everything they need, but they'll still fill in gaps with decorative pieces — individual painted dishes; a nice tapestry or runner. They're in their 60s through 80s," the age of the Walkabout crowd that tours the area on Fridays.

Younger people, who generally don't sit down to full dinners, skip the china and crystal, Cegelski has observed. "They've got their TV trays, or else they don't want to wash dishes and they're eating off of paper. *Leave It To Beaver* is gone, so to speak. With the movie *Titanic*, there was a resurrection among younger people of dinner-party hosting and formality. It takes a movement like that to spark it. It was short-lived, but something else will come along. It goes in cycles." Another wave of nostalgic



Gothic '60s knight

yearnings could come with a war, he believes.

Once or twice a year, Cegelski sells off smaller items at the monthly Collector's Nite in Mission Valley. Most dealers who set up tables there don't have shops, he says. As for the buyers: "They're mainly dealers, too, coming down from Los Angeles to buy from specific people. Dealers come in from other areas, to see what others have picked up. What we recognize in the business is that San Diego is the place to buy, because prices are so reasonable. Take it up to L.A., and double it. Take it to San Francisco, and triple it."

In this economy, people naturally shop around, says Cegelski, "Whereas before they would say, 'Oh, this is just what I'm looking for.' No hesitation. 'Let's get it into the car.' You've got to be smarter on your prices; smarter on your buying. I'm working on financing too. It's like layaway. We didn't want to do it, but we've got to keep up with the big boys."

Cegelski acknowledges that some

people are buying nothing these days. "I think many younger people are just getting by. It's not where we were two years ago, when you could still live in a place like P.B. fairly cheaply with two or three roommates. Now they don't have that spending money. They might even have crates in those houses. I have to admit, I've seen some pretty amazing things. It's like, 'How can you live like that?' No furniture. Maybe they've just, like, found something in an alley and thrown a Mexican blanket over it, and that's their sofa, and everyone's kicking back on it. And they've got a crate for a coffee table and a crate for a side table, and that's it. With your vehicle and insurance for it, you can see a paycheck go down the drain really fast."

— Jeanne Schinto

Walkabout's "Antique Row After Lunch Stroll"
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Chippendale table set, 1920s



Stained glass, 1900s

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BAJA

Luis Eduardo Aute performs in concert on Thursday, March 20, at 8:30 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Tickets range from \$15 to \$50 U.S. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the

GETAWAYS

Zona Río. For information, call 011-52-664-695-8561. (TIJUANA)

“All Kinds of Students” are invited to take part in the 5k run slated for Friday, March 21, starting at 8 a.m. in Parque México. For details, dial 011-52-664-687-1486. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

How About Some Romantic Music? Los Panchos perform on Friday, March 21, at 8 p.m. at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Tickets range from \$20 to \$25 U.S. For reservations, dial 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

More Music! Enanitos Verdes plans a concert at 9 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at Baby Rock (at Diego Rivera and Paseo de los Héroes, in the Zona Río). Tickets: \$25, \$30, and \$35 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-664-634-2405. (TIJUANA)

There’s a Springtime Athletic Festival slated for Saturday, March 22, beginning at 9 a.m., at Unidad Deportiva CREA (in the Zona Río). The festival is for those 6 to 13 years old, and birth certificates are required. Free. Call 011-52-664-682-9068 for further information (in Spanish). (TIJUANA)

A Concert is planned by Alberto Cortes on Saturday, March 22, at 9 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center (located at Paseo de los Héroes

and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Tickets: \$35 and \$45 U.S. For reservations, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Skills Such as Mountaineering, Trail Running and hiking, mountain biking, climbing, and rope crossing are all required for the Baja Extreme 12-Hour Adventure Race. The racing begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, at the Gran Baja Resort in Rosarito Beach (at km 44.5 on the Rosarito-Ensenada Highway) and finishes at the L.A. Cetto Winery (in Ensenada’s Guadalupe Valley). Up to three team members may be on the course at any one time, with extra members in a team vehicle to make substitutions. For information and registration, call 011-52-664-680-9862. (ROSARITO BEACH, ESENADA)

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. ESENADA)

The Play *23 Centímetros* is being presented on March 23 and 24 at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Performances begin at 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Sunday and at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Monday. For reservations and other information, call 011-52-664-695-8561. The center is located at Paseo de los

Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. (TIJUANA)

Get Ready, Get Set, and go when the 17th annual spring Rosarito-Ensenada bike ride takes place on Saturday, April 5. The 50-mile ride — with 8000 participants expected — begins at 10 a.m. in front of the Rosarito Beach Hotel and follows the scenic coastline route south before turning inland through the countryside; the course turns south for a two-mile climb up “the hill” and then winds through rolling hills before finishing just outside of Ensenada.

The ride is followed by the “finish-line fiesta” with music, food, and more. Registration for the ride is \$20 per participant; \$25 after March 21. On-site registration runs 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. For additional information, call 619-424-6084. (ROSARITO BEACH, ESENADA)

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

The Pleasantly Pungent Odor of Sage is filling the air wherever native vegetation grows on the county’s coastal and lower-foothill slopes. Most common are the black sage, with tight clusters of small, white flowers; the grayish-leaved white sage; purple-blossomed, sweet-smelling Cleveland sage; and California sagebrush, characterized by soft, needle-like leaves.

The Vernal Equinox on Thursday, March 20, at 5 p.m. Pacific standard time heralds the beginning of the spring season for Earth’s northern hemisphere. At the instant of vernal equinox, the sun lies in the plane of Earth’s equator. As a consequence, days and nights are of equal length (12 hours each) everywhere on our planet. Another consequence is that the sun rises due east along the horizon and sets due west. During the next three months, as the sun shines more and more directly on our hemi-

isphere, daylight hours will lengthen, and the rise and set positions of the sun will gradually shift toward the northeast and northwest, respectively.

Yuccas of two varieties are in bloom in San Diego County from now through May. Year after year, the Mojave yucca (*Yuca schidigera*) sends up a blunt flower stalk of white, waxy blossoms from the same base — a rosette of dagger-like leaves. The shimmering white exclamation point that unfolds above “Our Lord’s Candle” (*Yuca whipplei*), on the other hand, is a prelude to the plant’s imminent death. Mojave yucca is widely distributed along San Diego County’s coastal strip and throughout the higher elevations of the Anza-Borrego Desert. Our Lord’s Candle prefers the scrubby coastal foothills and the drier slopes of the Palomar, Cuyamaca and Laguna Mountains. The two yuccas coexist with each other in a few areas like Torrey Pines State Reserve and Anza-Borrego’s Culp Valley area.

Orchid Trees, now at their flamboyant best in front yards and public spaces throughout the city, are showing off their large, orchid-like flowers in shades of pink, purple, and maroon. Orchid trees thrive in areas with a mild winter climate, hence their popularity in Hawaii, Southern California, and Arizona.

Friday Frolic, walk along the west end of the San Diego River with Walkabout perambulators on Friday, March 21, starting at 9:45 a.m. Ex-

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LOCAL EVENTS

Community Contradancing, Graham Hempel calls and a community band makes the music for the contradance on Friday, March 21, at the Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Salsa and Latin Dance Party, the Pattie Wells Dancetime Center hosts dancing on Friday, March 21, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 9 to 11 p.m., with a dance lesson at around 9:30 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

Lindy Hop Swing Instructor Emily Belt starts a six-week series of classes on Saturday, March 22, at the Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue). Classes are offered in Lindy basics (10 a.m.) and "Beyond the Basics" (11 a.m.). For registration, call

858-361-3982. The fee is \$10 per class, or \$48 for all sessions (paid in full at the first class). (HILLCREST)

"Belly Dance and the Shadow," this spiritual belly-dance workshop using "belly-dance movements, mask-making, storytelling, and meditation to find hidden strengths and heal subconscious wounds" is slated for Sunday, March 23. Class runs 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Yoga Studio Carlsbad (3138-J Roosevelt Street). The fee is \$45 at the door. To register, dial 760-522-2554. (CARLSBAD)

Stompin' at the Aubergine, the Billy Watson Blues Band performs for the dance planned on Sunday, March 23. Doors at the Aubergine (500 Fourth Avenue, at Island and Fourth) open at 7 p.m., with an introductory swing

lesson at 7:15 p.m. and dancing from 8 p.m. until midnight. Organizers plan a Lindy hop performance at 9:30 p.m. The cover is \$8, open to those 21 and older. For information, call 858-395-6060. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Described as "Dancer-Illusionists," Momix takes the stage at the East County Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. Find the center at 210 East Main Street. Tickets are \$22 and \$30. For reservations, call 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

An Afternoon of Dance is promised when belly dancer Aleia, who is also a sociology graduate student at CSU San Marcos, performs with the Cecili Chadwick Dancers on Tuesday, March 25. The performance begins at 1 p.m. in University Hall room

100. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Learn the Jamaica Swing — a fun, simple swing dance from New Orleans — when Jim and Margie lead their "All Things Swing" workshop on Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (\$15 at the door, \$12 in advance). Also on tap: beginners' East Coast swing lessons (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; \$3 for first-time students) and open swing dancing from 9 to 11 p.m.; \$5. The whole shindig takes place at the Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal, near Shelter Island, off Rosecrans). Call 619-291-3775 for information. (POINT LOMA)

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

Romance, Intrigue, Secrets, Duels, Feuds...yes, the dance-drama *Romeo and Juliet* will be presented by the Stuttgart Ballet for the La Jolla Chamber Music Society on April 5 and 6. This version of the classic boasts choreography by the late John Cranko (who first staged the ballet in Venice in 1958) and a majestic score by Sergei Prokofiev.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets range from \$20 to \$175, de-

pending upon the seats and the date. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

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)

The Tenth Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival continues through March 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.

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A Night of Short Films created by over 13 filmmakers from the UCSD community is slated for Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$5. For further information, call 858-454-3541 x151. (LA JOLLA)

A Foreign Film Festival hosted by the foreign language department at Southwestern College is currently underway. The roster this week includes the Portuguese film *Tieta* on Friday, March 21. *Dragon Story* from China will be shown on Monday, March 24. See *Father and Son* on Wednesday, March 26. The series concludes with the Spanish movie *Hombres de armas* on Friday, March 28.

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)

Celebrate the Spirit of Adventure when the 27th annual Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour screens in our area. Catch the flicks on Saturday, March 22, at the San Diego Natural History Museum and on Sunday, March 23, at the La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Two different programs are screened, beginning at 2 and 7 p.m. both days. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the

door. For information, call 619-283-2374. (BALBOA PARK, ENCINITAS)

The Frenzied Angst and Boredom of Youth are captured by Lukas Moodysson in *Show Me Love*, screening for the Film Forum on Monday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E. Street). Admission is free. 619-236-5800. In Swedish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

“Madcap March” is celebrated in the movies screening for the Carlsbad Library film series this month. The surprise hit of 2002, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, screens on Wednesday, March 26, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

The Meeting of the Two Worlds series at the San Diego Museum of Art continues with Salvador Carrasco’s 1999 film *The Other Conquest*. The film is an exploration of the 1521 Spanish conquest of Mexico, demonstrating how the “Aztec spirit lives on in Mexican culture despite the horrific efforts of the Conquistadors.” See the movie on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for nonmembers. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

During the Six-Day War, Israel attacked and nearly sank the USS *Liberty*, according to the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. The group hosts a screening of *USS Liberty: Dead in the Water* on Thursday, March 27, at 6 p.m., at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero

Drive). Donations encouraged. Call 858-382-1059 or 619-840-1945 for information. (MISSION VILLAGE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the center is celebrating its 30th anniversary with an After 5 p.m. Classic IMAX Film Festival. The public voted on its favorite films, and the winning 13 are being screened through April 27. “Earth Week” features *Ring of Fire* (6 p.m.) and *Journey into Amazing Caves* (7 p.m.), through March 23. “Ocean Week” includes *The Living Sea* (6 p.m.) and *Dolphins* (7 p.m.), March 26-30. Admission to these screenings only is \$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

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)

Here, Kitty, Kitty! Learn to use your cat’s natural behaviors as training opportunities during the “Clicker Training for Cats” lecture planned on Thursday, March 20, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). Expect demonstrations and helpful materials. The fee is

\$10. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-7012 x249. (LINDA VISTA)

“Hydrogen Fuel as an Alternative Energy Source for Automobiles” is the topic when German Cobian speaks for the “Vision Building Topical Series” hosted by the San Diego Cultural Creatives on Thursday, March 20. The talk begins at 6 p.m. at the Cultural Creatives Convergence Center in Springfield College, 5348 University Avenue, suite 110. Free. 619-397-7028. (CITY HEIGHTS)

“When Father Was Away on Business” is the intriguing topic when Robert Eisner from the classics department at SDSU presents the tale of Odysseus from his son Telemachus’s point of view for the Archaeological Institute of America on Friday, March 21. The talk begins at 7:15 p.m. in room J-203 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Free. 619-295-0238. (KEARNY MESA)

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

Explore “Urban Blues in Chicago and New York and Roots of Rock and Roll (From the 1950s to the Present)” during the class on Friday, March 21. The fee is \$17. Find the

Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street. To make reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“The Alien: The Problem of Opposites” is the subject when Jungian analyst, writer, and teacher Deborah Wesley speaks for the Friends of Jung on Friday, March 21. The group gathers at 7:30 p.m. at Alliant University (6160 Cornerstone Court East). Admission is \$15 for nonmembers. Dial 858-587-4651 for information. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

“Mad About Madagascar — Lemurs, Chameleons, and a Solar Eclipse” is the topic when author, photographer, and all-around nice guy Jerry Schad presents a slide-illustrated lecture on his recent adventures when he speaks for the Sierra Club on Friday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo’s Otto Center (left of the zoo’s main entrance). Call 619-299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

“Unnatural History: The Arrival, Establishment, and Integration of Exotic Species in California’s Marine Ecosystems” is the topic when Jeff Crooks presents an informative talk on Friday, March 21, at the Tijuana River Estuary visitor’s center (301 Caspian Way). Crooks will highlight some broad invasion patterns by comparing exotic species in San Diego to those in San Francisco, in particular the small Asian mussel *Musculista*

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READING

The Story of My Father



Sue Miller

Alfred A. Knopf, 2003; 192 pages; \$22.50

FROM THE DUST JACKET: In the spring of 1986, novelist Sue Miller found herself more and more deeply involved in caring for her widower father as he slipped into the grasp of Alzheimer's disease, and in *The Story of My Father*, she offers insight into her own life as both daughter and writer in crisis. She gives us a rigorous, compassionate inventory of two lives, a powerful meditation on the variable nature of memory and the

difficulty of weaving a truthful narrative from the threads of a dissolving life. Here is the unforgettable personal journey of a daughter who strove to be fully with her father in his illness even as she confronted her own terror of abandonment, the remarkable record of a woman's love for her father, and of the long, hard work of grieving for him.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Sue Miller was born in 1943, one of four children of James Hastings and Judith Bach Nichols. Her father was an ordained Presbyterian minister who taught church history at the University of Chicago Divinity School and at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Ms. Miller graduated from Radcliffe College in 1964 with a B.A. in English literature. After graduation she married a medical student who later became a psychiatrist. Ms. Miller, to help support her husband and their son Ben, born in 1967, took a variety of jobs. She taught English in high school, charted rats in a Yale psych lab, worked in Head Start, waited tables, and modeled. She and her first husband divorced in 1970.

Ms. Miller was one of the founders of the Harvard Day Care Centers. She worked there for eight years as a teacher of preschool children. During this same time, she wrote her first novel, which she considered a failure and destroyed. She acquired an M.E. in early childhood education from Harvard University, an M.A. in creative writing from Boston University, and an M.A. in English education from Wesleyan University.

In 1979 Ms. Miller won a creative-writing fellowship at Boston University. Around that same time her short stories began to appear in magazines. She began to teach creative writing at various colleges and universities in the Boston area. In 1983 she received a Bunting Fellowship, which permitted her to take a year for her writing. With the Bunting's help, she began what would be her first published novel, *The Good Mother*, which had its genesis in a short story published in 1981. *The Good Mother* was published in 1986; the novel, focusing on the drama of a child-custody battle after a divorce, surprised its author by rising to the top of the bestseller lists and remaining there for six months.

Sue Miller is also the author of *The World Below*, *While I Was*

Gone, *The Distinguished Guest*, *For Love*, *Family Pictures*, and *Inventing the Abbotts*. She lives in Boston.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Not only was Sue Miller a preacher's kid — a "PK" — but both of her parents' fathers were clergymen. I asked, on the day that we talked, what it had been like, for her, being a preacher's kid.

"Being a 'PK,' I think, is different in my experience. Why? Because my dad was primarily an academic. Normally, as a preacher's kid, you're very visible and are expected to behave very, very well. This was true for my mother because her father had a church, and she was the visible representative of her parents to this congregation. But, because my father was an academic, that wasn't so true for me. My father's father, from the time my father was quite young, was an academic. My father's father had had a church earlier on, but then he began to teach church history at Auburn Theological Seminary, and he didn't have a church. I also think because my father's mother died, his growing up was traumatic in a way that took away from that other stuff about being a preacher's kid. My sense of the way I grew up was that it was mixed. My mother did have that sense that we should behave very well and that we represented her, because that's the way she had grown up. But on the other hand, we grew up in this very liberal community around the University of Chicago."

During the time Sue Miller lived at home with her parents and brothers and sister, the University of Chicago theology faculty was extraordinarily distinguished. Paul Tillich was there, as was Mircea Eliade. "The feeling of growing up there," she said, "was not so much of being a 'PK' but rather just because of the neighborhood and the community, there was this sense that you were part of a very left-wingish university community."

A friend whose father taught at a prestigious seminary had said

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"African Art" is up for discussion when Teri L. Sowell, lecturer in "Oceanic and African art at UCSD," presents an introduction to the beauty and diversity in African art on Friday, March 21, at 10 a.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$10. Call 619-696-1953 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

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tographic Arts (1649 El Prado) to discuss the images on Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m. Free. For information, call 858-456-5620. (BALBOA PARK)

Computer Classes for Hard of Hearing and "late-deafened people with little or no computer experience" are slated for Saturdays, from March 22-April 12, at Deaf Community Services (3930 Fourth Avenue, suite 300). The fee is \$10 per class. Call 858-278-9630 for information. (HILLCREST)

Flamenco Is a Way of Life, according to Claudia Tornsäuer, who presents "The Art of Flamenco: The Song, the Dance, the Guitar" on Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m. to noon, in the auditorium at West City Center (3249 Fordham Street). The slide-illustrated lecture will explore the philosophy of flamenco and how the music is merely an outward expression of the flamenco way of life. Carissa Romero will demonstrate the art of playing castanets and give ad-

ditional insight. Free. For information, call 619-221-6973. (MIDWAY)

Tobias Picker's Thérèse Raquin will be discussed in a multimedia presentation by Ron Shaheen on Saturday, March 22, at 10 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. For information, call 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

Ne Plus Ultra Easter Eggs! 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 22 (and March 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)

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to me that, as a child, she often felt that God was her father's employer. I asked Ms. Miller what she made of this statement.

Ms. Miller laughed, "Yes. It is very strange in that way, I think."

For people who grow up in seminaries, I said, moral and ethical questions always seem particularly important.

Ms. Miller agreed. "I do think that was true. My parents were very focused on moral and social issues. 'What does this experience mean to you? Are you being fully honest with yourself?' — that sort of thing. They were hyper-scrupulous. I tended to be more that way than my siblings, just in a sort of pain-in-the-butt way, taking it to extremes. I think as a teenager I was overly scrupulous — all the time asking myself what I truly meant, if I'd been truly honest, if I really believed this, and if I didn't, how could I partake of this or do that."

The Story of My Father is illustrated with family photographs. One of my favorite of these photos is that of Ms. Miller, her son Ben as a teenager, and Ms. Miller's father. "It is such a happy picture," I said, "with all three of you smiling."

"That's one of my favorite photos. I have my copy of it hanging on my wall just because it's such a happy picture. It was sort of the coming to an end of my dad's being able to be happily present in that way. But it is a wonderful picture. Someone pointed out that our chins all looked the same, but in fact there's a real family resemblance, which there truly isn't in life. We look very different, each of us, but it is true that as we laugh we look more closely familial than we do in any other facial composition."

"People I know," I said, "whose parents have become senile or been diagnosed as suffering Alzheimer's are incredibly frightened when they become at all forgetful. Have you been frightened in this way?"

"Yes. I've certainly become aware of it, and now my father's

sister has Alzheimer's too. But she's much older than he was, and she's not suffering extremely from it now. She didn't get it until much later in her life than my father got it in his life. Timing is everything with the disease. But I also know that my grandparents on my other side lived into their 90s and were very cogent, and so I know that there are both things there. I would never be tested for it, I don't think. I would just as soon not know that it's coming, if it's coming. But I am aware of it, and I do monitor my forgetfulness a lot.

"When my father was ill, I had what I think of, near the end of his life, as some traumatic forgetfulness. I had more extreme forgetfulness than I've ever had since. I was teaching that one semester before he died. I can remember in class starting a thought — which is something he had described to me happening to him when he taught — and not knowing, by the time I got toward the middle of the end of the thought, why I'd begun it and what the end of it was supposed to have been. I recall getting so frightened that I think I was worse then than I've ever been since, and I think it was just a sense of abstractedness, because I was thinking of his illness all the time."

"You must have been exhausted during the last phase of your father's illness."

"No, I wasn't really. There were many ways in which my lot as a caregiver was very easy. For instance, he had what seemed to be very good care where he was, even though it wasn't specifically Alzheimer's care. For me it just was a balancing act, which I think a lot of people have, even if their parents aren't ill — that sense that you have these multiple lives. In the past, women, especially, even though they might be quite busy with their lives as mothers or wives and managers of households, didn't have also this other element of a work life outside the home. Because I'm a writer I'd sometimes push that work life aside, and then I'd get desperate

because I had the option of letting the writing wait to some degree. I'd get crazy because I had done that and was *not* writing. Everything was always a little out of balance in my life during that time."

Did Ms. Miller still carry on, in her mind, conversations with her father?

"I don't, no. Actually, it's funny. I more often think of my mother as someone I can talk to. I dearly love my memories of him when he was himself, but I think the sense of his illness is with me when I think of him."

About the impulse that started what became *The Story of My Father*, Ms. Miller writes:

I decided it might help me to make an account of my father's life and, to a larger extent, of his dying.... I wanted to write about him. The purpose of it all, as I imagined it then, would be to help someone else in my position. Someone who found herself taking care of a beloved parent as he disappeared before her eyes, leaving behind a needier and needier husk, a kind of animated shell requiring her attention and care — care she would offer in memory of the person who once lived inside it. I wanted to remember him and also to make some use of his long and terrible dying. I wanted, of course, to heal myself too. And so I started.

The Story of My Father is the first long nonfiction Ms. Miller has written. She had great difficulty finishing the book. About this difficulty, she writes:

I began to think my problem had to do with voice. With the fact that I was accustomed to using the first person only fictionally, hiding behind an imagined speaker who might be close to who I was but was

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3:30 p.m., at the South Chula Vista Library (389 Orange Avenue). The \$15 fee for "Sew-Free Doll Making" includes materials. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-585-5792 or 619-482-6376. (CHULA VISTA)

"**Vegetarianism Made Easy**" is the subject for a class planned on Saturday, March 22, in conjunction with the Great American Meatout. Topics include shopping, no-hassle dining, menu planning, and how to make your favorite recipes vegetar-

ian. Free. The class runs 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Library, 5188 Zion Avenue. To make the requested reservations, call 760-943-7428. (ALLIED GARDENS)

There Are Five Basic Categories of Wine, with each category sharing certain common characteristics. Learn about how they're made when Belle Marie Winery hosts this class on Saturday, March 22, 2 to 4 p.m. The fee is \$20. Find the winery at

26312 Mesa Rock Road. To reserve a spot, call 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

The Hoax and its ability to deceive or amuse will be the subject when Alex Boese, curator of an online museum of hoaxes, speaks for the Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, March 23. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). The requested donation is \$5. Dial 619-421-5844 for information. (HILLCREST)

When the Jewish Historical Society meets on Sunday, March 23, Sandra Bishop will speak on "The History of the Jewish Family Service of San Diego." Bishop is the director of volunteer services for the organization. The lecture begins at 1 p.m. in the Foster Family Chapel at Congregation Beth Israel (9001 Towne Centre Drive). Free. 619-232-5888. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

"Terrorists in the United States" provide the fodder when Vince Garner speaks for the North County

Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council of San Diego on Monday, March 24. Garner will summarize Steven Emerson's statements and writings on the subject. The program begins at 10:05 a.m. in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635. (SOLANA BEACH)

What Is Adventure Racing? Find out when Barry and Liz, "well-accomplished Adventure Racers and all-around athletes," present a slide-il-

lustrated lecture on Monday, March 24, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Attendees will receive a water bottle, Clif bar, and Salomon whistle. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Learn Hand-Drumming Techniques and rhythms of North Africa and the Middle East when Frank Lazaro presents drumming classes. The six-week series starts on Monday, March 24, at 6 p.m., and concludes on April 28. The fee is \$10 per class, or \$50 prepaid for the series. Find the

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not “I.” I never had to own any of the thoughts and ideas and feelings I described in a novel; they belonged to my “employees,” as Grace Paley once called her characters. Here, in the nonfiction work, I was self-employed, and I was having trouble figuring out how far forward I wanted to step, how much of the real “I” to expose. At least that’s what I told myself.

Ms. Miller decided that it might be helpful for her to write some personal essays, “to practice using a nonfictive first-person voice in some shorter works that would be less difficult” for her than a book about her father’s death. She began, therefore, to take journalism assignments, something from which, previously, she had turned away. Working on these assignments helped.

“I could feel,” she writes, “the breaking down of the scrim that had hung between me as first-person narrator and my imaginary reader. And even though the essays were not, in fact, themselves very intimate, I found myself writing comfortably and intimately in them.”

I said to Ms. Miller that her paragraphs on the nonfictive first-person voice deeply interested me. I said that I thought that readers too often imagined that this nonfictive first-person indeed *was* the true and only voice of the writer.

“Absolutely. There’s a kind of construction when you write; there’s a kind of way you choose to be. It isn’t the way you’d speak it, it isn’t the way you’d present it to a friend. It’s the way you write it. And writing itself is a very conscious and controlled act. I mean, you can play very much at the edges of that first-person narrator if you want to, as someone like Philip Roth does, let’s say. He’s much closer to the edge than I. But it still isn’t you, and, even if you’re being Zuckerman, it’s not Philip Roth. I wasn’t as close as Zuck-

erman ever was with my fictional characters. And it was just very difficult to be writing truly as myself and to feel that sense of not quite knowing how to do that. I mean just not knowing how to do it, and how much I wanted to step forward or to recede or any of that. It was all very unclear to me. I’d simply never done it before.”

I said that I thought her notion of a scrim was very smart. “I did very much feel that. I somehow needed to find a way. I did write a series of essays for various journals and magazines, and that was very helpful to me as a way of gargling or clearing your throat before you sing. It made it possible for me to say, ‘Okay, this is the way you make such a voice,’ and then to carry that over into my efforts to write this nonfiction book. A huge part of the struggle is getting launched into some sort of voice that I could sustain.”

“Grace Paley’s characters-as-employees,” I said, “is a great way to speak of characters.”

“That was wonderful. I’d gone to hear her read, and then there were questions afterwards, and someone asked her about one of her characters who is pretty close to Grace Paley — her face and all. This was in an early story. The character says something about how the Jews shouldn’t have a land, how they should exist to prick everyone’s conscience. Someone stood up and said, ‘Does this mean Israel shouldn’t exist or something?’ And Paley said, ‘Well, you know, I’m not really the same person as my characters. I mean, I think of my characters as my employees.’ It was such a great and very funny way of defusing this question, but also a very real thing to say about your fictional characters. I think that they do what you make them do, essentially.”

“I think it’s very difficult,” I said, “although not difficult like having to work digging ditches, but I do think that for writers, it is annoying to have interviewers and fans confuse you with your characters.”

“It seems that there’s a way in which a lot of readers don’t credit imagination fully; they believe that an author’s story has to come entirely from life and that you can’t cook things up yourself. One wants to say, ‘You know, I thought this up, I made this up. This was fun for me in a way. And it isn’t a record of anything. It’s something I made. Don’t you think it’s neat the way I made it?’ There’s no way to say that, although I suppose one could say it and that maybe it wouldn’t be unhealthy to say it. But there does seem to be this sense of wanting to account for every imaginative act in terms of a thing that happened to the imaginer. And I think that that’s an underrating and misunderstanding of the way fictional imagination works.”

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said, ‘It’s not like a job, is it? You have to wait to feel like you want to do something.’ And I said, ‘Yes, it is like a job. If you’re not doing it, you’re not going to get inspired.’ I think there is that sort of romantic misunderstanding of writing.”

In 2000 Oprah chose Ms. Miller’s novel *While I Was Gone* for her reading club. The novel eventually sold approximately 1.5 million copies. I asked Ms. Miller if Oprah’s choice of her book made a big change in her life.

studio at 739 Arden Drive. 760-942-1326. (ENCINITAS)

Holocaust Survivor and Psychologist Edith Eger will focus on “Forgiveness and Healing” when she speaks for the La Jolla Pen Women on Monday, March 24. The group will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at the La Jolla Lutheran Church, 7111 La Jolla Boulevard. Free. 858-456-7242. (LA JOLLA)

Conflict Is Inevitable but Manageable, according to the folks at the San Diego Mediation Center. In conjunc-

tion with their Days of Dialogue, there will be parent-teen conflict workshops on March 24 and 25. The group meets at 6 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway); and in Spanish at 6 p.m. at the San Diego Mediation Center (695 Saturn Boulevard, suite E). On Wednesday, hone your skills at 6 p.m. at the South Chula Vista Library (389 Orange Avenue). Reservations are requested. 619-238-2400. (MISSION VALLEY, SAN DIEGO, CHULA VISTA)

“Civil Society and Political Transformation in Latin America” is the theme for a research conference planned on Monday and Tuesday, March 24 and 25 in the Deutz Room of the Copley Conference Center at UCSD. The four panel discussions — “Civil Society in Latin America: Conceptual Approaches”; “Structural Changes and Civil Society” and “Civil Society and Democratic Institutions”; and “Social Movements and Democracies” — begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. each

day. Admission is free. 858-534-6050. (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. Stanley Rhine is professor emeritus in the University of New Mexico’s department of anthropology; he’s the author of *Bone Voyage: A Journey in Forensic Anthropology*. Rhine will speak on Tuesday, March 25.

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

Urban Safaris Go African, Patty Fares of the walking tour company Urban Safaris presents a slide-illustrated lecture on her recent trip to Kenya and Tanzania on Tuesday, March 25, at 7 p.m., at the Clairemont Community Service Center in

Clairemont Town Square (4731 Clairemont Drive; use the entrance next to the recycling drop-off). Admission is free. To make the required reservations, call 619-236-0828. (CLAIREMONT)

“Basic Resources for Genealogical Research in England and Wales” will be provided when Kathleen Lund speaks for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, March 25, at 10 a.m., in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers

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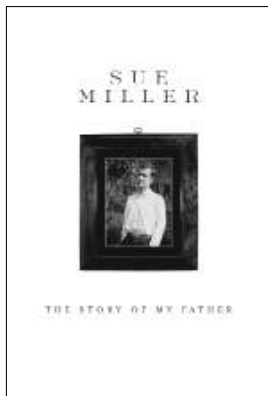
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"It didn't. It was wonderful. But it did make a change in this sense. *The Good Mother* did fantastically well without much touring for it or anything. It was my first book. People didn't know who I was. But every book after *The Good Mother* did less and less and less well. If you graph my career, it starts very high and then it slowly sinks down. And then being on *Oprah* took the book *While I Was Gone* back up again to that point my career was at with *The Good Mother*. And now it will slowly sink down again.

"So Oprah gave me a great lift and a boost at a time in my career when it was very helpful to me to have that boost. When I say 'career,' I'm talking about how I've done, more commercially than anything else. I think of it as being so anomalous and bizarre anyway, because it started out so well. I never expected that as a writer. I expected a kind of much more traditional shape to my career.

"I'm very grateful for that great boost in the middle of things, which is what the *Oprah* experience gave me, which is different from what it did for people who had been going along — well known and doing okay critically but never selling that well — whom Oprah takes, and suddenly they have money for the first time in their life and their books do very, very well and their audience is radically increased. Because I had that experience early on, and it did change things. But I think that my books now will revert back to where they more predictably might have been, which is

with mid-list books."

"After *Oprah* did you get a lot of mail from readers?"

"I did get a fair amount, but nothing like I got for *The Good Mother*. I think that somehow every person who had ever been in a custody suit in the United States of America wrote to me after *The Good Mother*." Ms. Miller laughed her pleasantly watery laugh. "Well, a lot of people wrote me. They asked for advice, of which I had none."

Ms. Miller paused a moment, then said, "But there wasn't a sort of essential burning issue to *While I Was Gone*, whereas that custody battle at the center of *The Good Mother* is just such a painful thing for people who have endured it, and their sense that this first-person narrator who told that story was real somehow, or that I must know about that experience, was very powerful for some readers who did write. I don't think there was anything in *While I Was Gone* that had that same thing you could immediately identify."

The Good Mother in 1988 was made into a movie starring Diane Keaton and Liam Neeson. In 1993 *Family Pictures* was made into a TV miniseries, starring Anjelica Huston and Sam Neill. In 1997 *Inventing the Abbotts* was made into a movie starring Liv Tyler. I had read that Ms. Miller refused to see any of these films. Was that true? I asked.

"True. I didn't want to see them. I actually saw the preview of *The Good Mother* when I was seeing something else, and I realized I wanted to have it be in my head the way it always had. I didn't want the interruption of this other vision of it, this other way of hearing it. No matter how fine the rendition and the translation into film, I couldn't imagine anyone doing it exactly as I saw it in my own mind. It was nothing I wanted to see. It wasn't that I resisted the temptation, it was that I had none — I had no temptation at all."

I had read that Robert Coover, a student at the University of

Chicago while Ms. Miller was growing up, had rented a room in Ms. Miller's parents' house. I asked about this.

"It is true. Bob Coover lived in our basement for four or five years. I can't remember his field, but he wasn't in literature; he was a graduate student in something, maybe philosophy or something like that. When I was growing up, we had roomers in the house; they didn't eat with us, so it wasn't a boarding house, but we usually had students, usually graduate students from the University of Chicago. My parents did this so we could have a little extra money.

"We had this old coal furnace with these ducts that ran up through the house, behind the walls. You open these hot-air ducts. Well, the hot-air ducts that came up into my room came up from Bob Coover's room. I could sort of hear him, I'd hear his voice, and I'd sometimes lay down on the hot-air register and listen to him. But many years later, when I had been writing for a while, I opened up the *Sunday Herald Tribune*, which then existed, and looked at the book review, and there was a first novel by Robert Coover. And it was called *The Origin of the Brunists*. I read it, of course, and it was a wonderful, complicated book that ended up winning the William Faulkner Foundation Award for the Best First Novel. But anyway, it was just so extraordinary for me to think Bob Coover — this guy who came up once a week to take a bath in our bathtub because he only had a sink in his toilet down there and whose voice I would eavesdrop on through the hot-air ducts — had written a novel, and what's more, a wonderful novel. I grew up in a world of academics, so his novel's publication was my first example of someone who got from ordinary life to there, and it was very inspiring to me, although his fiction has turned out to be enormously different from mine at this point in our writing lives. But it was a thrilling and a motivational moment, I think, but also a very funny one for me."

— Judith Moore

(1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Lund is chairperson of the England/Wales section of the British Isles Genealogical Research Association. Free. 858-453-8469. (CARLSBAD)

Distinguishing the Shabby and the Shady, learn about "Evaluating Websites" when the San Diego Public Library hosts this class on Tuesday, March 25, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Participant will hear tips and hints on evaluating websites for quality and reliable information. To make the re-

quired reservations, call 619-238-6621. Basic Internet experience is recommended. Find the library at 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Spring Is One of the Best Times of the year to climb in Joshua Tree National Park. There's a clinic examining "Climbing in Joshua Tree" slated for Tuesday, March 25, at 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). The best beginner and intermediate climbs will be discussed. Free. Call 858-279-4400 for information. (KEARNY MESA)

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

The next seminar is slated for Tuesday, March 25, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the University Com-

munity Library (4155 Governor Drive). Free. For reservations, call 619-685-1390. (SAN CARLOS)

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

Why Should Jews Speak Out About Human Rights? Find out when journalist Deborah Sklar speaks for the American Jewish Committee on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m., at the Marriott La Jolla (4240 La Jolla Village Drive). The fee is \$15. To make the required reservations, call 858-278-5943. (LA JOLLA)

Stereo Glasses Are Provided when the San Diego Stereo Club meets to share 3-D projected stereo slides on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m., in

the Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent and east of Spanish Village). There's a members' slide competition planned this month. For information, call 619-442-6879. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Photographing the Getty Garden" is the subject when photographer Becky Cohen speaks for the Mission Hills Garden Club on Wednesday, March 26. Cohen's slide-illustrated lecture will focus on the process of photographing Robert Irwin's gar-

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den at the Getty Center; she'll also sign copies of *Robert Irwin Getty Garden*.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's Church, 4080 Hawk Street (at Fort Stockton). Admission is \$5 for nonmembers. Call 619-543-9388 for information. (MISSION HILLS)

"Seeds for Conservation: Coconuts to Parachutes" — it's the intriguing topic when botanist Joey Betzler speaks at the San Diego Natural History Museum on Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. Seeds are one of the most powerful conservation tools in the effort to protect endangered organisms. Tickets: \$8 for nonmembers. Call 619-255-0203 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

"In the Public Realm: Alternative Perspectives" is the theme for this year's "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. There's a round-table discussion "On Public Art" planned on Thursday, March 27. Panelists include John Baldessari, Allan Kaprow, Mary Beebe, Barbara Kruger, and Lindsay Levansky.

The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. Admission is free. For information, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Insight Gallery Talk, explore "The Grandeur of Viceregal Mexico" when European art curator Claudia Leos speaks on Thursday, March 27, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The talk is included in regular museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Rainforest Natural History" will be discussed when USD biology professor Terence P. McGlynn speaks of La Selva Biological Station in Costa Rica. The talk starts at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, in the Manchester Conference Center at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. To make the required reservations, dial 619-260-4815. (LINDA VISTA)

The Best New Varieties for "Home Citrus Growing" will be discussed during the slide-illustrated lecture planned for the California Rare Fruit Growers on Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. The expert will also divulge the best varieties for the various microclimates in the county. If time permits, expect to hear tips on budding, grafting, and propagating citrus and other tropical fruit. Free. 619-523-8565. (BALBOA PARK)

A Horticultural Happening, the San Diego Home Gardening Seminar, offered by the San Diego Master Gardeners, is slated for Saturday, April 5, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Marina Village Conference Center (1945 Quivira Way). New and experienced gardeners are invited to the selection of 40 classes on all facets of gardening; topics include "Back-Yard Orchid Culture," "ABCs of Home Composting," "Growing Heirloom Vegetables from Seed," "Safe and Easy Rose Care," and much more. For space availability and fees, call 858-694-2860. (MISSION BAY)

IN PERSON

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 presents 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)

Author Irene Armenta DesGeorges will discuss and sign *Inocencia: una mujer que desafió el destino* on Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). Free. 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

Academy Mystery Author Joanne Dobson visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss *The Maltese Manuscript* on Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by calling 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

The Emotional, Social, and philosophical effects of poverty on the human spirit are examined when *Downsized* is presented by the Microcosm Project. Local poet and musician Makana Muanga directs the piece, in which four San Diego poets present their original works and the works of other local poets. DJ Clearchannel and "New World African Drummer" Teeki Taylor accompany the show.

The performances begin at 11 p.m. on Fridays, March 21 through April 25, at the 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Tickets are \$15. For reservations and information, dial 619-819-6441. (HILLCREST)

Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-Winning Tale of deception and revenge, *Sweeney Todd*, will be pre-

sented in concerts by the San Diego Symphony on March 21 and 23. Travel into the depths of human darkness at 8 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from \$20 to \$70. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Taste of Our Tongues," expect an evening of erotic poetry when *Santa Perversa and Other Erotic Poems* author Alejandra Ibarra reads from his work on Friday, March 21, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta. Brujas y Bellas members Mariajulia Urias and Lizz Huerta will read from their work as well. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). The requested donation is \$5. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

In Celebration of Women's History Month, the City Heights Library Performance Annex presents the poem "Womanslaughter" by Pat Parker and the play *Maggie and Drey* written and directed by Christie Ryan on March 21 and 22.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. A \$5 donation is requested. Find the annex at 3795 Fairmount Avenue. Dial 619-641-6100 for additional information. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Laugh Out Loud when the Comedy Codependents perform on Friday, March 21, at 8 p.m., at the Creativity Centre (4716 32nd Street). The troupe relies upon suggestions from the audience to fuel the fun. Free. 619-280-5177. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Artescape 6," Activist San Diego's ongoing arts and culture series, continues with music, dancers, and spoken word on Saturday, March 22, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the Roseary Room (947 E Street, between 9th and 10th). The program features Alfred Howard and the Sa-Da-Tay All Stars, Sudakshina Alagia, the Urban Tribal Dance Company, the Enchanted, Jay Perez, and the Procrastinators. Admission is \$10, for those 21 and older only. Questions? Call 858-829-3294 for answers. (DOWNTOWN)

ALZHEIMER'S: THE WIFE for Renée Mauger

She answers the bothersome telephone, takes the message, forgets the message, forgets who called. One of their daughters, her husband guesses: the one with the dogs, the babies, the boy Jed? Yes, perhaps, but how tell which, how tell anything when all the name tags have been lost or switched, when all the lonely flowers of sense and memory bloom and die now in adjacent bites of time? Sometimes her own face will suddenly appear with terrifying inappropriateness before her in a mirror. She knows that if she's patient, its gaze will break, demurely, decorously, like a well-taught child's, it will turn from her as though it were embarrassed by the



secrets of this awful hide-and-seek. If she forgets, though, and glances back again, it will still be in There, furtively watching, crying. — C.K. Williams

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

Traditional and Klezmer-Inspired original music is promised when Yale Strom and Klazzj perform for the First Unitarian Universalist Church's spring concert series on Saturday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. Ensemble members include Strom, Elizabeth Schwartz (vocals), Tripp Sprague (tenor and soprano sax), Fred Benedetti (guitar, mandolin), Jeff Pekarek (bass, bouzouki), and Gene Perry (percussion). Find the church at 4190 Front Street. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation. For more details, dial 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Described as a "Comic Crime Novelist," Bill Fitzhugh signs his "frantically funny chase novel" *Heart Seizure* on Saturday, March 22, at 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. Dial 858-268-4747 for details. (CLAIREMONT)

He's Devoted His Life to Saving Stray Dogs in St. Louis, and now Randy Grim is the subject for Melinda Roth's book *The Man Who Talks to Dogs: The Story of America's Wild Street Dogs and Their Unlikely Savior*. Meet Grim when he discusses his work on Saturday, March 22, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at Dexter's Deli (1229 Camino del Mar). Free. For information, call 858-792-3707. (DEL MAR)

Expect a Filé Gumbo of Fun when the Kahuna Cowboys Jug Band performs its blues, Cajun, Western, swing, and prewar Hawaiian-influenced music in concert on Saturday, March 22, for San Diego Folk Heritage. The concert starts at 7 p.m. in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Tickets: \$12. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (POWAY)

Irish Vocalist Mary Black performs her "award-winning songs" on Saturday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$37 and \$43, available by dialing 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

North County Funnies, the fun continues when Bobby Tessel and Stan Simmons, along with the Pearl Street Players, perform on Saturday, March 22. The laughs begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets are \$15 at the door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

Endings...and New Beginnings, improvisational theater based on a variety of true-life stories from the audience is promised when San Diego Playback Theatre performs on Saturday, March 22, at 8 p.m., at the Celeste Center (861 Hornblend Street). Admission is \$8. 619-298-1207. (PACIFIC BEACH)

It Begins with a Fiddle... filmmaker, author, and musician Yale Strom will visit Upstart Crow on Saturday, March 22, at 2 p.m., to perform and discuss and sign his latest work, *The Book of Klezmer*. Find the shop at 835 West Harbor Drive and by calling 619-232-4855. Free. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

"Jarhead: A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf War" will be discussed and signed by author Anthony H. Swofford on Saturday, March 22, at 2 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center. Free. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

International Women's Month is being commemorated at the World Beat Center with a celebration of Audre Lorde on Sunday, March 23, at 7 p.m. The program includes poets, speakers, and a film documentary.

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The San Diego City Guard Band performs on Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m., for the lawn program at the House of Pacific Relations International Cottages. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

A Woman Searches for Her Missing Sister in Bonnie Hearn Hill's novel *The Intern*, which she'll sign on Sunday, March 23, at 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Call 858-268-4747 for information. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Bring Your Design Problems when Roderick N. Shade signs and discusses *Harlem Style: Designing for the New Urban Aesthetic* on Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (668 Sixth Avenue). Free. For information, call 619-702-7420. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Meet Apollo 10 Commander Tom Stafford when the astronaut visits the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center to discuss his experiences in space and sign his book *We Have Capture*. Stafford also commanded Gemini 9, the American half of the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz mission, and piloted Gemini 6. Stafford will be on hand on Sunday, March 23, speaking from 1 to 2 p.m., with the signing to follow. The appearance is included in regular museum admission. Call 619-238-1233 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

"Blue in Green," the Turtle Island String Quartet visits the Poway Center for Performing Arts to perform music by Miles Davis on Sunday, March 23, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$30. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). To reach the box office, call 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

"From Vienna to East L.A." — lots of ground will be covered when the Carlsbad Playreaders convene on Monday, March 24. The three selected plays provide a diverse evening of poetry, fantasy, and comedy. The roster includes *Springtime: Vienna 1938* by Kurt Reichert, Gabriel Fuhrman's *Carl's Dream*, and *El Mensajero* by Beatriz Mendoza.

The reading starts at 7:30 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The requested donation is \$5. For tickets and information, call 760-729-3383. (LA COSTA)

A Tapestry of Acrobatics, Dance, Comedy, and fantasy are offered in iL CiRCo, continuing through March 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)

Celebrating Jewish Music, the fourth annual installment of this series begins with a concert entitled "From Ukraine to Nashville: The Andy Statman Trio" on Monday, March 24. Clarinet and mandolin master Andy Statman "leads a musical journey from Jewish mysticism through jazz and bluegrass."

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Nonmember tickets are \$18 general, \$17 for seniors and students. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

"Star Wars" Author Troy Denning signs *Star Wars: Tatooine Ghost* at Mysterious Galaxy Books on Monday, March 24, at 7 p.m. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by calling 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:45 p.m. and open readings run from 8:10 to 9:30 p.m., on Monday, March 24, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Call 619-296-0616 for information. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Hailing from Michigan, Kimberly Blaker will discuss her new book, *Fundamentals of Extremism: The Christian Right in America*, when the Atheist Coalition convenes on Tuesday, March 25, at 7 p.m., at the North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 858-459-8273. (NORTH PARK)

A Cesar Chávez Celebration with participation by local Chicano artists and youth musical groups is planned on Tuesday, March 25, at 6 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. Call 619-641-6123 for details. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Klezmer Music and Jazz Style are married in performances by the Rabbinical School Dropouts, taking the stage on Tuesday, March 25, at the North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). Tickets are \$16 general, \$15 for seniors. Call 858-481-1055 for reservations and information. (SOLANA BEACH)

Moroccan-Born Israeli Vocalist and percussionist Shlomo Bar and the band Habrera Hativeet combine Eastern and Western instruments to create a sound springing from Sephardic, Eastern, African, and Middle Eastern roots. The group plans a concert on Tuesday, March 25, at 8 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets are \$20 general. For more information, call 619-688-0688. (LA JOLLA)

Author Dan Brown will sign *The DaVinci Code* on Wednesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-0347 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Local Mystery Author Elliot Feldman will sign *Sitting Shiva: Detroit Trilogy, Book One*, on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series continues with a reading by Patricia Benke on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m., in room 2203 of the Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Benke is the author of a series of legal thrillers starring (fictional) San Diego District Attorney Judith Thorton. Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

"Pop Cultured: Modern Sheroes — Monster Grrrl, Wonder Woman, and Ms. Liberty Upholding Truth and Justice!" Through movement and music, Professor Karen Schaffman, student Erin Shems, and rap performer Stacy Goldstein will "explore the many powers of women" on Wednesday, March 26, at 5:30 p.m., in University Hall room 100 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). For further information, call 760-750-4366. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

Up for a Feel-Good Musical? See *Anything Goes* when it's presented at Rancho Buena Vista High School March 27-April 5. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. Tickets are \$7 general. Find the school at 1601 Longhorn Drive. For more information, call 760-727-7284 x3412. (VISTA)

The "Blame Canada Spoken-Word Show" hits Current Affairs Bookstore on Thursday, March 27, at 8 p.m. The roster includes *Filthy Lies* author Alexis O'Hara, *Sorry, We're Closed* author Tarin Towers, and locals Michael Klam, Jimmy Jazz, and Cecil

the Edutainer. Admission is \$5. Find the bookshop at 2536 University Avenue; 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

"Einstein's Daughters," presented by Kim Epifano at Sushi Performance and Visual Art March 27-30, features "three dancers, four live musicians, inventive props, a little flying here and there, dance," and text. The performances examine "the real and imagined mysteries and myths of genius, intellectual prowess, and creative accomplishments."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

"Optimal Thinking" is the subject when Rosalene Glickman signs and discusses her work on Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

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

Broadway Star Patti LuPone will sing songs from her CD *Matters of the Heart* when she performs on Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$56 and \$66. For information and reservations, call 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Songs from the European Tradition, contemporary American music, spirituals, and gospel music may be heard when the 52-voice California Lutheran University Choir performs on Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, 916889 Espola Road). An offering will be received. For more details, call 858-487-2225. (POWAY)

By Dugout Canoe, "Chicken Bus," train, and cattle truck, Paul Theroux made his way from Cairo to Cape Town. He chronicles the trip in his new book *Dark Star Safari: Overland from Cairo to Cape Town*, which he'll sign and discuss on Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Free. Dial 858-755-2707 for further information. (DEL MAR)

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

SPORTS

The Boys of Spring (Training), the San Diego Padres spring training season continues with games against the Chicago Cubs (Thursday and Tuesday, March 20 and 25), and the Kansas City Chiefs (Friday, March 21). The team splits squads to meet up with the Kansas City Chiefs and the Arizona Diamondbacks on Saturday, March 22. The Pads play against "Stars of the Future" and the Anaheim Angels on Sunday, March 23. The Pads take on the Texas Rangers on Monday, March 24, and the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday and Thursday, March 26 and 27 (at 12:05 p.m.).

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.

The Home Season Draws to a Close for the San Diego Sockers, with the final regular season game slated for Friday, March 21, at 7:05 p.m., against the Baltimore Blast, 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)

Walkin' the Dog, bring your (leashed) canine to the fourth annual Animal Walk and Doggie Dash 5k hosted by the Escondido Humane Society on Saturday, March 22, in Kit Carson Park. Registration starts at 6:30 a.m.; a competitive 5k starts 8 a.m., and the 5k for runners and walkers with dogs starts at 8:10 a.m. The one-mile fun walk starts at 8:45 a.m. The fee is \$25. Call 760-839-7986 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Registration for each event begins at 9:30 a.m., with starts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Courses close at 3 p.m. Instruction is available prior to each event. Fees range from \$8 to \$20, depending upon the event; compasses rent for \$3. Find the park at Antigua and Shadowridge Drives (just west of the intersection of South Melrose and Shadowridge). For further information, call 760-598-2630. (VISTA)

Swimmers With Disabilities from all over the nation will be competing in the 18th Annual Multi-Ability Swim Meet hosted by United Cerebral Palsy on Saturday, March 22, at the Loma Verde Pool (1420 Loma Lane). The novice meet begins at 9 a.m., with the long course meet starting at 10:30 a.m. Admission is free for spectators. For information, call 858-571-7803 x315. (CHULA VISTA)

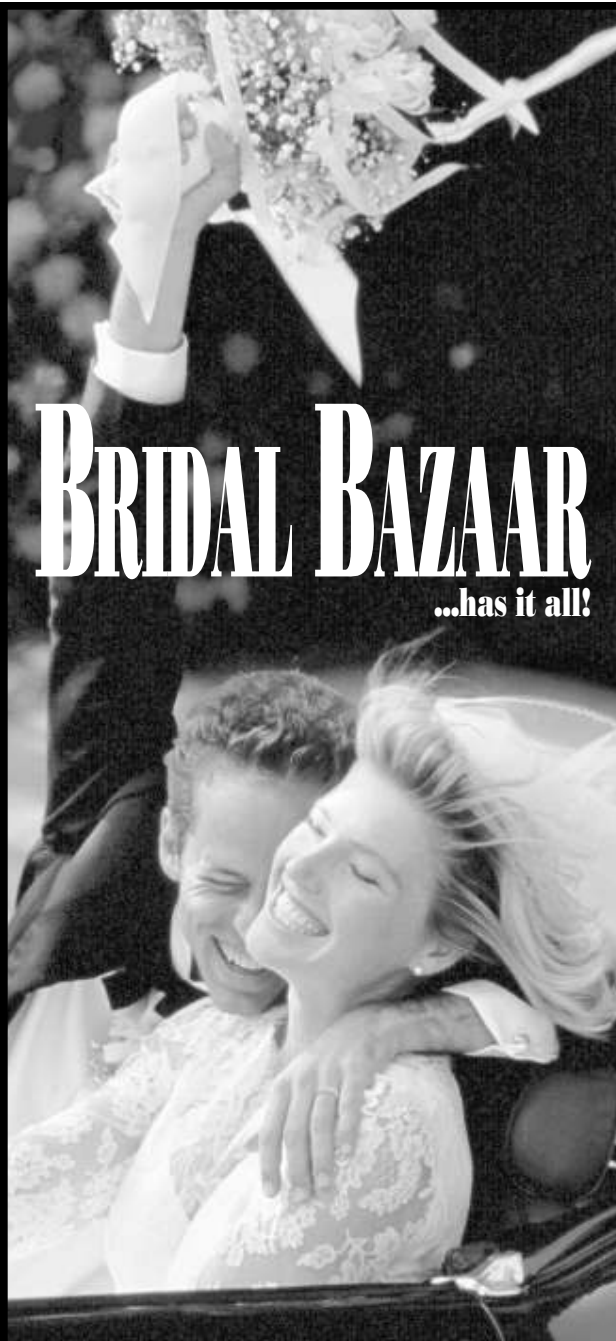
Winternationals, Snowbird Off-Road Racing hosts a short-course off-road racing series with trucks, buggies, powder puff racing, and the local "Tuff Truck" competition on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23, at Cajon Speedway. Racing starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday (with gates opening one hour prior each day). Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for those 6 to 12 years old; pit passes are an additional \$15. For more information, dial 858-571-5088. (EL CAJON)

The Tallest Party in Town, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hosts its 22nd annual StairClimb to Cure CF on Saturday, March 22. Take part in the three-hour endurance climb or a one-hour fun climb at One America Plaza (600 West Broadway). Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the climb stepping off at 9 a.m. For information, call 858-578-2945. (DOWNTOWN)

Take an (80-Mile) Backcountry Bike Ride with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Sunday, March 23, through Valley Center, Lilac, and other spots. The ride starts at 8:45 a.m., at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). Bring money or food for lunch in Valley Center. 858-277-7499. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Meet at Big Rock Park at 8:15 a.m. for the "Cowles Mountain Bootcamp Workout" led by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego on Sunday, March 23. The fee is \$15. For registration and locations, call 858-551-9511. (SANTEE)

Gulls Hockey, the San Diego Gulls host the Anchorage Aces on Sunday, March 23, at 5 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$18, available by calling 619-224-



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4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

La Jolla's Little Secrets, the Knickerbikers plan a “short and fairly easy ride” with a few hills on Sunday, March 23. The 20-miler for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. at the Mandell Weiss Theatre on UCSD (at La Jolla Village Drive and Torrey Pines Road). Bicyclists will visit Mount Soledad, the glider port, the UCSD campus, Birch Aquarium, the “Village,” and other spots. Bring money for lunch. For more information, call 858-450-0373. (LA JOLLA)

Tagg's Two-Mile Tune-Up, this run/walk is set for Sunday, March 23, starting at 8 a.m. at Hospitality Point in Quivira Basin. For details, dial 619-475-TAGG. (MISSION BAY)

Rack 'em Up, the Women's Professional Billiard Association returns to Viejas Casino for the seventh annual San Diego Classic Tournament March 26-30. Top-ranked competitors include Karen “the Irish Invader” Corr, Allison “the Duchess of Doom” Fisher, Jeanette “the Black Widow” Lee, Ewa “the Striking Viking” Laurance, Vivian “the Texas Tornado” Villarreal, and many others.

Pro-am tournament play begins at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26; professional tournament qualifying runs from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday through Saturday, March 27-29, with final-round play from 1 to 7 p.m. on Sunday March 30.

Day-play admission is \$5, evenings are \$7, and final-day play is \$15; a four-day pass is offered for \$45 (admission is free on March 26).

Find the casino at 5000 Willows Road. For information, call 800-84-POKER. (ALPINE)

Soccer Spectacular at the 'Q, four world-class national teams will play in a doubleheader on Wednesday, March 26, in Qualcomm Stadium. All four of the teams were finalists in the 2002 Men's World Cup. Japan takes on Uruguay at 5:30 p.m.; the featured match between Mexico and Paraguay starts at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For information, call 619-460-7612. (MISSION VALLEY)

SPECIAL

Fishing Season Approaches, so it's time for the 29th annual Fred Hall Tackle and Boat Show, continuing through March 23 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Expect to see boats, all manner of fishing gear, vendors' booths, and seminars. Show hours are 2 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$9 general, free for those under 12. Call 805-389-3339 for more information. (DEL MAR)

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 in the county. You're invited to visit each 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 continues through Sunday, March 23, at the Valley Drive-In (at Mission Avenue and Highway 76, Oceanside). The circus travels to Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher Parkway and Johnson, El

Cajon) for performances March 25-30. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; at 2:30, 5, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays; 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, EL CAJON)

California Dreamin', get the skinny on the home of your dreams at the fifth annual San Diego Interior Design and Landscape Expo, March 21-23 at the San Diego Convention Center. Ten internationally inspired design vignettes are showcased, and there will be hourly seminars, a children's area, and over 500 exhibits to inspire.

Show hours: noon to 9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$1 for children 6 to 12. For information, call 888-970-3976. The center is located at 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

“Jewels of the Jungle,” thousands of spectacular orchids for show and sale will be featured during the San Diego County Orchid Society's 57th annual show, running March 21-23, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). There will be orchid-cultivation classes, mass displays and single-plant flower exhibits, and competition for amateur and professional growers.

Show hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$5, free for those under 12. For more information, dial 619-660-9810. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Care, Cultivation, and Feeding of orchids will be discussed by members of the Palomar Orchid Society on Friday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Women's Club of Carlsbad (3320

Monroe Street). Free. For more information, call 760-735-8494 x104. (CARLSBAD)

“Feet First — Just for the Health of It,” this walking, health, and fitness fair is set for Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the John D. Spreckels Building (3858 Front Street, at University Avenue). Representatives from community organizations and local businesses will be on hand, and there will be pedestrian safety and exercise workshops, panel discussion on “Walkable Communities,” guided fitness walks, and more. Free. 619-298-2541. (HILLCREST)

A Home Décor Show hosted by the Dawn Kirk Crafters runs March 22-30 in the Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Expect to see home furnishings, reproductions, quilts, original art, dried florals, and more. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, call 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

Shush! The Friends of the Carlsbad Library announce a silent book auction on March 22 and 23 at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Dozens of books will be auctioned; some are very old, some are very new, and “all are very interesting.” Bidding is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For information, call 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

The Taka Sumi-E Society hosts a Japanese brush painting exhibit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23, in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. There will be demonstrations, dancing, a fashion show of wearable art, and more. For further information, call 619-464-0544. (BALBOA PARK)

Do Some Yoga at the Cove during an event sponsored by Hike Bike

Kayak San Diego on Saturday, March 22, at 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$15. To reserve a spot, call 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

Ready for a Pet? Many cats and dogs will be offered for adoption when FOCAS (Friends of County Animal Shelters) sets up at the Central County Animal Shelter (5480 Gaines Street) on Sunday, March 23, noon to 4 p.m. 619-685-3536. (SAN DIEGO)

Art for Land, the Anza-Borrego Foundation hosts 18 professional artists and their work to raise money for the purchase of the 3339-acre Vallecitos Ranch. Events run from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 23, at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors' center. Admission to “Art for the Park” is a \$50 donation. To RSVP, call 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

A Spring Equinox Celebration benefitting the Point Loma Library is planned by Coastal Sage on Sunday, March 23. Expect music, dance, and refreshments, including John Tafolla and Bradley Trafton (noon), Vegetation peace vibes (1 p.m.), and a capoeira demonstration (3 p.m.). Admission is free. Find the spot at 3685 Voltaire Street; 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

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. Charlie Lester and Scott Paulson present a theremin recital in front of the display cases on Wednesday, March 26, at 12:30 p.m. Free. For information, call 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Ranunculus Redux, 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. Artists Patricia Patterson and Gary Lang are both involved in this year's “Color Project.”

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)

The Fiesta Del Mar Arabian Horse Show begins at 8 a.m. Thursday through Sunday, March 27-30, in the arena at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Admission is free. Call 619-443-3123 for information. (DEL MAR)

What Thrives in the Desert? Find out during the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association's fifth annual Borrego Springs Desert Garden Tour, slated for Sunday, March 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's tour features four distinctive private gardens, from an oasis to a renovated landscape at one of the vintage desert escapes. Tickets are \$15 general. Call 760-767-3098 to reserve a spot. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

“Dare to Reuse,” 15 artists have turned trash into two- and three-dimensional treasures of art using throwaway materials in this show, on exhibit through Friday, April 11, in the lobby of the city administration building (202 C Street). Paintings and sculpture are included in the show, on exhibit from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 858-492-5009. (DOWNTOWN)

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“Dr. Lackowitz versus the Computer Virus” is presented by comic ventriloquist through Sunday, March 23, and March 26-30, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. 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)

Children’s Discovery Museum of North County, welcome spring with a bouquet of multicolored tissue-paper flowers “that smell as pretty as they look” during the program planned on Saturday, March 22, at 1 p.m.

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)

You Won’t Need Bread Crumbs when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents *Hansel and Gretel* for its “Children’s Classics” on Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m., at L’Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes *Gerald McBoing-Boing*, *The Mad Tea Party*, Easter poetry, and songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Make Clay Pots with ranger Jane Engleton when she leads a clay pottery workshop on Saturday, March 22, at 2 p.m., at Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). The workshop is for those 4 through 12. Rain cancels. Free. Call 760-745-4379 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Fun, Feeding, and Facts About Koi will be divulged when Cindy Graham, president of the Koi Club of San Diego, presents “Koi for Kids” on Saturday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m., at the Japanese Friendship Garden. The class is for those 6 to 16. The non-

member fee is \$10. For reservations, call 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Make Bird Feeders with two-liter bottles, peanut butter, and bird seed in Lake Jennings park on Saturday, March 22, at 2 p.m. Find the park at 10108 Bass Road. Free. Call 858-694-3049 for details. (LAKESIDE)

A Journey of Laughter, Love, and Understanding is offered when the Theatre School at North Coast Repertory Theatre presents *The Little Prince*, adapted by Rick Cummings and John Scoullar from the classic tale by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. Performances begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23. Tickets are \$7 for children, \$9 for adults. Find the theater at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe. For reservations, call 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

Mesozoic Monsters, pretend to visit the Mesozoic Era during the preschool program planned at the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, March 22, at 10 a.m. What kinds of animals lived then, and what did they eat? Participants will touch a real dinosaur fossil and make a “fossil” to keep. The fee is \$15 for nonmembers. To reserve a spot, dial 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Catch the Buzz on the world of bees and beekeeping, and take a peek into a variety of insect lifestyles when the San Diego Natural History Museum offers “Bees, Beetles, and Bugs” for kids in grades four through six on Saturday, March 22, at 10 a.m. The nonmember fee is \$15. Call 619-255-0203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Journey to Planet Earth during the family day activities planned at the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children seven and older will enjoy games, science experiments, nature walks, miniature golf contests, and more. The workshop is included in regular museum admission. To make the required reservations, call 619-255-0202. (BALBOA PARK)

You Could Write About It, the San Diego Writers/Editors Guild’s Young Members Forum convenes for a poetry- and fiction-writing workshop on Saturday, March 22. The poetry portion of the workshop is taught by Paula Jones, and Bob Goodman will lead the short story section of the class.

The workshop runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the El Cajon Library (201 East Douglas Avenue). The fee is \$15. To reserve a spot, call 858-576-3800. (EL CAJON)

Would You Travel Through Dangerous Lands to save your dearest friend? In Hans Christian Andersen’s tale *The Snow Queen*, the courageous Gerda sets out alone in search of her beloved friend Kai, with many adventures on the way to saving him.

The Enchantment Theatre Company presents *The Snow Queen* through “imaginative storytelling and evocative theatrical effects” on Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets are \$10. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

“Dinosaurs and Fossils” are the subject when the Ray and Joan Kroc Salvation Army Corps Community Center hosts a “family literacy night.” The event — slated for Monday, March 24, 6 to 8 p.m. — includes an educational talk by paleontologist Brad Riney, story reading, book giveaway, and a hands-on craft project

for kids of all ages.

Find the newly opened Library and Learning Center of the center at 6845 University Avenue (two blocks west of 70th Street). Free. For directions and information, call 619-269-1542. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

“Mountain Mushers: Tales of Dogs and Sledding” will be told when Harry Schlitz and his touring dog-sled team visit the Mission Valley Library on Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m. Sledding equipment will be displayed, and a sled dog will be on hand for petting. The program is suitable for those five and older. Find the library at 2123 Fenton Parkway and by calling 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

MUSEUMS

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

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district’s 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita

Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

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

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

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, this historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every

month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an “Industrial Product Collection,” with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with “some classics and a concept car.”

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

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

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

Also on display is “Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State.” These beautifully designed labels once adorned crates of produce in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. Among the more than five dozen on display are three of Lemon Grove’s own labels, designed for the original Lemon Grove Fruit Growers Association between 1893 and 1900.

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

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

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

Ongoing exhibitions include “Technovation,” “About Faces,” “Smoke and Mirrors,” and “Skyscapes II.” The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, “BMW: Beyond the Initials” continues through Monday, May 26, with over 16 BMW automobiles and 8 motorcycles offering an illustrated history of the Bavarian Motor Works and its prestigious vehicles.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum’s permanent collection.

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

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

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

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

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, during the 18th Century, Europeans and Americans developed an interest in the art and culture of the Far East. The desire for “all things Chinese” sent the great clipper ships across the world’s oceans with cargoes of exported Chinese art. “Mariners and Mandarins — Seafaring and the Arts of the China Trade” highlights both the traders and the sought-after goods that drew them around the

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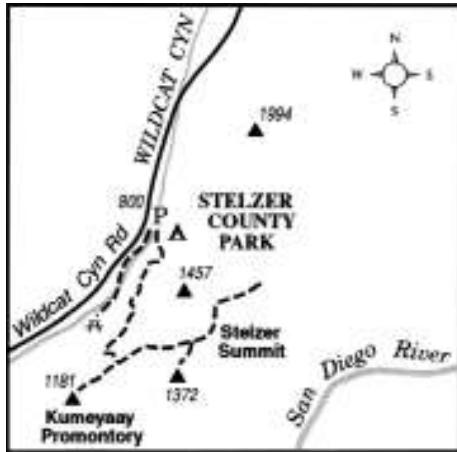
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Stelzer County Park features 314 acres’ worth of trails, campsites, picnic tables, and a small “Nature Studies Interpretive Center” set alongside Wildcat Canyon Road northeast of Lakeside. The park’s core area was designed to accommodate persons with disabilities, though all visitors and hikers are welcome. In recent years, narrow, steep Wildcat Canyon Road has become almost congested with a steady stream of fast traffic heading toward the Barona Casino. If you’re

heading to Stelzer Park from Lakeside, be prepared to make a right turn at the park entrance after traveling Wildcat Canyon Road two miles uphill from Maplevue Street in Lakeside.

Two trail routes of different character are of interest to hikers in the outlying parts of the park. The Riparian Trail parallels the stream bottom of Wildcat Canyon for 0.7 mile and ends at a secluded picnic site. It’s mostly shaded by a stream-hugging canopy of live oaks, some draped with filigrees of wild-grape and poison-oak vines.

The Stelzer Ridge Trail, on the other hand, zigzags 0.6 mile toward the ridgeline south and east of Wildcat Canyon. Once on top, there are two choices for those who wish a better view: you can go 0.3 mile to the right on a powerline access road to reach “Kumeyaay Promontory,” or go 0.5 mile to the left on the same road, up a very steep pitch, toward “Stelzer Summit.” At Stelzer Summit, you can turn right (south), climb toward the rock pile atop the nearby hill, and discover a hidden bouldercave with an opening that overlooks a rural stretch of the San Diego River Valley. When the sea breeze blows up the valley, this becomes surely the



Riparian vegetation, Wildcat Canyon

coolest spot within the park. Off in the distance, down the valley toward the west, sprawl the suburbs of Lakeside and Santee.

Stelzer Park’s day-use hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and weekends 9:30 a.m. to dusk. Phone: 619-561-0580. Go soon to enjoy the best wildflower season the park has seen in years.

world. The Maritime Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego collaborated on this exhibit. View “The Race for Riches” onboard the *Star of India*, highlighting the historical, maritime, and sociological aspects of trade with the Far East. The exhibit features rare early charts and navigation instruments used on the dangerous ocean voyages, examples of the cargoes, ship models, letters, photographs, and personal items of the sailors and merchants that participated in the enterprise. The show closes on Sunday, September 14.

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

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North

Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Working in conjunction with Amnesty International, the Survivors of Torture, and the International and San Diego Friends of Tibet, the museum has re-opened and expanded “Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance.” The new component focuses on the reality of torture in the world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. The collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some of them extremely rare, primarily used from the 1400s up to the early 1800s. All of the pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Ongoing.

The permanent anthropology exhibit “Footsteps through Time:

Four Million Years of Human Evolution” features five galleries filled with “more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine).” The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and Cali-

fornia militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

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The Great Vibrator

Everything Preucil plays sounds like everything else he plays.

Two very different string-instrument recitals: let's contrast and compare. The first was by violinist William Preucil (with pianist Arthur Rowe) at the Neurosciences Institute — part of Mainly Mozart's "Spotlight Series." The second, which I heard 24 hours later (and which I will review next week), featured violist Cynthia Phelps and pianist Randall Hodgkinson at Sherwood Auditorium, in the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's "Revelle Series." Both concerts took place in the evening, but it was a case of night and day.

For nearly a decade, Preucil has been the concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra. Before that, he was first violinist in the Cleveland Quartet for a number of years. He is especially well known in San Diego, since for the past 15 years he has been concertmaster of the Mainly Mozart orchestra here (he has been with this invaluable local organization since its very beginning).

You don't have a career like that without being a very fine musician, and Preucil is certainly that. He can play anything, and play it with a high degree of skill and precision. He is an expressive violinist. In every performance he seems caught up in the passions underlying the music, and he knows how to use his instrument to communicate emotion. He is also an intelligent and amiable person. And, of course, from his chair as principal he has shown himself to be an excellent leader.

These virtues (necessarily excluding the last) were fully on display during his Neurosciences recital. Nevertheless, and with all respect for Preucil's impeccable professionalism and distinguished background, I did not get much joy from his playing. The problem was his style — or my taste — or an unhappy combination of the two. It is a style that 75 or 100 years ago was widespread among violinists, including many of the greatest (think of Misha Elman, for example). Preucil remains a master of it, and his mastery includes two prominent technical features that I find hard to take.

One is his *vibrato*. In the early centuries of the violin's history, most notes were played with the finger planted firmly in place on the string. A

particular kind of embellishment consisted of shaking or vibrating the finger during the course of a note, so as to produce a minute oscillation of pitch. This device was used only occasionally, to give a special structural emphasis or intensification of expression. You can get an idea of the way it was used by listening to violinists like Andrew Manze or Rachel Podger play Baroque music.

By the later 19th Century, *vibrato* had been transformed from an occasional embellishment to a universal requirement. In principle, every note was played with *vibrato*. In fact, if a violinist wanted to call attention to a specific note, one of the accepted ways to do so now was to *omit* the *vibrato* and to play it "white," with an uncanny or unsettling effect. Except for the early-music specialists, all violinists these days use *vibrato* constantly. The audience expects it, and Romantic composers assumed it as a given.

Another such device is the *portamento*, in which the finger slides along the string from one note to the next, while the bow continues in motion. This device, too, began on a small scale and then gradually expanded. It hit its peak in the Elman period, but it has greatly receded since then. All violinists playing — say — Brahms employ it from time to time, but much less often and less obtrusively than they used to.

What I object to in Preucil's playing is the obtrusiveness of both these otherwise perfectly legitimate devices. His *vibrato* is a very wide one. You actually hear the variation in pitch. He uses it on virtually every single note, and with little variation in the width of the oscillation. The listener is conscious of it as a persistent presence. Preucil also uses a lot of *portamento*, often between distant pitches, and often quite slowly, so that you hear these slides everywhere. The devices are accompanied with a luscious, smooth, sensual timbre, one of this violinist's most impressive technical accomplishments, which if you like it will make you think of glistening *crème fraîche*, and which if you find it tiring will make you think of the inner layer of an Oreo cookie.

The result, at least as I heard it at the Neurosciences Institute, is that everything Preucil plays

sounds like everything else he plays. In regard to *vibrato*, *portamento*, and timbre, there were no essential distinctions among Mozart's Sonata in B-flat, K. 454 (1784), Brahms's Sonata No. 2 in A, Opus 100 (1886), Richard Strauss's Sonata in E-flat, Opus 18 (1888), and (played as an encore) a movement by Giuseppe Tartini (who lived from 1692–1770). Tartini (high Baroque) and Mozart (early Classical) were treated as Romantic composers, with no attention paid to the specific language of their music (this was exactly the way Elman used to play them). Even Brahms and Strauss — both Romantics, but very different musical personalities — were fused into a single voice.

And the dominant characteristic of that Tartini-Mozart-Brahms-Strauss voice was sentimentality. Preucil was undoubtedly trying for different effects: passion here, heroism there, tenderness, playfulness, reflectiveness, a whole range of life experiences as the composers embodied them in their music. But the nature of his *vibrato* and his *portamenti*, along with the unvarying warmth, richness, and creaminess of his tone, forced every musical expression into the same mold: self-indulgent, self-pitying, self-conscious, and sometimes weeping and whimpering *sentiment* — which is not what any of these vigorous, assertive, and broad-ranging composers is about.

Preucil's collaborator in this program had been originally announced as Jon Kimura-Parker, another familiar Mainly Mozart figure, and a pianist of pronounced dynamism and sparkle. Kimura-Parker could not have changed Preucil's ingrained stylistic and technical habits, but he might have at least created a counterweight to the sentimentality, so that the music would have been less one-dimensional. Unfortunately, Kimura-Parker had to cancel, and he was replaced by Arthur Rowe (both pianists, coincidentally, are Canadians).

Rowe seemed to be an able accompanist, carefully attentive to Preucil's needs, and following his lead. As to his own musical character

(aside from his fluent technical competence), it was hard to get any impression of it. He held himself courteously in the background — too much so, in my opinion, since the piano in the Mozart, Brahms, and Strauss sonatas is meant to be an equal partner, and carries as much weight of musical meaning as the violin part does. Furthermore, there seemed little authentic rapport between the two artists — a fact no doubt to be partially explained by Rowe's late entry into the collaboration, but perhaps also due to deeper differences of personality and musical vision.

The Cynthia Phelps concert was a contrast in virtually every way — and most of all in the pleasure it gave me. Continued next week. ■

REVIEW JONATHAN SAVILLE



William Preucil

William Preucil, violin; Arthur Rowe, piano Neurosciences Institute (Mainly Mozart)

Mozart, Sonata for Piano and Violin in B-flat, K. 454; Brahms, Violin Sonata No. 2 in A, Opus 100; Strauss, Violin Sonata in E-flat, Opus 18.

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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)

Bach's 318th Birthday Bash! You're cordially invited to celebrate Bach's 318th birthday at the party planned on Friday, March 21. Stephen Sturk and Virginia Sublett will perform some of their favorite Bach arias; Scott Paulson and Robert Williams will present a *Switched-On Bach* tribute using Moog instruments; and Ruben Valenzuela will demonstrate "How to Improvise Like Bach" and "How to Read Figured Bass." A collection of period instruments and their modern counterparts will be demonstrated, and P.D.Q. Bach encores are to be expected.

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)

Liszt's "Transcendental Etudes" and "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 9" may be enjoyed when pianist Louis Lortie performs for the Celebrity Series hosted by the La Jolla Chamber Music Society on Friday, March 21, at the San Diego Civic Theatre. The program also features Schumann's "Drei Fantasiestücke," and Chopin's "Ballade No. 1 in G Minor," "Ballade No. 2 in F Major," and "Ballade No. 4 in F Minor." Lortie's concert was postponed from February 1 due to a hand injury.

The concert starts at 8 p.m., following a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. Find the theater at 202 C Street. Tickets range from \$15 to \$85. For reservations and further information, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

Organist, Pianist, Composer, Arranger, and conductor Ovid Young will perform for the Schantz Organ and Music Concert Series at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church on Friday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Young's recital features musical literature from classical to musical comedy and hymn variations. Find the church at 170 Calle Magdalena. An offering will be received; child care is available by reservation. For more information, call 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

The Pipe Organ Concert Series at the First Church of Christ Scientist continues when George Butterfield performs on Friday, March 21, at

7:30 p.m. Find the church at 8262 Allison Avenue (at Palm); 619-442-8201. Free. (LA MESA)

Hailing from Budapest, the Bartók Quartet plans a concert on Saturday, March 22, at 8 p.m., at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Tickets are \$10. For reservations, call 858-457-3136. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Operatic Selections, Spirituals, and more may be heard when "opera superstar" Denyce Graves performs on Saturday, 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.

Tickets range from \$30 to \$50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations and information, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" will be sung by the Cathedral Choir at Saint Paul's Cathedral in "full liturgical context" to celebrate "the life of Richard Paul Wunder" at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 22. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). No charge. Call 619-298-7261 for further information. (MIDTOWN)

A Romantic Spring Program with new arrangements of the Grieg "Holberg Suite," the "Five Variants on Dives and Lazarus" by Vaughn Williams, and J.S. Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in D" is promised when the Hutchins Consort performs on Saturday, March 22. Also on tap: an adagio by Borodin and Fred Charlton's "Celtic Renaissance Fantasy."

Harpists Paul Baker and Ellie Choate will join the consort for the recital.

Paul Laird, associate professor of musicology at the University of Kansas, will present a pre-concert lecture at 7:15 p.m. The Hutchins ensemble plays on the eight scaled violins of the violin octet designed and built by luthier Carleen Hutchins. The concert starts at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 890 Balour Drive. Tickets are \$20, available by calling 760-632-0554. (ENCINITAS)

Beethoven's "Egmont Overture" is on the program when MiraCosta's San Elijo Chorale, North Coast Chorale, and the North Coast Symphony Orchestra present concerts on March 22 and 23. Audiences will also hear Beethoven's "Mass in C Major." Soloists include soprano Sarah Lopez, mezzo-soprano Kathleen O'Brien, tenor David Barrie, and bass David Marshman.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the MiraCosta College Theater, One Barnard Drive. Tickets are \$8 general. Call 760-795-6815 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

Adultery, Murder, and Suicide Intertwine with the supernatural in *Thérèse Raquin*, Tobias Picker's opera based on Emile Zola's 19th-Century novel that scandalized Paris. It's the next production for the San Diego Opera, with singing by American mezzo-soprano Kristin Chávez, British baritone Christopher Maltman, British soprano Dame Josephine Barstow, and American tenor Gordon Gietz, among many others. The opera is performed in English with text projected above the stage.

Enjoy the production — conducted by Karen Keltner and directed by Herbert Kellner — at 7 p.m. on Saturday and Tuesday, March 22 and 25; at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 28; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 30. Tickets range from \$20 to \$140. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. For reservations, dial 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

The Three S's Concert! The Palomar Symphony Orchestra and interim conductor Branden Muresan present these concerts on March 22 and 23 in the Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). The repertoire includes Smetana's "Moldau" from "My Country," the "Pulcinella Suite" by Stravinsky, and Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony No. 4."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 general. For reservations and information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Introduction to Classical Music, this "educational concert" is slated for Saturday, March 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). The program features young students (9 to 17) from the Fairbanks School of Performing Arts. Admission is free. For information, call 858-259-2503. (DEL MAR)

Works by Fauré and Shostakovich are promised when the Point Loma Trio performs on Sunday, March 23, at 2:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Trio members include pianist Paul Kenyon, violinist Philip Tyler, and cellist Bill Clemmons. Free. For further information, call 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Pieces by Debussy, Scarlatti, and Schumann are on the program when solo pianist John Mark Harris performs for the mini-concert planned at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at noon on Monday, March 24. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

People Seeking Healing in the Water of ancient sites were photographed by Jillen Doroan over a four-year period. Doroan's manipulated photographic processes "transform a documentary subject into poetic images" with intellectual and spiritual implications. An exhibit of these photographs opens with a reception on Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m., at the Lumina Gallery.

The show closes on Thursday, May 1. Viewing hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Find the gallery at 1601 Kettner Boulevard, suite 3. For further information, call 619-284-5250. (LITTLE ITALY)

Small-Scale Metal Work and more by local artist Nicki Sucec are included in "From the Heart," opening with a reception on Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m., at the Playa Gallery (2940 Adams Avenue). The show closes on Friday, April 11. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For further details, dial 619-339-1136. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Profoundly Related to Nature — see drawings, paintings, sculpture, stained glass, jewelry, and poetry by James Hubbell while "Openings Between" is on display at the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery through Sunday, May 18. You're invited to meet the renowned artist and Santa Ysabel resident during the reception slated for Saturday, March 22, 4 to 8 p.m.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The gallery is found at 30352 Highway 78 (at the junction with Highway 79). For more information, call 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

Ceramic Artworks by Richard Sager and Doug Scott go on view at the Ramsden Morrison Gallery beginning with a reception on Saturday, March 22, at 6 p.m. Their work is said to incorporate "heavy relief sculpture with mosaic, used both as background and as integrated parts of their sculptures." Find the gallery at 343 Fourth Avenue; 619-230-1000. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Table Talk," with work by Toni Barros and Jean Cornwell, is on view through Saturday, March 29, at the Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard). Meet the artists during the reception planned on Sunday, March 23, 3 to 5 p.m. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on weekends by appointment. 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

"Interior Images," a showcase of larger works of art suitable for decorating, continues at the Del Mar Art Center through March. You're in-

vited to a reception on Wednesday, March 26, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery at 1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, traditionally, the act and the art of collecting have been at the heart of what art museums do, and many assess a museum's success in part by the scope, size, and quality of its collections. "Look. React. Engage: The Art of Collecting at Two San Diego Museums" explores themes ranging from issues of connoisseurship, challenges of documentation and collections care, and the relationship collectors, curators, and viewers develop with particular artists and periods. Prints and paintings by George Bellows (1882-1925), Harry Sternberg (1904-2001), and experimental photographic prints by Herbert Ohm (1898-1972) are on exhibit through Sunday, April 13. The works are drawn from the collections at the San Diego Museum of Art and the Center Museum itself.

"Public Projects" is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center's 12-acre campus. Through Monday, June 30, see the work of San Diego public artist db smith. The show was curated by Sally Yard, professor of art history at the University of San Diego.

In "the playground," the artist explores themes of childhood and childhood memories from the perspective of an adult. "the instruments," on display in the museum's Tower Gallery, is a swing and a seesaw designed specifically for adults. The remaining six works are rendered as two-dimensional shadows that could be cast by some of the objects and activities associated with youth: jacks, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope, also on adult scale.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, in the silver-producing city of Taxco, William Spratling trained silversmiths in the 1930s. The remarkable changes in Mexican silver design are traced in "Maestros de Plata — William Spratling and the Mexican Silver Renaissance," continuing through Sunday, May 11. From this workshop emerged talented Mexican silver designers who in turn began their own workshops, many of which continue to create today. Works by Spratling are included in the exhibition, along with pieces by designers such as Héctor Aguilar, Valentin Vidaurreta, Margo de Taxco, Ana Brilanti, Antonio Pineda, Salvador Teráan, Matilde Poulat, Hubert Harmon, Agnes Seebass, Tane, and the Castillo family.

The process of transmitting an aesthetic from one generation to the next is illustrated in "Mingei Legacy," an exhibition featuring work by Shoji Hamada, Kanjiro Kawai, Bernard Leach, and their successors. Work by Hamada and Kawai reflects the living traditions of pottery making, which they imparted to their apprentices, who learned technical skills and the "intimate connection between life and work." The exhibit closes on Sunday, April 13.

Few Westerners have explored Guizhou, the last province opened to tourism by the People's Republic of China. Guest curator Phila McDaniel was the first American to escort a

group from America to this "mysterious and terraced land"; she's made 49 visits to China. "Silver and Silk — Textiles and Jewelry of Guizhou, China" is an exhibition of intricately embroidered, handwoven textiles, and silver headdresses, necklaces, and bracelets. View these artifacts through May.

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



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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 *fil*s are paired with small, black-and-white snapshots made by Russell Fee (the artist's father) in 1944 in "The Peleliu Project." Works from Fee's "America Series" are included in the exhibition, images addressing the legacy of World War II, examining "the dark side of America's postwar optimism and prosperity." The show closes on Sunday, March 23.

Photographs and cinematic montages by Russian photographer Alexander Rodchenko are said to have played a substantial role in establishing the visual language of modern art in the 20th Century. "Alexander Rodchenko: Modern Photography, Photomontage, and Film," concluding on Sunday, March 23, includes vintage photographic publications, cinematic montages created with filmmaker Dziga Vertov, and portraits by Rodchenko's contemporaries.

Images by a noted frontier photographer are on offer in "Edward Curtis: The Shadow Catcher." The exhibit features orotones including *An Oasis in the Badlands* and *Signal Fire to the Mountain God*. Curtis (1868-1952) spent his career documenting the lives, beauty, and religious ceremonies of over 80 Native American tribes. View the exhibit through Sunday, March 23.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, late-period watercolors of eight artists selected from the extensive collection of E. Gene Crain are currently on view. "Paintings from the E. Gene Crain Collection" includes selections by Judi Betts, Rex Brandt, Keith Crown, Phil Dike, Joan Irving, Barse Miller, Millard Sheets, and Robert E. Wood, and continues through Sun-

day, 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.

"The Great Mughals: Power and Patronage," the newest installation of South Asian paintings from the collection of Edwin Binney III opening on Saturday, March 22, focuses on works produced for the early rulers of the Mughal dynasty in India during the 16th and 17th Centuries. The interplay of Indian and Islamic traditions that took place under Imperial Mughal patronage produced "one of the great flowerings of painting in India." See the 20 works through Sunday, August 3.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, originally created for court occasions, diplomatic gifts, and political purposes, sculptures by the 16th-Century sculptor Giambologna were admired for their high quality and incredible detail. An exhibition of bronze sculptures by Giambologna and the artisans and artists who worked in his studio is currently on exhibit. "Giambologna: Sculpture by the Master and His Followers" includes approximately 70 works, with a diverse range of subjects such as animals, historical, and mythological figures. The exhibition closes on Sunday, March 30.

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Even though she dumped him at, or near, the altar and ran off with another man decades ago, he's remained faithful.

Directors urge actors to stay “in the moment” — to forget where they’ve been or where they’re going. Playwrights should too. The worst thing they can do: project an unfinished script into a bright or dismal future, living its life before it has any. As part of its package of one-acts at 6th @ Penn, the Fritz Theater offers Craig Abernethy’s *State of the Art*, a delightful take on a story conference allergic to the present.

Playwrights often confess that their initial inspiration was something obscure — an image, a strange sound — they wanted to explore. In *State of the Art*, Fran, Jack, and Sue have access to theater space for “almost an hour.” So they’ll DO A SHOW! Regarding specifics, however, they haven’t a clue, a wing, or a prayer.

They wear polo shirts and khaki pants, like golfers, or employees at Kinko’s. As they brainstorm possibilities, they do vigorous calisthenics. But all they talk about is form: actor X should enter here (or two actors; and just what is an actor?); what settings are; and that the play should be “abstract yet somehow concrete.” When it comes to the niceties of story line, themes, characters, and motivations, they block.

Along the way, Fran, Jack, and Sue experience the things they talk about. They begin, they conflict — then *really* conflict — they resolve. A conference about play-making becomes an abstract (yet somehow concrete) play in itself.

Robin Christ, Jessica John, and Ken Oberlander perform *State* with infectious zest. All three excel, and their ensemble exchanges snap with spontaneity. The play could use tightening (its current “almost an hour” length runs the risk of being a long in-joke for theater-lovers only). But the production is special. Director Bob May and the cast deliver the kind of staging playwrights dream about — but shouldn’t, if

they’re still working on a play.

There’s something in the way Anton Chekhov positions his characters together that reveals their individuality. Take each separately and it disappears. Hollywood wouldn’t make a movie about any one of them, in fact. Imagine *Ivan Petrovich*

Voynitzky: The Movie. He’s Uncle Vanya in Chekhov’s play, yet he’d whine till the credits roll about how he frittered away his 47 years. Or *Mikhail Lvovich Astrov, Backcountry M.D.* He’s an ecologist, worried about Russia’s trees, and a vegetarian. So that might work, for a while, as long as he doesn’t get preachy (Hollywood only likes preachy at the Academy Awards). But Astrov’s so burned out he fails to realize that he’s fallen in love.

Other characters in *Vanya*? Young Sonya’s dull as dishwater; the professor, Serebryakov, is a narcissist (and academic fraud?); young Yelena’s too repressed to follow her heart; and the penny-poor landowner, Telegin (a.k.a. “Waffles”), functions as rustic scenery — except for an astonishing speech about his ex-wife. Even though she dumped him at, or near, the altar, and ran off with another man decades ago, he’s remained faithful, even still supports her. Imagine *his* movie: *The Unconditional Fidelity of Waffles*, now at a multiplex near you on a double-bill with the heart-rending *Have Patience, Griselda!*

Taken separately, Chekhov’s people lack appeal. They even collapse into types rather than individuals — X is morose; Y is steadfast. In a way they’re all like Waffles, still clinging to dreams that betrayed them. But taken together, they reflect off each other, revealing different “sides” of themselves to different people. And as they become individuals, they ticken Chekhov’s plays with life.

The New Village Arts opening-night performance of *Uncle Vanya* had yet to make the leap from characters as types to individuals.



Robin Christ, Ken Oberlander, Jessica John in *State of the Art*

State of the Art, by Craig Abernethy

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Uncle Vanya, by Anton Chekhov

New Village Arts, Jazzercise Inc., 2460 Impala Drive, Carlsbad

Directed by Frances Gercke; cast: Joshua Everett Johnson, Matt Scott, Charlie Reindeau, Jennifer Austin, Julianna Lorenz, Peg Humphrey, Toni Perkins, Pat Moran, Tony Gorodeckas; scenic design, Michael Scott; lighting, David Lee Cuthbert; costumes, Mary Larson; sound, Jeff Jones

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Actors played generic figures, with a single trait, and hadn’t explored the dimensions of their roles, or relations to others. The traits felt stapled on. Joshua Everett Johnson’s Vanya was a menagerie of tics and twitches, at least one fidget per word. Matt Scott’s affected Astrov indicated eccentricity by gunning through one line and taffy-pulling the next: “I didn’t...want...anything. I didn’t...need... anything.” Where are we? *Days of Our Lives*?

Richard Gilman, a valuable Chekhov commentator, says actors should never accept their characters’ surfaces. He uses boredom as an example. “In Chekhov, to say that one

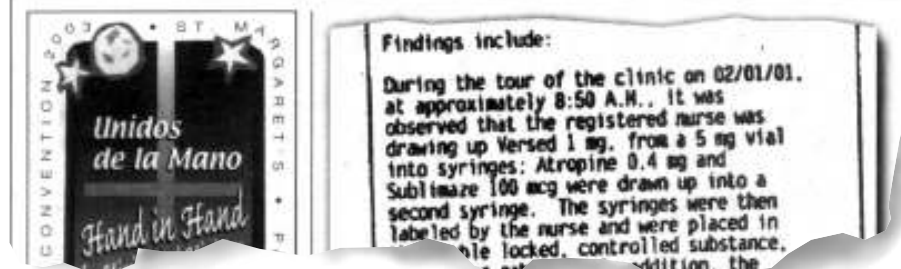
is bored more often than not masks another condition, one more painful or dangerous to announce: distress, embarrassment, anger, grief, or fear.” The surface defends against the depths.

And in *Vanya*, repressed inner feelings shatter façades, or should. Vanya tries to murder Professor Serebryakov (which shouldn’t come as a surprise, as it does in the NVA staging); Astrov and Yelena express an attraction (which could be more vital); Sonya dares to ask Astrov a burning question about his feelings for her — and should be much more relieved, not at his negative reply, but for having the courage, finally, to ask.

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Matt Scott, Jennifer Austin in Uncle Vanya

In general, the actors were more concerned with their place in the story, as part of something larger, something “Chekhovian,” than their location in the moment. Productions that help Chekhov tell his tale, like this one, lose specificity. Stagings of the Russian master would improve overnight if there were a moratorium on the word “Chekhovian.”

NVA has a feature so outstanding it almost stands out too much. David Lee Cuth-

bert, one of the area’s best lighting designers, shoots shin-busters — low lights on the wings — across the stage from both sides. These project actors’ shadows onto bare walls. Giant silhouettes, superimposed over lesser figures, loom and move like gods — or like the mysterious phantom beings in Plato’s famous cave. The effect is always striking, though at times upstaging, as it dwarfs the performances below. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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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.

Berzerkergaang

Sledgehammer extended the run of Kirsten Brandt’s world premiere script, in which 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 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 (too many climactic moments diffuse each other). Strong leads — Ruff Yeager’s decaying Wotan, David Tierney’s weasly Alberich, Laura Lee Juliano’s harried Brunhilde (one of mythology’s most betrayed figures) — and the codirectors craft images worthy of, and here the highest praise, Anne Bogart.

Worth a try.

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 22; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Bound by Real Space: Two Stories of a City

A newly formed company, Iris Theatre, stages two one-act plays: *Birdbath* by Leonard Melfi and *Relative Strangers* by Sheri Wilner. ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, 4580 ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, MARCH 21, THROUGH MARCH 30; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-271-4144.

Cabaret

Due to popular demand, the North Coast Rep has extended its run of *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 show-stoppers, 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 Frauline 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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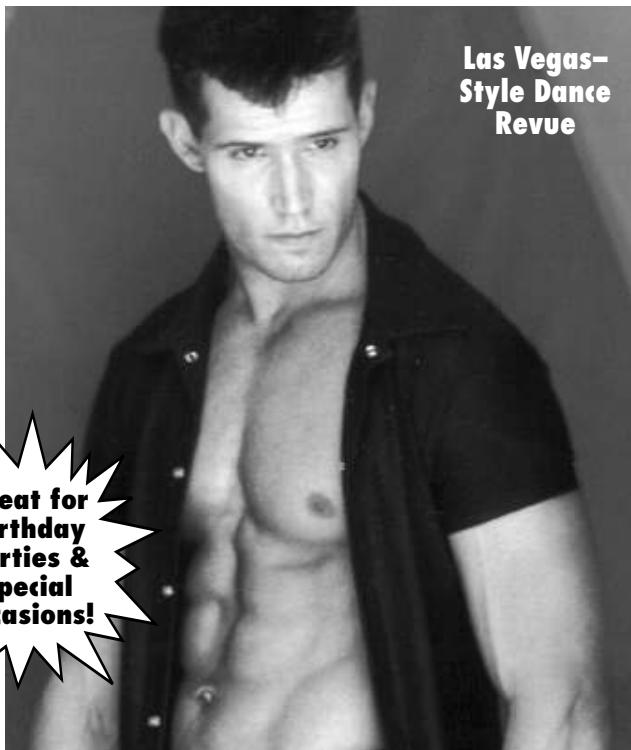
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Cocks Have Claws and Wings to Fly

SDSU's department of theater stages Amparo Garcia's serio-comedy 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, THROUGH MARCH 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Comet of St. Loomis

OnStage Playhouse presents Ed Simpson's "gentle comedy" about Charlie Loomis, stargazer, and earthly problems that swim into his ken. Brent Stringfield directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH APRIL 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Cookin' at the Cookery: The Music and Times of Alberta Hunter

San Diego Repertory Theatre stages the West Coast premiere of this tribute to Hunter, the international chanteuse, and to her mother, who never let Hunter "settle for less than her dreams." Marion J. Caffey wrote and directed the piece. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, FRIDAY, MARCH 21, THROUGH APRIL 20; TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SATURDAY, APRIL 19) AT 2:00 P.M.

Detective Story

Sidney Kingsley's police precinct drama opened on Broadway a month after Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*. Though both were influential, in many ways Kingsley's had the greater impact. The play, which follows four hours at NYC's Precinct 21, spawned an entire genre. Victims and victimizers roam in and out. In the midst of grimy upstairs offices, Detective McLeod crusades for justice. At first his tenacity shines like a gallant knight's armor (so much you almost dismiss what others say — that he's "judge and jury" and resembles the criminals he despises). As McLeod pushes his contentious idealism, seeing only black and white, gray-layered reality pushes back. In a program note, director Robert Smyth says, "This was arguably the first authentic picture of the routine life of a police station." Smyth and a 21-member cast turn the Lamb's stage into 1949. Jeanne Reith's terrific costumes graft the period onto the stage, and an uncredited sound design — street sounds humming like electric rivers — puts Manhattan just beyond the walls. David Cochran 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.

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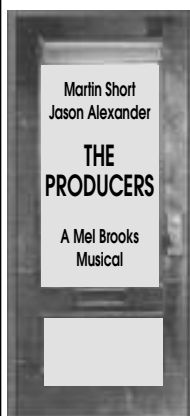
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The Globe Theatres present the world premiere of Stephen Metcalfe’s comedy about December-May (and May-December) romances. Jack O’Brien directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, BALBOA PARK, SUNDAY, MARCH 23, THROUGH MAY 3; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Music Man
The Welk Resort Theatre offers the popular heartland musical about fast-talking Harold Hill, trouble in River City, and a modest tuba player in a band with 76 trombones. Lewis Wilkenfeld directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 29; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a “challenge match” against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made

for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. **Worth a try.**
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Relatively Speaking
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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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Sexual Perversity in Chicago, State of the Art, and Sisters
The Fritz Theater is back, with an uneven triple-bill that includes David Mamet’s seriocomical take on the mid-’70s dating scene; Craig Abernethy’s *State of the Art*, a sprightly allegory on how plays get made, or don’t (reviewed this issue); and *Sisters*, Gerald Zipper’s unsubtle look at siblings. *Sexual Perversity*’s the Fritz’s longest-running show. The title refers not to things kinky, but rather to the perverse ways singles interact. In this version, director Duane Daniels cross-casts. Julie Ann Compton and deja bleu ginsberg play the sexist males, and Landon Vaughn

and Christopher White, the women. The switch works, for about five minutes, but is much more harrowing when males speak Mamet’s misogynist lines. *Sisters* benefits from director Al Germani’s physicalized approach and an explosive performance from Jyl Kaneshiro, but the muddled script, about two sisters (one dead? two parts of the same woman? and do they hate each other, or their abusive father, and which did he abuse?) has less than meets the eye. The evening’s centerpiece is *State of the Art*. Robin Crist, Jessica John, and Ken Oberlander, under Robert May’s excellent direction, ask: just what happens at a story conference when the participants haven’t a clue, a wing, or a prayer? **Worth a try.**
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(Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) **Worth a try.**
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Uncle Vanya
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"I tried to get Pearl Jam tickets four hours after they went on sale," said Jeff Oros, 27, of Solana Beach. "I couldn't find a seat

him, 'That's okay, I'll just come pick them up.' But I couldn't. He was in Texas."

Oros suspects the Texas-based seller is a professional ticket scalper who scouts for shows that are bound to sell out.

"eBay acknowledged the individual as a 'power seller.'"

I can get an answer for you on that."

He did not call back. And what does Clear Channel Entertainment, the promoters of the Pearl Jam tour, think about this?

Brian Murphy, chief operating officer of Clear

Channel Music L.A., says the Internet has become a reality of modern ticket buying. "It used to be that we saw 80 percent of the tickets

purchased at outlets [like Wherehouse Records], 10 percent at the box office, and 10 percent over the phones. Today 60 percent are bought on the Internet, 20 percent at the outlets, 10 percent over the phone, and 10 percent at the box office."

But what about the out-of-town scalpers who merely want to scam music lovers?

"Has this allowed people to take advantage of the system? The answer is absolutely yes," admits

Murphy.

The Clear Channel exec suggests the ultimate answer may lie with Sacramento lawmakers. "In New York, you can't sell tickets for more than face value. That's not the case in Texas or California."



WHAT WOULD EDDIE VEDDER THINK?

Murphy said Oros and others like him would have received the best seats for face value if he had just joined a club.

"Pearl Jam is very loyal to its fans. We agreed with the band that we would save the best X-number of seats for the members of the local Pearl Jam fan club. I will not tell you that number. They got to buy their tickets first. Then we put the rest of the tickets on sale."

— Ken Leighton

"Pearl Jam spent four years not touring, fighting over Ticketmaster. It went all the way to the Senate. They lost."

An insider close to the upcoming Pearl Jam concert acknowledges that Pearl Jam lead singer and former Encinitas resident Eddie Vedder put his own livelihood on the line to fight the good fight over Ticketmaster's monopoly over concert ticket distribution.

The insider says the ticket scalping noticed by Jeff Oros is just a side effect of our convenience-driven consumerism that demands the use of the Internet.

"Ten years ago your local ticket scalper would pay homeless people \$20 to stand in line and buy as many tickets as they could. They don't do that anymore. They use the Internet."

The insider said he is not surprised that the scalper mentioned by Oros happened to be from Texas.

"Chicago, Dallas, and Columbus, Ohio — each of those cities has someone who runs a warehouse filled with computers. They are there for the express purpose of buying in-demand tickets off the

Internet and then reselling them on eBay or a similar site."

So I ask, What if Pearl Jam or any other artist who headlines slam-dunk sellouts were to demand that their concert tickets *not* be sold via the Internet and only at local outlets?

"I have never heard that idea supported or even brought up by anyone — not bands, managers, promoters, or agents. You can't tell me we can tell people in L.A. they can't buy tickets for San Diego [shows]. Bruce Springsteen sold \$597,000 worth of tickets [in greater NYC] in one weekend. The Internet played a huge role in selling out ten consecutive Springsteen shows. Do you think they would have wanted to risk not selling as many tickets by not using the Internet?"

— Ken Leighton

"It's a foolish thing for them to want to use the name *Coup d'etat*. That's our show," said 92/1 music director Jeremy Pritchard. He wonders how competing station Rock 105.3 can "steal" the name of a show 92/1 has used since the summer of 2001.

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anywhere but in the rafters, so I didn't purchase."

But Oros did find a place with a nice cache of tickets for the June 5 show.

"Today I go to eBay, and the whole damn San Diego venue is for sale. I found a pair going for \$140. The original tickets were \$38 plus a \$7 Ticketmaster service charge."

Oros, a real estate agent, said it wasn't the inflated ticket price that got him.

"The guy said he wanted a \$15 mailing charge. I told

But doesn't Ticketmaster make it so that only locals can buy concert tickets in their own market?

Ticketmaster spokesman Larry Solters said, "I'd have to look into that."

He did not call back.

And what does Eddie Vedder, a well-known critic of Ticketmaster's monopoly, think about this setup that seems to shut out local music lovers in favor of out-of-town scalpers?

Epic Records publicist Tom Muzquiz said, "I'll see if

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Coup d'etat started as a Monday night interview show on 92/1. Mike Halloran, then 92/1 program director, created the show as a weekly opportunity for a guest celebrity to come in for two hours and play his favorite records. Rocker John Reis and bands P.O.D. and Phantom Planet played DJ for a night, as did MTV's Jack Osbourne. Halloran said the name of the program was created by the first guest, skateboard pro Tony Hawk.

"One of the songs on his list to play was 'Coup d'etat' by the Circle Jerks," said Halloran. "We named the show after that song."

Pritchard says 92/1 now airs the show occasionally, "when we get a band to come in and do it."

But then Rock 105 started using the name on March 9

for a new show with the same format as the old *Coup d'etat* with members of the Accident Experiment as guest DJs. Scott Riggs served as the DJ host at 92/1's *Coup d'etat* and, after being fired from 92/1, now handles the same duties at Rock 105's *Coup d'etat*.

Rick Rome, operations director at 92/1, said that 92/1 did not apply for legal ownership of the name.



RIGGS PULLS A COUP D'ETAT

Pritchard said he heard that Clear Channel (owners of Rock 105) was applying for ownership, even though the

show was created and still airs on 92/1.

"We are looking into the matter," said Jim Richards, local Clear Channel VP of programming.

Clear Channel has sued other stations over the use of "Kiss" as a station nickname.

"I'm using it until Clear Channel gives me a cease-and-desist order not to use it," said Pritchard.

So if Clear Channel does file to own *Coup d'etat*, who gets to use the name?

Dwight Arnold was host/producer of *Backstage Pass*, a show that aired locally on 91X and 92/5 from 1983 to '95. He says he owns the name *Backstage Pass* for use as a radio show name.

"I own it because I filed to own it as a service mark. It is yours, but it is your responsibility to police it. If someone else uses it, it's up to you to get a cease-and-desist order to get them to stop. Names belong to whoever

registers them first. Someone in Pittsburgh actually owned the name *Backstage Pass*, and I had to buy it from him."

— Ken Leighton

"We started 'Bitches That Rock' as a showcase for girl bands that just don't get the same exposure as male bands."

Promoter Nick Peligro



WHOLE HOG GETS IN TOUCH WITH FEMININE SIDE

launched Bitches That Rock in January. It's a once-a-month showcase at Brick by Brick featuring bands that are all-female or fronted by a lady.

So far he has showcased Anya Marina, Boxx, the Blair Bitch Project, the Abuse,

Noise God, and Rag Doll. But Peligro said he had problems booking this Saturday's showcase.

"There's several of these girl bands that just don't want to play Brick by Brick. For whatever reason, it just isn't cool enough for them. So we asked the Hog Sisters to volunteer."

He's talking about the band Whole Hog, an all-male band, who will play in drag under the name the Hog Sisters.

"We heard that women have a tough time playing the Brick, so we thought we'd throw them a bone," said singer/guitarist Rich Travers. "We're all pretty macho on our own. So this will allow us to get in touch with our feminine side. We'll probably end up looking a little better than the Donnas."

The Hog Sisters, Ladwig, Here Kitty Kitty, and Ceramic Holiday appear Saturday at Brick by Brick.

— Ken Leighton

"Many new people who are coming in mention the movie."

Pantelis Stefanou, 58,

admits that *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* movie and now TV spin-off has not hurt business at his Oceanside restaurant, Greek Paradise. He says he has no problem playing the Greek standards like "Never on Sunday" and "Zorba the Greek."

But the Greek expatriate wishes America had more respect for his instrument, the eight-string bouzouki,



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sad no one is learning it over here. I have four children, and none of them have learned to play it, even though all my sons are very close to Greek dancing and Greek music." He acknowledges that the instrument is "hard to learn. It is harder for someone to learn if they were not born and raised in Greece." To play the bouzouki, Stefanou said two adjacent strings are played at a time.

"It used to be that the bouzouki had six strings. Then in 1955 a player reinvented it with eight strings and it took over." Stefanou's bouzouki has elaborate pearl inlay. "Mine is worth \$2500. But you can pay as much as \$12,000 or as little as \$500."

Stefanou, a keyboardist, and a guitarist appear 6-10 p.m. Fridays at the Greek Paradise in Oceanside.

— Ken Leighton

The following online auctions of San Diego music memorabilia took place at *eBay.com* from

February 21 through March 7:

A Black Heart Procession live CD from 1999, recorded at UCSD's Ché Café. This "fantastic live CD...comes with some beautiful liner notes," said its seller, who rated the sound quality at "A+." Sixteen bids were placed before the CD closed at \$54.

A VHS video of Nashville Pussy playing San Diego on 2/13/03. Its seller called it "professional looking, shot



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from Ruyter's side of the stage from the very front. See Ruyter strip down to her bra and panties while rocking out!" The price closed at \$53.06.

The oldest recording was

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JAY ALLEN SANFORD



a used 60-minute VHS episode of *The Milton Berle Show* with Elvis Presley performing on 4/3/56, live from the aircraft carrier USS *Hancock* docked at San Diego's Naval Air Base. Elvis sings "Heartbreak Hotel," "Shake Rattle and Roll," and "Blue Suede Shoes" for several hundred sailors. The auction photo shows "The Lost Elvis Found." This ancient recording sold for \$7.29.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"Linda McInnes took her own life..." February 27.... Friends said that she was despondent over the current state of radio. Linda was 50 years old."

That's how the website *laradio.com* described the

passing of one of San Diego's first female FM rock jocks. She started at KPRI in 1973 and the next year began a seven-year career at KGB. From 1981 to '85 she worked at L.A.'s KLOS, and from 1985 to 2000 she worked in the Bay Area.

"There were three great West Coast lady FM DJs," said KPBS-FM financial reporter Gabriel Wisdom, who used to work with McInnes at KGB. "In L.A. it was 'the Burner' Mary Turner. In San Francisco it was Raechel Donahue. And in San Diego it was Linda McInnes. They were the big three on the West Coast." He recalls Linda came out to San Diego with her former husband Jim McInnes. "They both came here from

Madison, Wisconsin." The two divorced in 1976.

"Linda lost her gig at KFOG a few years ago, and like many of us from the 'boomer generation,' she found herself on the outside of the business she loved and helped to create," wrote Jim McInnes, who himself was fired from KGB last year, after 28 years in SD radio.

"She wasn't the first female FM jock in San Diego," said Wisdom. "There was someone at KPRI before her. I forgot her name. But Linda was certainly the first successful female FM DJ." He said her local success got her a job in L.A. "She was very natural. People just felt like they knew her."

Wisdom said McInnes inspired a song on the

original *Homegrown* album, the annual collection of local artists put out by KGB in the 1970s. "The song said, 'Linda's so sexy on the radio.' Let's say that song made her more aware of her popularity. She was different after that."

Wisdom lamented her suicide. "Our minds can play tricks on us. The truth was that Linda couldn't see that she had enormous talent and could have continued in radio. It was a shame she didn't understand the depth of her talent."

— Ken Leighton

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“I know a lot of you-all brainiacs too!”

I look at my haul from the Biocom annual dinner at the San Diego Convention Center on March 10 — the coolest thing is the magic 8-ball from HellerEhrman, except for the fact that the letters floating in the blue were tinier than most middle-aged eyes could see. Were they expecting us to really read this?

“Consult Me Later,” I manage to make out by squinting.

Perhaps that’s how we were to view the evening — through narrowed eyes, wincing at Naomi Judd talk “down home” to about 1000 biotech attendees as “the spokesperson for hepatitis C,” who also has “a Ph.D. in hard knocks.” She wandered the room of dining tables, barely shaking the hands of women she couldn’t avoid (me, for example) and cuddling up to the men. She’s a man’s woman — clearly. She had a moment with San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy (who won the Biocom Legislator of the Year Award). Earlier on, Murphy had pointed out his DNA tie for a photo op, and later Tina Nova of Genoplrix said, “Dick, *we* all wear DNA on our underwear.”

I’m thinking, speak for yourself, Tina.

Dinner was a tough piece of something. I have a choking problem, so I didn’t eat it, but the mashed potatoes were top notch (I don’t want the Convention Center chef to kill himself). The dessert was some kind of chocolate bombe that was sitting there waiting for us when we arrived at the table. Because I started to pour the

wine rather than waiting for the waitstaff to do it, my friend the choreographer (who’s married to a chemist) said, needling me, “You know, you can eat your dessert now, too.”

There were none of the really cool handouts like the kind they had at Biocom 2000 — balls that glow when you bounce them, that bright green T-shirt from Diversa that I wear when biking. The best they had

here were inflatable balls from Isis — you actually have to use your own air — bean balls, coin bags, pencils, See’s candies in onesies, and a wine stopper in a velveteen bag.

Okay, the calculator is cool. You press a button and the top panel slowly opens to reveal the LCD screen and then continues its trajectory until the panel lifts the calculator to a 30-degree angle. Sure it’s cool, but I heard about this long ago when Viagra first came out — this was the Viagra calculator. Get it?

“Very likely,” says the magic 8-ball.

I wanted to photograph one friend, and he said, “I’m not interested in being part of your story.” These biotech types are a secretive lot. For secretive people, Judd is not an obvious choice as a keynote speaker.

According to *naomijudd.com*, “As the mother-daughter duo ‘The Judds,’ Naomi and Wynonna sold over 20 million albums in their eight-year reign. The Judds won five Grammys and were named the Country Music Association’s ‘Duo of the Year’ for eight straight years.



Naomi Judd

The pair scored 15 number-one hits.” However, as the CalBio PR literature says, “The Judds’ reign came to an abrupt end. Naomi was diagnosed with hepatitis C...that forced her retirement.”

But here she is in front of me, larger than life and twice as natural.

“Howdy! from Nashville Tennessee, country music capital of the world.” She takes two minutes drawling that out and then pauses. “I don’t

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really talk like that, sir.” Big laugh. “Fact, I don’t know anybody that does.”

Debbie Reynolds did in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. I keep thinking Naomi’s going to burst into “Belly Up to the Bar, Boys.”

“I still hang out with Shania Twain, the Dixie Chicks, Vince Gill...and all those characters. I had supper with Reba McEntire — she’s my best gal pal. I know a lot of you-all brainiacs too!” Moderate laugh. “In fact, there’s so much intellectual genius in this room, my molecules are vibrating at a high frequency.”

“Hi there,” she says to a gentleman at my table. “You gotta little something right there in your teeth.” Big laugh.

“I’m serious, I’m a science groupie. Francis Collins is one of my best buds. I love Genomics because they are chasing their own tale — T-A-L-E. Any questions you want to ask me?” she says to a gentlemen at another table.

“This is audience participation night.” Another big laugh. “Breathe,” she instructs him, as she hovers near in a pink suit with skirt slightly askew so that the skirt’s slit hangs to the side of one calf. Her blouse is tight and busty, with pink sequiny things sewn over a scene of Paris? Maybe Paris, Texas.

“Where’s the gentleman that I was following in here? The guy on the cell phone? Raise your hand. No, seriously, come over here...There’s the guy on the cell phone right behind me, and...he was saying, ‘...I’m going to go hear this one more speaker and then I’ll be home,’ and I grabbed his phone away from him” — she mimes grabbing the phone and speaking. “HI! BABY! I work at the vice shop down the street.” Big laugh. “Are you here, sir?” His table makes him get up.

“We’re very happy to have you here,” he says as she sashays over to him.

She rattles on. “I mean, I’m thinking about my speech, I’m hurrying, I want to be able to give Tina a hug, and then all of a sudden I thought, ‘Oh, my God, I could, like, break up their marriage,’ but then I had



Naomi Judd and Dick Murphy

to get on the phone and square things. Is she okay?”

“She’s very excited to hear what you have to say.” Lots more laughing and Naomi says, “Well, my, you can’t beat it, can you?” and moves on to her next victim, Dick Murphy.

“Well, I’m not an expert with Dick.” Big laugh. “What? I mean *Dick*.”

He says something that sounds like “A weekend is safe together?” and everyone at that table laughs, so perhaps this has special meaning.

“We’ll go do karaoke at that place a couple blocks down later.” She shifts gears instantaneously. “I am not an expert at anything except I used to be an expert in mak-

ing mistakes. I’ve majored in crisis management, and I’m a student of human behavior, if you will, and America is really [words muffled] because I am in all 50 states, border to border and coast to coast.... I’ve crawled over every inch of America’s highways, so I’m gonna kinda report back to you tonight — Love those

strange-lookin’ shoes — Are you a scientist?” she says to another guy.

“I’m not smart enough to be a scientist.” Big laugh.

“I didn’t think so.” Big laugh. Even delayed applause.

“Okay, quick head’s up, girls, if you’re in a club, a nightclub or whatever, always go for the guy that doesn’t match, because that means he’s a bachelor.” Big laugh. Audiences are simple no matter how smart they are.

“I’m a good soldier out there on life’s highway, and I’m here to report back to you tonight; I am going to give you the feedback from out there in the heartland. And the only suggestion I’m trying to make tonight is that they don’t know what you do. I’m trying to be your goodwill ambassador, and everywhere I go I speak on all sorts of topics: welfare reform, health-care reform...but everywhere I go I try to tell the folks who shop at Wal-Mart what it is you-all do. And I was talking to people today on my walk in San Diego, and *they* don’t know what you do, and that’s not a good sign. So. I feel so strongly about what good you-all do,

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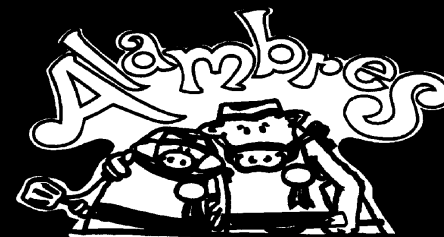
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the only suggestion I'm going to make tonight — read my perfectly lined lips, sir — PR — public relations.” She takes two minutes with this sentence as well. “You need

some more media involvement going.” Her lips *are* perfectly lined — with a much darker color than her lipstick.

She sees someone on a cell phone. “If that’s his wife, I’m not talking to her again. I have always wanted to do what I’m going to do right now, and that is give each and every one of you a hug.”

“I’ll give you a hug back,”

says someone.

“Because I am the postcard of America. I am living proof, in the flesh, if you will, I could be your poster child” — except that she’s 57 — “because I am completely cured of the hepatitis C virus.” Lots of applause.

“See, I used to be an RN, head nurse in the ICU, and I got a contaminated needle

stick. Bet you didn’t know that 85,000 [people] a year get stuck with an infected needle. Did you know that, sir?”

“Yes, I did.” Big laugh.

“So seriously, 85,000 people every year get infected with contaminated needles, and I was one of them. So even though the pathology report on the liver biopsy was pretty grim, that little hepatitis C

booger is a mutant little thing, isn’t it? But because of modern technology, I’m completely cured now...so God bless you, I really appreciate you — ‘preciate cha,’ as they say back home. So I wanted to give you — all, like I said, just a giant bear hug, to encourage you, and I think the theme for tonight is about celebrating life, and what I want to do, because

you’ve done so much for me, just pretend that I’ve cooked a really nice supper for you, and you can undo your tie now, it’s okay.”

Do you get the feeling she thinks there are no women scientists?

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Naomi Judd may relate to the heartland, but she doesn’t make it in the smart land.

Sensing a lull (having hit the climax of her speech 20 minutes prior to the end of it), she says, “Where’s David Hale? Raise your hand.” She moseys over to his table. David Hale, the chair of the Biocom board, was one of the cofounders of Hybritech, the grandfather of biotech companies in San Diego. “I like David. We were over at Tina’s house last night. I love the concept of Miss Tina Nova sweeping the front walk and frantically cleaning her house to have us over for supper last night. Oh, one more piece of business. This man,” she motions to Hale, “stand up.” He does. “We went around the supper table last night — because I *love* jokes — This guy didn’t know a single joke.” Huge laugh. “When this convention is over with, would somebody please tell this man a joke. Okay, you want me to tell you one? Okay, this is my favorite latest one. So this guy’s going down the freeway and he sees a nun broke down at the side of the road. So, of course, he has to pull over and help her out. While he’s driving her to town, he says, ‘You know, I’m so grateful to you’ — No, she says, ‘I’m so grateful to you, sir. I don’t even know how to express it.’ And he says, ‘My whole life, I’ve really had this fantasy of wanting to kiss a nun.’ The nun says, ‘...on one condition: you have to be Catholic — practicing — and not married.’ ‘Cool.’ So they had this big kiss and he said, ‘Wow, that’s the best kiss I’ve ever had in my life.’ And then they’re driving on down the road, and he starts feeling guilty, and he says, ‘Oh, my God, I can’t believe I lied to a nun. I’m going to have to tell you, I’m Harry Stein, I’m Jewish, and I got six kids.’ The nun says, ‘Well, that’s okay, Harry Stein. I’m...on my way to a Halloween party.’” Big laugh.

You want my advice, David Hale?

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Studly Scumbag

"You better watch out, there's a little white cat on the West Coast who's gonna eat you up."

Miles Davis wasn't the only gifted, charismatic young American trumpet player to make an impression in Paris in the 1950s. Chet Baker's flight touched down at Orly airport on September 5, 1955, on the heels of an announcement in the publication *Jazz Hot* that his tour had just been canceled, much to the disappointment of his French fans and the local jazz musicians.

Baker wouldn't have been very well known at the time. His albums appeared in France sporadically. His work with the Gerry Mulligan pianoless quartet would have enjoyed some currency, as would his celebrated version of the ballad "My Funny Valentine," an exercise in wistfulness and fragility.

Like Miles Davis, Baker had a thin, haunting tone, particularly suited for ballads and midtempo numbers. Also, like Miles, he kept to the middle register of the instrument and, in Baker's case, dwelling pretty much within a single octave. No Dizzy or Roy Eldridge, either one of them. Unlike Miles (blessedly), Baker sang: a curious, high-pitched, almost girl-ish voice, a unique vocal style, also marked by a slurring of the lyrics and limited in range — similar to his playing — but very striking and often effective. The man and his sound projected vulnerability.

Baker was 26 years old on his arrival in Paris, two years younger than Miles. Some years earlier Miles had been warned by Charlie Parker, who had played with Baker in 1952, "You better watch out; there's a little white cat on the West Coast who's gonna eat you up." The two young trumpeters met in 1953 at the Lighthouse in Hermosa Beach. There's a famous picture of them together. Years later, with his characteristic generosity, Miles would remark of his younger contemporary and rival that Baker sounded "worse than me even while I was a terrible junkie."

Baker may or may not have already been a junkie by 1955 (a congenital liar, he could never be taken

at his word), but he certainly became one shortly thereafter, if he wasn't already, and remained one, off and on, the rest of his life. Miles had shaken his own habit by 1954 or so, thus making his remarks about Baker rather double-edged and pointedly cruel, as Miles often was and took pleasure in being. Baker, for his part, wasn't overly cruel by nature, but throughout his life he remained a singularly cold-blooded, duplicitous creep. As one knows — or should know: nasty or nice plays no role in the arts; only talent and its application matters. Regardless, old Chet was a scumbag of the first order, and you can watch him at it in a mildly amusing documentary entitled *Let's Get Lost*, directed by Bruce Weber. Or you can read about it in a recent biography by James Gavin, *Deep in a Dream*:



Chet Baker, mid '80s

The Long Night of Chet Baker, as informative a read as Gavin's very good *Intimate Nights: The Golden Age of New York Cabaret*.

The chief interest in the Emarcy French studio sessions from October of '55 is the piano playing of Dick Twardzik, who would be dead of a

heroin overdose a week later. Twardzik is one of the great "what might have beens" of modern jazz. He was 24 years of age at the time of his death. Baker first came upon Twardzik and his music in Boston during the spring of 1955. Baker was number one in the *Down Beat* Readers' Poll on trumpet at the time, far outdistancing Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, and Clifford Brown. He was equally popular among the readers of *Metronome*. I don't believe for an instant that he would have been anywhere near the top were his fellow musicians voting, but that's not the issue. As it turns out, most of his fans were girls, addicted to his handsome mug and little-boy (or big-girl) affectless singing of

romantic ballads.

Twardzik was the piano prodigy of the Boston jazz scene when Baker first met him and already had an album of his own leading a trio session on Pacific Jazz, Baker's label. At the behest of Peter Littman, Baker's drummer during his Boston visit, Twardzik was allowed to sit in with the trumpet player for a couple of sets, and Baker went mad for Twardzik's playing. Twardzik had a fair bit of Monk, Herbie Nichols, and Tristano in his playing — at least I hear those influences in his work — blended in with the sorts of harmonies, structures, and various figures he would have picked up during classical training. Twardzik would have sounded very original and radical at the time.

Boston had a lively jazz scene in the '50s, all manner of older, established players passing through, many of them playing at its renowned Storyville Club in Kenmore Square: Sidney Bechet, Charlie Parker, Johnny Hodges, Jo Jones, Wild Bill Davison, Ruby Braff, Pee Wee Russell, Vic Dickenson, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Billie Holiday. There was also a raft of terrific younger players on hand, some connected, I should imagine, with the Berklee School of Music or the New England Conservatory (others clearly not): Steve Lacy, Herb Pomeroy, Jaki Byard, Serge Chaloff, Charlie Mariano, Cecil Taylor, and, of course, Dick Twardzik. By 1951, Twardzik was advanced enough to already be playing with Charlie Parker and local stalwarts like Mariano and Chaloff. By the time he met Baker, he had not only recorded his own album but had recorded with Chaloff (1954) and with Mariano on his *Boston All-Stars* album in 1951. Twardzik had also toured with Lionel Hampton. Not bad for a 24-year-old.

Baker plays competently on the ten quartet sides with Twardzik on the Emarcy recording, but the value of this disc is that it's the one place to hear Twardzik at his best. Some might recommend Twardzik's trio album, but I found it a disappointment. Not so these Paris sessions. The pianist is sending some odd chords and rhythmic figures Baker's way, but the trumpet player handles them all with aplomb. Which is curious: Twardzik's thing was unusual harmonies. Baker was a melodist. In



Johnny Hodges

a similar situation with Monk behind him playing odd chords and time signatures, Miles flipped. (Not *good* flipped, *bad* flipped.) But Baker loved the younger man's piano playing. Baker loved Twardzik so much that at least one of Chet's girlfriends complained that Baker loved Twardzik more than he loved her. But musicians do sometimes form deep attachments through music with their fellow players. There is no question that Baker was devastated at the news of Twardzik's death and maintained a lifelong devotion to the man and artist, which is notable, as old Chet didn't remain devoted to much apart from his habit.

Actually, when Baker arrived in Paris he would have found most of those he met on the Paris jazz scene smacked-out. The French were busy imitating an unfortunate fashion among American jazzmen of the bop and post-bop generation who, in turn, were imitating Charlie Parker. Some beat their addiction, like Miles; some died of it, like Twardzik; and some, like Baker, lived with a habit (off and on) a relatively long time. Baker nearly made it to 60 before falling, or being thrown, from a hotel window in Amsterdam in 1988.

Baker would return to Paris many times after his '55 visit. In fact, he would spend much of his life in Europe, some of it behind bars. Wherever he went, he was a walking disaster area. But there are millions of those and only a handful of jazz trumpeters like Baker.

Baker has a lengthy, erratic discography, as might be expected with a long-lived, erratic personality, singing on some recordings, not on others. My favorite Baker album is a late one, recorded four years before he died, on the excellent Dutch label Criss Cross. Baker is already in rough shape by this point — ravaged, to be more to the point; he could be the poster boy for the adjective "ravaged-looking." But the music on this disc is as good as it gets in the 1980s. Warns Marsh joins Baker on tenor sax, and you can't have better than that on board. Marsh would die in 1987, a year before Baker, at the age of 60 and without the help of heroin. With the help of an exceptional rhythm section, these two very different kinds of men made beautiful music together that September 30 in 1984, and if you're a jazz artist, that's really all that matters. ■

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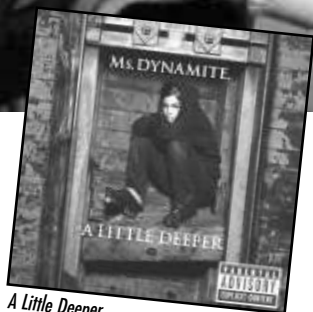


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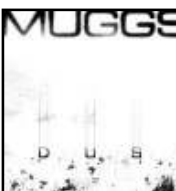
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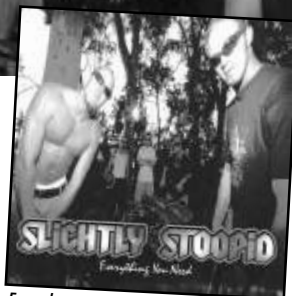


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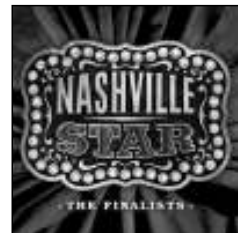
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Modey Lemon's website has the usual rock band stuff on it: a list of upcoming shows, an overblown bio, some pictures, and a discography. But it also has "Modey Lemon's List of Destruction," a page devoted to equipment that has disintegrated under the Pittsburgh duo's musical assault. Among the departed are speakers, drums, cymbals, guitars, microphones, and an old Radio Shack synthesizer. The list concludes with a parody of common rock endorsements: "**Paul Quattrone** breaks Vic Firth 5A drum sticks and Remo drum heads. **Phil Boyd** breaks D'Addario guitar strings and Fender guitars."

That should tell you something about how great Modey Lemon is live. Quattrone, especially, is amazing to watch. He looks

as if he's going to hammer clear past his drum set and through the floor. Boyd, who switches between guitar and old synths, looks as though he's going to scream himself inside out. Any day now, one of these guys is going to end up on the list of broken equipment.

Yes, Modey Lemon is yet another guitarist/drummer duo. Yes, they do play bluesy punk rock. Yes, it's getting difficult to tell these bands apart. (At a Dirtbombs show recently, I imagined that in the year 2023, if people are feeling nostalgic for 2003, the less-interesting aught-years cover bands will sound exactly like the Von Bondies.) All of that weighs against Modey Lemon. But when Quattrone and Boyd are onstage, none of that matters. You won't be thinking about the



MODEY LEMON

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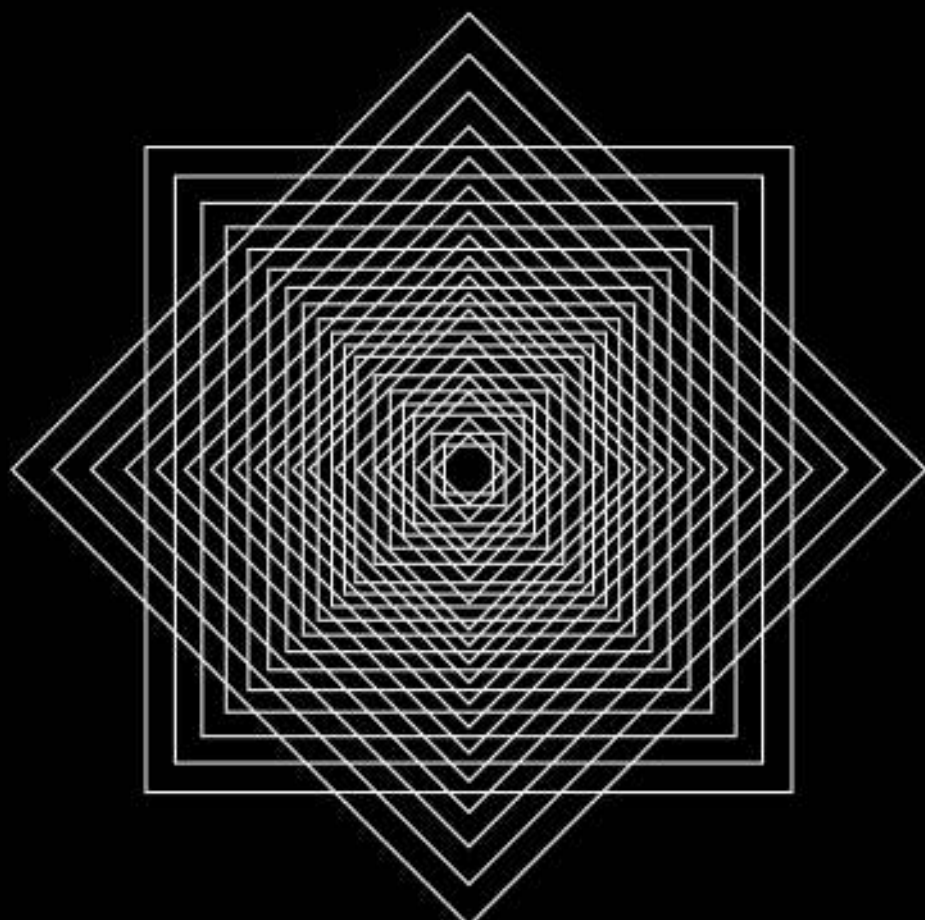
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Alan Jackson [777], Phil Vassar, and Joe Nichols: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 27, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The White Stripes [359]: SOMA, Wednesday, April 30, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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Kenny Loggins: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, May 4, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Afro-Cuban All-Stars [858]: 4th & B, Friday, May 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Loretta Lynn [771]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, May 11, 4 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Tim McGraw [778]: Cox Arena, Wednesday, May 14, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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King's X and Fishbone [177]: 4th & B, Sunday, May 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Chris Isaak [521]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 1, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Coldplay [557] and Mos Def: Cox Arena, Tuesday, June 3, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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Mark Knopfler [611]: Copley Symphony Hall, Tuesday, July 22, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

The Dixie Chicks [782] and **Michelle Branch**: Cox Arena, Wednesday, July 23, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Norah Jones: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, July 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

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David Gray /614/: Open Air Theatre, Friday, August 8, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Randy Travis: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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Chris Isaak /521/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 21, and Friday, August 22, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

SEPTEMBER

"Street Scene 2003": Friday, September 5, Saturday, September 6, and Sunday, September 7, Gaslamp. Info line, 800-260-9985.

Huey Lewis: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 12, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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ROCK

Absinthe: Bayou Bar & Grill
Agave: Tiki House
The Bartones: Tiki House
The Black Eyed Peas [459]: Belly Up Tavern
The Blazers: Tio Leo's Lounge
Bone: Surf N'Saddle
Buford: Blind Melons
Kirsten Candy: Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain, Gaslamp)
The Committec: Etta's Place
Concord: Neimans Bar and Grill
The Corduroys: Carvers
DJ Aero: Cannibal Bar
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DJ Phillips: Humphrey's
Delta Nove: Winstons
Deke Dickerson [508]: In Cahoots
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Ellis [525]: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Fryday Band: Surf N'Saddle
FZ13 [479]: Club Iguana
G-Roy: Cannibal Bar
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

Hitmen: Fannie's
Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge
Invisible Inc.: Winstons
Laguna: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
The Lost Disciples [544]: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Gabriel Mann: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)
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Nude BBQ: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Paul Galaxy & the Galactics: Tio Leo's Lounge
Point Blank: Pal Joey's
Power Play: Chuey's Numero Uno
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

Reign of Kings: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
Rickacha: The Outside In
Rochelle, Rochelle [570]: The Casbah
The Rockaholics: Second Wind (Santee)
Rockola: Humphrey's
School Daze: Etta's Place
The Eve Selis Band: Humphrey's
Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Smokey: Cannibal Bar

Smokin' Gun: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The State Band: Etta's Place
Steal Dawn: Boar Cross'n
The Stilettos: Henry's Pub
Sunday Afternoon: Blind Melons
The Tall Dudes: On The Rocks
34 Below [437]: Dublin Square, Longshot Saloon
TNT: Dirk's Niteclub
Tubby: Black Sheep Inn



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June 14
Carrot Top *Comedy*
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June 15
Los Tucanes de Tijuana *Latin*
Días de la Familia
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June 17
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DINNER EVENING \$58
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June 20
Chris LeDoux *Country*
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June 21
Reggae Day *Steel Pulse • Eek-a-Mouse*
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June 22
Ramon Ayala *Latin*
Días de la Familia
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June 24
Tracy Byrd *Country*
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June 25
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June 27
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July 4
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July 6
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Friday, March 28, 2003

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Saturday, March 29, 2003

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Thursday, April 3, 2003

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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel

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Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Disco Pimps: Fifth Qtr.

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Patrick Hill: Martini's

Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel

Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Viejas Casino

The New Breed Band: The Alley

The Orbitz: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]:
Dakota Grill and Spirits

Linda Roth: Martini's

The Salt Lickers: The Kraken

Superfunk Fantasy: Henry's Pub

Sylvia Lorraine: Martini's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: The Kensington Club

Frank Alves: Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina

Dave Anderson: Coyote Bar and Grill

Joe Azarello: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

The B-Side Players [649]: Belly Up Tavern

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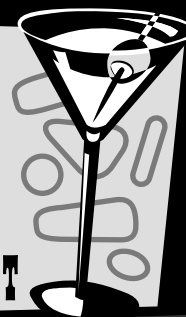
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Inner Voyage: Bayou Bar & Grill

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Ikah Love: Cannibal Bar

Pepper: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Psydecar /740/: Belly Up Tavern, Winstons

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Album Name: *Listen to Your Radish* (2002)

Artist: The Enchanted

Label: Stone Seed Music

Songs: 1) St. James 2) Outside 3) Parasite 4) Seattle 5) Kite

Price/Where Available: www.itaismusic.com for \$10

Band Members: Mary Thoren (vocals), Itai Faierman (vocals, harmonica, lead guitar), Simeon Flick (drums, guitar), Omar (bass guitar)

Extra Info: The Enchanted can be seen every Friday night at 8:30 p.m. at d'Lounge, located at 807 F St. (between Eighth and Ninth) in downtown San Diego

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The album's cover, depicting an impish blond-haired little girl holding up a radish, radiates innocence. The same playful feeling permeates each song on the five-track EP of acoustic folk rock duo the Enchanted.

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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

Formed earlier this year when Itai Faierman, one of San Diego's coffeehouse performers, was joined by his girlfriend Mary Thoren, the Enchanted has a rotating group of musicians who play everything from the harmonica to the *djimbe*.

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schedules, fax to Lynne Houts at 760-788-0329 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Upcoming concerts, underground club listings, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261; faxed to 619-881-2401; or e-mailed to sellis@nethere.com.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop. Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm, except Saturday to 11 pm. Thursday, Rick Ross, jazz. Friday, Trio du Jour, jazz. Saturday, the Justin Brothers, acoustic pop rock. Sunday, 5 O'Clock Shadow, jazz, swing. Wednesday, Semisi & Fulabula, reggae.

The duo's funky folk melodies and Faierman's glimmering acoustic guitar twist otherwise empty phrases into profound statements. In "St. James," Thoren sings, "*I form a house into the void/ scratch a record/ oh boy/ with laundry hangin' everywhere/ but where is where.*" Listening to the lyrics is almost like following someone else's train of thought.

"Parasite," the most striking and unfortunately shortest track, is a departure from the rest of the album. Heavy guitars generate a '60s "feel good" rock sound as Thoren, singing the phrase "it don't mean a thing, nothing," works herself into an anthemic moment. The last song, "Kite," is a melancholy note on which to end the album. One glimpse at the lyrics ("*running wild...breathing in me...sweeping floors...taxis...fasting pills...sleeping chords*") is



The Enchanted

enough to notice the deviation from innocence. Thoren's light vocal harmonies on this track contrast with her usual lower tones found throughout most of the album and reveal another facet of the duo's musical capabilities.

Listen to Your Radish was worth the listen.

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Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, *Kirsten Candy*, rock.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *the Corduroys*, rock. Saturday, Jeff Lee, acoustic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Ventilators*, rock. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, Billy Watson, blues, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Swingin' Kings*, blues. Sunday, 2 pm to 5:30 pm, Blue Largo, blues, 5 pm to 9 pm, Dave Anderson, jazz. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Scary Mary & the Moose, alternative.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, *Nude BBQ*, rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 4

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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, *John Lowery*, folk. Saturday, *Heather Ogren*, folk.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Tabularasa* and *Casey Turner*.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Satish*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Heather Ogren*, folk.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Carl Robinson*, soft rock.

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 Bobone*, disco, '80s, hip-hop. Saturday, 10 pm, *18 Bonez*, *Concord Mower*, and *the Mix Mob*, alternative rock. Sunday, *salsa rock en español*.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474.

Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, *the Fryday Band*, rock. Saturday, *Bone*, 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, *Night Shift*, classic rock. Saturday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic.

BEACHES

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Thursday, *Tea Leaf Green*, alternative rock. Friday, *Wonka Bar* and *Buford*, rock. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Concept D*, 8 pm, *Lightner*, *the Big Provider*, and *Campaign for Quiet*, alternative.

Sunday, 3 pm to 7 pm, *Strange Way Back*. Wednesday, *Sun Ru* and *King Michael*.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Lost Disciples*, *Ellis*, *Fith*, and *RDG*. Friday, *Slightly Stoopid*, *BMC's*, *State Radio*, *Bargain Music*, *Pepper*, and *dJRoSt*. Saturday, *Ozomatli* and guests. Wednesday, *Modus*, *Congress of the Cow*, *Nerami*, and *the Kernel*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, 8 pm, *Jump Jones*, jazz, swing, and rock. Saturday, 8 pm, *Simply Complex*. 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. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Socket Seven*, *Search Project*, *King Dub*, and *Straight No Chaser*. Friday, *Mother Russia*, *Cheap Sex*, *Money Shot*, and

Falling for Alba. Saturday, *Idiot Box*, *Afterblack*, *Man Minus Label*, and *Habitat*. Monday and Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Manhorn*, *Latigo*, *Anton*, and *Siphon*.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Dejablu* with *Kymberlee Maxine*. Friday, *Aubrey Fay*. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, also, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals.

Galoka, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *Angela Patua*. Friday, *Head Cornerstone*. Saturday, *Forward Funk*. Sunday, call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Ashley*, acoustic pop.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*, pop, jazz.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Sunday through Tuesday, *Larry Fogel*, singer, pianist.

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, *the Bartones*, rock. Saturday, *Agave*, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-mike night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Thursday, *Lee Brown Perspective* and *the Lounge Gods*. Friday, *the Providers*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Superunloader*, alternative rock. Friday, *the Travel Agents* and *Hwy 61 Revisited*, alternative. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Invisible Inc.*, 8 pm, *Delta Nove* and *Starshak*, rock/funk. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, 9 pm, *Shanti Groove*, alternative. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Mr. Fred Eaglesmith*, rock. Wednesday, *Psydecar*, reggae, funk.

SAN DIEGO

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Saturday through Tuesday, *David Timothy Smith*.

Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission

Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Gabriel Mann*, rock.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Every Breath*, *A Rose for One*, *Opiate for the Masses*, and *the Eyes of Fire*. Saturday, *the Hog Sisters*, *Ceramic Holiday*, *Ladwig*, *Wendy Bailey*, and *Here Kitty, Kitty*. Tuesday, *Heroe*, *Stereo Vault*, and *the Valentine Fist*. Wednesday, *Code: Adam* and *Problem Solved*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Halifax*, *Lower Definition*, *Remik*, *Die September*, and *A Farewell to Freedom*, alternative. Saturday, *Skribner*, *Zero 2 None*, and *Nemo*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 9 pm, *School Daze*, rock. Friday, 9 pm, *the State Band*, rock. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Blues Invaders*, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 8:30 pm, *the Committee*.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *the Boogiemen*, 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. 619-582-5908. Thursday, call club for information. 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, *Quiet Storm*, jazz. Friday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *the Latanya Lockett Band*, R&B, 9:30 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, blues. Sunday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Jerome Dawson*, jazz. 9:30 pm, *Rockola*, classic rock. Monday, 8:30 pm, *Eve Selis*,

roadhouse rock. Tuesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Thursday, *Deke Dickerson*, rockabilly.

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. Friday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Saturday, *Reve Oliver*, *Decidely So*, and *Slink*, alternative.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *the Bitty Bums*, alternative. Sunday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Itai*, alternative. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Kensington Avenue*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Smokin' Gun*, rock. Saturday, *Idle Train*, rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Frank Drennen*, acoustic. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Point Blank*, classic rock.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Thursday, *Word! Perfect*, hip-hop. Friday, *Nausea*, *Severed*, *War Face*, and *Epicidium*, alternative.

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.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative. Thursday, *Tomorrow's Son*, *Jake*, and *Across the Room*. Friday, *Authority Zero*, *the Start*, *No Way Out*, and *State of Beyond*. Saturday, *Stranger*, *Bredren*, *Organix*, and *Skanic*. Sunday, *Madball*, *Terror*, *Powerhouse*, and *Undefeated*.

Wednesday, *Superdrag*, *Ozma*, and *Agent 51*.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, 7:30 pm, *Death on Wednesday*, *the New Transit*, *Direction*, *Acceptance*, *Letter Kills*, *the Scrimmage Heroes*, and *Crank Wrench Audio*. Friday, 7:30 pm, *Strung Out*, *Guttermouth*, *Death by Stereo*, *One Track Mind*, and *Offset*. Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Reel Big Fish*, *the Toasters*, *the Selector*, and *the Rx Bandits*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Paul Galaxy & the Galactic* and *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *the Blazers*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Mississippi Mud* with *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet*.

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, *Kirsten Candy*, rock.

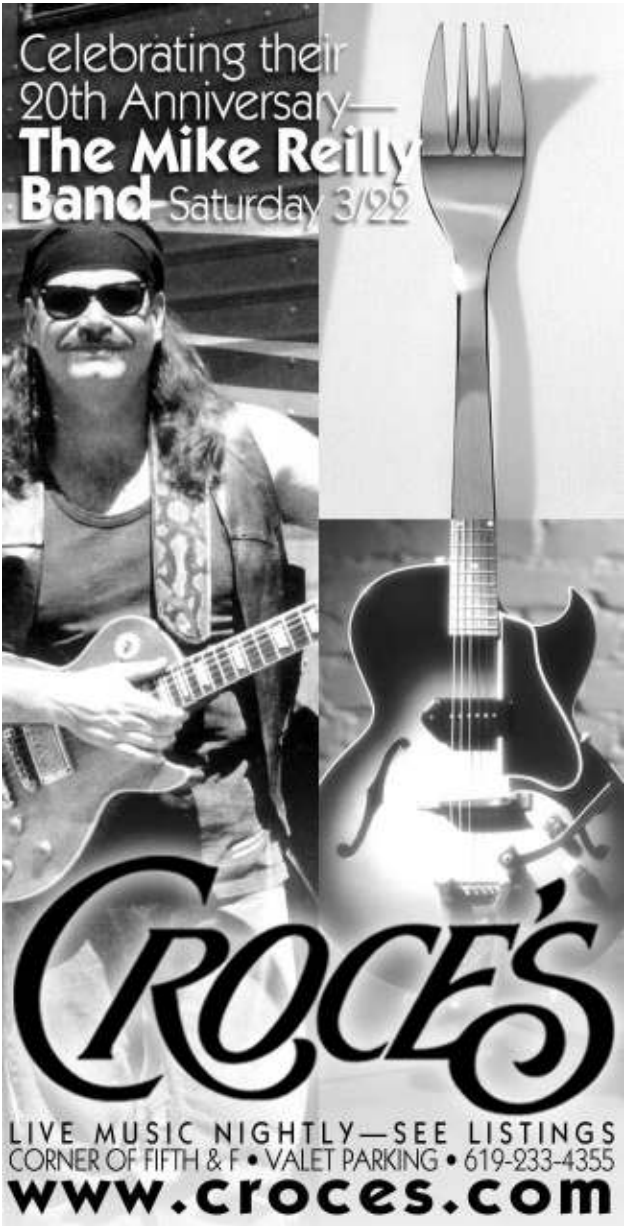
The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Theory of Ruin*, *Die Princess Die*, *Using Codenames*, and *Form of Rocket*. Friday, *Rochelle Rochelle*, *the Classified*, *Buckfast Superbee*, and *Skydiver*. Saturday, *Carissa's Weird*, *Goodbye Blue Monday*, *the Prom*, and *Long Winters*. Sunday, *Cover Me American Idol*, *Bad Credit*, *Rookie Card*, and *Red Pony Clock*. Monday, *Magnuson*, *Idiot Wind*, and *the Corruptors*. Tuesday,

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Thee Corsairs, Modey Lemon, and the Buttons. Wednesday, Kelly Joe Phelps, Willy Porter, and Stephen Fearing.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, Power Play, rock.

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, the Shelltown Horns, blues. Saturday, the Mike Reilly Band, jazz.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Peter Robberecht/Pianoman, pop/Top40.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, Friday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Private Domain, rock and roll. Saturday, Stone, rock. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 pm, Berkley Hart, folk. Saturday, 9 pm, Harold Todd, and friends, soul. Monday, 7 pm, the Shades of Blue Quintet, jazz, blues. Wednesday, 8 pm, Willie Jones III with Gilbert Castelllos, jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, 34 Below, rock.

5ifth Qtr. (formerly Buffalo Joe's), 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Friday, 80z Allstars. Saturday, the Disco Pimps. Sunday, Harold Todd. Wednesday, Maiz.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Sunday, Ministry, Nothingface, Lollipop Lustkill, and Motograter, alternative.

G-5 George's on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, Tom Barabas, classical music.

Hennessey's Tavern, 708 Fourth Avenue (corner of Fourth and G), Gaslamp. 619-239-9991. Saturday, 9 pm, Brent Byrd, acoustic.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, Powerhouse. Friday, X-Cel. Saturday, Roz & the Wrecking Crew. 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.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, the David Patrone Quartet, jazz.

Martini's, 3940 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-293-0232. Music is contemporary/variety. Thursday, Linda Roth. Friday, Carol Curtis. Saturday, Patrick Hill. Sunday, John Garcia. Tuesday, Paul Greg. Wednesday, Sylvia Lorraine.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues. Thursday, the Nik Simon Band. Friday, Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Saturday, the Backwater Blues Band. Sunday, "Big Mo" Blues. Monday, Red Lane. Tuesday, the Blues Brokers. Wednesday, Billy Seward.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, J.D. Brouchard.

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 and Wednesday, Walter II y Rumbaney, Latin. Sunday, Bere and Band Forro. Monday, Sol and Curanderos. Tuesday, Primo, Latin jazz.

Trattatoria La Strada, 702 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-239-3400. Friday and Saturday, Bastista, Brazilian/Latin music.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, Joe Tarrantino, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, Stellita and Joe Tarrantino, pop.

SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO

Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Thursday, Cirro, Latin. Friday, 8:30 pm, Jesse Davis, variety. Saturday, the Orbitz, '60s and '70s music.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, Danny Lopez, contemporary.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring Sandy Chappel, Sammy Canonizado, and Burnett Anderson.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Thursday, Mike & Valerie. Friday and Saturday, Reign of Kings, rock.



MUSIC > rock and country-western bands Tuesday-Saturday from 4-8 p.m.; DJs play hip-hop Saturday night after band, and sometimes during week; karaoke Sunday and Monday

CLIENTELE > 85% Caucasian, 15% Mexican; during DJs after 8 p.m.:

40% African-American, 25% Mexican, 35% Caucasian; 70% male; 21 and up in bar, but you can see the bands from the restaurant, which is all ages

COVER > Usually \$5

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Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes, or Vicki Eriqat, European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Tony Lasley, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, Barbara Jamerson, jazz.

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 5:30 pm, Ray Briz. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, Joey West. Monday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, John Cain.

Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, the Shep Meyers Quarter. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 6:30 pm to 10 pm, Daniel Jackson, jazz.

NightSpotting

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appetizer specials, some for \$.99); some nights a "shooter girl" walks around selling shots for \$2.50 (normally \$4)

FOOD > family-restaurant style; lots of other restaurants in area

ACCESS > one block from the 101; only eight parking spaces in front, but there is also a back parking lot and some street parking

DRESS > casual; hip-hop crowd dresses nicer; bartender told me, "There's no dress code, but we won't allow bandannas, beanies, or anything gang-related."

DANCE FLOOR > 25' by 15'

BATHROOMS > two urinals, one stall, two sinks, very small mirror, condom machine with a big lock on it; women's had two stalls, two sinks, a big mirror; both had liquid soap and paper towels

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, 8 pm, open blues jam. Friday, the Brothers Blood Blues Band. Saturday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, open mike.

Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado. 619-424-4000. Cays Lounge: Friday and Saturday, Coupe de Ville, blues.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, Big City Shaman, blues. Friday, Sweet Blue Onion, blues. Saturday, 4-Way Street, acoustic. Sunday, Gene Warren, Irish folk. Monday, Jackson & Sven, acoustic folk. Tuesday, Laguna, classic rock. Wednesday, 4-Way Street.

The Outside In, 1121 Third Street, Chula Vista. 619-426-2977. Thursday

CAPACITY > 200

SPECIAL AREAS > a nice smoking area that is covered, with seven large tables and two TVs; a second bar in the back that is also available for parties

FURNISHINGS > satellite TV for sporting events, four TVs, one large screen, video chess, video golf, Keno; back room with second bar has a pool table and speakers so you can hear the DJ or band; fireplace in main bar; stage has four dancing lights (with squares on the dance floor that light up, like Saturday Night Fever); ATM with pay phone nearby

DECIBEL LEVEL > 92 when the DJ was playing the Beastie Boys' "She's Crafty"; 96 last week at Hot Monkey Love Cafe

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH > The Salt Lickers

QUOTABLE > One guy said, "What did you think of the Raiders getting their asses kicked in the Super Bowl?" The other says, "Dude, the Super Bowl is so last month."

The bartender/manager, who has been here for 20 years and had a mullet longer than that guy in About Schmidt told me, "We try to get bands that the whole family can enjoy, since it's during the day."

McCabe's has been here for 22 years, but don't confuse this McCabe's with the one in Santa Monica, which often gets big-name musicians. The biggest band this McCabe's has gotten was the Missiles of October. The bartender told me, "Missiles of October usually plays places like the Coach House [in San Juan Capistrano], and it cost us a thousand bucks to get 'em. We kinda lost our shirt on that one."

Speaking of shirts, a guy asked, "How many more drinks do I need to down before you give me a free T-shirt?" The bartender smiled and threw a T-shirt at him. It's nice to know they don't encourage public drunkenness.

-Josh Board

through Saturday, Super Trax, rock. Sunday, Rickacha.

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Black Sheep Inn, 340 East Bradley, El Cajon. 619-448-8474. Saturday, Tubby, rock.

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Club Iguana, 9325 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-2710. Sunday, 3 pm, FZ13, rock.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, TNT, rock.

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The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band featuring Jo Dark.

Mr. Joey's Cantina, 9570 Murray Drive, La Mesa. 619-466-2912. Saturday, Los Reyes del Ritmo, Latin.

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At the Copa

Don't let its part-time job as a glitzy disco put you off Deco's. It only becomes a nightclub at the witching hour on weekends. When it's not rockin' and rollin', it's a fine, fulfilling dinner house, offering sensuous food in a spectacular setting.

Deco's is the new ruling palace of Visco Entertainment Group, the empire built on Mike Viscuso's E Street Alley. Viscuso's clubs have grown increasingly intent on providing tasty dining along with fun times and flashy decor — at On Broadway, E Street, Red Circle, and now at this latest glamorama at the prime-time site that formerly housed Redfish.

The first indication that you're not in funky old Redfish anymore comes in the elevator that takes you up to the second-floor dining room. Its interior has been freshly painted in sleek petals of pastels and chrome. You step out its door into a dream of a more lighthearted, gracious age — the fantasy world where Fred and Ginger danced the life of luxury onscreen while the real world shuffled through a Depression to the start of a World War. The whole north wall is a huge, insouciant mural, painted by local artist Ira Gagnon, portraying graceful sophisticates prancing through an international array of legendary nightclubs — Miami's Copacabana, Manhattan's Rainbow Room, the Ritz in London, and the ballroom of the grand liner *Normandie*. Arrayed in front of the mural are comfortable black chairs and dining tables, while along the walls are camel-back booths in rich red tuck 'n' roll. A huge crystal chandelier — a replica of one in the mural — hangs from a tented ceiling.

Go ahead and gawk. Take a tour. Everybody does. As you stroll, the sound system plays a long loop of jive, swing, and '50s jazz-pop vocalists (Cab Calloway, Lady Day, Lena Horne, Sinatra, Julie London). Divided from the dining room by a low barrier is a spiffy bar with an impressive collection of spirits. Head east, past the black-and-white medallion of a dancing nymph painted over the restroom entryway, and weightlessly float across a dance floor dotted with psychedelic multicolored spinning lights. Further on is a smoker-friendly outdoor patio called "The Cuban Cabana" where on DJ nights you can buy a drink and boogie under the stars.

For my first dinner I chose a nonclubbing night, for fear they wouldn't let me in if they checked IDs and saw a birthdate before 1970. But



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Deco's

at all my visits (including one on a Thursday disco night), the other diners ranged from their early 20s on up to their mid-70s. Most of them were there to eat, not party. Chef Jonathan Plum's fare is as forward as Deco's decor is retro, and definitely good enough to stand on its own.

Our appetizers had traditional-sounding names but fresh interpretations. A "tempura ahi sashimi," for instance, made quick tracks away from both seared ahi and tempura. The hunks of dark-red tuna wore thin jackets of tempura-breaded nori on their outer edges and were speared through with narrow rods of green asparagus, white daikon radish, and orange *yamagobo* ("mountain potato"), a carrot-like root with an untamed flavor and a slightly woody texture. Sprinkled with *masago* (smelt roe), the fish sat atop a dark sauce of wasabi crème fraîche sharpened with *yuzu* (a grapefruit-like Japanese citrus) and hot sauce.

A "spicy tuna stack" proved one of the most successful versions I've sampled of this much-abused nonce appetizer, matching the piquantly

seasoned tuna with the fresh tropical sweetness of sliced mangoes, papaya, and avocado, plus the snap of tiny greens and dark-red *tobiko*. All the elements were fresh, luscious, in perfect proportion.

Seared diver scallops were nestled in cups of fried wonton skins, sauced with a tart blood-orange reduction and accompanied by a green salad dressed in a lively citrus vinaigrette. A "five-onion soup" lightened up the French classic with caramelized red, yellow, and white onions, leeks, and chives in a sweet, easygoing medium-weight broth. The onion slices were still distinct and tender but with some crunch.

Slanted on top, replacing the typical Gallic sinking dory of grilled Gruyère, were a pair of thin, horizontally sliced rafts of focaccia topped with freshly grated Asiago cheese, softening but not melting in the warmth.

The servers, dressed all in black, are exceptional — knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and considerate. One evening, our waiter patiently waited from afar to signal the kitchen to fire our entrées, while my Italian companion continued to gesture with

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PRICES: Appetizers, \$8–\$15; sushi/sashimi, \$4.50–\$14.50 per item; entrées, \$25–\$38; desserts, \$7.50.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Lightly adventurous California cuisine with Asian and Mediterranean flavors. Appetizers emphasize seafood (sushi, sashimi, fusion dishes). Wine list all-Californian except Champagnes; serious vineyards at steep markups with few choices under \$30 but adequate selection (average \$10) by the glass. Full bar.

NEED TO KNOW: Best dining nights, Tuesday and Wednesday; special off-menu tasting dinners for groups can be arranged. Thursday through Saturday, restaurant goes DJ at 9:00 p.m. Nightclub cover charge (\$10–\$15) suspended for patrons who order dinner; no sneakers, shorts, T-shirts allowed. No dress rules for dinner only, but gorgeous "vintage" décor may inspire dress-up for fun.

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offers sushi and sashimi, popular noshes for diners with dancing on their minds. I tried a couple of the big extravaganzas, a soft-shell crab roll and a “special rainbow roll.” Both rolls’ ingredients were fresh and proportionate, but their flavors were rather sedate. Any spice in the “spicy” scallops at the heart of the rainbow was purely subliminal, and that evening’s rice tasted plainly boiled. (I took some pieces home, and a hint of sweet-sour sushi vinegar flavor developed overnight — it was the first time I’ve ever found leftover sushi better than freshly made.) Barely perceptible vinegar is actually the Visco “house style,” but this degree of blandness wasn’t the chef’s intention, I later learned; evidently this area is going to take a little more time and monitoring to produce a consistent product.

On the other hand, a semi-circle of citrus basmati rice curled around a splendid Scottish salmon filet was all I could ask for, piqued by orange and lime zests and minced green herbs and enriched with a splash of melted butter. The salmon itself tasted like butter-made-flesh. The icy North Sea swirling off the coasts of Scotland, Ireland, and Norway is home to the last fishable stand of wild Atlantic salmon, a slightly different species from Pacific

salmon and prized for its gutsy flavor and ample, mouth-filling “good cholesterol.” Given such distinctive fish, Plum is smart enough to cook it lightly and simply. He garnishes it with mysterious little golden-fried curls of parsnip, sweet but earthy. Fresh, gently cooked seasonal vegetables grace every entrée, the contents of the medley changing by the day. The platings are architectural, featuring stacks, wings, leaning towers, and Stonehenges, with sufficient visual drama to rival the room’s eye-candy ambiance.

Sautéed striped bass, its lightly crisped skin rubbed with cracked mustard seeds, was cooked gently enough to show off the natural sweetness of its flesh. The engaging hint of bitterness of braised Belgian endive was an ideal contrast, and a lemongrass *beurre blanc* embraced the bass with a subtle citric kiss.

The one failed fish was a Dover sole paupiette, a precious North Atlantic filet wrapped around a lean, plebeian scallop mousse, swathed in a sourly acidic smoked tomato *beurre blanc*. Blame the winter tomatoes. It’s too bad, because the plating was especially fetching: the fish “bird” sported tall, golden wings of deep-fried yam.

The meat and poultry section of the menu is more cautious, with creativity peeking out mainly from the vegetable accompaniments. The combination of a seared duck breast and leg of duck confit is scarcely novel,

even less the standard sweet saucing (in this case a huckleberry-port reduction). The leg is genuine confit, cooked and preserved in its own fat — in classic style, it’s salty, a little greasy, a tad dry. The duck’s treatment is tasty, if trite, but above all it’s a good excuse for a plushy Merlot and Plum’s subtle purée of potato and celeriac (a.k.a. celery root), a winter vegetable with a haunting flavor that’s still a rarity on local menus.

Similarly, filet mignon in a light, sweet, port-drenched version of Perigourdine sauce was an opportune platform for a fascinating little gratin stack of thin, firm slices of orange yam, white sweet potato, and Asiago cheese. In contrast to the velvety yam, the crisp sweet potato fooled my palate into mistaking it for some mysterious firm fruit of the pome class. An extra dose of flavor came from a thick-skinned raviolis stuffed with wild mushrooms and goat cheese.

The dessert menu is the work of pastry chef Sean Savage, formerly of Laurel Restaurant and the Prado. He makes a sensational bread pudding that’s simple and creamy, soft and light and moist. It ought to stay on the menu forever.

The chocolate *crème brûlée* is dark and intensely chocolatey, but I could easily dispense with its garnish, unspeakable chocolate-dipped flour tortillas with God-knows-what sweet substance rolled inside them. The invention of Baked Alaska — meringue-topped ice cream —

is claimed by Antoine’s Restaurant in New Orleans. It was a major fad around the last turn of the century and again 50 years later. In olden times, the trick was to bake the meringue without melting the ice cream. Now the dish has morphed into an easier accomplishment, Blowtorched Alaska, finished off with the same portable propane torch that crisps the *crème brûlée*. This version has a dense chocolate-cake layer at the bottom and a moat of brandied cherries surrounding it.

My first dinner at Deco’s was the best restaurant meal by far that I’d eaten in five weeks. My next meal there was the third best. In between, I’d enjoyed a dinner at California Cuisine, which a brand-new chef has turned into a knockout. Tune in next week.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Jonathan Plum hails from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where his father was a professor at University of Michigan. “I just always loved cooking,” he says. “I was making decorations with ketchup in my baked beans, presentations for myself to eat.” In his teens, he got his first taste of professional cooking working at the Gandy Dancer, “the” spot for fine French dining in Ann Arbor. “I loved the camaraderie in the kitchen,” he says. “Everybody in this industry is very much a ‘people person.’ I have to be around people who can talk.”

Love prompted his move to San Diego. “As a chef, I can go

anywhere, but my fiancée, Andrea, works in biotech, and Sorrento Valley is the biotech capital of the U.S. I met her in South Carolina while I was at Johnson and Wales College of Culinary Arts, and she was studying at the University of Charleston. When we both graduated, we just packed up and moved to San Diego.

“As soon as I got here I cruised out to La Jolla. La Valencia caught my eye — it’s got that old rustic French look to it. So I put in a year over there, pretty much running all three of the downstairs kitchens.” Plum also worked at E Street Alley and Zen Cafe at On Broadway before Visco Entertainment Group chose him to head the kitchen at Deco’s.

“I have great guys back here working with me. I brought a couple of the guys from the line at La Valencia with me, some guys from Zen and E Street. We have a lot of fun; it’s stress-free even when it’s slammin’. But we just got started here, so we’ve got to be a little conservative in the menu. We’re right in the heart of Fifth Avenue, and we had to open with something to get everybody acclimated to the kitchen. The chef that I grew up working with told me, ‘It has nothing to do with what you want to do. It’s all about what tastes good.’ So instead of trying to boost my own ego with my crazy concoctions, I just like to put out good food that people will enjoy to eat. We’ll get a little more crazy in the next menu.”

I asked Plum how he learned

to make sushi. “I really got into the creativity of it when I was in culinary school,” he said. “The sushi that we pump out here is pretty much just standard stuff; it’s good, but — the creative end of it is actually forming these things into roses, orchids, dragonflies... When I came out here to San Diego, Yutaka Ishi was working at La Valencia. He’s a Japanese kid who trained in Japan and has been working in sushi bars for years. We became really good friends, and he taught me all those old-school Japanese tricks, the reasons for doing things, all the philosophy behind Japanese sushi. We worked together at La Valencia, went to On Broadway and did sushi together there, and went on to do sushi at E Street. Now Yutaka is opening a new branch of Ichiban.”

Plum gets his fish in small quantities every two days. “I have the bother of ordering all the time, but at least that way, we just get the good end of the tuna loin, instead of having to trim off all the undesirable parts from the whole loin.

“We often get a lot of real eaters that come in here, food people. They’ll bring ten bottles of wine, and I’ll cook them six courses off the menu, just style ’em out. If you come in on a Tuesday or a Wednesday, you’ll be well taken care of. During the week is when I have a lot of fun cooking. Fridays and Saturdays it’s more a dance crowd, and I take Sundays off, my day to hang out with my fiancée.” ■



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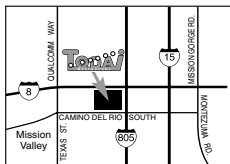
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Thanks, Mike! Mike's the guy I met when he ordered 75 pizzas for the Super Bowl at Volare, the Italian place near Midway. He said he was the food-service manager at the Vietnam vets outfit down the road. "We do \$2.50 lunches," he said, "and \$2.50 breakfasts and dinners. Anyone's welcome."

How could that price not stick in your mind? So today as I'm barreling north along Pacific Highway in the 34A bus, I'm thinking about it, when, a couple of stops before Old Town, this guy pulls the cord and gets out. Something tells me to jump off too. I follow him toward a low set of buildings. They're painted cream and terracotta. Palm trees pass through holes in the roof overhangs. Nice.

Then the guy disappears like the white rabbit. Finally, I spot tables through a window and haul open a solid gray door. Not exactly a "Come on in" kinda door, but inside it's an eatery all right: cream walls scattered with military art, like a bunch of shields with a banner saying "Vietnam Veterans: Our Cause Was Just"; a mural of the Coronado bridge; and an impressive piece of tile art with medals and ribbons incorporated into the pattern. I pay \$2.50 to the guy at the door and head to the small servery. And, hey, there's Mike in the kitchen with a happy-looking guy named Eugene. "Better hurry," says

Eugene. "Lunch is midday to 12:45." Yikes. I see it's 12:45 right now. At least I won't dither over choice. Each day has its lunch dish. Monday's usually tuna casserole; Tuesday, cheeseburgers and fries; Wednesday, chili dogs; Thursday, sloppy joes; Friday, chicken-breast sandwiches; and Saturday's cold cuts.

Today's Wednesday, so Eugene plops two fat beef dogs into buns.

"Chili?"

I nod. He slops plenty over the two of them.

"Soup?"

"Sure," I say.

I squirt mustard, mayo, and ketchup on from big ol' pump bottles and throw some pickle relish on the dogs for good measure, go and fill a bowl with salad — what a deal! — and head for one of the long tables. Two guys are eating there. Aha. One's the guy from the bus: Rudy. The other is Al. "This place is for homeless Vietnam vets," says Rudy. "To help get us off the streets and drugs and alcohol, and back into life. You get food, lodging, and counseling for a year."

Soon, of course, we're talking Vietnam. "It basically ruined my life," says Rudy. "I can remember that first day of combat, when they rolled over this dead soldier. He was a kid. Vietnamese. But his face — he looked *just* like my younger brother. I was so...shocked. After that I

found I couldn't hate the enemy."

Rudy was a Marine, 20 years old. "That tour in Vietnam turned me into a loner. It has taken me 32 years to find out why I didn't want to be around my family when I came back. Why I felt under attack from their rapid-fire questions. PTSD. Post-traumatic stress disorder. But nobody told me about it till, like, a couple of years ago. This is the part the government doesn't tell you."

Boy. We all take a pause to hoe into our food. It's good. I have to use my knife and fork, the dawgs are so beautifully sloppy. I pile up some bun, beef sausage, chili, ketchup, and relish. Oh, yes. No way around it. My veggie-only ideas crumble under the assault of this comfort food. I slurp some soup to help it down. The soup's a meal in itself, bobbing with macaroni, carrots, chunks of beef, broccoli, peas, and I don't know what all else in there. I crunch a couple of Doritos Cooler Ranch chips (part of the deal) to tang it up. Plus, I've put lots of lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, and pickles into my salad bowl with the pink Thousand Island dressing for my health fix.

Then, suddenly, we're laughing about lucky Al's war. He had volunteered for Vietnam or Korea, got sent to Korea, heard about an

entertainment troupe called the Bayonet Chorale, and tested for it the day before he was to be sent up to the DMZ. "I sang 'Michael, Row the Boat Ashore.' That song saved my life. They liked it. We spent a year doing concerts, playing rock, gospel, traveling about Korea, entertaining the troops. And, of course, the women loved us. What a year."

Life hasn't really measured up since. Al's lost two families, two homes, and two wives to his drinking.

Mike comes out and sits down. "This program works," he says. "Eighty percent of our guys who graduate are in a job and sober and off the streets a year later. It's definitely worth it." He should know. He's a vet. He was on the street. This place has been the saving of him.

"You should come for dinner tomorrow night," says Rudy, before he leaves. "Baked chicken with red potatoes and green beans. The chicken melts in your mouth. That's my favorite moment of the week."

Outside, I stretch in the sunlight and look across the road. MCRD's there. Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Kids joining up to go to war. I look from one side to the other. MCRD, Vietnam vets. Before, after... ■

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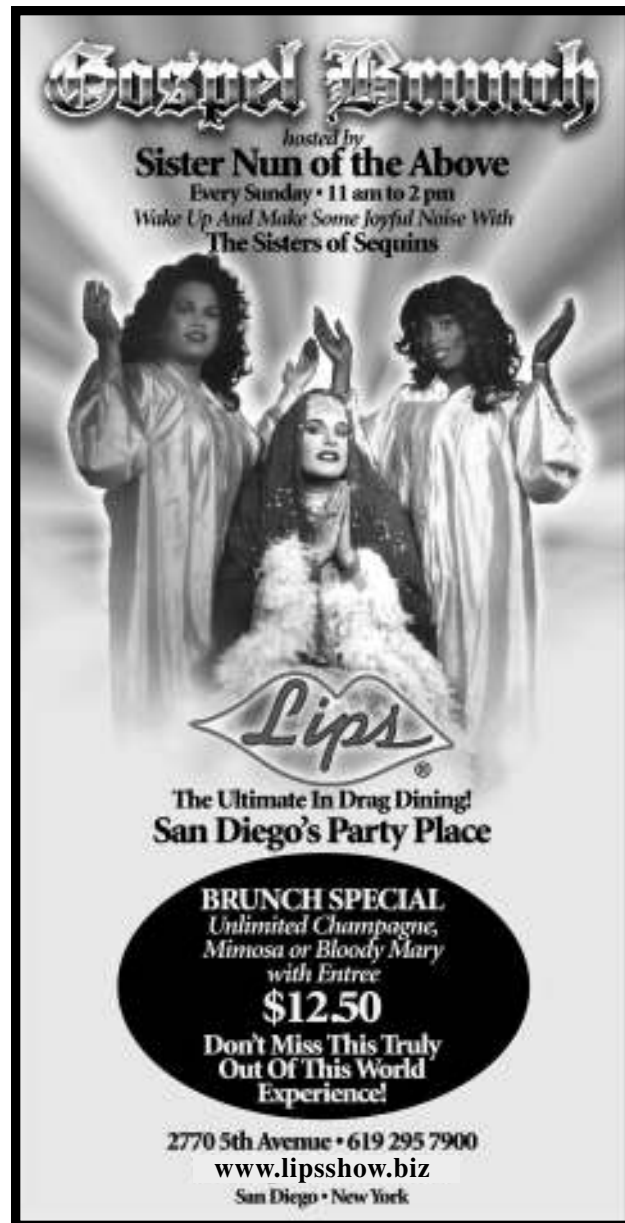
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"They would fill up his trunk with bottles of everything we had drunk."

Andy Abramson started buying wine in mid-'80s Philadelphia under the influence of two friends. One, like Abramson himself, was a young man about town. "He was into German wines and value-based wines from California," a less unlikely find back then. "He started taking me to restaurants that were BYO, so I had to go out and buy wine." The other was on the board of directors for the ad agency where Abramson worked. "He said, 'You need to learn about the better wines. Come down with me to Atlantic City' — he represented casino advertising — 'and we'll go to dinner.' He had what are called 'blue cards,' and you could use these cards for meals or rooms. We would drink first-growth Bordeaux, Burgundies from Batard-Montrachet — I didn't know what I was drinking. And as we would leave, he would hand them his car keys and they would fill up his trunk with bottles of everything we had drunk. I think my role in going down to dinner was to help him unload his car when he got home."

The charmed quality of such serendipitous introductions — the pleasures of the low-end concurrent with the possibilities of the high-end — endured for Abramson. A brief sojourn in Denver introduced him to the well-stocked cellar at Argonaut Liquor and the happy pricing policy at Applejack. "Whatever the manager paid for the wine when it came in, plus a certain percentage, that's what he charged. It wasn't 'Gee, this wine is ten years old; now I should raise the price.'" By the time he headed back to Philadelphia, his collection had expanded from 64 bottles to 48 cases.

Back in Pennsylvania, the collecting continued. The state store system, which controlled alcohol sales, "was just beginning to open up specialty stores for wine and higher-end spirits. Everyone moaned and groaned about our limited access to

certain wines, but the state store was the single largest buyer of wine in the U.S." What was more, they hadn't marked them up as the years went by. Abramson got printouts of state store inventory and started going in with friends on cases of mature treasures. (He supplemented these purchases with frequent runs to New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C., joining the throngs who made their own access.)

He also attended a Philadelphia food festival known as "The Book and the Cook." "Imagine all the best cookbook chefs — Emeril, Marcella Hazan — big names. I went to three events, including a wine event with an author who had just written a book called *Adventures on the Wine Route* [famed importer Kermit Lynch]. The day of the event, I did what I usually did after class before I got started dealing with ad clients: went to Steve Ledbetter's Bistro Odeon and sat at the bar for lunch. Who was next to me? Kermit Lynch. Steve introduced us, and that night at the event, Kermit ended up spending a lot of time talking to me."

The event also produced a meeting with one John McNulty, a fellow ad man who told Abramson that he had just started a Friday lunch group — three guys who got together to eat and drink well and shoot the breeze. Everyone brought wine, usually a couple of bottles, always something interesting. Abramson joined and became a fixture in the rapidly expanding group — four guys became six became eight. "We got a lawyer who was a defense attorney for drug dealers and murderers and who had a refrigerator in the trunk of his car because he was always carrying wine around." They also got Mark Squires, an attorney who would eventually found the online wine board now featured on *eRobertParker.com*, and a local wine steward named David Derby,

who is now the buyer at the WineSellar in Mira Mesa.

The group began to attract attention. Young chefs with new restaurants (and new wine lists) would welcome the group's visits for the chance to match their cuisine to excellent aged wines. Savvy reps for the local distributors would notice the "glass forest" springing up from the group's lunch table and arrange winemaker lunches. "The restaurants would say, 'Hey, listen, I'm going to do a tasting. Randall Graham [the rebel philosopher winemaker at Bonny Doon] is going to come in and pour me some of his wines. I've asked him to have lunch with us. Would you mind organizing it?' It was our favor to the restaurant for being so kind to us," allowing so many bottles to be brought in. "They were able to assemble a group of people who were knowledgeable about wine — at lunchtime as opposed to dinner. A lot of winemakers say, 'I don't have time for dinner; I'm already committed,' but they have to eat lunch somewhere. It would give them a chance to show off their wines. In some cases, we just hung out."

The year 1991 brought Abramson (and his now-64-case cellar) to Southern California. "I was living in Bonsall. Jim Curl, a close business associate, took me to Piret's for lunch. He introduced me to Rick Alice, the general manager, told him I was a collector, what sort of things I had in the cellar. I dropped a few names: Bonny Doon, Domaine Tempier, Domaine Trevallon, a bunch of esoteric French things. Rick said, 'Sounds great; bring them on. I'd love to try them with you. Corkage won't even exist.' I became a regular at Piret's."

Curl and Abramson started their own lunch group, this time on Saturdays. Soon after, they picked up local fantasy author Ray Feist. Feist brought wine merchant Dave Clark; the group swelled to ten members. "It was a group of people who were serious about wine but not serious about wine," explains Abramson, in an effort to elucidate the difference between interested, wholehearted



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enjoyment and serious-minded analytical obsession.

Sadly, Piret's closed in '94; the group was homeless. They drifted here and there — the Brasserie, Pacifica Del Mar — before discovering "this divey little French bistro in Del Mar Plaza called Chez Henri. Henri was an old French guy. He said, 'Of course, come into my restaurant — as long as you pour me some wine.'"

Obligations, both social and work-related, caused the group to shift to Friday dinners, and one night in 2000, Ray Feist suggested that he and Abramson try out a new steakhouse called Fleming's. "We met Steve, the guy who was opening it, and Cameron Lumsden, the operating partner. We loved their list; they had a bunch of wines by the glass. The conversation came around to our having this group that liked to get together. 'Would you mind if we brought some bottles in?' They said, 'Not at all,' and the first time we came in, the staff started tasting with us. We made a point of always sending a glass over to them." Together with a later discovery, Roy's, "It became just like home, just like the Rick Alice approach: 'Here's a group that spends money.'" Though the group — which can swell to as many as 40 people but usually hovers around 25 — occasionally ventures elsewhere, they always return to those two roosts. "They're loyal to us, and we're loyal to them. Super Bowl week, I was in Roy's three times and I think Fleming's once or twice. I never had a problem getting a table, even if I was calling up that day." ■

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NORTH COASTAL

BISTRO SOLEIL 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. Most French food in Encinitas is of the weighty cream-and-*demi-glace* traditional genre. Soleil offers an alternative with a seasonal menu of light, herbal Provençal specialties. The emphasis is on seafood, and on olive products instead of dairy. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays. Upper moderate. — *N.W.* (9/01)

CALYPSO CAFE 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This “Calypso” has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there’s nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W.* (9/01)

I TRULLI TRATTORIA 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An instant hit in Encinitas (where there’s no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled “Nouvelle Italian Cuisine,” resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically “northern Italian” bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest’s Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that co-exist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and some modicum of creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner or expect an hour’s wait on any night of the week. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (11/01)

PAUL’S PLACE 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald’s or Wendy’s (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it’s no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

TERIYAKI 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there’s a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. “Eat Healthy, Feel Good” is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat “Maui chicken” skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for

pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

TIP TOP MEATS 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher’s shop. It’s a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the “*Es ist Wunderbar!*” sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John’s all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

VIGILUCCI’S 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant’s motto, “a little piece of Italy,” is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that’s Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it’s crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci’s Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci’s Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W.* (10/01)

THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only “extra lean” meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there’s very basic rotisserie-d chicken. Then, there are parboiled “barbecued” baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these dishes is “Cajun” seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs), *dolmades*, *tyropita*, and good gooeey *spanakopita*. Although the salad dressings and *tzatziki* (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (5/01)

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DICRESCENZO’S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style deli in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco’s Imperial sub are knockouts. Open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handsome, once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has

somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang’s creative Chinese menu has devolved into the cornstarch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the greaseless beef egg rolls and the sub-lime soups. Venturesome “regulars” who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the current menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there’s a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/00)

THE FRENCH MARKET GRILLE 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway at Pomerado Road, Ralphs Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Don’t miss this small but chic French restaurant. The chef/co-owner, originally from Brittany, produces superb nouvelle cuisine, with a menu of fresh dishes changing seasonally. Reservations strongly advised. Breakfast served Sunday; lunch and dinner served daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

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NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under \$10. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, and a variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, DEL MAR 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (6/00)

TONY'S JACAL 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

LA JOLLA

CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers.

For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

THE CHEESE SHOP 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while

you wait, and a cool street scene outside where you can eat and beautiful-people-watch. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303. — *E.B.* (10/01)

FRENCH PASTRY SHOP 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast à l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W.* (5/02)

GEORGE'S AT THE COVE 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high-quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W.* (9/99)

INDIA PALACE 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — *N.W.* (6/01)

THE PANNIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as beverages and sweets are served. It is a well-known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W.* (4/99)

SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever

combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

ADAM'S STEAK N' EGGS 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brickly, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

ALADDIN'S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

DUMPLING INN 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 848-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center, among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, stores with jewelry, fresh fish, even Feng Shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious, but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried Three-Ingredients *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy Street), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of fritattas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

NEW SHANGHAI 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the inge-



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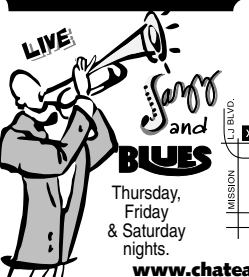
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SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There's also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

THE BEACHES

CHATEAU ORLEANS 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crabcakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

JARED'S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First-rate bread and bread pudding. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Expensive. — E.W.

RANCHOS COCINA 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

SPORTSMEN'S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3 p.m.; breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

BIG KITCHEN 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "vegie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

JYOTI-BIHANGA 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

LA CAMPANA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 2479-A Broadway (at 25th Street), Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don't be fooled by the strip mall location. Jefe Arturo's wonderful specialties include *cochinita pibil*, roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick *pozole*, pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campañas* (traditional bells) and old photos of Arturo's hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closes early Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

MAILLO'S CAFE 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Maillo's is a Greek café and Maillo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Maillo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Maillo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

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VESUVIO GOURMET 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

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ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson Avenue (corner of Arnele Avenue), El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but standard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive. Sopaipillas, a deep-fried confection served with honey, are complimentary with meal. Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ASWAN 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell Street), La Mesa, 619-697-0361. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant "where the Mississippi meets the Nile." Most dishes are made to order, so don't expect to eat and run. Start with a sampling of Maryam Suliman's *Somalian sambussas* (of chicken, beef, spinach, potato, lentils, shrimp, cheese, fruit) — each savory filling is differently seasoned. Then dive into a bowl of co-owner Vernon Sukumu's exemplary seafood gumbo. You can taste the Big Easy in every bite of NOLA-born chef Patrick Kavanaugh's Louisiana dishes, including an unbeatable jambalaya, or you can opt for African specialties such as *tibsi*, *zigni*, *Somalian spaghetti*, or a vegetarian sampler. "All you can eat" weekend brunches offer items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats *halla* (Muslim-butchered). Lunch/dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch/dinner weekends. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

JOHNNY B'S 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place, with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smokers' patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily; lunch and dinners Monday through Thursday; three meals (until midnight) Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the

tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

WOODSTOCK'S PIZZA 6548 El Cajon Boulevard (at Rolando Boulevard), College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers — local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud — aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crustured rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight — your 32-oz. Karl Strauss drops from \$4.25 to \$2.50. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (4/02)*

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OLD OAK INN 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of the way-out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. The food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open daily, lunch and dinner; kitchen closed from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

RAMON'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

ANTICO TOSCANO 1288 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2768. Home-style cooking from Tuscany, unpretentious, filling, inexpensive. Good soups, salads, pastas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (2/00)*

CELADON ROYALTY THAI RESTAURANT 540 University Avenue (near Sixth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The chef has cooked for the Siamese royal family, but more importantly, she hasn't made too many compromises in the cuisine on this side of the Pacific. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and very carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the "Chef's Specialty" items on the menu to find the best and rarest dishes. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee* duck or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — *N.W. (5/02)*

CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jewish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for \$9.95. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

COTTAGE CAFE & GARDEN GRILL 2321 Fifth Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071. The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpable. The owners vacation in Poland yearly to update the family recipes. But you can eat American if you want, with smidgeons of Russian, Italian, and

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ELAGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You’ll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It’s the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogitos cutlacache*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of “mushroom” that grows on corn ears. (In English it’s called “corn smut,” but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

EL FANDANGO 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8 a.m., and you’ll be practically alone. You’re suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you’ll be conjuring up all the fandangos — dances — that happened here. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

EL INDIO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, “the god of Mexican food,” presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

KEMO SABE 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott’s culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chilpotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered “jerk” chicken or the signature “Skirts On Fire,” a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad), featuring a very tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties, try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce “Crazy Duck” salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) “three-flavor” whole fried fish, accompanied by jammy garlic-

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chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and the vegetarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based "secret sauce," *nam pla*. It doesn't help that the flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W. (12/00)

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, uptown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

TRATTORIA MAMMA ANNA AND RISTORANTE 228 Washington Street (at Albatross Street), Mission Hills,

619-220-7070. The food is Sicilian and the ambience is "neighborhood." "Mamma Anna" herself appears on and off at the eponymic restaurant, a popular Gaslamp spot before she retired and then, months later, revived the restaurant two miles north. The cooking, too, is somewhat on-and-off, but the best dishes can be marvelous. Look for dishes with the fresh, clean marinara sauce and the homemade sausages, and save room for cheesecake. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

DOWNTOWN

BANDAR FINE PERSIAN CUISINE 825 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. The best Persian food in the city is prepared here. It's sensuous, low-fat, and a blessing to the sight as well as the palate. Try stuffed grape leaves, yogurt, eggplant, charbroiled filet mignon, lamb, or chicken. Order all three kinds of rice. Enchanting interior, wonderful service. Not to be missed. Open daily, same menu lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

BAY CAFE 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, breakfast to pre-dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/01)

CHIVE 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Eating's an adventure at this coolly minimalist urban bistro where chef A.J. Voytko does his magic with a seasonally changing menu of inventive "modern cuisine." Dishes alternate between high-risk global fusion and stringently simple combinations that place outstanding ingredients (including free-range chicken and veal) at center stage, accompanied by a revelatory repertory of exotic vegetables. The worldwide wine list offers over 50 choices by the

glass. Reserve for weekend dinners, when a chic young crowd pours in. Full bar. No cell phone use inside. Dinner nightly, with weekend service to 11:30 p.m. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

DEMEDICI 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner nightly. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT 407 C Street (at Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Open weekdays, lunch Monday through Thursday, plus early dinner Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

FIO'S 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great Gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

GARGOYLE GALLERY & CAFE 1845 India Street (at Fir Street), Litty Italy, 619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there's nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows, exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit courtyard all combine to turn a meal here — even though it's mostly modest *panini* ("small bread") sandwiches — into a really sexy feast.

Lots of kalamata olives, feta cheese, mozzarella, ham, and tomatoes. Try "The Moroccan" with grilled eggplant, zucchini, roasted red peppers, raisins, spicy garlic chili oil, and mixed greens. Or "The Spanish" with grilled chicken, manchego cheese, sliced olives, mixed greens, and aioli. The breakfast menu includes two-egg *panini* with grilled zucchini, marinated peppers, feta cheese, and orange slices. A must-have: French pressed coffee, a two-cup glass pot with a steel plunger. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Belly dancing, first Saturday of the month. — E.B. (5/02)

GRAND CENTRAL CAFE YMCA, 500 West Broadway (at India Street), downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who'd expect the "Y" to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

GYROSCOPE GREEK CAFE 926 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-235-4635. You want cheap *and* interesting food in the Gaslamp? Gyro-scope's one of the few that make that list. They grind their own meats fresh daily, with beef and lamb on alternate days. (They're among the few to offer lamb *dolmades*.) The menu features the usual medium-priced kabobs, mous-saka, *spanakopita*, tiger shrimps, and steak. But you can also get amply filling "sandwich" size plates for just a few bucks: beef kabob, lamb, chicken breast, and of course the gyro (marinated lamb and beef slices in pita bread). Get one of these, a glass of burgundy, and a table with a view of the passing parade, and you'll be feeling like a king. Even cheaper at lunchtime. Open daily, lunch and dinner, early dinner on Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

MORTON'S OF CHICAGO 285 J Street, Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

RAINWATER'S 1202 Kettner Boulevard, downtown, 619-233-5757. Though this attractive restaurant is noted for its fine steaks and chops, the live Maine lobster and fresh fish (especially the salmon in parchment) are

outstanding here. For a low-cost meal, try meat loaf and creamy mashed potatoes. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner seven nights a week. Expensive. — E.W.

SPICE HOUSE CAFE 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Original branch at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028, also serves dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce.... Breakfasts are forgettable — lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take-out dinner" menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/00)

DA KINE'S PLATE LUNCHES 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

LYDIA'S CAFE AND NIGHTCLUB 1628 Palm Avenue, Nestor,

619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open early to very late, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PRIMAVERA 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This stand-out in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — M.N. (11/98)

STRETCH'S CAFE 943 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8886. Stretch got his name in World War II when he was 6'1" and 135 pounds. Now he wants to get back to that — and he wants you that way, too, so he serves strictly nuts and twigs. His menu includes veggie salad, chicken breast and beans over brown rice, or a plate frankly named "Steamed Veggies," featuring carrots, zucchini, broccoli, mushrooms, and melted cheese on brown rice. You'll come out feeling so proud that you resisted the greasy Slamburger at Danny's bar next door. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

SUSHI SUSHI 600 Palm Avenue, Suite 300, Seacoast Plaza, Imperial Beach, 619-429-4373. Imperial Beach's only sushi bar really tries hard. With its pine sushi bar with roto-polished steel backboard, its white paper lanterns and paper and wood screens, its water-rooted bamboo growing out in weird shape — it feels like you've been teleported to the Ginza. Even the dishes are little pieces of art. Cheap but delish choices include *katsudon* (breaded pork, onions and egg over rice) or *nabeyaki udon* (thick noodle soup with carrots, egg, chicken, fish cake and a side dish of deep-fried battered shrimp). Or tackle a combo *bento* tray (rice, soup, salad, plus two items from a list that includes squid teriyaki, *gyoza*, *sashimi*, and *panko* fried oysters). Or just go the "tapa" way, ordering sushi dishes one at a time. Your local honor-dish: the "I.B. Roll," filled with salmon egg, smelt egg, cream cheese, and avocado wrapped in salmon. Daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

SWADDEE THAI 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the satay, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have

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BAJA

(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.)

BIG BOY RESTAURANT 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

CAFE LA ESPECIAL 718 Avenida Revolución (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

CIEN ANOS Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262, altacocina@cien-a.com. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mecal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations (phone or e-mail) are strongly advised; ask for directions. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

LA ESPADANA 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée are available in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (*brocheta de filete*), baby back ribs (*costillar de puerco*), and leg of lamb (*pierna de borrego*). The portions are mammoth and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed

in Spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.*

MALECON DE PUERTO NUEVO Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

UABC CAFETERIA 246 Autonomous University of Baja California cafeteria, 2580 Tecnologico Avenue, Tijuana, 607-1047 (for Tortas y Burritos Tonka). This cafeteria on the new campus near Tijuana's airport is always abuzz — the students set it alight. The difference from, say, SDSU? Everyone's well-dressed, with lots of ties and careful make-up (not on the same person). Several concessions, including Tortas y Burritos Tonka, Armando's, and Panaderia Diego deliver cheap, standard Amero-Mexican. But come for the sound of 600 people like you, all chatting like crazy (in Spanish). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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D'LISH PIZZA AND PASTA 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area,

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Escape is an elusive concept. It's not uncommon when I have reached a conversational impasse on, for example, the latest James Bond or Austin Powers film, that my fellow converser will object, "But I go to movies to escape!" — a durable alternative to "I go to movies for entertainment!" Nor is it uncommon for the author of a letter to the editor to attempt to draw the same distinction. For some reason this declaration never inspires me to want to climb down from my high horse and cry out, "But I go to movies to escape (or for entertainment)!" and then to throw my arms around the converser (or the correspondent) as a long-lost brother. I could say it truthfully enough, and yet I could not feel we were making any real progress toward *rapprochement*. One man's escape is another man's Alcatraz. To help clarify the situation, I have compiled a partial list of things I seem to get plenty of in my daily life, or in the daily news, and from which I would just as soon escape at the movies. *Daredevil*, *Old School*, *Cradle 2 the Grave*, *Tears of the Sun*, *Bringing Down the House* will not fill the bill....

money lust

corporate greed
profit maximization
the bottom line
the lowest common denominator
crass commercialism
insatiable materialism

conspicuous consumption
empty display
slick packaging
runaway inflation
puffery and hyperbole

grandiosity and pretension
blarney and blandishment
milking cash cows
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Attention Deficit Disorder

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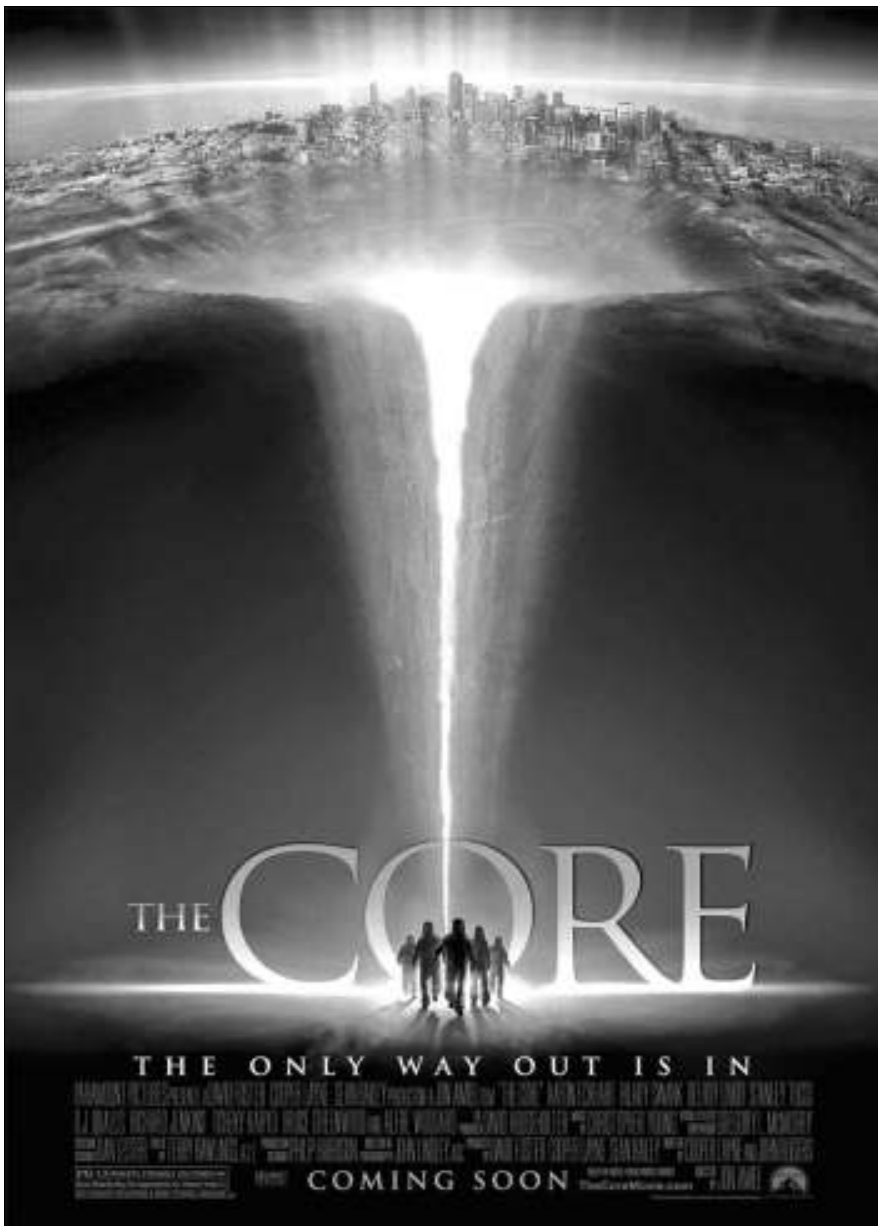


Daredevil

"posture" and "attitude"
shallowness and superficiality
vanity and ego
obsession with body image
muscles on muscles
cosmetic surgery
soullessness
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limited options and possibilities

insults to the intelligence
willful ignorance
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waste
life-imitating-schlock
tastelessness in all senses
thoughtlessness in all senses
tunnel vision
presumption and prejudice
provincialism and xenophobia
something less than chest-bursting
pride, perhaps not all the way down to
face-reddening shame, but at least a
twinge of discomfort or unease, at
being an American
ditto at being a human ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

About Schmidt — Alexander Payne’s late-life-crisis comedy about a retired Omaha insurance executive who now begins to wonder what it was all about. Jack Nicholson may be too big a star, or too hip a one, in relation to his surrounding cast (chosen with care down to the smallest role), but you cannot fault his effort: his frog-on-a-lily-pad lethargy, his flat-footed waddle, his comb-over, his open embrace of humiliation, in total harmony with the understated grotesquerie around him. Much of the fun of the movie, much of the comic cushion against the harshness of its vision, is

in seeing King Jack demean himself. Payne, a perfectly named if not perfectly spelled filmmaker, evinces a fine eye for the topographical and architectural barrenness of America’s Heartland (what someone might see as a “visual correlative” of the hero’s spiritual state), and a fine ear, as well, for the clichés, the jocularities, the pieties, the mendacities of social lubrication. The opening retirement party (“Nice event”), the invited but unwanted visit to the office of the hero’s yuppie successor at Woodmen of the World Insurance, the funeral reception, the nautically minded tourist from Eau Claire (“Ahoy!”), and the climactic wedding bash are all on a par with the wickedest tortures devised by Ring Lardner or Sinclair Lewis. Some scenes, it’s true, go too far; and the voice-over device whereby the hero pours out his heart in letters to his six-year-old Tanzanian foster child (“For years now she has insisted that I *sit* when I urinate”) is as facile and as far-fetched as it is funny. To be more precise: very, very. (The spoken name alone — Ndugu — is a push-button for laughs, no matter how many times it is activated.) The ending could arguably have been cut shorter for ambiguity, but while the teardrop and the smile might make things easier for seekers after a Bright Side, these emotional cues do not really clear up the ambiguity. With Dermot Mulroney, Hope Davis, Kathy Bates. 2002.

★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

Adaptation — The reteaming of the writer and the director of *Being John Malkovich*, Charlie Kaufman and Spike Jonze, has produced no less madness but much more method. Or anyhow more meaning. Kaufman, playing fast and loose with the truth, evidently set out in reality (though it doesn’t seem his sort of project) to do a screen adaptation of Susan Orlean’s nonfiction best-seller, *The Orchid Thief* (“It’s that sprawling *New Yorker* shit”), and ended up by writing himself and his creative torments into the script (“That’s what I need to do: tie all of history together”). More precisely, what he wrote into the script was a fatter, balder, lonelier version of himself (Nicolas Cage, in a characterization of unsparing physical detail), together with an identical twin brother who is also a screenwriter, albeit a happy-go-lucky hack: not so much a separate entity as an alternative self or a divisive inner voice. In short, Kaufman found a way to make a movie out of a mess, or vice versa. The surviving movie is still very much a mess: two movies in one, with attendant disruptions of momentum and shifts in tone. Susan Orlean remains in place as a central figure (played by Meryl Streep, whose director on *The River Wild*, Curtis Hanson, plays her husband), in tormented pursuit of her own story, that of a toothless redneck orchid cultivator (Chris Cooper, in his best role so far, and fully up to it). The movie has much to say, and much of it quite funny, about such large subjects as the solitary struggles of the writer in front of the blank page (how soon can he take a break for a muffin, and what kind of muffin?), the tug-of-war between artistic integrity and commercial compromise, the hidden depths of people beneath their opaque surfaces. All of this, including the funniness, is not achieved without a mighty sense of strain. And no amount of winking self-awareness, postmodern irony, and impish impudence (Susan Orlean turns into a drug-trafficking homicidal adulteress) can lessen the disappointment of the climactic swerve into thriller-dillerdom. 2002.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Agent Cody Banks — Teen spy comedy with Frankie Muniz and Hilary Duff, directed by Harald Zwart. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA 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)

Blind Spot: Hitler’s Secretary — Interview with Traudl Junge, private secretary to Adolf Hitler for the last three

years of his life; directed by André Heller and Othmar Schmiderer. (KEN, 3/21 THROUGH 27)

Boat Trip — Comedy of two straight men on a gay cruise ship, with Cuba Gooding, Jr., and Horatio Sanz, directed by Mort Nathan. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/21)

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)

Bringing Down the House — Steve Martin as a divorced tax lawyer seeking companionship in an Internet chatroom, finding the ample, the abundant Queen Latifah, fresh out of prison: the uptight white and the up-front black. Predictable but not disagreeable. The two stars could play this in their sleep, yet they give every appearance of full alertness. With Eugene Levy, Jean Smart, and Joan Plowright; directed by Adam Shankman. 2003.

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Carnal Knowledge — A series of set pieces dedicated to proving the unworkability of sexual relationships. So premeditated and predictable are the moves of actors and camera that the supposed human fickleness comes across more as a kind of conspiracy. The script is by Jules Feiffer, which is not hard to tell, and the studied direction of Mike Nichols does not animate the proceedings much beyond one of Feiffer’s cartoons. With Jack Nicholson, Ann-Margret, Candice Bergen, Art Garfunkel. 1971.

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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.

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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 daylights 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 vogueish, 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* 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 p18-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.

- (CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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.

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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)

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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

almost Manneristically elongated one, to grace the cover of the paperback reprint of Hayden Herrera’s definitive biography, and to obstruct our view of the real woman. The movie unmistakably works a kind of magic (not to say “magic realism”) in the transformation of so fascinating a life, so lavishly re-created and so lusciously photographed, into something so dull and ordinary. Certainly we might have expected some visual pyrotechnics from director Julie Taymor, who had shaken up Shakespeare in *Titus*. And for sure, Taymor pulls out all the stops for the grisly trolley accident that crippled the artist in her youth (though she’s dancing a tango before you know it). And her voyage to New York — otherwise known as the Invasion of Gringolandia — will be done as an animated collage of paper cutouts, with her muralist husband, Diego Rivera, scaling the Empire State Building as King Kong. For the rest, this is a surprisingly pedestrian “biopic,” in the subgenre of Tormented Artist, endlessly relating the marital infidelities and blow-ups (“My goddam sister! You’re an animal!”), and casting only passing glances at the oh-by-the-way paintings. Taymor, in effect, is like the socialite who attends a gallery opening only in order to gossip about the artist, and who can barely spare a moment for what’s on the walls. The artwork is important to

her, just as Kahlo’s circle of friends is important to her, only to the extent that it confers a reputation. The movie counts on the cachet of the characters to compensate for the triteness and repetitiveness of the incidents. With Alfred Molina, Geoffrey Rush, Ashley Judd, Antonio Banderas, and Edward Norton, as Diego Rivera, Leon Trotsky, Tina Modotti, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and Nelson Rockefeller, in order. 2002.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Gangs of New York — Martin Scorsese’s long-delayed, and just plain long, survey of Irish gangs in lower Manhattan during the time of the Civil War, Boss Tweed, and all that, beginning and ending in major blood baths, with minor blood rinses and sloshes

in between. (It’s not hard to see why the internecine discord in the New York melting pot was thought unsuitable for post-9/11 entertainment: “It wasn’t a city, really,” the lowborn narrator grandly philosophizes. “It was more a furnace where *someday* a city might be forged.”) The wonder of it is that it’s not more compelling. Indisputably, it has a lot going for it. It gives Scorsese, for a start, a new avenue down which to pursue his lifelong interest in thugs, specifically thugs of a different ethnicity (but same church), with such colorful group identities as the Dead Rabbits, the Plug-Uglies, the Slaughterhousers, the Little Forty Thieves, the Broadway Twisters, etc. It has history; it has sets; it has costumes (the Mad Hatter look was in vogue); it has flavorfully antique language; and it has a daring portrayal by

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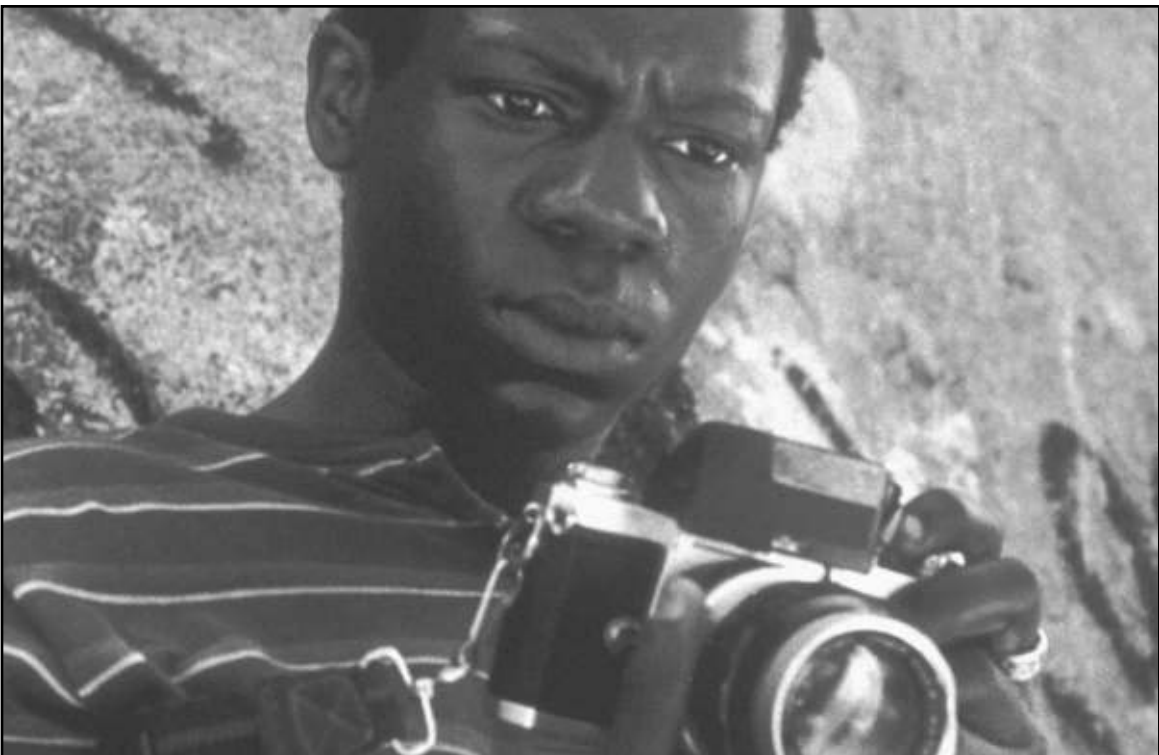
Daniel Day-Lewis of a one-eyed underworld kingpin known as “The Butcher,” who looks and acts like someone who would tie Pearl White to a train track and twirl the tip of his mustache while doing it. (Leonardo DiCaprio shrivels alongside him, in spite of his pumped-up new physique.) Yet in all these things 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; HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/24 THROUGH 27; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 3/21; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 3/21; SANTEE DRIVE IN, FROM 3/21; VOGUE, FROM 3/21)

The Good Girl — Condescending gaze at low-rent Texans, principally the employees of a discount department store named Retail Rodeo. (A Southern accent continues to be condescension’s favorite weapon.) A useful proving ground, nonetheless, for the unspoiled talent of Jennifer Aniston, underplaying the discontented wife of a pothead housepainter and the secret lover of a younger co-worker and would-be writer who calls himself Holden (his “slave name” is Tom) after the hero of *The Catcher in the Rye*. With John C. Reilly, Tim Blake Nelson, Jake Gyllenhaal, Zoëy Deschanel; written by Mike White; directed by Miguel Arteta. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/23, 3 P.M.)

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly — Very, very, very long Sergio Leone spaghetti Western — long on carnage and bone-crunches, long on plot twists and yellowy scenery, long on inarticulate grunts and hoarse dubbing. Clint Eastwood, Lee Van



City of God

Cleef, and Eli Wallach loosely personify the respective qualities listed in the title. 1969.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/21 THROUGH 23)

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.

★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT

TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/24 THROUGH 27; HORTON PLAZA 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Hunted — Grueling, grisly chase thriller with Benicio Del Toro as a Rambo-gone-bad — a Kosovo vet and now a run-amuck “killing machine” — and Tommy Lee Jones as the Richard Crenna who trained him to kill (but never killed anyone himself) and who alone can unplug the machine. The pursuit encompasses many types of terrain and vehicle, and no type of conviction or credibility. With Connie Nielsen; directed by William Friedkin. 2003.

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Irreversible — Rough stuff from the French misanthrope, Gaspar Noé. An exceedingly brutal rape sets in motion an errant vendetta by the victim’s former and current boyfriends: “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

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of the entire film is laid out, as in *Memento*, in reverse order: effect precedes cause. 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.) No  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. He here makes two concerted efforts 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 backasswards structure, the worst is over after an hour, and all that awaits you is the compensatory nude scene with the real-life couple, Monica Bellucci and Vincent Cassel — equal-opportunity nudity — and the final nostalgic plunge into bathos. 2002. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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, 3/20, 7 P.M., AND 3/21, 1:30, 7, AND 9:30 P.M.)

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, heavy-handedly, oppressively ironic! Kate Winslet, as a carpetbagging journalist ("Mike Wallace with PMS") looking to reopen the case in the final hours before execution, brings her usual credibility, but she can't spread it around. With Kevin Spacey, Laura Linney, Gabriel Mann, and Matt Craven; directed by Alan Parker. 2003. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16;



Gangs of New York

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, Roman Polanski, was himself cut off from his family under similar circumstances in his boyhood; and the commitment he brings to the subject is plain to see. One respectfully wants to suggest, however, that it is only through our cultural puritanism that this will be seen as a finer job of filmmaking than *The Ninth Gate* (to name the director's most recent), and that his inerasable early experiences have no doubt informed all of Polanski's best work, albeit less literally. Or

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in other words, more artfully. With Thomas Kretschmann, Emilia Fox, Frank Finlay. 2002. ★★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Piglet's Big Movie — Animated family film populated with characters created by A.A. Milne, directed by Francis Glebas. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; FROM 3/21)

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, eff  te 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; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Rabbit-Proof Fence — Factual folk tale of three little half-caste girls who in the early 1930s, by authority of the Aborigines Act, were taken from their home and transported 1200 miles away to an "assimilation" camp, whence they promptly escaped and set out homeward on foot, using the titular structure — "the longest fence in the world" — as their road map. The assimilation policy, scandalously on the books into the 1970s, is no doubt deplorable, and as a dramatic subject, in consequence, it inspires easy indignation and self-satisfaction, as well as such dog-eared images as the mother running tearfully alongside, and then collapsing in the dust, of the vehicle spiriting away her children. And Kenneth Branagh, as the

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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, “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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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, THROUGH 3/20)

Spider — David Cronenberg’s psychological drama with Ralph Fiennes, Miranda Richardson, and Gabriel Byrne. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/21)

Star Maps — An hispanic Hollywood wannabe (“It must be great to be loved by so

many people, make people laugh, make people cry”) bides his time in a stable of male prostitutes run by his own father. A minor embarrassment, maladroit, sentimental, and simple-minded, with some credible wasted work by Efrain Figueroa as the unloving father and singer-songwriter Lysa Flores as the responsible sister. Douglas Spain, Kandeyste Jorden, Annette Murphy, Martha Velez; written and directed by Miguel Arteta. 1997.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/23, 1:25 P.M.)

Talk to Her — Almodóvar in awe, all over again, of the opposite sex. (Michael Cunningham’s novel, *The Hours*, can be spied at one point as bedside reading, and we might well speculate that Almodóvar would have *killed* to be the filmmaker who brought it to the screen.) The first half, delineating the central quartet of a male nurse, a bald journalist, a lady bullfighter, and a comatose dancer who embodies the Mystery of Woman, is played with such simplicity and sincerity as to raise the interest and hopes of the director’s non-fans, and to sow uneasiness among the faithful. The second half restores order, in particular the ostensible silent-movie pastiche involving an incredibly shrinking man and a foam-rubber vagina. (An image

ripped from the reels of another provocateur, Bertrand Blier, *Femmes Fatales*.) The color, in a warm palette weighted toward red, rust, orange, and yellow, can be appreciated by anyone. Javier Cámara, Darío Grandinetti, Leonor Watling, Rosario Flores, Geraldine Chaplin. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/20; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/21)

Tears of the Sun — Navy commandos on a mission of mercy in darkest Nigeria: a two-faced action film 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 — the bullet-headed, dagger-eyed Bruce Willis — and it demands that the chomping-at-the-bit military withhold its support of him (much as in *Behind Enemy Lines*, not too long before) 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

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 7:35; **Sun.-Thu.** (2:20) 7:10; **Agent Cody Banks** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:25) 4:20, 5:25, 7:05, 7:45, 9:55; **Sun.** (1:30, 2:25) 4:20, 5:25, 7:05, 7:45, 9:50; **Mon.-Thu.** (1:30, 2:25, 4:20, 5:25) 7:05, 7:45, 9:50; **Amandla! A Revolution In Four Part Harmony** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:05; **Sun.** (1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:00; **Mon.-Thu.** (1:50, 4:45) 7:40, 10:00; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:20, 10:10; **Sun.** 5:00, 9:35; **Mon.-Thu.** (5:00) 9:35; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:25, 10:25; **Sun.** 4:25, 9:45; **Mon.-Thu.** (4:25) 9:45; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:30, 8:25; **Mon.-Thu.** (1:00, 4:30) 8:25; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 2:30, 3:45) 4:55, 5:55, 7:20, 8:20, 9:45, 10:30; **Sun.** (1:35, 2:30, 3:45) 4:55, 5:55, 7:20, 8:20, 9:45; **Mon.-Thu.** (1:35, 2:30, 3:45, 4:55, 5:55) 7:20, 8:20, 9:45; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 7:30; **Sun.-Thu.** (1:15) 7:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers**

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Horton Plaza 14
457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:35, 4:25) 7:25, 10:10; **Boat Trip** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 2:20, 4:45) 7:15, 9:35; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:30; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:00, 3:40, 4:10) 6:15, 7:00, 7:20, 9:30, 10:05, 10:25; **Sun.** (11:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20) 6:15, 7:00, 7:20, 9:30, 10:05, 10:25; **Mon.** (11:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:00, 3:40, 4:10) 6:15, 7:00, 7:20, 9:30, 10:05, 10:25; **Tue.** 11:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:00, 3:40, 4:10, 6:15, 7:00, 7:20, 9:30, 10:05, 10:25; **Far from Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:45) 7:20; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:35, 10:20; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 1:20, 3:20, 5:20); **Old School** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 12:10, 2:45, 4:40, 5:15) 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Rabbit-Proof Fence** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 4:15) 9:55; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Tue.** (11:35, 2:05)

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
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La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Adaptation (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Sat.-Sun.** (10:50) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Mon.-Thu.** (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; **Sat.-Sun.** (10:40) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; **Mon.-Thu.** (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; **The Pianist** (R) Fri. (1:55) 5:05, 8:15; **Sat.-Sun.** (10:30) 1:55, 5:05, 8:15; **Mon.-Thu.** (1:55) 5:05, 8:15; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:45) 7:20; **Till Human Voices Wake Us** (R) Fri. (4:30) 9:50; **Sat.-Sun.** (11:00) 4:30, 9:50; **Mon.-Thu.** (4:30) 9:50

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
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Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:05, 9:30; **Mon.-Thu.** 1:15, 4:05, 7:20, 9:35; **Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 7:10; **Mon.-Thu.** 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:05, 4:10, 7:05, 9:35; **Mon.-Thu.** 1:05, 4:25, 7:05, 9:25; **Gangs of New York** (R) Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:10, 8:00; **The Hours** (PG-13) Mon.-Thu. 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 9:30; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
View from the Top; Dreamcatcher (R); **Boat Trip** (R); **Piglet’s Big Movie** (G); **Agent Cody Banks** (PG); **The Hunted** (R); **Willard** (PG-13); **Tears of the Sun** (R); **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13); **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R); **Old School** (R); **The Life of David Gale** (R); **Daredevil** (PG-13); **The Jungle Book 2** (G); **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13); **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13); **Chicago** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cineraama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri. (1:35, 3:55) 6:05, 8:15, 10:25; **Sat.** (11:25, 1:35, 3:55) 6:05, 8:15, 10:25; **Sun.** (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00; **Mon.-Thu.** (3:35, 5:45) 7:55; **Boat Trip** (R) Fri. (1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:35, 9:40; **Sat.** (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:35, 9:40; **Sun.** (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:35, 7:55; **Mon.-Thu.** (3:20, 5:40) 7:45; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:50, 10:05; **Sat.** (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:50, 10:05; **Sun.** (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:50; **Mon.-Thu.** (3:30, 5:45) 7:50; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 10:00; **Sun.** (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:35; **Mon.-Thu.** (3:55) 7:20; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri. (1:30, 3:55) 7:30, 10:10; **Sat.** (11:05, 1:30, 3:55) 7:30, 10:10; **Sun.** (11:05, 1:30, 3:55) 7:25; **Mon.-Thu.** (3:00, 5:25) 7:50; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10, 10:20; **Sat.** (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10, 10:20; **Sun.** (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10; **Mon.-Thu.** (3:50, 5:55) 8:00

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Blind Spot: Hitler’s Secretary (PG) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Sat.-Sun.** 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Mon.-Thu.** 5:00, 7:15, 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.-Tue.** (1:30) 4:10, 9:50; **Wed.-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.** (11:05) 1:40, 7:10, 9:45; **Sun.** (11:05) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Mon.-Thu.** (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Spider** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:05; **Sat.-Sun.** (11:15) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:05; **Mon.-Thu.** (2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:05

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Kiss Me, Stupid, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 1:30 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.; **Carnal Knowledge**, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
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.** 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00; **Mon.-Thu.** 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 7:00; **Jane Goodall’s Wild Chimpanzees** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 5:00; **Sat.-Sun.** 5:00; **Mon.-Thu.** 1:00, 5:00; **Journey Into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 7:00; **Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 8:30; **Sat.-Sun.** 2:00; **Mon.** 11:00, 3:00; **Tue.-Thu.** 3:00; **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 6:00; **Ring of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. 10:30

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
5500 Grossmont Center Dr. (619-465-7100)
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squeezed from every stone. Then, and only then, come the shrieking iron birds (hooray) and the blossoms of fire (yippee). 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. With Monica Bellucci, Cole Hauser, Tom Skerritt. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; 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; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; 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



The Hunted

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

4:50) 7:00; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15; **View From the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 10:00; **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)
Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:45, 10:35; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:45, 11:55; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:05; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:35

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; **Boat Trip** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:00; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **View From the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:44, 8:00, 10:15; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
View from the Top; Dreamcatcher (R); **Boat Trip** (R); **Piglet's Big Movie** (G); **Agent Cody Banks** (PG); **The Hunted** (R); **Willard** (PG-13); **Tears of the Sun** (R); **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13); **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R); **Old School** (R); **The Life of David Gale** (R); **Gangs of New York** (R); **Daredevil** (PG-13); **The Jungle Book 2** (G); **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13); **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13); **Final Destination 2** (R); **The Recruit** (PG-13); **Darkness Falls** (PG-13); **Chicago** (PG-13)

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; **Boat Trip** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:50) 7:25, 9:50; **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; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:55, 10:35; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 3:05, 3:40) 7:00, 7:30, 10:10, 10:40; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:00, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 1:50, 3:45) 6:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:45; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:35) 7:05, 10:15; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:30, 4:35) 7:00; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:00, 10:35; **View From the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:35, 4:55) 7:10, 9:35; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:05) 7:30, 9:55

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Final Destination 2 (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:45, 9:30; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:30; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 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)
View from the Top; Bringing Down the House (PG-13)

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri. (1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:40, 9:50; Sat. (1:00, 3:05) 5:20, 7:25, 9:35; Sun. (1:00, 3:05) 5:20, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:40, 5:40) 7:40; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Sat. (1:00, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:40, 5:50) 8:05; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:00; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:20; **The Hunted** (R) Fri. (2:00, 3:55) 5:55, 7:50, 9:50; Sat. (12:10, 2:00, 3:55) 5:55, 7:50, 9:50; Sun. (12:10, 2:00, 3:55) 5:55, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:55, 5:55) 7:50; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:00) 4:40, 6:20, 8:00, 9:35; Sun. (1:20, 3:00) 4:40, 6:20, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:00, 4:40) 6:20, 8:00; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:10; Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:00) 7:30; **View From the Top** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 3:35) 5:45, 7:45, 9:45; Sat. (12:00, 1:50, 3:35) 5:45, 7:45, 9:45; Sun. (12:00, 1:50, 3:35) 5:45, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:35, 5:45) 7:45; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:20) 5:20, 7:25, 9:30; Sun. (1:20, 3:20) 5:20, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:20, 5:20) 7:25

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; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri. 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; **The Hunted** (R) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 2:00, 3:20) 4:40, 5:35, 7:10, 7:50, 9:25, 10:10; Sun. (1:00, 2:00, 3:20) 4:40, 5:35, 7:05, 7:50, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:00, 3:40, 4:40, 5:50) 7:05, 7:50, 9:15; **Boat Trip** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:40, 5:40) 7:40, 9:40; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10, 3:30) 4:50, 5:50, 7:30, 8:10, 9:50, 10:30; Sun. (2:10, 3:30) 4:50, 5:50, 7:25, 8:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 3:45, 4:50, 5:55) 7:25, 8:10, 9:35; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:10) 7:45, 9:50; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:35); Mon.-Thu. (2:05); **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 9:35; Sun. (2:30) 5:00, 7:20, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:00) 7:20, 9:25; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:10) 5:05, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:30, 5:15) 7:00, 9:00; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45; **View From the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (1:30, 3:40) 5:45, 7:55, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:50, 5:45) 7:55, 9:55

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; **Boat Trip** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **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. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:00; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30; **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; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **View From the Top** (PG-13) 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

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Mon. (11:35, 12:10, 2:05, 2:30, 4:35, 5:05) 7:05, 7:30, 9:25, 9:50; Tue.-Wed. 11:35, 12:10, 2:05, 2:30, 4:35, 5:05, 7:05, 7:30, 9:25, 9:50; Thu. (11:35, 12:10, 2:05, 2:30, 4:35, 5:05) 7:05, 7:30, 9:25, 9:50;

reflection on the water?” With Helena Bonham Carter; written and directed by Michael Petroni. 2003.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Velvet Goldmine — Todd Haynes’s self-indulgent and overreaching excavation of the “glam” scene of the early Seventies. It starts out in mid-19th Century with the arrival on earth of Oscar Wilde, deposited on a Dublin doorstep by flying saucer. After a forward leap of a hundred years, it settles down (somewhat) to a *Citizen Kane*-like, or *Eddie and the Cruisers*-like, journalistic investigation of a Bowie-esque rocker under the name of Brian Slade. (The reincarnated spirit of Oscar Wilde is not far away nor hard to spot: one Curt Wild.) Haynes never finds a cinematic form to accommodate his cultural-essay aspirations, and we are continually made aware of corner-cutting, stretching, and patching in the modest production. (The use of dolls in one scene, as in Haynes’s *Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story*, is not an example of this; it is an example of self-indulgence.) In common with the humblest of rock-and-roll reminiscences on screen, the movie is most pleasurable in its rummaging through a wardrobe of outdated fashions. Jonathan

Rhys Meyers, Ewan McGregor, Christian Bale, Toni Collette. 1998.
★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/21 AND 22, MIDNIGHT)

View from the Top — Bruno Barreto’s romantic comedy centered around an aspiring flight attendant, with Gwyneth Paltrow, Christine Applegate, and Mark Ruffalo.

(CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HARBOR DRIVE IN; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; FROM 3/21)

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)

Boat Trip (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 4:40) 7:15, 9:35; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:20, 2:30, 2:50, 5:15) 7:45, 8:45, 10:15; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:35, 4:05) 6:55, 9:35; **Cradle 2 the Grave** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:00; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 4:30) 9:50; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:00, 3:50, 4:10) 7:00, 7:20, 10:05, 10:25; **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; **The Life of David Gale** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (5:00); **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:10) 7:30, 9:45; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:10, 5:15) 8:30; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 12:55, 2:50, 4:45) 7:00; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 7:15; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; **View From the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 4:45) 7:10, 9:25; **Willard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:35) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
Call theater for program information

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, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **Boat Trip** (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; **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. 2:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 2:15, 7:00; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 5:00; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:15

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 Quiet American** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00; **View From the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:15) 7:40; **Boat Trip** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 10:05;

Sun. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:40) 7:50; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:10) 8:00; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:30) 6:45, 9:55; Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:25) 8:30; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15, 5:35) 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:15, 5:35) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:40) 8:10; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:40, 5:10) 7:30, 10:30; Sun. (12:30, 2:40, 5:10) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:30) 8:20; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 2:50, 4:50) 7:35, 9:35; Sun. (12:50, 2:50, 4:50) 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 4:30) 7:20; **View From the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:50, 10:00; Sun. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:20) 7:30

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Chicago (PG-13); **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** Friday, midnight

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, 1

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ADVERTISING. Begin an advertising career! Entry level; will train. Well estab-lished "in-person" marketing company is looking for the right people to train. Sales, Public Relations, Marketing and Manage-ment In Training. No cold calling involved. Call Rachel Green, 619-243-2989.

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AIDE to work on my project, 9am-5pm Monday through Friday, from my home in Pacific Beach. No experience necessary, \$8 per hour. 619-804-8339.

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APPOINTMENT SETTERS, Kearny Mesa area. Minimum 1 year experience in out-bound call center. Dependable, excellent customer service/phone skills. Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. \$10/hour plus commis-sion. Fax resume: 858-490-6484.

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Staffing, 5405 Morehouse Drive, #110, San Diego 92121. Call now! 858-455-5204.

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ARTIST. Looking for a graphic artist to work in the surf industry. Please send re-sume to 2372 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar CA 92014.

ASSEMBLY, ElectroMechanical. Immedi-ate openings. 1st/2nd shifts. \$8-\$11/hour. 3 years related experience. Drug screen-ing. Harness/point-to-point wiring. techresumes@tristaff.com; fax: 858-453-9632; call 858-597-4000.

ASSEMBLY. Machine Operators, Solder-ing and Shipping and Receiving positions. Temporary and temp to hire. www.volt.com. Volt Services Group, 858-578-0920.

ASSEMBLY/GENERAL LABOR. Ware-house, \$7.50+/hour. Driver, \$8+/hour. Fork-lift Operator, \$8+/hour. Medical Assembly, \$8+/hour. 1st, 2nd, 3rd shifts. Temporary and temporary-to-permanent positions. Eli-gible for benefits after only 8 hours of work! Call Remedy Intelligent Staffing, 619-702-0731; 760-804-6831; 858-455-5204.

ASSISTANT PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR for growing wholesale bakery company. Requires 1 year experience, bread produc-tion oriented, bilingual (English/Spanish),

able to work graveyard/earlier shifts. Must be a team player and people oriented. Abil-ity to control, organize inventory, labor cost and production. Please apply in person only, no phone calls or faxes. Le Chef Bak-ery, 4696-A Ruffner Street, San Diego.

ASSISTANT CLIENTS' RIGHTS Advocate (\$30,252+/year depending on experi-ence). PAI, non-profit disability rights or-ganization. Position downtown San Diego. Screen and assist callers, determine elig-ibility for services. Requirements: Educa-tion equivalent to high school graduate, 1 year assistant in a social service setting, 45wpm, valid CDL. Bilingual in English/ Spanish is highly desirable. Excellent ben-efits! PAI, 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 185N, Sacramento, CA 95825 or 916-658-2659 for required application packet. FFD: 4/3/03. We value diversity of culture, dis-ability and other life experiences.

ASSISTANT. Full time, Monday-Friday, to assist catering company. Duties: manag-ing deliveries, orders, shopping, market-ing. Hotel/restaurant experience re-quired. E-mail: lunchboxgourmet@yahoo.com, or fax resume: 619-692-1566.

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ASSOCIATES. Marketing Researchers. No sales. Bilingual also needed. Tele-phone surveys, opinion polls. Up to \$12/hour. Good communication skills, light math/spelling skills. Type 25wpm. Healthcare, dental, vision. Apply in per-son, weekdays, 9am-4pm: Directions In Research, 8593 Aero Drive, San Diego CA 92123. Jobline: 858-707-6094.

AUTO DETAILER, MOBILE, full time. Mo-bile truck, supplies, customers and train-ing provided. Up to \$8.50/hour plus com-mission. Requires good driving record, customer service skills. 619-218-9800.

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BAKERY HELPERS. Growing wholesale bakery needs Bakery Helpers for early mornings. No experience necessary. Hourly pay. Apply in person: Le Chef Bakery, 4696 A Ruffner Street, San Diego.

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BELL PERSON. Hotel La Jolla is seeking an experienced, energetic, people person. Knowledge of local area necessary! Fax 858-459-7649. E-mail hr@hotellajolla.com.

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BILINGUAL INTERVIEWERS, Spanish and English. No sales. Marketing re-search. To \$12/hour. Good communica-tion/spelling skills. Type 25wpm. Kaiser Healthcare, 401(k). Apply weekdays, 9am-4pm: Directions In Research, 8593 Aero Drive, San Diego, 92123. Jobline: 858-707-6093. 858-707-6094.

BUILDING INSPECTOR III. City of Chula Vista. \$4019-\$4885/month. EOE. Apply immediately. HR Department, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista 91910. www.ci.chula-vista.ca.us. 619-691-5096.

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CALL TAKERS. Greater San Diego Trans-portion Network is looking for full time Call Takers to work in 24/7 taxi call center. \$7.25 per hour or \$7.75 if bilingual in Spanish. Pre-employment physical, drug and background check. EOE/drug free workplace. You may apply in person, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, 639 13th Street or call 619-239-8061 x748.

CAMP SUPERVISOR: The Santaluz Club, an exclusive country club in the Fairbanks Ranch area, seeking Camp Supervisor responsible for planning of year-round camp activities of camp participants 3-10 years of age. Must have prior camp pro-gram planning experience. Also seeking part-time Lifeguard, certified, experi-enced. Top compensation and benefits with excellent growth potential in a drug-free workplace. Please e-mail astandfast@thesantaluzclub.com or fax 858-759-4266.

CAREER FAIR! Saturday, March 22, 8am-2pm. GEICO, 14111 Danielson Street, Poway 92064, or fax or e-mail your re-sume for immediate consideration. Pro-fessional Sales Agents, Customer Service Representatives (\$2000 sign-on bonus for having your California Resident Prop-erty and Casualty License); Claims Ser-vice Representatives; Telephone Claims Representatives. Excellent training. Ben-efits! Management potential. Fax resume: 888-644-5775. www.geico.com. E-mail: sdjobs@geico.com.

CAREER FAIR! Saturday, March 22, 10am-1pm, City Hall Plaza, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista. Learn how to pre-pare for careers with the City of Chula Vista. Great career opportunities. Booths, equipment displays, more! Applications will be accepted at the Career Fair for An-imal Control, Community Development, Finance, Library, Fire, Police, Human Re-sources, Nature Center, Recreation, Tran-sit, Engineering, Building and Park Con-struction and Public Works. EOE.

CAREER FAIR. Hospitality Job Fair and Resource Expo. Tuesday, April 8, 10am-3pm. Balboa Park Club Ballroom. Over 100 exhibitors. Free admission. Meet with employment and career training re-cruiters from all over the county. See our display ad in the center of Job Giant's March issues and in the Reader's Help Wanted section. For more information/di-rections, visit: www.hospitalityweb.org/jobfair, or call 619-234-2005, x2.

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cal, drug and background checks. EOE. Drug-free workplace. No phone calls please. Apply in person, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, 639 13th Street, Downtown, San Diego or call 619-239-8061 x748.

CHILD CARE WORKER needed to care for infant full time in my home. Infant experience preferred. Nonsmoker with reliable transportation. Call 858-674-5746.

CHILD CARE WORKER needed for adolescent residential treatment center located in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Pay dependent on experience. Fax resume to Matt, 619-656-1429.

CHILD CARE WORKERS, overnight, needed in a residential group home located in Point Loma area. Full time, part time and weekends positions available. Very flexible schedules from 11pm-7am. Minimum requirement, A.A. degree. Residential experience preferred. Fax resume to attention: Rolanda, 619-523-0249 or mail to 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

CHILD CARE WORKERS. San Diego Co-operative Charter School (K-5) needs creative, responsible, fun people to staff before/after school program. Send resume to: 2850 6th Avenue #201, San Diego 92103 or fax 619-574-0861, attention: Beryl. www.coopcharterelementary.org

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CLASSROOM AIDES. Work with developmentally disabled children in a nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista, Lakeside. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1pm. \$8.14+/hour to start, depending on experience. EOE. www.vistahill.org. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax resume: 619-281-0164. Apply, weekdays, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

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COSTUME CHARACTERS. \$8/hour. Need creative, animated people able to dress in animal costumes for family entertainment park. Acting experience a plus. Vanessa, Manpower: 619-293-3606.

COUNSELOR, Child Development. Full/part-time positions available in Point Loma area. B.A. degree in related (psychology) field preferred. Fax resume to attention: Robert, 619-523-0249 or mail: 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE. On-line computer hardware company seeking candidates with excellent customer service skills, written skills, organizational skills, computer skills with a professional attitude. Monday-Friday, \$10-\$12/hour. Chula Vista. Submit resume: carlos@superwarehouse.com.

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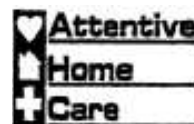
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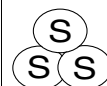
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Deborah Forte

Children's Social Worker

Inglewood

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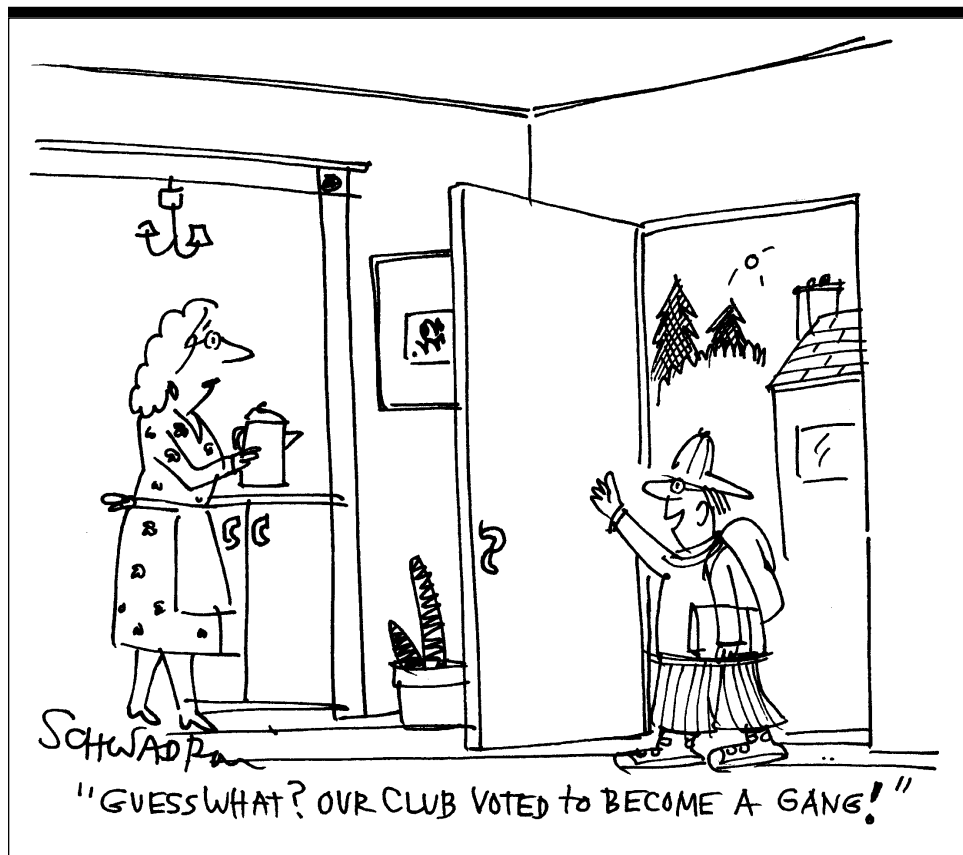
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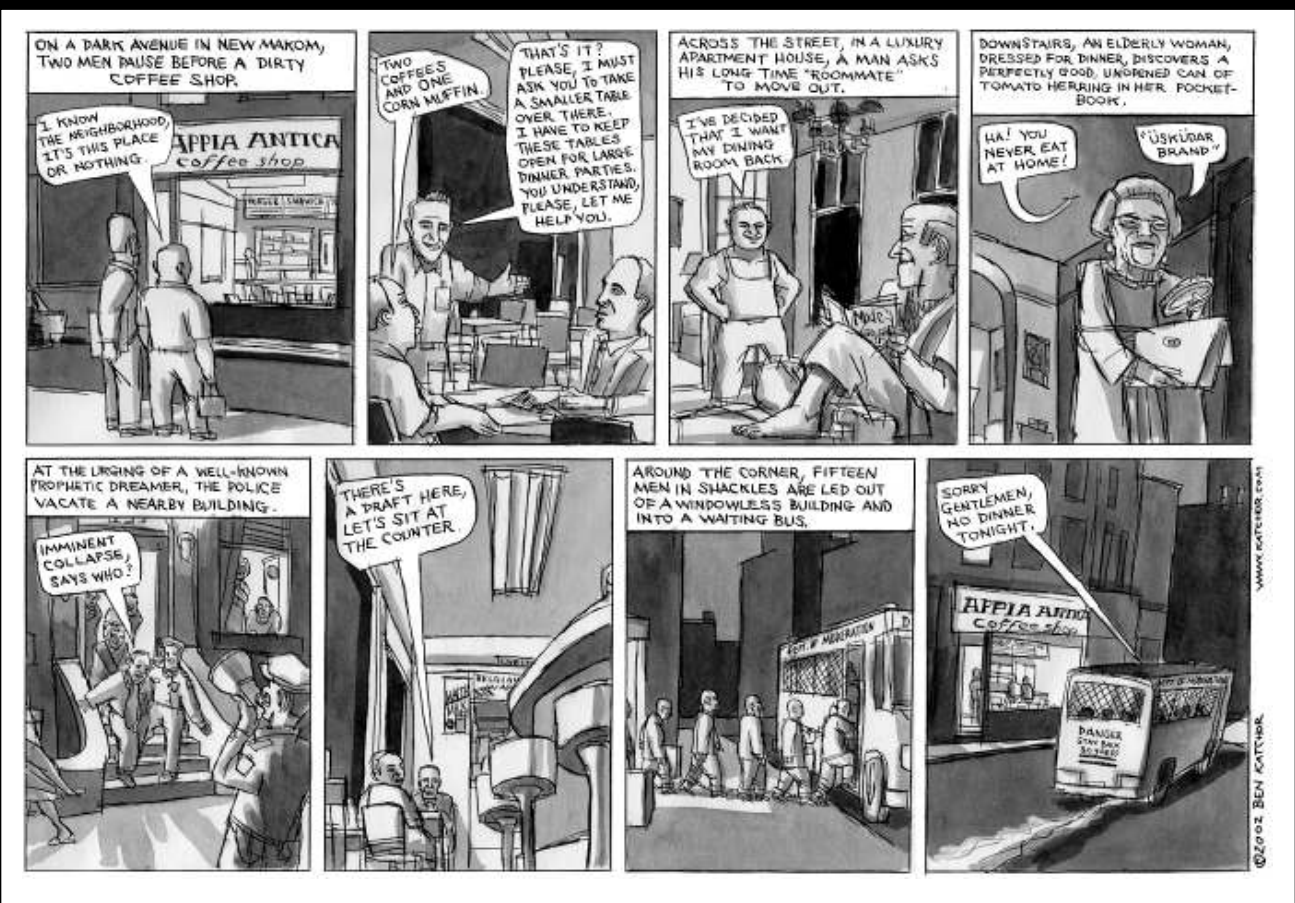
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Across

- Misbehaved
- Prague is in it
- Kind of lantern
- It may be grand
- Spider's web, e.g.
- Classic Italian astronomer
- Like Bergman, when she's an answer to a crossword clue?
- Wool finisher, commercially
- Regarding
- Org. that keeps an eye on pilots
- "Punch-Drunk Love" actress Watson
- Turns bronze
- Small animals belonging to small groups?
- More oddball
- "Cocoon" actress Stapleton
- Develops heating systems on site?
- Bluffer
- Transvaal settlers
- Durable wood
- Cook's seasoning
- W-2 info: Abbr.
- Like the untrained abilities of N.B.A. Hall-of-Famer Archibald?
- John Lennon song
- Woodworker, at times
- Work over
- Impure
- "12 items or fewer" aisle
- Very attentive

Down

- When Juliet is compared to the sun
- Protestor's cry
- Trace of color
- Tech sch. grad
- Where to find a hero
- Treated shabbily
- Prefix with scope or meter
- Five-time A.L. batting champion
- '60s-'70s gallery hangings
- Sun: Prefix
- An OK city
- Seven figures, slangily
- Like Bach's Violin Sonata No. 3
- Past
- Some floor votes
- Aspect
- Pays to play
- Part of N.B.A.: Abbr.

- Glacial ridge
- Lo ____ (noodle dish)
- "Original Gangster" rapper
- P.O. boxful
- Seabirds
- Ancient region of Asia Minor
- Former CNN show "Evans & ____"
- "____ expert, but ..."
- Pew's place
- Plaintiff
- Prefix with watt or meter
- Sarcastic response
- Kind of remark
- Frank and Francis
- Some Scotsmen
- One making overnight deliveries
- Part of a ranch herd
- They're hardly hip
- Stravinsky or Sikorsky
- Spanish form of "to be"
- Leaning letters: Abbr.
- Polish site
- Ted Williams wore it
- Rage
- Vincente Fox's country: Abbr.
- Concert equipment

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.

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Of the 75 entrants, 72 were correct. The winners are:

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MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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) **506069**

45, 5'6", ATTRACTIVE, physically fit, Hispanic lady, romantic, caring, university graduate. Seeking African-American gentleman, tall, handsome, financially secure, professional, sense of humor, for relationship. (4/2) **506823**

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**

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**

PRETTY/SWEET. Attractive brunette, blue eyes, 5'6", 124lbs., 44, professional white seeks handsome, tall, emotionally/financially successful, mature partner,

who enjoys finer things in life. (3/26) **50607**

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**

FOXY, LIBERAL, DEMOCRAT. Adventurous, smart, attractive, passionate/compassionate; nature, theatre, dance, travel; 5'6", 130lbs. You: 50+, humor, honesty, real. No drugs/no smoke. E-mailers: phone. (4/2) **50626**

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**

SMOOTHPIE, a bit wild but I don't bite. Taming not an option, but I might purr for the right mature man. Pretty, petite, 37. (4/2) **50009**

FUN, WHITE FEMALE waist length brown hair/eyes, voluptuous, nonsmoking seeking good humored, nonsmoking male, 35-50, similar interests. Discovering San Diego, music, dancing, friendship, more. (3/26) **50011**

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**

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**

CONNECT THE DOTS. Freckles looking for fun guy with great smile. I'm 47, like good movies, concerts, scenery, theater, travel art, dogs and anything outside. (3/26) **50614**

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, 5'3", slim, athletic, educated, intelligent, sincere. Seeking 57-67 gentleman, refined, honest, fit, financially secure, health oriented, moral values, caring, sensitive, stable, clean. (3/26) **50591**

WANNA GO TO VEGAS? March 23-25. You: Caucasian, 22-35, attractive, single, sweet, considerate, sensitive. Me: Pretty, medium build, fun, love dancing and partying. Call today! (4/2) **50010**

FUN, WHITE FEMALE waist length brown hair/eyes, voluptuous, nonsmoking seeking good humored, nonsmoking male, 35-50, similar interests. Discovering San Diego, music, dancing, friendship, more. (3/26) **50593**

SEEKING ORDINARY PRINCE for ordinary princess. Nonsmoker, 47-57, 5'11"+, who enjoys travel, movies, PBS, family oriented. Affectionate, romantic, ready to share their life. (4/2) **50628**

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**

52, CUTE, FUN, affectionate, good shape, curvaceous, 5', seeks man, 45-55, 5'10" or taller, healthy, good shape, nonsmoker, for fun, romance and monogamous relationship. (4/2) **50635**

HIGHLY SPIRITUAL, beautiful, outgoing, blonde, 34, thin, prosperous, nonsmoker, never wants kids, desires fun with same who's spiritual, max 37, great Latino looks, muscular body. (3/26) **50600**

PRETTY BLACK LADY, great body, 40, seeking gentle man. Who is open, honest, funny, exciting, 38-45, kind, great legs. No children, no bad habits. (4/2) **50636**

CHRISTIAN GAL, 42, seeking man, 40s, for dating/relationship. I enjoy music, singing, church fellowship, funny movies, beach walks, dancing, dining, travel, theatre, arts, cats! (4/2) **50640**

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**

GOOD LOOKING, voluptuous, fun loving, no baggage, caring girl, 38+ tax, needs a real man. Police preferred, white, OK looking, clean, no weirdos. (4/2) **50001**

ADVENTURESOME, CUTE, fit, spiritual, intelligent, energetic, soft spoken, good listener. You are: 40-50, fit, attractive, clean shaven, South County, health conscious, nonsmoker. (3/26) **50611**

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**

ATHLETIC, ASIAN BEAUTY with brains, seeks 40s male who's confident yet vulnerable to the right woman. He is active, happy, and an honest communicator. (4/2) **50004**

SEXY, SMART, EUROPEAN, educated, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, compassionate, monogamous, stylish, passionate, friendship, sportive, spiritual/nonreligious, no previous kids, 35-48, 5'9"+, no republicans. (4/2) **50006**

RECENTLY PAROLED AFTER 20 years of single motherhood! Ready to enjoy freedom. Red/blue, 52, 5', 130lbs., nonsmoker, independent, casual, girl next door type. (4/2) **50642**

BIG BEAUTIFUL WOMAN seeking Mr. Wonderful. 45, white, easygoing, honest, loving and caring. Hoping to find the same. Looking for a man of his word. (4/2) **50633**

ATTRACTIVE JEWISH WOMAN looking for relationship. I'm professional, enjoy exercise, personal/spiritual growth, deep conversation, travel, fun. Looking for man, 38-52, with similar interests. (3/26) **50618**

LIKE REDHEADS? Petite, attractive, seeks handsome, kind, single white male, 42 to 57, on dance floor or motorcycle for long term. No addictions but me! (4/2) **50638**

EUROPEAN PROFESSIONAL, kind, cultured, well educated, 50-60, desired by lovely, loving, intellectual, multilingual American educated in the US and Europe, for companionship, romance, travel, fun. (4/2) **50631**

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, sexy, great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, honest, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (4/2) **50622**

49, ATTRACTIVE, master's degree, kid at heart, love outdoors, animals, gardening, dancing, traveling, laughing. Looking for tall, handsome professional, nonsmoker, not afraid of commitment. (4/2) **50005**

QUALITY, VALUE, CHARM, attractive, Asian, registered nurse seeking Mr. Right. You: funny, attractive, educated, secure, young-looking, 5'10"+, 45-60, fit, healthy, nonsmoker. Exclusive relationship. (3/26) **50604**

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette. Very loving and sincere. Seeking long-term relationship, nonsmoker, very romantic. Let's go for it, big boy. (3/26) **50584**

ASIAN, SWEET, SULTRY, 5'3", 115lbs., professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking healthy, wealthy, nonsmoker, white professional, 35-56. A writer or someone in a graduate school is welcome. (4/2) **50003**

VIVACIOUS, FUN-LOVING lady, 58, would love to learn to play golf with a special gentleman. We are upbeat, active and enjoy life. Any takers? (4/2) **50641**

VERY PRETTY, nice-figured lady, seeking lots of laughs, good times, with 55+, tall, classy, sexy, adventurous gentleman who is completely unencumbered. (4/2) **50619**

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EAST COAST WOMAN seeking East Coast man, 55+. Vivacious, pretty, blonde, happy, witty, enjoys travel, dancing, mutual spoiling. Possible long-term relationship. (4/2) **50624**

FUN, LOVING, BEAUTIFUL, intelligent, humorous, sincere, creative, 65, 5'8". Interests: Movies, theatre, walks, museums, ethnic dining. Seeking attractive, intelligent, humorous, financially/emotionally secure gentleman. (4/2) **50639**

ATTRACTIVE, 35-YEAR-OLD black female seeking male companion, 35-45, who is outgoing, motivated, honest, to have good conversation, friendship and laughter. (4/2) **50637**

UPSCALE VISTA BRUNETTE, 5', 60, nonsmoker, on the go, together, wanna be, seeks financially solvent, family oriented, Christian man. For lifetime unconditional love, travel, sharing. (4/2) **50002**

READY FOR LOVE, laughter and lots of smiles. I am outgoing, independent and loving. 5'10", athletic, communicative and fun. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. (4/2) **50008**

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s. Outgoing, adventurous. Movies, theater, dining, weekend getaways. Seeking tall, professional, intelligent, romantic, fun loving, down to earth man. Let's explore possibilities together. (3/26) **50615**

AUSTRALIAN DESIRED by world citizen. Dreaming of my guy from down under! Where are you? Sensitive open, honest brunette searches for and waits for you. (3/26) **50610**

BEAUTIFUL BLOND, single white female, fit and slender, seeks handsome younger man, 30-40, for relationship. Please be financially stable and fit. (4/2) **50632**

LOOKING FOR WONDERFUL man, 38-58, who I can adore and enjoy life with. I like music, art, theatre, travel, nature. I'm sweet, blonde, beautiful, 40s. (4/2) **50000**

LOVING SWEETHEART wanted by beautiful, blond/blue, 59, lady. Share exciting, adventurous, never boring relationship; handsome upbeat secure intelligent gent. I could be the one. (3/26) **50603**

I WANT YOU GENTLE HEART, starry eyes. Russian lady, beautiful, 57, blonde, movies, dining. You: 57-60, similar, sincere, special. (4/2) **50621**

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INTEGRITY, HONOR, MORALS, loyalty, never married, exotic Polynesian beauty queen, gourmet cook, artist, model, educated, athletic. You: quality, never married, military background a plus, 38-59. (3/26) **50596**

DOWN TO EARTH, pretty, youthful 45, affectionate, fit, sweet, humor, kind, generous, loving smile. You: Same, tall, assertive, romantic, communicative, stable. (4/2) **50629**

TALL, PLAYFUL, auburn gal, 43, Capricorn. Seeking huggable, romantic professional, 38-48, 6', 200lbs+, flexible, spiritual, stylish, spicy culture, travel, dancing, music, adventure, share friendship goals. (3/26) **50613**

ATTRACTIVE BLACK WOMAN, 35, educated, creative, outgoing, fit. Seeks good-natured man, 30-45, nonsmoker, financially stable, witty and unencumbered for

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SEXY, BROWN-EYED GAL, 50ish, desires generous, Caucasian, caring, non-smoker, homeowner. Fun, travel, romance, sincere, honesty required, because the best is yet to come. (3/26) ☎50599

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 38, hazel, 5'5", 135lbs., active, free-wheeling funny lady. Seeks open minded, honest, 35-45, non-smoker. Road trips, adventure, laughter, love. No children please. (4/2) ☎50625

EUROPEAN, COSMOPOLITAN, attractive, sexy, athletic, health-conscious, interested in a masculine gentleman, 45-60, who desires to share the wonderful things that life has to offer. (4/2) ☎50627

STOP SMOKER WIDOW, 58, honest, loving, 180lbs., looking for country guy, 58+, sense of humor, relaxed, gentle, patient, kind, teddy bear, coffee, for great lady. (4/2) ☎70007

FEMALE, CHRISTIAN, 50, North County area, with morals, no high expectations, average human 5', 76lbs. Friendship first. Loves to ocean fish, boating, traveling foreign/local. (3/26) ☎50594

FUNNY, ENERGETIC, romantic. I'm a 38-year-old black woman. I'm 5'4", 130lbs. I like to laugh and enjoy life. Let's talk! (3/26) ☎50602

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

EAST COUNTY WIDOW, pretty, slim, active, blonde, 50s, youthful, happy. Travel, dancing, boating, theater, movies, concerts, dining. Seeking tall, fit, 50+, non-smoker, similar interests. (3/26) ☎50617

A PRETTY, TRIM LADY, with zest for life, down to earth values, looking for man who enjoys travel, good conversation and quiet times. (3/26) ☎50583

BE SERIOUS. Status quo continues until we act. I'm a smart blonde, petite, North County, successful cutie, seeking a 35-40ish quality guy for a partnership. (4/2) ☎50634

43, CAUCASIAN, 5'2", voluptuous, long hair, intelligent, articulate, creative. You: 40-52, not too heavy, full head of hair,

nonsmoker, financially secure. Seeking long-term relationship. (3/26) ☎50616

IMAGINE THE COMBINED elements of Garafalo, Lucy Liu, "The Matrix," Walsch, Ravenwolf, Buddhism, Hinduism and the deep, overflying, passionate heart of a Shaman. That's me! (4/2) ☎50630

NORTH COUNTY. Attractive senior lady, nice figure, fun loving, enjoys dancing, dining, plays, traveling, art museums, bridge. Let's have coffee. (4/2) ☎50620

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

BLOCKBUSTER NIGHTS, 36, African-american, tired of the club scene, seeks female who seeks the same. Attractive, shapely, race open. Me: handsome, degreed. (4/2) ☎69571

GORGEOUS LATINO, fit, slim, 5'8", 40's, college graduate, fun, outgoing. Seeking childless lady, slim, fun, outgoing. Race immaterial. (3/26) ☎69546

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

HANDSOME, FINANCIALLY secure, white male, 40s, massage specialist seeks lover, open minded, needing intimacy and affection, yet values her privacy and independence. (4/2) ☎69578

ANSWERING ADS... \$1.99, answering the right ad... priceless! 5'10", 49, secure professional, music, hiking, sailing, golf, cooking, barbecues. Seeking 35-49, fit, intelligent. Let's have fun. (4/2) ☎69588

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

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

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

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

GAMES END HERE. Ditch the phonies and flakes. 30s, 6', attractive, considerate, cool yet sometimes goofy. References available. Seeking easygoing, trim woman over 35-49. (4/2) ☎69581

GREAT CATCH, TALL, good looking surfer type, 40s, homeowner, good job, fun, part-time musician, seeking pretty female, 30s, for committed relationship. (4/2) ☎69567

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

MARCH IS A GOOD MONTH. Fat Tuesday, green beer and laughter, steak on the 20th. Desert rat, parrot head, laid-back style, 40, childless. East County. (3/26) ☎69530

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

PASSIONATE, HONEST, 36, black, attractive, business oriented. Enjoys working out, exercising, dancing, movies, beaches, music. Seeks nice, attractive lady, similar interests. Let's dine. Friends first. (4/2) ☎69608

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

TALL, BLACK HAIR, blue eyes, Caucasian, 36, funny, happy, nonsmoking, light drinker, never married, no baggage.

Seeking Caucasian female, 18-26, for possible relationship. (3/26) ☎69520

HANDSOME, 5'10", 52, successful businessman seeks younger woman who is extremely classy, sexy, with striking looks. Nonsmoker, no animals. I'll spoil and protect you. Call. (3/26) ☎69528

MY EBONY PRINCESS. North County coastal gentleman seeking a sexy ebony girl for good times. (4/2) ☎69586

AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE, 47, sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, reliable, 5'10", 170lbs. Music, beach, dining, coffee houses. Seeking marriage minded, attractive, blonde, 33-41. Be my lady. (3/26) ☎69542

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 3045, fit, good sense of humor, friendship, dating, with white male. Positive, affectionate, good sense of humor, muscular, blue eyes. Let's talk. (4/2) ☎69583

ARE YOU LONELY? Let's hook up and have some fun. I'm a lot of fun. Race is insignificant, I'm black, intelligent, average build. Call me. (3/26) ☎69535

SMOOTH SKINNED LATINA, looking for serious but fun guy. No smoking, drugs, children. Age 35-40, likes movies, dining, trips and quiet times together. Call me. (4/2) ☎69585

CHRISTIAN BLACK MALE, 45, 5'9", 160lbs., look like mid-30s, seeking same in a fit, Christian woman for casual dating, maybe more. Age and race open. (4/2) ☎69601

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

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

SOS. Black male, 34, on probation, lonely, seeking comfort, friendship, love from full-figured, mature lady, 25-50. Please hurry, my heart awaits. (4/2) ☎69579

SPIRITUAL WOMAN DESIRED, You want: good looking, insightful, physically fit,

healthy, emotionally available, sensual, nurturing, passionate, heart connected, communicator, educated, playful, self-aware guy, 58. (4/2) ☎69607

HUMOROUS, ENTHUSIASTIC real estate entrepreneur, wealthy/frugal, travel, biking, hiking, camping volunteering, beach, tennis, jogging, environment. You: Dependable/honest, under 40, fit, non-smoker/drinker, nonpretentious. (3/26) ☎69518

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

DANCE AND DREAM of desert starry nights, sandy tropical beaches, white male, 40s, seeking free-spirited woman to share mutual pleasure, pampering, delights together. (4/2) ☎69572

GENTLE, DEPENDABLE, honest, homeowner, handyman, 59, not gorgeous but OK. Nonsmoker, willing to get to know me; to share life's simple pleasures. (4/2) ☎69584

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

OUTDOORSMAN, 55, LOOKS 45, acts 35! Biking, hiking, kayaking, canoeing! Music, movies. Fun loving adventurer seeking fit, attractive 40+, sensitive, caring. Friends first, and then? (4/2) ☎69565

REMEMBER, "MOONLIGHT Serenade?" Would you like to recapture the mood once more? Slow dance, Jitterbug with this 72-year-old youngster. Come on, let's go. (4/2) ☎69575

SEEKING WOMAN, 29-45, with intelligence, common sense, and beauty. I am white male, 45, humorous, tall, dark and handsome with established career. (4/2) ☎69580

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

LOVABLE, CUTE, FINANCIALLY secure, 5'10", physically fit and slightly compul-

sive. North County guy seeks unencumbered, attractive woman, 35-45 to go out and have fun with. (3/26) ☎69533

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

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

SENSE OF HUMOR, intelligent, passionate, 52, 5'8", 170lbs., brown/blue. Enjoy coffeehouses, psychology, stimulating conversations, zen philosophy, walks, nature, classic rock, books. Seeking friendship/relationship. (4/2) ☎69563

WANTED. Super sized, tall, mature, older lady wanted for casual dating by single professional, 38, 5'10", 200lbs. Must be open minded and fun. Let's meet. (4/2) ☎69564

34, FINANCIAL ADVISOR, tall, attractive, confident, warm, fun, romantic. Enjoys going out, running, hiking, acting, theater, tennis, volunteering. Seeking emotionally healthy, communicative, fit, college graduate. (4/2) ☎69587

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

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

HANDSOME, CONFIDENT, great values, 40, 6'1", 195lbs. Waterfront homeowner, enjoys beach, fitness, traveling, humor. Ready for romantic commitment with you; slim beauty, 25-40. (4/2) ☎69597

LIKE TO HIKE? ADVENTURE? Nice guy: 40, 6', 200lbs., beard. Hardworking, easygoing, fun, relaxes far from city. Car-camping, motor cycling, movies at home, cooking. (3/26) ☎69561

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TEDDY BEAR, BLACK, big boned, handsome, very romantic, down to earth, great sense of humor. Seeking full-figured female, white or Hispanic, for serious fun. (4/2) ☎69566

COUNTRY DENTIST, Caucasian, 5'10", curly brown/blue, fit, handsome, wholesome, romantic, generous, energetic, adventurous, nonsmoker, open minded, do everything, like anything you do, you: 35-45. (4/2) ☎69600

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

SINGLE, HANDSOME MALE, 52, found himself in Texas, back home looking to find warmth and humor in relationship, love outdoor activities, homeowner, La Mesa. (4/2) ☎69598

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BLACK MALE, 40s, short and muscular, handsome, nonsmoker, professional, good sense of humor, romantic and good communicator seeking lady, any race, 30-55. (4/2) ☎69605

MS. RIGHT, WHERE ARE YOU? Single white male, 5'9", athletic, easygoing, die hard romantic, love the outdoors, travel, and movies. Looking to settle down. (4/2) ☎69573

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

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 59, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (4/2) ☎69568

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME fun? Educated Latin, 36, fit, attractive, humorous, loving, honest, caring, romantic, athletic, young, nice. Let me hold your hand tonight. (4/2) ☎69596

GRAYING, HANDSOME, TALL, fit, upbeat, retired tennis player seeking the right trim, pretty, cultured, sensuous companion, 60+, to share our last love. (4/2) ☎69577

HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, successful executive. 50s, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well-educated, fit, professional lady, 35-55. (3/26) ☎69560

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YOU: LIKE FOREIGN/INDIE films and music, great sense of humor. Me: 33, 6'3", dark brown hair, very attractive, slim/fit, educated, a bit artsy. (4/2) ☎69591

ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL, nature lover, 34, fit, smart, spiritual, handsome. Enjoy intelligent conversation, outdoors, meditation, yoga. Seeking slender woman with similar interests for dating, relationship. (4/2) ☎69603

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

JOE MOUNTAINEER says "Come journey with me to the end of the earth." North to Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Canada. During July for The Great Northern Arts Festival. Must be able to face miles and miles of trials with smiles. I'm 5'11", dark hair, green eyes, fit, active, experienced, adventurous. Let's get together and prepare, for the wilderness experience of a lifetime. (3/26) ☎69524

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

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

BLATANTLY HONEST, clean, organized, efficient, underemployed multifaceted artist. Sarcastic wit/humor, looks of Irish prize fighter who lost, plus occasional zit... can you handle it? (4/2) ☎69590

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

CROSSROADS? READY! Best half of life, monogamous relationship with, witty, travelled, sensitive, spiritual, North County, retired. You: tall, unencumbered,

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FULL-FIGURED WOMAN wanted. Big, white, nontraditional, 50, 6', brown/blue, nonsmoker, honest, caring, affectionate. Enjoy: movies, music, walks, dinners, conversations. Seeking long-term relationship. (4/2) ☎69576

GOOD LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 45. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (3/26) ☎69515

DOUBLE DATE. My former girlfriend and her fiancé want us to socialize with them. I'm 50, Irish/Italian, athletic, outgoing. We'll enjoy good, clean fun. (3/26) ☎69513

DOCTOR, SENSITIVE, 39, tall, fit, very attractive, Ph.D, plays guitar, piano, seeks sensitive, intelligent female. Must be sensitive, intelligent, positive, growth-oriented, loyal and single. (3/26) ☎69557

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

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LOOKING FOR LOVE or at least some fun? I'm 6', blue/brown, good looking, honest. You: Kind, fun, attractive, loving, kissable, reliable. (4/2) ☎69582

THE LOCAL FALLS ARE cascading, time to go for a hike. Visit my online ad for picture and details. 40, in excellent shape, witty, arty. (4/2) ☎69574

HANDSOME, FIT, 52, African-American gentleman seeks attractive, sexy, white woman, nonsmoking, for dining, jazz, kissing, romantic. No playing games, willing to laugh. (3/26) ☎69554

KINDNESS COUNTS. STRONG, kind man, 51, 6'2", trim, employed, seeks very female woman, 40s-50s, to protect and spoil. You'll like the respect and warmth. (3/26) ☎69555

ADORABLE, ENERGETIC, physically fit, 40s, 6' male. Enjoys dancing, travel, yachting clubs, casinos. Seeks sophisticated, sexy, active, intelligent female. (3/26) ☎69519

ACTIVE, RUGGED, outdoorsman, into paragliding, hiking, bowling, camping, star gazing, reading, beach walks. Me: 37, 5'5", affluent, single. You: short, outdoorsy, affectionate. (4/2) ☎69609

ATTRACTIVE, CHARMING CAT lover from midwest, 42, seeks beautiful, creative, and adventurous woman with open heart and mind to share love of travel and music. (3/26) ☎69525

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— by Robert Mizrachi

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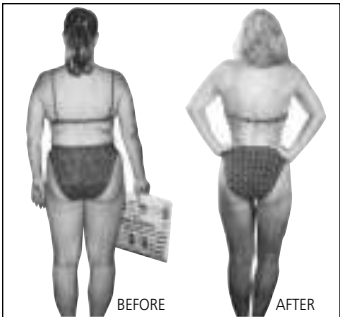
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CHULA VISTA. \$1025. House. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood floors, huge yard, washer/dryer hookups, patio, Near Castle Park. Available 4/5. 1184 First Avenue. 619-301-4102.

CHULA VISTA. \$725 and up. Move in special. Clean, spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath with walk-in closets. 1271 Broadway. 619-426-6250.

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CHULA VISTA. \$695 up. Spacious 1-bedroom garden apartment. Quiet. Excellent North Chula Vista location. Garage available. Laundry. Freeway close. 619-425-9962. 619-476-7311.

CHULA VISTA. \$795 up. 2 bedroom garden apartment with pool and laundry. Gas appliances. Excellent central location, close to freeways, H Street mall. 619-585-0766, 619-426-3778.

CHULA VISTA. \$1750. Brand new home near Hilltop, near golfcourse. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, double garage, dishwasher. Washer/dryer hookups, no refrigerator. No pets. 619-426-1645.

CHULA VISTA. Sunbow. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Ocean view. Upgrades. Gated. Appliances. Garage. Fireplace. Pool, jacuzzi, barbecue. Walk to shops. \$1600. Call 619-216-0013.

CHULA VISTA/RANCHO DEL REY. \$2995. Like new huge 4 bedroom plus office and den. Tile floors, large kitchen, nice landscape, next to park. 1042 Gal-dar Place. Greg Bernave, 619-696-9935.

CHULA VISTA. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautiful, spacious, with 1 car garage in award winning complex. Washer/dryer in unit. No pets. 256 Beech Street. 619-585-1959.

CHULA VISTA. \$850. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Sea breezes. Laundry. Off-street parking. 1419 Tobias Drive. Maricela, 619-427-0146.

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CHULA VISTA. Move-in special, \$100 off first month! 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725. \$500 deposit. Newer carpet/paint. Laundry. Parking. 583 Park Way. 619-243-4000 x0.

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CITY HEIGHTS. \$1350. 3 bedroom house. New paint, carpet. Fenced yard. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

CITY HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$825, 4085 Estrella Avenue. Second floor. Section 8 OK. 619-255-1492.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$950. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Secure building. Laundry hookups. Refrigerator. Dishwasher. Balcony. Upstairs. New carpet. 4102 Marlborough Avenue. 619-582-7235; 619-281-5140.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$535, includes utilities. Studio. Overlooks park, residential area, parking and laundry. 2501 Tuberosa. Call 619-280-8681.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$695, deposit \$500. Garage available \$80. Remodeled 1 bedroom duplex with garage. No pets. 4329 and 4329-1/2 41st Street. 619-299-8515.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Backyard, views, on cul-de-sac. Easy freeway access. 2483 Highland. 858-259-1217.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1595. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on corner lot. New carpet, washer/dryer included. 2-car garage. Covered patio. Huge yard with additional parking. Agent, 619-234-9553.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$795. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, spacious upper unit, parking, on-site laundry. No smoking. No pets. 5310 Rex. 619-281-4698.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, small side yard. 3615 Wightman Street. 619-640-7530.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$950. Must see! 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Move-in special; 1/2 first month's rent. Skylight in master bedroom. Beautiful! Laundry facilities and private 1-car garage. 4454 Dawson. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, very private, clean, laundry room on site. Centrally located, near park. Easy access to freeways. 3666 42nd Street. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

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CITY HEIGHTS. Move-in special! Senior or disabled complex. Section 8 OK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled building and apartments, gated, laundry, parking, bussing, walk to shopping. Contact Ray Murphy, 619-563-7845; 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. 2 weeks free! Refurbished large studio. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$500 deposit. Laundry, parking, newly remodeled building. 4142 44th Street. Ray, 619-563-7845; 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. 2 weeks free! Remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Walk-in closets, new landscaping, secure parking. 2707 High-

land. Ray, 619-563-7845; 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$750. New carpet, vinyl and paint. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry. 4460 Euclid Avenue. 619-243-4000 x0.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$1075. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stackable washer/dryer. Fully equipped kitchens. Vaulted ceilings, select units. Patios/balconies. Assigned covered carport. Lap pool. Jacuzzi. Tennis courts. Fitness center. Cats only! Near beaches/freeways. Canyon Ridge Apartments, 3187 Cowley Way. 619-276-1400. www.sdreader.com/rent/2021.

CLAIREMONT. \$875 and up. 1 bedrooms. 2 bedrooms, from \$1050 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and homey? Our lovely complex is peaceful and quiet day and night! Walking to all your needs. Patios and courtyard. Garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1028.

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CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$300 off first month's rent on select units! 1 bedrooms from \$875-\$1095. Low \$500 deposit! Ocean/Bay views. Air conditioning. Ceiling fans. Microwave. Dishwashers. Walk-in closets. 3 pools. Spa. Sauna. New fitness center. Clubhouse. Volleyball. Laundry. Storage. Elevators. Villa Monair, 3730 Southview Drive. 858-272-2070. www.sdreader.com/rent/2056.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Coral Bay Apartments. "Move in now, no rent until May!" 1 bedrooms starting \$925 and 2 bedrooms starting \$1045. Newly remodeled. Pets OK. Beautiful setting above Mission Bay/Teacolote Canyon. Shared pool, tennis courts. Garages available. 4812 Calle Neil. Toll free: 1-888-500-0471. Visit website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1031.

CLAIREMONT. \$1640. 2 bedroom, 1.75 bath sunny townhouse. Private canyon. 2-car garage, washer/dryer. Patio, pool, tennis. Pet OK. 7059 Park Mesa. Near all! 623-229-3202.

CLAIREMONT. Furnished studios. From \$350/week. From \$950/month to month. Corporate housing available. Microwave, mini-refrigerator, laundry, heated pool, spa, daily continental breakfast. Great central location. Weekly mail service, includes all utilities, linens. Garden surroundings. Parking. No pets. 5415 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Call toll free, 1-800-562-2217. www.sdreader.com/rent/2035.

CLAIREMONT. \$1375. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 1-car garage. No pets. Quiet. Carpet, appliances, patio, fenced yard. 3566 Idlewild Way. Agents, 858-453-6115.

CLAIREMONT. \$1875. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. fireplace, new carpet/paint. Fenced yard with play structure. Large private jacuzzi off master bedroom. 2-car garage, gardener. 858-277-5077.

CLAIREMONT. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, pool, patio, carport, 1 mile east of Mission Bay. Near shops. Available now. 760-966-7430.

CLAIREMONT MESA. \$1295. 2 bed, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, dishwasher, laundry hookups. Community pool, parking. 5170 Clairemont Mesa. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

CLAIREMONT MESA. \$1495. 2 bedroom house. Washer/dryer, fireplace, 2-car garage, pet OK. 4581 Pocahontas. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

CLAIREMONT. \$1595. Huge 3 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful community. Dishwasher, laundry rooms, large yard, parking and more! 6010 Mt. Aguiar. 858-270-5500.

CLAIREMONT. \$1850. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Dishwasher, washer/dryer, huge yard, garage. Quiet neighborhood, on cul-de-sac. 4414 Hedionda Court. Open house 3/23, 1pm-3pm. 619-607-9614.

CLAIREMONT. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. New paint/carpet. Lower end unit, gated community, pool, spas. No pets. Available 4/1. Call 619-938-1623.

CLAIREMONT. \$2000. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Appliances. Fireplace. 2-car garage. Large fenced yard. Ideal and near all. No pets. 858-459-6860.

CLAIREMONT. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 4079 Huerfano, #104. End unit. Clean. 2 covered parking. Pool. Laundry. 5 minutes to I-5. Available now. Agent, 858-270-7071.

CLAIREMONT/BAY PARK. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs unit, laundry on site, off-street parking, no pets. 1204 Vega Street #2. Available approximately 3/28. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

CLAIREMONT/PACIFIC BEACH. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. \$1800/month, \$1200 first month. 2-car garage, washer/dryer, fireplace, ocean view, pool, hot tub. 3719 Balboa Terrace A. 858-220-3473.

CLAIREMONT. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1000-square-foot lower unit with patio and storage. 3230-A Ashford, near Mesa College. Agent, 619-528-2337. www.TheEquityCompany.com.

CLAIREMONT. 1 bath. Newly renovated duplex 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Appliances, dishwasher, washer/dryer hookups, fenced backyard, garage. \$950. No pets. Steve, 858-663-4757.

CLAIREMONT/BAY PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, spacious units, balcony, pool, laundry, new carpet, new appliances, new countertops, refinished cabinets. 2556 Chicago. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

CLAIREMONT. \$1950. 4 bedroom, 1 bath, furnished house on cul-de-sac. Fireplace, screen porch, huge yard. No garage, but ample off street parking. Great location! 858-279-7523.

CLAIREMONT. \$2000. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, laundry room, fireplace, pool, garage, completely refurbished, quiet neighborhood. Available early April. 619-992-0288.

CLAIREMONT. \$2000/month. 3 bedroom home with attached studio apartment with private entrance, hot tub, dishwasher, washer/dryer, microwave, refrigerator. 858-270-0088.

CLAIREMONT. \$1350. Clean 3 bedroom, 1 bath with large fenced yard, attached garage and washer/dryer hook-ups. Sorry, no pets! 4236 Saginaw. Agent, 858-560-1178.

CLAIREMONT. All newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Sunny balcony, 1 assigned parking, pool/spa, security entrance. Walk to Balboa/Genesee. \$1400. 858-571-5322 or www.otherhome.com.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$1650. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath with appliances, washer/dryer, large yard, very clean, 2-car garage. 619-286-2529.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$770. 1 bedroom. Utilities included. Air conditioning, carport, on-site laundry. Walk to shopping, bus route. Section 8 OK. No pets. EOH, 619-299-8746.

COLLEGE AREA. \$775, remodeled huge 1 bedroom. \$975, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Dishwasher, air conditioning, walk-in closet, ceiling fan, sundeck. Gated. Covered parking. Laundry. Bus stop. 4501 Collwood Boulevard. 619-275-5757.

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COLLEGE AREA. Exquisite top, 4th floor end unit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath very quiet condo. Vaulted ceilings, wood floors. New washer/dryer. Patio. Secure building, intercom, underground parking, elevator, central air/heating. Available 4/1. \$1450. 760-586-6841.

COLLEGE AREA. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with parking and laundry. 5077 College Avenue. 619-280-8681.

COLLEGE AREA. \$775. 2 block walk! Luxury Studio, new, views, Berber. Quiet. Includes DSL, air, parking, laundry. Available now. <http://members.cox.net/studioareal>. 619-665-1650.

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COLLEGE AREA. Del Cerro view. \$1695-\$1895. Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, skylight, privacy, cul-de-sac. Remodeled baths/kitchen. New carpets. Fireplace. Roman tub. 858-270-0214.

COLLEGE AREA. \$760. Large 1 bedroom, pantry, on site laundry room, pool, close to all. No pets. 6295 Stanley Avenue. Diana, 619-501-5622.

COLLEGE AREA. Huge 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment in duplex! Inside laundry, hardwood floors, decks, gorgeous landscaping, views, 2nd story, parking, 5113 73rd. \$1500. 619-501-3760.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$875/\$800 security. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse, new carpet and range, freshly

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COLLEGE AREA. \$1095/deposit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath 2-story townhouse. Large unit. Patio, fireplace, pool, hot tub, dishwasher, laundry. Available now. Alvarado Road. 858-967-4653.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Beautifully remodeled. All new everything. Dining room. Air conditioning. Laundry. Near all. 6735 Amherst Street, 619-698-6911.

COLLEGE AREA. \$3000. 5 bedroom, 3 bath large beautiful home. Large patio, laundry, 2-car garage, RV parking. Pet negotiable. 6460 Montezuma Road. 619-698-6911.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1950. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with 2 car garage. Big back yard. 5196 Judson Way. 619-640-7530.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$695. 1 bedroom. Downstairs unit, dishwasher, dining area, patio, laundry, parking, 1/2 block to supermarket and bus stop. 619-465-6988.

COLLEGE AREA. \$820. Spacious 1 bedroom in gated community. Air conditioning, walk-in closet, pool, parking, laundry. 4601 63rd Street. 619-229-9248.

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DEL MAR. \$999, includes utilities. Studio in duplex (downstairs rear). Quiet, clean, laundry, tiled, yard, 2 blocks from beach. No pets/smoking. 346 9th. 626-483-8552.

DEL MAR. \$1400. Secluded upper triplex. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage, horse OK. 900 square feet. 1191-B Solana Drive. Agent, 858-755-1139, www.scubarentals.com.

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DOWNTOWN. Little Italy. New lofts available. 2-story spaces. European kitchens, some with wood floors or polished concrete. Washers/dryers included. Pet friendly. \$1000-\$2000. Call Trey for an appointment at 619-233-4118, or visit us at www.sdlofts.com. \$1395, 1 bedroom available now. For other availabilities in Little Italy, call Kandace, 619-750-9642.

DOWNTOWN. Studio with kitchenette and full bathroom, no smoking or pets. \$600-\$800/month, includes utilities. 728 Market Street at 7th. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639.

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DOWNTOWN. \$2450. Furnished. Marina District. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. New 2 story, top floor loft, 2 balconies. Gym/(Fashion Valley, master bedroom \$650). 858-774-6527.

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DOWNTOWN. \$1500, utilities included. 3 bedroom furnished duplex. 858-349-7256.

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DOWNTOWN. \$1400. Loft available in beautiful historic building, part of the

Gaslamp, 1200 square feet, full kitchen, full bath. Small pets OK. 619-544-4488.

DOWNTOWN. East Village. \$2000. Blocks to bay. Live/work Victorian house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors, 2 private parking spots. City view. Outside Tiki bar, newly remodeled. 619-575-0242.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$995. Huge 1 bedroom Victorian flat. Maple floors, window seat, high ceilings. Lots of windows! Eat-in kitchen with dishwasher. Secure off-street parking. Pet considered. 2543 B Street. 619-559-5423.

GOLDEN HILL. \$695 up. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Dishwasher, balcony. Garage with views gated building, underground parking. Located on quiet cul-de-sac. No pets. 619-235-0563.

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GOLDEN HILL. April Fool's Special: \$111.11 off first month. Spacious studio in 1920s building, \$700. Hardwood floors, 2 built-in dressers, large walk-in closet. Nice size kitchen with built-in seating. Quiet secure building. Close to Downtown and freeway. West of 25th. 906 21st Street. 619-239-2278.

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Georgia Street location. Call 619-298-1961.

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HILLCREST. \$695-\$775. Studio apartments. Quiet, charming building. No dogs. Large closet. Laundry. Gated building. Newer carpet/paint. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com Tom/Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. University Heights. Fireplace. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Security gate. Newly refurbished. No pets. 4224 Florida. www.palmtreerealty.net. 619-276-7835.

HILLCREST. \$1850. Unfurnished house, 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Dining/living room, wood floors, built in cabinetry, garage. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Lots of charm! Dave, 619-962-1887.

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HILLCREST. \$750. 1 bedroom apartment. Pets on approval. On-site laundry. Close to everything. Available 4/1. 3969 Normal Street. www.geocities.com/normalapartments/. Brian, 858-442-7873.

HILLCREST. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, completely remodeled. Deck, laundry. Pets OK. Excellent location. 619-549-4959.

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HILLCREST. \$1195. Extra large apartment. 2 master bedrooms, 2 baths. Laundry room, covered parking. Pet OK. Near hospitals, shopping. 635 Bush (off Dove). 619-298-4446.

HILLCREST. \$795 plus deposit. 1 bedroom apartment. Prime Hillcrest location. Turn-of-the-century building. Near bus, shopping, dining. For appointment, call Joel 619-574-1464.

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HILLCREST. \$1100. Spacious, quiet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, tiled kitchen, appliances, garage. Nonsmoking. Available now. 4048 Alabama. Manager, 619-269-5237.

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HILLCREST. \$950. 1 bedroom cottage, hardwood floors. washer/dryer hookups.

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HILLCREST. \$995-\$1195. Large 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom in restored Mediterranean style community. Gated, laundry, arched windows and doorways and more. 3967 Centre Street. 619-299-4666.

HILLCREST. \$675. Large studio furnished. All utilities paid. Newly decorated. No pets. Optional: rent reduction with some management. 109 University Avenue. 619-286-8487, 858-254-8487.

HILLCREST. \$695. Nice, bright studio. Murphy bed, secured entry/parking. Walk to all. Door opens to large patio area. Available 4/1/2003. 619-291-7774.

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HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den townhouse. Gleaming hardwood floors, washer/dryer, assigned parking. 619-296-2787.

HILLCREST. \$1050 rent. \$500 Deposit. 2 bedroom apartment with balcony. No pets. At 4030 Front Street #12. Agent, 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. \$900. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom with dining room (or office). 2-car garage available for \$100. New carpet. No pets. 3831 First Avenue #6. Agent, 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. \$835 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom. No pets. At 107 Nutmeg Street (at First Avenue). 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with parking, laundry on-site, air conditioning. Secured complex. No pets. 1033 Robinson Avenue #3. Available Approximately 4/9. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600. Please call resident manager for showing times: Amy 619-295-1210.

HILLCREST. \$1075. Huge 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, second floor. Carpeted, appliances. 1 parking space. Laundry. No pets. Available March 31. 3828 3rd Avenue. 619-295-7113.

HILLCREST. \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs unit. Gated building with detached garage. New carpet. Balcony. Air conditioning. Tropical setting. Laundry. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

HILLCREST. \$799-\$845. 1 bedrooms. \$400 off first month's rent! Hardwood floors, tile, new appliances, laundry. Cat OK. Nonsmoking. 4170 Park Boulevard #2, #4. 619-741-7011.

HILLCREST. \$1195. Charming, Spanish 2 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, gated entry, no pets. 3515 4th Avenue. Agent, 619-295-6005.

HILLCREST. \$900. 1 bedroom cottage. Stove, refrigerator, private patio, nice shared lawn area. 4227 Fifth Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071 or www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom, assigned parking, laundry facilities. Quiet location, north of Washington. Call 619-296-2787.

HILLCREST. \$795. Charming 1 bedroom, Spanish style cottage. Stove, refrigerator, nice shared common lawn area. Convenient location. 3751 Fourth. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. Lovely 2 bedroom cottage. \$1100. Hardwood floors or carpet, breakfast nook, laundry facilities, street parking. No pets. 1807/1815 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$800. Very large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Carpeted. Assigned parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 3820 Georgia. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$950. 1 bedroom. Charming 1930s style building with hardwood floors. Laundry hookup. Very unique setting, close to all. Agent, 619-298-7724.

HILLCREST. \$725. Large charming studio in classic older building. Laundry, intercom entry, electricity included. 3939 Seventh #15. Xilarent.com, 858-492-8747.

HILLCREST. \$875. Art-deco. 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors. Great location near

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HILLCREST. \$850. Cozy 1 bedroom cottage with hardwood floors. Breakfast nook. Great location, 1726 Meade. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. \$850. Classic 1 bedroom with hardwood floors throughout. Large kitchen. Great neighborhood. 3548 Fourth. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. \$825. Cute 1 bedroom in nice area. Garage available. 4120 Iowa. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. \$850. Unfurnished, lower 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Garden view. Newly refurbished. Laundry on premises. On site parking. Convenient location. 619-980-6290.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer in unit. Garage with remote control. All appliances. 1234 Robinson Avenue. 619-225-8909.

HILLCREST. \$1200/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs, neat, clean, bright. 1 parking space. Laundry on site. Available 2/1/03. 3962 First Avenue. Between University and Washington. Manager Cindy, 619-296-4572.

HILLCREST. \$925. Unique 1 bedroom, 1 bath with private patio. Large bedroom, arched doorways. Walk to shops. Quiet. Sorry, no pets. 3835 Third Avenue. 858-483-3534, www.Cal-Prop.com.

HILLCREST. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet area. Adorable large unit. Arched doorways, barbecue area, laundry. No pets. 1902 Cypress Street. 858-483-3534, www.Cal-Prop.com.

HILLCREST. \$1200. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Private backyard. Garage, laundry hookups. Clean, well maintained. No pets. 1732 Cypress. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

HILLCREST. \$825. 3588 First Avenue #7. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Dishwasher. Private setting. Parking. Laundry in complex. Clean, well maintained. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

HILLCREST. \$825. 1 bedroom cottage. Immaculate, private, cozy, hardwood floors. Spacious kitchen. Indoor cat accepted. Excellent, quiet, central location. 1210 Essex. 619-296-8802.

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HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper, corner unit. View. 850 square feet. Quiet courtyard. Big closets. Laundry. No dogs. 4025 Alabama. 619-294-8737.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1795. Stunning, huge (approximately 1500 square feet) vintage Craftsman 2 bedroom nonsmoking duplex. Hardwood floors. Formal dining room. Balcony. Courtyard. Laundry. Cat OK. 619-299-4769.

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HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$995. Sunny, charming and peaceful two bedroom with new carpet, high ceilings and dining nook on the second floor of our beautiful, vintage building. A garage is included. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 2 bedroom special, \$1200/up. 1/2 off deposit. Great location. Elevator. Pool. Laundry room. Other amenities and off-street parking. No pets. 619-295-9673.

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HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$875/month. 1 bedroom duplex house. Move in special, small yard. Quiet cat OK. Laundry. Nonsmoking. 1646 Monroe Avenue. 619-269-4314.

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IMPERIAL BEACH. \$775. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom in well maintained garden setting. Pool, parking, laundry. No pets. 1445 Grove Avenue. Manager, 619-575-0778.

KEARNY MESA. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Dishwasher. Laundry facilities. Parking. 8034 Linda Vista. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

KENSINGTON. \$1150. Move-in special! Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner suite, view, skylight, all amenities. Security building. Garage available. No pets. Call 858-456-2098.

KENSINGTON. \$1175. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Charming secluded back house. Newly upgraded appliances, flooring, fixtures. Fenced yard. Pet negotiable. Must see! 4625 Terrace Drive. 619-698-6911.

KENSINGTON. \$850 with garage. Adorable 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage in gated courtyard. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, laundry. No pets/smoking. 4414 41st Street. Available 4/10. Agent, 619-685-3960.

KENSINGTON. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house plus bonus room. No smoking. Pet upon approval. Open house 3/22, 11am-2pm. 4670 Marlborough Drive. 619-303-5254 or 619-417-2718.

KENSINGTON. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Garden setting. Quiet, best location. Hardwood floors, laundry. No pets. 4150 Hilldale Drive. 858-483-3534, www.Cal-Prop.com.

KENSINGTON. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, newly refurbished, hardwood floors. Sundeck with great view. Awesome location! Parking and laundry. 4100 Adams Ave. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, hardwoods, fireplace, 2-car garage, large yard. Gardener included. 12 month lease. \$1875 plus deposit. Agent, 619-280-7399.

KENSINGTON. \$1725. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house with all appliances, laundry, garage and yard. Landscaping included, utilities not. No smoking or pets. 858-277-9757.

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LA JOLLA. \$3000. Steps to Windansea Beach. Fantastic ocean view. Elegant 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Cathedral ceilings, garage, balconies. Available now. Helen, 858-459-8857.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 1 block to beach, street parking. No pets or smoking. 1-year lease. \$2375. 858-454-3140.

LA JOLLA. \$1695. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Garage, new carpet, new appliances, washer/dryer, gardener. Close to town. 858-349-8125; 858-459-6640.

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LA JOLLA. \$2100. Charming beach cottage, whitewater view, garage, washer/dryer. New paint, patio, nice ocean view, and much more! 619-233-7012.

LA JOLLA. \$1330. Walk to beach. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2-story duplex. 2 parking spaces, quiet. Available 4/15. 618-B Nautilus. Call Sam, evenings. 858-456-0542.

LA JOLLA. \$2395. Luxury 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath furnished townhouse. 1575 square feet. Art work, wood/carpeted floor. Patio. Fireplace, plants, 2 car, pools, park. refin@mccomic.com. Owner, 619-666-7378.

LA JOLLA. \$1675. Fully furnished, upgraded 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 5 minutes to La Jolla Shores/UCSD. Gated and covered parking. Lease. Agent 858-775-1812.

LA JOLLA. \$900 off with 6 month lease! \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in village. New carpet. Intercom entry. Fireplace. Microwave. Dishwasher. Laundry. Verticals. Underground parking. No pets. 7575 Eads Avenue. 858-459-1102.

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LA JOLLA. \$1700. Large, quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bath, appliances, patio, near Windansea beach, pool, jacuzzi, parking, cable, internet, laundry. Villa La Jolla condos. 858-454-2404.

LA JOLLA. \$1299. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Cat OK, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1425. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Garage, fireplace. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$2650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house plus den, great kitchen, appli-

ances, fireplace, big rooms, 1 level, 2 car, pool, tennis, cable included. 5445 Caminito Herminia. 858-336-8333.

LA JOLLA. Large, 720 square feet, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, near UCSD. Need to move. \$1045/month, save \$100/month. I moved in on a special. 858-622-1602.

LA JOLLA. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Off-street parking. Walk to Windansea beach. No pets. 6668 La Jolla Boulevard. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA. \$795. Large studio. Walk to beach. Private patio, no pets. 7441 La Jolla Boulevard #4. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA. \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Off-street parking, large private patio. Walk to Windansea Beach. 6670 La Jolla Boulevard. Available approximately 4/18. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA. Condo. \$1595/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Security gates and parking. Air conditioners. Over 1400 square feet. CB Property Management, 858-488-4090.

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LA JOLLA. \$1650. Charming, private 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Near beach. Private parking, patio, washer/dryer. 858-459-4946 or 858-784-3016.

LA JOLLA. \$2990. Gorgeous ocean views, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Security building. 1 block from ocean. \$3500 security deposit. 619-200-0300, 858-459-7598.

LA JOLLA. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in the village. Private. Quiet. Laundry facilities. Available now. 7447-53 Herschel. Boone Properties, 858-459-1291.

LA JOLLA. \$1350-\$1450. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 blocks to beach. Quaint complex. Laundry, parking. 525 Marine Street #8. Open house, Saturday 3/22, 1-2pm. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. \$1100. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 blocks to beach. Quaint complex. Laundry. 525 Marine Street. Open house, Saturday 3/22, 1-2pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. Open houses: March 20, 21, 22 at 2-4pm. How about summer! 1/2 block to beach! Awesome deals! Up to \$200 off. 365 Bonair. 858-536-1900.

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LA JOLLA/UCSD. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse style. 2-car garage. Patio, washer/dryer, new appliances. \$1475. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$795. Studio. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, coin laundry. Nice gated courtyard. 415 Colima. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA/PACIFIC BEACH. \$1750. Spectacular ocean views! 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car underground garage. Balcony, gated community. Bird Rock shops and restaurants. New carpet, floors, paint, dishwasher. 619-602-3863.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Stylish Italian sophistication! Courtyards with fountains. 4 resort style pools with spas, sun decks. High tech fitness center. Full time activities director. Studios, 1, 2 and 2 bedrooms plus den. Full size washer/dryer. The Villas of Renaissance, 5260 Fiore Terrace. 888-218-0377. rental-living.com, visit: www.sdrreader.com/rent/1051.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$2000. Furnished condo including washer/dryer. Underground parking. Gated community. Great location: close to freeways, UCSD, markets, gyms. Call Jonnie, 619-885-9999, 858-552-8155.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. Light, bright 1 bedroom plus loft. All appliances (washer/dryer in unit), upgraded, large master bedroom, patios, garage. Pool, spa. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1750. 2 bedroom plus loft, 2 bath condo. New appliances/paint/carpet. Washer/dryer. Open view. Quiet, gated community near shopping. Secured parking. Pets OK. 619-840-6131.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath gated condo. Second floor, 2 underground parking, patio, pool, new appliances, no smoking/pets. available now. 619-477-8653.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, fenced patio, 2-car garage, pool, tennis court. Near UCSD. No pets. Nonsmoking. 858-453-9914.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1400. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath cono, 1-year lease. Gated community, all appliances, washer/dryer, fireplace, patio, pool, jacuzzi, sauna, tennis, storage, 2 parking. Small pet OK. Nonsmoking. 858-586-0799.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Avanti 3 bedroom, 3 bath, family room plus garage. Largest townhouse floorplan. Feels like a house! Washer/dryer. Very light and bright! 619-296-2787.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Quiet, 2-car garage, patio, pool/spa. No pets/smoking. 858-699-2075.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1185/month. Charming 1 bedroom, with loft, washer/dryer, new appliances, vaulted ceilings. Pool, spa. No pets, nonsmoking. Negotiable lease. 858-459-5965.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1975. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Move in special. On canyon, great view. 2-car garage, yard. Pets OK. 6909 Enders Avenue. 619-921-2829.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1450. Clean, top floor, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, skylights, 4 underground parking spaces, swimming pools, jacuzzis, racquetball, saunas, coin laundry. 619-589-9404. kerlick@cox.net.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage access. Community pool and tennis. Woodlands West. Lease. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4200.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. \$1200. Sunny, upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Walking distance from campus, shops, restaurants. Garage, pool, jacuzzi, new carpet. No pets. 858-535-9677.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1800/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs Windansea unit with fireplace and garage. All appliances, off-street parking. Call Bunny, 858-551-7202.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1200. 1 bedroom. Fireplace. Garden setting. 336 Rosemont. Open house, Saturday, 3/22, 11:30am-12:30pm. Call Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1490. 1 bedroom. New interior, ceiling fans, microwave, dishwasher. 326 Rosemont. Open house, Saturday, 3/22, 11:30am-12:30pm. Call Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA MESA. \$650. Studio, unfurnished. Utilities included. Ceiling fans, carpet, close to shopping center. 619-465-8258. www.floft.com.

LA MESA. \$99 Move-in special on approved credit. Studio, \$730, deposit \$350. 1 bedroom, \$850, deposit \$450. 2 bedroom, \$1050, deposit \$500. Includes carport space and storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated community. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA. \$650. 1 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, fenced yard. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

LA MESA. \$750 includes all utilities. Cute studio cottage, private yard, spacious indoors, very clean, recently remodeled. Cat OK with additional deposit. Available now. 619-269-4596.

LA MESA. \$1050. Deposit \$500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry room on site. Parking on site. Close to shops and freeways. 4515 Third Street. Available now. Glenna, 619-469-5010.

LA MESA. \$800. Condo. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry on site. Pool, jacuzzi, reserved parking, close to shops, trolley and freeways. No pets. Janette, 619-463-3685.

LA MESA. \$745-\$940. Small quiet complex in great location. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Air conditioning, on-site laundry, off-street parking, patio/balcony, garages available. 619-460-8011.

LA MESA. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex style home. View. Balcony, single garage. Stove, refrigerator. Laundry room. Cul-de-sac. No dogs. 5046 Woodyard Avenue. 619-464-1384.

LA MESA. \$695. Studio. One off-street parking space. 5027 Guava Ave #104. Available approximately 4/7. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

LA MESA. \$1450 includes electricity/gas. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. French doors to fenced yard, laundry, off-street parking. Available immediately. 4825 71st. 858-259-1217.

LA MESA. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Gated complex, parking. Elevator. View of beautifully landscaped courtyard. Laundry room. Spa. Cat OK. 619-464-5592.

LA MESA. \$750. Cute, clean 1 bedroom in quiet court. Stove, refrigerator. Walk to shopping and trolley. No pets. Available now. 7932 La Mesa Blvd. 619-460-6003.

LA MESA. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet home. Large fenced yard. Garage. Washer/dryer hookups. Great neighborhood. Available now. Pet OK. 4045 Paula. 619-297-7368.

LA MESA. \$825. Beautiful 1 bedroom. Sparkling pool and spa, air conditioning, patio, laundry, parking. Quiet, well maintained complex. No pets, please. 4850 Williamsburg. 619-698-3274.

LA MESA. Newly redone 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$850/month. Swimming pool, on-site laundry/parking. 4365 Rosebud. Day: Tom, 619-892-2368, Evening: Ray, 619-337-0275.

LA MESA. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, air-conditioned apartment homes. Close to lovely parks and shopping centers. Enjoy quality, comfort and convenience at a price you can afford at Vista Amaya. Call us now at 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdrreader.com/rent/1035.

LA MESA. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath from \$950. 2 bedroom 1-1/2 bath from \$1120. Pool, spa, sauna, microwave, fully-equipped kitchen. Available now! www.thejohncollinscompany.com, call 619-980-8400.

LA MESA/GROSSMONT. \$795. \$100 off first month's rent. Nice 1 bedrooms. Best area. Hilltop setting. Balconies. Pool. Rm-rock. 8420 Buckland. No pets. 619-251-5614; 619-462-8420.

LA MESA/MT. HELIX. Charming New Orleans-style 1, 2, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths from \$835. Completely gated community. Flower gardens. Parking. Small pet OK. 619-462-1212.

LA MESA/MT. HELIX. \$2200. Spacious 2 bedroom plus den, office, third bedroom. Madrigal Acre Retreat. Pool, spa fireplace, views. Pet possible. For photos, contact juliekay2@earthlink.net; 619-222-3096; 650-279-7296.

LA MESA/SAN DIEGO. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. \$1050. New carpet/vinyl, gated complex, parking, laundry, air conditioning. 7594 Park Ridge Boulevard. Stan, 619-990-3858.

LAKESIDE. 2 bedroom, 1 bath from \$925. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Yard. Balcony. Assigned covered parking. Quiet gated community. Pet policy. 619-561-7086.

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LAKESIDE. \$850/month. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1/4 mile from lake. Air conditioning, laundry facility on premises, off-street parking. Available 3/22. 619-405-3688.

LAKESIDE. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nearby lake, good neighborhood. Close to all. Section 8 welcome. Available now. Call 8am-8pm, 619-957-7272.

LEMON GROVE. \$1095. Huge 2 bedroom with 2 bath, new carpet, paint, verticals, microwaves, ceiling fan, mirrored closet doors. Also large private patio and off street parking. No smoking/pets. 7525 Pacific Avenue. 619-280-4693.

LEMON GROVE. \$725/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled, new paint, carpet, linoleum, blinds. Appliances. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 619-280-2658.

LEMON GROVE. \$1300. 2 bedroom plus large utility room, doubles as 3rd bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car parking, new tile flooring, yard, quiet neighborhood. 619-726-7718.

LEMON GROVE. \$850. Cottage apartment, safe neighborhood, charming 1 bedroom. Washer/dryer, off-street parking, small yard. No pets. Overlooks park. Available 3/15. 619-337-9975.

LEUCADIA. \$1950. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-story home. Ocean view. Bright vaulted living room. Yard. Walk to beach. 2-car garage. Quiet cul-de-sac. Hygeia Court. 858-755-3799.

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LEUCADIA. \$1700. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house, yard, off-street parking, storage, laundry hook-up, fireplace. Pets considered. Open Sunday 11am-3pm, 1222 Hermes Avenue. 858-566-9298. 858-335-0833.

LINDA VISTA. \$650. Studio. Utilities included. Laundry, near bus, gated parking. Near Fashion Valley. No pets. 2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

LINDA VISTA. \$845-\$945/month. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Convenient location, fenced backyards, assigned parking. No

pets. Office at 2451 Ulric Street. Please call for appointment at 858-278-3610.

LINDA VISTA. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Quiet cul-de-sac. Near USD/bus. Pool, yard. No pets. 7151 Volta Court. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LOGAN HEIGHTS. Move-in special! First month's rent moves you in! \$695. Remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Garages available. 3101 National Avenue. www.sunriseslivering.com, call 619-459-1594. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

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MIRA MESA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Cul-de-sac, canyon view, near school, park. \$1500/month. \$2500 deposit. pederose@excite.com. 805-443-7965.

MIRA MESA. \$1475. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony, fireplace, central air. New appliances, glass top range, washer/dryer, 2-car garage. No pets. cgsr@snn.r.com, 858-549-6960.

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MIRA MESA. \$2195. 4 bedroom, 3 full bath house. Large lot on cul-de-sac. 3-car garage. Huge yard. Canyon views. Vaulted ceilings. Available now. 858-259-1217.

MIRA MESA. \$825. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, on-site laundry. No pets. 8777 Mira Mesa #5. 858-271-4380.

MIRA MESA/Carroll Canyon Road. \$1500. Special townhouse, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, refrigerator. Unfurnished. Close to Scripps Ranch. Available now. Contact 858-268-4050.

MISSION BAY/BAY PARK. 1/2 month free rent move-in special, select units! Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$1200! Great location. Near beaches, bay, freeway, shopping, restaurants! Quiet complex. Balconies/patios. Pools. 6 laundry rooms. Lush landscaping. Garages, storage. Cats OK. Villa Pacific Apartments, 2905 Clairemont Drive. 619-276-1680. Visit: www.sdrreader.com/rent/1090.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled. Parking. Laundry. Enjoy smoke-free! No dogs. 3314 Mission Boulevard, #4. 619-224-0985.

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MISSION BEACH. \$825. Sturdy, free-standing studio house. Could be used for office or residence. Parking, laundry, great location, near beach (across from Catamaran Hotel). 4050 Mission. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH. \$1300. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Recently remodeled. 1 off-street parking space. 1 block to the beach and bay. 807 Venice Court. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

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MISSION BEACH. \$725. Studio. Off-street parking. Steps to the beach and the bay. Available approximately 4/7. 734 Island Court Unit B. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. \$795. Studio. Upstairs. 1 block to beach. No pets. Available approximately 3/21. 3852 Mission Blvd #A. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. Cute studio cottage. Just remodeled! New paint, floors, cabinets, etc. Nice, quiet, and at the beach.

817-1/2 San Jose Place. \$800. Pets negotiable. 858-488-1958.

MISSION BEACH. \$895. Upper 1 bedroom apartment. Steps to the Bay. Parking. New paint and carpet. Very clean. 847 Jamaica Court. Shore Management. 858-274-3500.

MISSION BEACH. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Upper deck. 2 garages. 827 San Jose. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

MISSION BEACH, bay front unit. \$1800. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, great unit with views of Marina. Carport. 3416 Bayside Walk. Bill Luther Realty, 858-488-1580.

MISSION BEACH. 2250, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, fireplace. Close to beach. 728 Ostend Court. Bill Luther Realty, 858-488-1580.

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MISSION HILLS. \$1225. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, small complex, view, yard, garage, laundry. Quiet street. No pets. No smoking. Cell. 619-518-4116.

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MISSION HILLS. \$1400. Spacious 2-bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Large one-of-a-kind upper unit. Hardwood floors, pool, carport. Gated. 4037 1/2 Albatross. 619-491-0019.

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MISSION HILLS. 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$800-\$1150. Pool. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Close to downtown and shopping. 3505 Reynard. www.suniselling.com, 619-683-9239.

MISSION VALLEY. \$775. Huge Studio. French doors, fireplace. Available immediately. 4625 Texas Street. 619-237-7611.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Skylights, fireplace, 2-car garage. Available immediately. 4625 Texas Street. 619-237-7611.

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MISSION VALLEY. 1/2 off first month's rent! Large 2 bedrooms, 1 baths from \$975, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths from \$1175. Close to everything! Intercom system, pool, spa, sauna, fitness center, central air/heat, balcony/patio, garage, parking, laundry. Mission Pacific Apartments. 4424 44th Street. 619-282-1191. www.pacificliving.com, Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

MISSION VALLEY. Brand new! The Promenade, Mission Valley's newest apartment community, is also its most unique. Enjoy an Esplanade with shops and restaurants, plus a pool, spa and fitness center. Catch the trolley to work at your own station. 2185 Station Village Way. promenadeliving.com or call 619-293-3888. www.sdreader.com/rent/2016.

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Northside Drive. Call for details, 619-516-1300. www.sdreader.com/rent/2042.

MISSION VALLEY/USD. \$695. Studio. Bright and airy. Private. Gated. Nonsmoking. No pets. 5411 Linda Vista Road (near Mildred Street). www.info101.net. 619-294-4376.

MISSION VALLEY. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1000 square feet, very nice, upstairs corner unit, air conditioning, pool, amenities, no pets, close to all. 619-265-1645.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom condo. Air conditioned. Centrally located. One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

MISSION VALLEY. \$750. Large studio apartment. Air conditioned. Central location! Great place to live! One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

MISSION VALLEY. Move in special! Padres season ticket package with 1 year lease. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo close to I-15 and stadium. \$975. 858-484-4069.

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MISSION VALLEY. Heart of Mission Valley. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2-story condo. \$1195/month. Dishwasher, refrigerator, pools and spas. Fresh paint. Now vacant. 858-560-6656.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$850. 1 bedroom condo. Pool, spa, air conditioning, patio, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry room. Call 619-447-7222.

MISSION VALLEY, NORTH. Near Sharp Hospital. Townhouse, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, double garage, new paint, carpet, washer/dryer. \$1450. Security deposit. No smoking. 619-523-0323.

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MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, garage, new carpet, fresh paint, washer/dryer hookups, pool. 619-296-2787.

MISSION VALLEY. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet and paint, great condition. 619-220-8317.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$795. Recently refurbished 1 bedroom apartment in a small quiet complex. New appliances, paint, carpet and vinyl. Off-street parking and on-site laundry. Deposit \$500. Easy freeway access. Near Costco Center. 2669, Mission Village Drive. Manager, 858-560-5780, or Agent, 619-846-6615.

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NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$950. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautiful garden setting. On-site laundry, parking. Pet OK. Move-in special. 3918 1/2 Mississippi. 858-598-1111.

NORTH PARK. Move-in special. \$875. Charming 1 bedroom cottage. Hardwood floors. On-site laundry. Easy freeway access. Pet ok. 3747 Bancroft Street. 619-291-5555. www.utopiamanagement.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1850. Spacious 3-bedroom, 2-bath house with hardwood floors and washer/dryer hookups. 3668 Louisiana Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Clean 2-bedroom, 1-bath downstairs unit located in gated community with garage and on-site laundry. 4371 Swift Avenue #1. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Small quiet complex. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. New paint. Hardwood floors. 4366 Alabama Street. Agent, 619-220-6023.

NORTH PARK. \$700. 1 bedroom, upstairs. Newer carpet/paint. Great location. Laundry on-site. 4344 Hamilton Street, #8. Agent. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. Move in special! \$250 off 1st month! 1 bedroom, \$775. Quiet complex, pool, laundry, upstairs, gated entry. 619-295-4583.

NORTH PARK. \$575. Studio. Quiet. Clean. Sunny complex. New paint, carpet. Full kitchen, bath. 2948 Capps. Available now. Uptown Property Management, 619-297-7368.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Large studio. Semi-furnished. Gas paid. Parking. Laundry room. Pets on approval. Section 8 OK. Available now. 619-283-0770.

NORTH PARK. Super huge studio. Great kitchen, fenced yard. Must see. 3403-1/2 Boundary. \$725. 858-467-1776.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom. New kitchen. Pool. Laundry. Parking. Cats OK. 4120 Kansas. \$975. Irma or Rafael, 619-282-3050; 619-243-4000 x0.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom. Gated, wheelchair access, elevator, parking, bussing, shopping. Senior or disabled complex. Ray, 619-563-7845; 619-243-4000 x0.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$650 plus deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, laundry, off-street parking. 4546 35th Street. Agent, 619-280-7399.

OCEAN BEACH. \$985. 1 bedroom, pool block to beach. No smoking/pets. 5025 Cape May Avenue. 619-280-4693.

OCEAN BEACH. Beautiful beachfront ocean view, spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Serene security garden building. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, laundry. Garages available. Furnished or unfurnished. 5085 Saratoga. \$950-\$1500. 619-224-1748; 619-501-5553.

OCEAN BEACH. Point Loma apartments. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, \$1900. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, \$2150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1425. Available 5/1. 619-987-5323 or 619-523-5242.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. New carpet, washer/dryer hookup, off-street parking. No pets. 2219 Mendocino Blvd. (Mendocino and Voltaire).

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage, front and back yards. Pet OK. 1 block to beach. \$1750/month. 5048 Long Branch Ave. 619-224-1927.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1650. Oceanfront! Views! Upper, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Appliances. Laundry. Garage plus parking. Cable TV included. 5134 Saratoga Avenue #5. 619-225-0725; 619-222-2921.

OCEAN BEACH. 1 bedroom, \$825. 1/2 block to beach, parking, quiet complex, on-site laundry. 4841 Orchard #2. 619-223-3952.

OCEAN BEACH. \$3500. Very contemporary and unique 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with pool on beach. 2-car parking, 2900 square feet. Available now. Call Gail, 619-994-4245.

OCEAN BEACH. \$800/month. Nice 1 bedroom apartment in Sunset Cliffs location. Parking. No pets. Nonsmoker. \$800 deposit. Call 619-222-6058.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1395. 3 bedroom, 1 bath plus small room apartment. No pets.

Washer/dryer, paid SDG&E. Share parking. 5037 Narragansett Avenue #2. Agent, 858-453-6115.

OCEAN BEACH. \$795-\$825. Large 1 bedroom apartments, 1 block to the beach. Newer carpet, paint. 2178 Abbott Street #1, #3. Available immediately. No dogs. 619-222-9308.

OCEAN BEACH. \$985. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 3 blocks to beach. Beautiful landscaping. Good carpet and paint. No pets. 619-417-4392.

OCEAN BEACH. \$950. South Ocean Beach, best area, no planes, 1 block to beach. Remodeled, 1 bedroom duplex. Washer/dryer, private patios. 1 nonsmoker. 619-384-7330.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house with garage, yard, washer/dryer hook-ups. New paint, carpet, appliances. Steps to ocean. No dogs. Dave 858-812-2018.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875. 1 bedroom. Large apartment with gated entry, pool and laundry. No pets. 4990 Del Monte. Call 619-226-7425.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1900. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Washer/dryer, fireplace, patio, parking. No pets please. 4845 Santa Cruz. 619-501-6782.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1345. 2 bedroom house. Pet OK. Large 2 car garage. Fenced yard with patio. Gardener and water paid. Remodeled bathroom. Stove, refrigerator. Washer/dryer hookups. Agent. 619-223-2524.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom gated building. Upgraded 1/2 block to beach. Vacant, stove, refrigerator, carpets. No pets please. 5066 Santa Monica avenue, John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1650. Beachfront 1 bedroom condo. Pool/barbecue overlooking Sunset Cliffs. Secured parking, fireplace, sauna, private patio. 619-224-1524; 858-578-3392.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1275. \$500 move-in allowance. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1-1/2 blocks to beach, laundry. No pets. 5049-1/2 Longbranch. 858-483-0084.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1295/up 2 bedrooms. Walking distance to beach. Newly remodeled, onsite laundry, off-street parking, gated community. No dogs. 619-226-3171.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775. Newly remodeled studios. Tile floors, walk to beach. Sparkling heated pool, spa, sauna, rec room, exercise room, on-site laundry, on-site parking and gated community. Available now. No dogs. 619-221-8158.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850. Rear, cozy 1 bedroom cottage. Parking. Near bus/market. No pets please. 6-month lease. 4676 Voltaire. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Laundry, garage. 1 mile from beach. Small pets negotiable. Available 4/1. \$1475/month. 619-523-2007, 619-985-2007.

OCEAN BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Close to beach. Small pet on approval. 4834 Lotus Street. Available approximately 4/11/03. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775. Studio. 1 block to beach. laundry on site. Downstairs. Tile flooring. No pets. Basic utilities are included with rent. 2128 Abbott Street. #2 available approximately 4/7. #5 available approximately 4/11. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775. Studio. 1 block to beach. laundry on site. Downstairs. Tile flooring. No pets. Basic utilities are included with rent. 2126 Abbott Street. #4 available approximately 4/7. #5 available approximately 4/11. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

OCEAN BEACH. Huge 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living rooms with washer/dryer hookups and 2-car garage in upper Ocean Beach. \$2150. Call 619-733-1583.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1100. 2 bedroom (1 bathroom, remodeled) apartment. Off-street parking. No pets. 2729 Camulos Street (Near Nimitz/West Point Loma Boulevard). 619-222-6427.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 3 blocks to beach. Upstairs unit, balcony. No pets. 4974 Muir Avenue. 619-222-6427.

OCEAN BEACH. \$965. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry. Patio. Barbecue. West Point Loma near Dusty Rhodes Park. No pets. Available 4/1. 619-221-9283.

OCEAN BEACH. \$800. 1 bedroom. Downstairs apartment. First block on beach! Laundry. No pets. 5041 Santa Monica #2 and #14. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836. x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom upstairs apartment. First block on beach! New carpet. Parking. Laundry. No pets. 5171 Longbranch #4. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836. x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875. Large 1 bedroom downstairs apartment. Parking. Laundry. Few blocks to beach. No pets. 4874 Santa Cruz #2. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836. x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875. 1 bedroom upstairs apartment. Near beach! No pets. 4976-1/2 Cape May Avenue. Sunset Pacific Realty. 619-222-4836 x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Mint condition. Very large backyard with garage. All appliances and gardener included. 4522 Santa Monica. Agent, 619-528-2337. www.TheEquityCompany.com.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, on beach block, yard, off-street parking, washer

PACIFIC BEACH. Great move-in special! \$750. 6-month lease. All upgraded downstairs studio. Security building. Large kitchen, eating area. New carpet, paint, flooring. Good condition! Full-size refrigerator/stove. Laundry facilities. Gas barbecue. Enclosed courtyard. Near beaches. Off-street parking. No pets. Available 4/3. Drive by first, 1415 Grand, then call for appointment, 858-205-2397.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1495. Special 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Lush carpet. Imported tile. Beautiful fixtures/lighting. Dishwasher. Self-cleaning oven. View to ocean. Heated pool. Intercom entry. Quiet luxury. 1633 Diamond Street. By appointment. www.sandiegoapartments.com. 858-272-4398.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, deluxe duplex. Bright, quiet, upper unit. Washer/dryer hookups, parking. 1528 Reed. Close to all. Available 3/15. 760-431-9456.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1450. Immaculate Crown Point 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Fireplace, 2 carports, dishwasher, large closets and laundry. Sorry, no pets. Non-smoking. 858-558-3692.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1500. Quiet, upper, view, near beach, 2 bedroom, bathroom. Garage, remodeled, immaculate, huge kitchen, dishwasher, coin laundry. No pets/nonsmoking. 1030-B Opal. 619-276-3911.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$795. Spacious studios. Newly renovated units. 2 blocks from Crown Point. Sorry, no pets. 858-273-5234.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. Remodeled 2 bedroom. Large kitchen. Quiet area. 1 block to bay. Barbecue area. 2041 Oliver. Available now. Agent, 858-490-2727 x200.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$995-\$1495. 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Spacious, deluxe interiors! Full amenities. Steps to bay. No pets. 619-223-0254.

PACIFIC BEACH. Large one-bedroom apartments from \$1,050. Move-in Special \$300 off first month's rent! Great location—in walking distance to beach, bay, shopping and dining. Community features fitness center, gated parking, recreation room, laundry facilities and much more. Visit today! Bahia Jewell, 4430 Jewell Street. 858-270-6380.

PACIFIC BEACH,NORTH. \$950 studio, 869 Missouri, 1 block ocean. \$1095, duplex, 1 bedroom, 953-A (upper) Missouri, 2 blocks ocean. Both: newer, immaculate, sunny. Yard, gardener, laundry. No pets. 858-273-1948.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2000 per month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath oceanfront condo. Fully furnished. Underground parking, pool. Newly renovated. Available now. 619-225-2222, techshark@prodigy.net.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1700/\$1800/Two 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Bay view. 3970 Crown Point Drive. \$1300/2 bedroom, 1 bath. Off-street parking. Cats OK. 1807 Missouri. 619-295-7796 or 858-273-2373.

PACIFIC BEACH. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, dog friendly, 1 block to bay, 5 blocks to beach, washer/dryer, eat-in kitchen, ceiling fans, garage. 1221-1223 Oliver Avenue. \$1650. 858-449-4642.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2050. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Enclosed yard. Front and rear decks. All appliances. Storage shed. 1812 Chalcedony Street. Available 4/1. 858-484-1139.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1150. Live in fabulous Crown Point! 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Ground floor. Laundry facilities. No pets. 2068 Oliver Avenue. Great location! 619-221-8233.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1400, 2 bedrooms. Totally remodeled units with beautifully landscaped gardens. Large closets. Quiet community, located 2 blocks from Crown Point Shores. Locked laundrys, assigned parking, 1 pool with waterfall. Quiet. Immaculate. Customer service is our #1. Cat welcome. 858-272-1324.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2295. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Quiet neighborhood. Private patio. Wetbar. Washer/dryer. 2 fireplaces. Appliances. 1932 Missouri #3. Available now. 619-697-1660.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1995. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Bay/ocean view. Garage. Air conditioning. All appliances. Available now. 1025 Turquoise Street, #2. Barry. 619-697-1660.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. 2 bedroom. \$1100. First floor. Off-street parking. Near bay. 4021 Lamont. Available 4/1. Manager, 858-274-8351.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1450. Bright and breezy 2 bedroom, 2 bath.Full kitchen, washer/dryer, water paid. 4025 unit 2.Jewell. 858-483-5444.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$875. 1 bedroom, first floor. Dishwasher, fireplace, covered parking. No smoking. No pets. 6 month lease minimum. Quiet. 2100 block Garnet Avenue. 858-272-6484.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1200 and up. Two 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments with parking. 2057 and 2053 Thomas Ave. Available now. 1 pet optional. Brett, 858-274-1167.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Barbecue area. Steps to beach. 848 Felspar Street. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950/security deposit. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Washer facilities. Carpet. Drapes. Laundry. Stove. Refrigerator. 1488 Reed Avenue. Cat OK. Manager, 858-272-1488.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, large upstairs owner's unit apartment. Steps to bay on Sequoia. Laundry. No pets. Long term. 858-454-1375.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath duplex. Newly re-painted and remodeled. Sunny bedroom patio. Great location. Close to bay. Cat OK. Non smoking. 619-887-6412.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1175. Available April. 2 bedroom, 1 bath units. Pool. Jacuzzi. Fitness center. Clubhouse. Sauna. Barbecue. Laundry facilities. Off-street parking. 858-272-7464.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1400. Available now. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Some utilities included, ask about our special. Lush tropical courtyard, gated community, pool, spa, sauna, fitness, barbecues, clubhouse. Close to bay, beach and bike trail. Cats OK. Pacific at Mission Bay. 2636 Grand Ave. 858-272-7464. www.pacificliving.com. Visit www.sreader.com/rent/1049.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. Studio. Utilities paid. Off-street parking. No pets. 6 month lease on approved credit. 4220 Noyes. Call 714-505-8943 or 858-274-2723.

PACIFIC BEACH/LA JOLLA. Ocean and bay views! Studios, one, two bedrooms. All units available by 4/1. 2 blocks to beach. Assigned garage parking. Secured access. Laundrys. Balconies. Courtyard. Pool. Spa. Fitness room. Dishwashers. Near shopping, restaurants, more! La Jolla Pacific Apartments, 840 Turquoise Street. 858-488-4404. Visit: www.sreader.com/rent/1066.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2300 plus trash and water. Close to beach. 830 Missouri #2. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, 2 parking spaces. No pets. Freshly painted. 619-237-1364.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1375. 2 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 parking spaces. Newer refrigerator/dishwasher, new carpet. Laundry. Quiet. Available 4/1. 1948 Emerald. 858-554-0400.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$900, Deposit \$500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Cozy couple, on-site laundry. Sorry, no pets. 4474 Bond Street. Available 4/8. 858-581-2334.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den, fireplace, washer/dryer, pool, spa, tennis, exercise room, parking. Available now. No smoking/pets. 858-483-6119.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2450. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. 2-car garage. 1 year lease. 1009 Tourmaline. 619-602-6093.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1400, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1 block to bay. Laundry, full kitchen, great location, excellent unit. 3762 Yosemite. Available 4/1. 858-453-4034.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1400. Modern 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. View of bay. Balcony. Pool. Underground secured parking. Storage. 619-280-5177.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$780-\$830. Unfurnished 1 bedroom, laundry, pool, sundeck, 3 blocks to beach, privacy gate, free cable. No pets. 1027 Felspar Street.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1595. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. \$500 rebate for March move in! New refrigerator, stove, carpets, vinyl and blinds. Bay view! Washer/dryer. Off street parking. Cable included. 1102 Pacific Beach Drive #H. 858-488-0695.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650/month, \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage in back. No kitchen. Private, unique and rustic. 2 parking spots. No pets. 858-272-7240.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1695. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Live close to the beach! Garage. Available now. Includes all appliances. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. No pets. 1760 Diamond, #5. Ask about move-in special! Take a peak at our webpage: www.sreader.com/rent/2046. 858-273-5525; 619-223-0254.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, attached 1-car garage, 1 parking space. Laundry, dishwasher, fireplace, patio. Carpet, blinds. Available 4/15. 858-576-8292.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$920. Quiet unfurnished 1 bedroom, 1 bath, beamed ceilings. Walk to bay. No pets. Nonsmoking. Off-street parking. Laundry room. References. 619-291-0208.

PACIFIC BEACH/SAIL BAY. \$1495. Large 2 bedroom townhouse. Attractive interior. Private patio. Small complex. Near bay. Parking. Laundry. No pets. Available 4/1. 4073 Gresham Street. 858-274-7980.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$895. 1 bedroom apartment. Quiet. Neat. 5 blocks from ocean on 1200 block, Thomas Avenue. Laundry. No pets. Long term. 858-454-1375.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$965. 1 bedroom plus den. Second floor, end unit, many windows, dishwasher, parking. No pets. 6-month lease. 4467 Dawes. 858-483-4553.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$925. 1 bedroom. Upstairs. Quiet. Very clean. Appliances, laundry, off-street parking. Near bay. No pets. Available 4/23. 1940 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-272-9449.

PACIFIC BEACH. New studios, 1 bedroom apartments from \$550-\$750. 2 bedrooms, \$995-\$1250. Three bedrooms, \$1350-\$1650. Quiet neighborhood. Pets OK. Section 8 OK. Fee. www.rentwave.com. 1-888-575-3179.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. 1/2 off first month's rent! \$925, Spacious 1 bedroom. \$1225 2 bedroom. New carpet. Patio. Great location. Walk to bay. Off-street parking. Laundry. No pets. 4110 Jewell Street. 858-274-1124.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1400. Immaculate upper 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Courtyard. Near bay. New appliances. Parking. Laundry. Verticals. No pets. Available 4/1. 858-488-1403.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$975. 1 bedroom condo, second floor, 2-story security building, underground parking, elevator, laundry, pool, nice view, new carpet, no pets. 2609 Pico Place. 619-884-9760.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Parking, laundry, patio. Walk to bay. 4119-1/2 Ingraham Street. Pacific Crown Villas. 858-270-4674 or 619-224-0306.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. Spacious, sunny upstairs rent, 1 bedroom modern apartment. Vaulted ceilings, balcony, appliances, laundry, new carpet and paint. 2053 Garnet #2. 858-272-9547.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2,800. 4265 Gresham Street. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood/carpet, breakfast bar, French doors, skylights, yard with orange trees, recreation room. Walk to bay. Stacy, 619-251-6335.

PACIFIC BEACH. Studio special! For a limited time only studio apartments are starting at \$750. Cedar Shores Apartments. Call for details, 858-274-9680.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1295. Large 2 bedroom, upper apartment. Near bay. Small complex. Quiet, charming, corner unit, lots of light. Ceiling fans. Cat considered. 4256 Noyes. John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$775. Gorgeous studio just blocks to the bay. Brand new everything! 1237 Hornblend. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$875. \$200 off first month's rent. Charming, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, just steps to the bay. Open Saturday, 3/15, 11am-2pm. 4329 Morrell. 858-274-5563.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1950/month. On Sail Bay. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Parking, new carpet. Beautiful view. Laundry facility. Pool. 858-270-1235.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1275. Large sunny 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet, large patio area, 1 assigned parking. Nonsmoking. No pets. 1068 Hornblend. 858-273-4559.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry facility. Great location. 2 blocks from beach. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$850. Studio apartment in garden setting. parking, laundry, pool. Walk to beach/bay. 1335 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-274-6860.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1225. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with parking in beautiful Pacific Beach! Newly remodeled! 1519 Missouri. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Cat OK, refrigerator, stove. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdentals.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. \$500 deposit. 4445 Faniel. 1 bedroom units. 5 blocks to beach or bay. Garden security building with fountain. Quiet complex. No pets. 6-month minimum. Available now. 858-483-3221.

PACIFIC BEACH. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath includes garage and off-street parking. Fireplace, balcony, dishwasher, microwave, water/trash included. No pets. 1927 Diamond. \$1400. 858-344-3600.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1400. 4730 Noyes #216. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Underground parking, tile floor. Refrigerator, stove, microwave, disposal, dishwasher, storage locker. No pets/smoking. 619-276-2154.

PACIFIC BEACH. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath includes balcony, dishwasher, microwave. Garage and off-street parking.

Water/trash included. No pets. 1915 Emerald Street. \$1400. 858-344-3600.

PACIFIC BEACH. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, patio, oceanview, walk to beach, garage, pool, gym, secured building. No pets. \$1550. Call 858-274-2072.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$995. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit with balcony at the Plaza. Amenities include gym, tennis, laundry, pool, spa, off-street parking. 24-hour security. No pets. 858-483-5111.

PACIFIC BEACH. Available now. Nice, bright upper unit. 2 bedroom/1 bath. Block and half to beach. Clean. No pets. On-site laundry. \$1500. 858-273-3233.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800. Studio. Large, bright, quiet, private entrance, deck. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer, parking, storage. Easy access to I-5, Kate Sessions. Available 4/1. 858-663-0868.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$825, \$825 deposit. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floor, laundry, water/gardener paid. No dogs. Available 4/16. Open house 3/23, 9-30-10:30am. 2227 Garnet. 619-224-7583.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1890/month. 3 story, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath modern, spacious, sunny townhome with new hardwood floors, appliances, fireplace, large patio, balcony, skylights, washer/dryer with huge 2-car tandem garage. 1960 Missouri. 619-253-7674.

PACIFIC BEACH. 3 units from \$1400 to \$1450. All charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Hardwood floors, enclosed parking, fenced yard, deck, new appliances. Blocks to bay. \$1400 deposit. Small pets ok. 2066-2072 Reed. 858-336-2585. http://24.161.161.73.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1350. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage house. Parking fenced yard, new appliances. Blocks to bay. \$1350 deposit. Pets ok. 2014 Thomas. 858-581-1291.http://24.161.161.73.

PACIFIC BEACH. Charming complex, 2 blocks from the ocean and bay with pool, parking, laundry room. Near bus/market. No pets please. \$875, upper, cute 1 bedrooms. \$800, lower studio. 930 Thomas. Centre City Property Management. Call manager, 858-270-1619 or 619-296-6699.

PACIFIC BEACH. From \$850-\$1395. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Close to beach. Some with amenities, such as pool, sauna, private balconies. Parking. Laundry. No pets. 858-483-3796; 858-270-5105.

PACIFIC BEACH. From \$895-\$935. 1 bedroom apartments. Assigned parking. Laundry, courtyard setting. No pets. Non-smoking. 858-483-1933.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$845. 1 bedroom duplex, quaint. New paint. Close to all. Available now. Viewing 9am-5pm daily. 1403 Grand Avenue. Call 858-483-5111.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Laundry on site. Garage. Close to the bay. Small complex. No pets. 2138 Thomas Avenue #7. Available now! K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$775. Large upstairs studios. Off-street parking. Close to bay. No pets. Available now. 4006 Ingraham Street #7. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$775. Studio. Newly remodeled kitchen. Laundry on-site. Close to bay. Quiet area. 3917 Haines Street. Available approximately 3/19. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs apartment. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. 3728-1/2 Ingraham Street. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in high rise complex. Secured building. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. Dishwasher. 3 blocks to beach. Available approximately now. 4944 Cass Street #606. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

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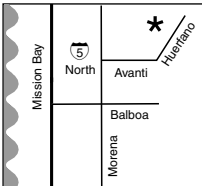
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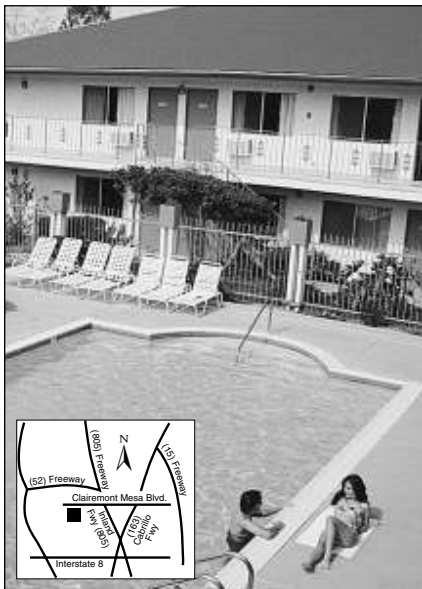
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BAY PARK. Garage sale. 8am, Saturday, 3/22. 3-family spring sale. 2536 Erie Street (off I-5, Clairemont Drive exit).

BAY PARK. Garage sale. 8am-noon, 3/22. Bath vanity and wall cabinet, rattan bookcase, glass table top, linens, air filter. No early birds. 4415 Ashton Street.

CARDIFF. Saturday, 3/22, 8am-1pm. Household items, bicycle, VCR's, camcorder, CD's, movies, books, fishing tackle and rods, and miscellaneous items. 1824 Playa Rivera.

CARLSBAD. Huge yard sale. 7am-1pm, Saturday/Sunday, 3/22-3/23. Moving, everything must go. Fish tank, art, mirrors, desk, clothes, much more. 2371 Caringa Way (92009).

CARLSBAD. Garage sale. 9am-noon, Saturday, 3/22. Young couple, lots of great stuff. No early birds. Bar stools, surf clothing and accessories, more. 6819 Alderwood Drive.

CARLSBAD. Moving sale. Saturday, 3/22, 8am-3pm. Kitchen table/chairs, microwave cart, dishes, books, pictures, patio furniture, lots of stuff! 3118 Avenida Christina. 760-752-8653.

CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. Moving sale. Saturday, 3/22, 8am-2pm; Sunday, 3/23, 8am-4pm. Everything must go! Items big and small including antique bookshelf, dining room table with 4 chairs, dishes, pots and pans, double bed frame and mattresses, 7-drawer dresser, desk, TV/VCR, entertainment center, patio furniture, microwave, mountain bike, etc. 12830 Via Nieve, #79, San Diego. 858-523-0747.

CHULA VISTA. Garage sale. 7am, Saturday, 3/22. Multifamily sale. Paseo La Cresta Street.

CLAIREMONT. Moving sale. 8am-3pm, Saturday, 3/22. No early birds. Couch, electric dryer, refrigerator, entertainment center, antique chifferobe rocker. 5370 Via Bello.

CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. Morning. Come by and see great cheap full-size bed and sofa. 4653 Berwick Drive. 858-279-6931.

CLAIREMONT. Moving sale. Saturday 3/22 8am-3pm. No early birds! Living/office furniture, electronics, tools, plants, kitchen, miscellaneous. All quality. Cash only! 4021 Mount Brundage Avenue.

COLLEGE AREA. Moving sale. 8am, Saturday, 3/22. Clothes, desk, shoes, women's accessories, couch, kitchen table, chairs, day bed frame, lots more. 5415 Collier Avenue.

EL CAJON. Moving sale. Saturday and Sunday, 7am-4pm. Living room/dining room/bedroom sets, entertainment centers, Persian rugs. Everything must go. 808 Ladysmith Drive. 619-590-0813.

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HILLCREST. huge multi-family sale. Saturday 3/22, 9am-1pm. Furniture, clothing, electronics, household items, miscellaneous. 3645 7th Avenue.

HILLCREST. Estate sale. 7am, Saturday/Sunday, 3/22-3/23. Everything must go. 4185 4th Avenue. 619-295-0898.

LA MESA. Yard sale. 8am-3pm, Saturday, 3/22. Multifamily clothing, household goods, furniture, Avon, and more. 7515 Ohio Place.

LEMON GROVE. Book sale. 9am-3pm, Saturday, 3/29. Donated used books and magazines. Book lover's paradise. Bag for a buck (2-3pm). Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway.

LINDA VISTA. Moving sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 3/22. Furniture, queen bed, clothes, toys, exercise equipment, much

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OCEAN BEACH. Garage sale. 7am-11am, Sunday, 3/23. TVs, furniture, beds, kitchen appliances, household items and more. Don't miss this one! 4483 Niagara.

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PACIFIC BEACH. Church rummage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 3/29. Tools, electronics, furniture, toys, household items, clothes, and more. 4761 Cass Street.

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POWAY. Garage sale. 9am-3pm, 3/22-3/23. Lots to sell, stereo, couch, clothes. 13642 Mulberry Tree Court.

SAN CARLOS. Garage sale. 7am, Saturday, 3/22. Small appliances, clothes, toys, furniture, bicycles. 8431 Mono Lake Drive.

SAN DIEGO. Garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday. Multifamily furniture, CDs, jewelry, linens, books, cookware, decor items, clothing. You name it! 2700 block of First Avenue.

SAN DIEGO. Yard sale. Sunday, 3/23. Memorial fund for the deceased Open Trench vocalist, Nancy Morta (1980-2002). 4369 Illinois Street. 619-266-1230.

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SAN DIEGO. Garage sale. Sunday morning. Bed, table, end tables, desk, sofa, dresser, microwave, VCR, TV. 510 Upas. 619-299-5504.

SAN DIEGO. Everything must go. 8am-3pm, Saturday, 3/22. Furniture, crib, home decorations, refrigerator, dishwasher, dishes, clothing, children's items, more. 2nd Avenue and Ivy.

SOUTH PARK. Moving sale, Saturday 3/22, 8am. Everything goes. Mountain bike, kitchenware, electronics, furniture, miscellaneous household items. 1320 31st Street, off A Street.

TIERRASANTA. Moving sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 3/22. Great baby stuff, cribs, changing table, swing, walker, seats, toys, yard furniture, clothes. 4732 Calle De Vida.

TIERRASANTA. Estate/moving sale. Noon-4pm, Saturday, 3/22. Computer desk, antiques, bedspreads, blankets, sheets, marble table tops, kayaks, ATCs, and much more. 10627 Esmeraldas Drive.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Yard sale. 8am-noon, Saturday. Comic books, rare videos, DVDs, and more. 4568 Maryland Street.

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- Lubricate chassis
- Change engine oil
- Change oil filter
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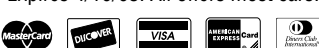


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LEAD STORIES

— Making a claim on British television in March that should alarm all *News of the Weird* readers, James Watson (co-discoverer of the structure of DNA) said he saw no reason why “stupidity” could not someday be corrected by gene therapy just as other “disorders” are now being addressed. “If you’re really stupid, I would call that a disease,” he said on the Channel 4 documentary “DNA.” “I’d like to get rid of [stupidity].”

— Two TV stations reported in February that Paul West of Winsted, Conn., had taken the then-current Homeland Security alerts very seriously and covered his entire house, top to bottom, with 3500 square feet of plastic sheeting to “protect” against “radiological or biological or chemical attack,” he said. West, his wife, and two children live on a farm outside Winsted, in northern Connecticut, about 120 miles from New York City. Said West, “I just have all this energy from tension and anxiety [about terrorism], and I don’t know what to do with it.”

America’s Worsening Gullibility Problem

— According to a December Federal Trade Commission lawsuit, Mark Nutritionals Inc., of San Antonio, Texas, earned \$190 million in four years selling a \$40 solution that guaranteed weight loss even if the user ate lots of pizza, beer, tacos, and doughnuts. And in November, the new Kaiser Medical Center hospital in Fremont, Calif., staged a special ceremony, by the hospital’s chaplain, using symbols and inspirational words on rocks, to battle “spirits” that some nurses believed were responsible for beds moving and doors slamming on their own. And at a press conference in Boise, Idaho, in December, Genesis World Energy spokespeople introduced the Edison Device, which they said will produce 20 years’ electricity for a home using only a bathtub’s worth of water as fuel (but reporters could not examine it or ask any questions about it).

Backlog of Least Competent Criminals

— Charles Edward Jones was convicted in February of robbing a Wachovia Bank in Miami with

the key evidence being a DNA match to two gold teeth that were knocked out of his mouth when he stepped into a street during his getaway and was hit by a school lunch van. Compounding his lack of clear getaway thinking was the fact that he had just fired his gun into his pants as he tried to stuff it into his waistband.

— In Washington, D.C., in February, Ronald T. Stephenson, 20, was convicted of murder in an out-of-control June 2000 robbery. The key police evidence was a videotape of Stephenson subsequently confessing to the crime in a visit to the home of his partner, Dwight Walker (who had, unbeknownst to Stephenson, become an informant). On the tape, Stephenson is heard to tell Walker that there is no way the police can get him for the murder unless, for example, they somehow caught him admitting on videotape that he did it.

— Timothy Baker was back in jail in Waco, Texas, in January, hours after he had escaped while being held for aggravated robbery. His getaway had taken him to Baylor University, where he broke into a building in order to find a change of clothes from his orange jumpsuit. The building was the Fine Arts Center, where Baker raided a costume closet. He apparently thought he would be inconspicuous if he changed into a 19th-century green wool costume (with rubber galoshes) that made him look like a “leprechaun,” said the sheriff later, after Baker was spotted on the street and re-arrested. Said the chairman of the theater department, “He just really stood out.”

— Police in Overland Park, Kan., arrested a 29-year-old man from Virginia on New Year’s Eve (but his partner escaped) and charged him with defrauding the Embassy Suites Hotel by using two stolen \$500 money orders to obtain cash. By the time the hotel discovered that the money orders were bogus, the two men had checked out of their rooms. Fortunately, the 29-year-old man had just returned to the hotel because he had forgotten to get his \$20 room deposit back. He was arrested without incident.

— In Northampton, Mass., in December, and several months earlier in Spokane, Wash., marijuana traffickers’ operations came to an end

when they made routine business deposits of cash but failed to notice that their money reeked of the scent of marijuana. Arlene and Martin Santor of Wallingford, Vt., handed \$50,000 in \$20 bills to a smell-sensitive jailor in Northampton to bail their daughter out on drug charges, and Kathleen Jenny and Virginia Erickson made cash bank deposits to a smell-sensitive teller in Spokane (which led to their trafficking conviction in January 2003).

— In January, Devon Harris, 19, and Shemone Gordon, 23, were charged with kidnapping millionaire investment manager Edward Lampert outside his office in Greenwich, Conn., and attempting to ransom him, but Harris’s mother and Gordon’s aunt both told reporters later that their boys are just not smart enough to pull off a kidnapping like that. The kidnappers abandoned their plan after three hours and released Lampert, but were arrested a short time later when police traced their whereabouts after the men used Lampert’s credit card to order a pizza delivery.

— Rick Kowalewski, 41, and Matthew Bracelin, 20, were charged with fraud in November for selling bogus designer clothes from a booth in Osage, Iowa. Police seized \$25,000 worth of shirts with Tommy Hilfiger, Nike, and Ralph Lauren logos but whose neck tags said Fruit of the Loom.

— Aaron Bell, 19, was convicted in December of robbing a Kentucky Fried Chicken store in Philadelphia 12 months earlier. It was the same KFC where Bell had worked for the previous two years; he wore no mask or disguise, and all the employees recognized him. He might have learned in those two years that the store’s safe is time-locked at 9 p.m., but he started the robbery at 9:15 and thus got no money. Nonetheless, Bell successfully hid from police for three days. On the third day, he decided to report for work at the KFC, acting as if nothing had happened. The manager called police.

— In Manchester, England, in December, Thomas Clark, 30 (described by his lawyer as “intelligent” and “highly educated” but spiraling into depression), was convicted in the stabbing death of a 71-year-old man. Among the evidence against him was the result of an Internet search he had per-

formed on his computer: “What sentence would I get for stabbing somebody in an unprovoked attack?” (The response, from the “Ask Jeeves” website, was not introduced as evidence, but the correct answer, it turns out, is “life in prison.”)

Readers’ Choice

— Leonard Garland, 20, and a partner were arrested in Ashland, Mass., in February, after Garland had the bright idea to crash a party at a private home he just happened to be driving by, thinking that a party was a good place to find customers for his drug business. Garland walked in and struck up a conversation, eventually enticing a guest to ask him about drugs. Garland had cocaine on him, but when his “customer” wanted more, Garland made a phone call to his connection. However, the connection said he would not go near Ashland because Ashland’s main narcotics detective, Mark Gutwill, was too aggressive. Unknown to Garland, the soiree he happened into was an off-duty party of police officers, and the potential “customer” he had randomly chosen to talk to was Detective Mark Gutwill, who soon arrested him.

Also, in the Past Month ...

— The Department of Health in Great Britain (which has the highest teen-pregnancy rate in Western Europe) drew criticism for its latest school sex-education program, which suggests to kids the merits of oral sex instead of intercourse. And a woman was detained for shoplifting from a Price Chopper grocery store in Rutland, Vt., with about 100 unpaid-for items (including ice cream, meats and videotapes), all skillfully tucked into her coat, purse, and bag. And a state child welfare agency seized half of an 11-year-old boy’s \$220 savings account (built up by doing chores) because his father (whose name was on it, too) was behind on the kid’s child support payments (Des Moines, Iowa).

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FORD BRONCO

T.G.I.F.

As the darkness closes around us and the temperature drops, I can think of only one thing: hot cocoa.

By John Brizzolara

Commuting on San Diego County's freeways may not consistently rival Los Angeles, but it is bad enough to have spawned an alternative for those traveling between Oceanside and downtown. Call it the Wave. What it offers is deliverance to and from Oceanside and Navy Pier (or close enough) plus "Parking and Shuttle from the dock to your office included in your fare." And that would be \$10.

With gasoline prices above \$2 a gallon, if you drive between these two points X times a week, do the math and see if you aren't better off catching a Wave to the salt mines. Then figure in the stress of traffic jams, road rage, spilled \$3 coffee, mileage, and rubber, and don't forget quality time, if there is such a thing, with the daily newspaper.

While it is all the same to me if Hornblower Marine Services Inc., SCX Corporation, or the State of California's Emissions Mitigation Measures are adequately promoted or not, I think the brochure's copywriters have something here. "A great way to start your day" and "Turn your commute into a mini-vacation," as well as "The perfect way to unwind after work," sounding as it does like a plug for a psychedelic breakfast cereal or coffee drink.

I can attest to this because I was among the passengers of the Wave's maiden commercial voyage from its berth between Broadway Pier and Navy Pier to the Dolphin Dock in Ocean-

side Harbor. All told, there were two of us aboard on March 12 as the hydrofoil nosed its way into the swells beyond the kelp beds of Point Loma, past a school of Pacific white dolphin off the port stern, and into the vast pewter- and aluminum-colored reaches of the Pacific, beneath a lowering ash and dishwasher sky. The only other passenger on board was my bungling assistant, or plucky sidekick, depending on how you look at it, known to my readers as the Specialist.

"Look, look! A duck!" the Specialist cried, pointing to starboard. "That's a cormorant. Sit down and keep your arms in the vehicle at all times." We were doing a fair clip, about 40 knots, which in miles per hour is about 120, I believe.

Co-Captain Matt Hallisey had given us the safety spiel as I counted the life rafts and their seating capacity. I counted seven rafts with a capacity for maybe six in each. Checked against a passenger load capacity of 149, I arrived at an alarming figure. I let no fear show as Hallisey went on about the Waverider being "...Coast Guard-certified and inspected by a security vessel. We are annually checked. We have all the proper life-saving equipment. That includes life jackets, personal floatation devices (144 of them in lockers to either side of the snack bar). We're not expecting to use those, of course..."

Earlier I had interviewed Phil Winter, director of operations for Marine Services Express Inc., who told me, "We use ultra-low sulfur fuel as well as a water-injection system that cuts the nitrous oxides by up to 30 percent. And the ultra-low sulfur reduces the sulfur oxides by up to 30 percent." Moments later, Winter would abandon ship just as we launched from the dock, and I did a little investigating. The boat burns 120 gallons per hour; Hallisey told me the diesel stuff went for about \$1.30 per. It would cost over \$200 in fuel alone (right?) to haul our two butts up the coast. A price well worth it, I would think, for getting the "all clear" from the consumer activist press (which is how I like to think of myself sometimes — that, or Serpico). "We have West Virginia University coming on board. They have actually installed some equipment, and they'll finish their testing sometime in the next two weeks. They're looking for the exact numbers on the pollution reduction. It's pretty exciting."

Easy enough for Winter to say. He would be safe on dry land within moments. Even while I was dictating into my tape recorder: "5:55 p.m. Sailing north by northwest aboard the Waverider. Holding out as best I can. Salt spray from the bow assaults the air mere yards from my weathered, leathery face. Sighting of dolphins. They seem to mock our doomed journey as they frolic on the surface covering the watery graves of countless drowned men.... 5:56. Minute 26 of this desperate voyage into these godforsaken waters. The only



Matt Rowley, Matt Hallisey, Phillip Winter, Jim Saffer

other passenger seems ready to snap at any moment.... I am hanging on to shreds of sanity and bits of half-digested beef from a late-lunch burrito...."

As the darkness closes around us and the temperature drops, I can think of only one thing: hot cocoa. I am told they only have coffee onboard, but I don't care if they have to turn the ship inside out, I want hot chocolate. A crew member, it seems after brief questioning, has a connection in the galley for certain contraband items smuggled aboard. His contact is someone named Noel (or Noelle) two decks below. Sure enough, he turns up the requested beverage.

The rest of the voyage passes uneventfully, and we arrive in the strangely abandoned waterfront of war-ready Oceanside. A three-dollar cab ride to the transit center will hook us up to Amtrak or Greyhound for a 50-minute trip back downtown. After a bittersweet farewell to captain and crew, we walk inland to meet the Yellow Cab. Our sea legs a little unsteady on dry land, we fill our lungs with the exotic smells of this port city: car exhaust, salt water, the ghostly hint of sailors' and Marines' lingering aftershave....a hint of hookers in the distance.

Anyone can drive to work and drive home, but as long as someone's serving up adventure, maybe even a little danger along the way, well, let's just say I'll be there.

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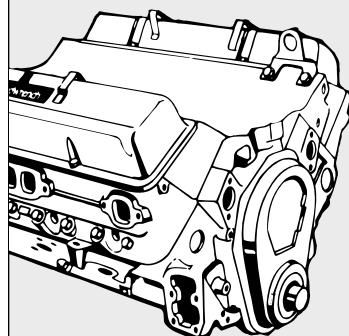
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Getaway

Jack and I got away. Last Thursday after dark, Jack backed his car out of the driveway. Minutes before, we had kissed our five kids good-bye. Rebecca and Angela hugged us and said, “Have a good time.” Lucy wept. Johnny and Ben ran laps through the kitchen, family room, hallway, and dining room with our babysitter Katie’s son Aidan.

“I’ll call when we get there and tell you the room number,” I had shouted to Katie over the *melée*.

In the car, Jack asked me, “Do we have everything?”

I ran through the things I’d packed that afternoon. Nightgown, swimsuit, casual clothes, magazines. “I think so.”

We took a last look at the

light spilling through the living room blinds onto the front lawn. Jack reached over and grasped my hand. “Let’s go,” he said.

We haven’t gone away in a long time. Six and a half years ago, when I was eight months pregnant with Lucy, we left Rebecca and Angela for a little less than 24 hours. Jack’s parents stayed with them in our tiny three-bedroom house in Clairemont. We drove 20 minutes and checked into a motel in Del Mar. I remember opening the room’s sliding glass window and stepping out onto a dusty terrace. The roar of traffic from the Coast Highway filled the room.

Jack got us another room, this one poolside. In the late afternoon, I packed my enormous, bloated body into a maternity bathing suit and walked out to the pool. I remember gliding like an oversized seal through the pool’s tepid water. When I turned over to float on my back, the great belly where Lucy waited rose up above the water’s surface.

After a fitful night’s sleep and a breakfast of chilaquiles and tortillas in Pacific Beach, we drove back up the hill. The girls greeted us like returning soldiers. I hardly felt as though I’d been away at all.

Which is why I didn’t automatically throw away the Palm Springs time-share offer Jack and I received in the mail this last January. I showed the cream-colored invitation to Jack that night after the kids went to bed. “It’s a really beauti-

ful resort,” I told him. “I looked it up this afternoon online. The rooms normally go for \$500 a night. We get two nights for \$169 total. Plus we get a \$100 voucher to use at the spa or one of the restaurants. All we have to do is sit through a 90-minute time-share presentation.”

Jack looked skeptical.

“We could go for my birthday in March,” I pressed on. “I’ll ask Katie if she’d be willing to stay for two nights.” Katie watches my kids two days a week so I can write and work on other projects and run an occasional errand without two or three or four children in tow. “We could get a massage.”

Jack relented. Katie said she’d come to stay. I booked a Thursday and Friday night in early March. I prayed none of the kids would get sick. I scheduled rides for my three girls to their softball practices and games while we’d be away. I wrote Katie a two-page single-spaced explanation of who needed to be where and when.

Thursday night, Jack and I drove away from the house. We stopped for dinner at one of our favorite delis. During the drive north and east, we talked like we hadn’t in a long time. No interruptions. No one calling out from upstairs that they were thirsty or needed to be tucked in again. I looked at Jack’s face in the dim light from the dashboard. He is older and more tired than when we met 12 years ago. I love his face and the wrinkles and lines borne of many nights without

enough sleep, of worry and concern and the relentless task of supporting a family and raising children.

We called home around 9:30, after we’d checked into our room. “Everybody’s asleep except Rebecca,” Katie told us. “She wants to talk to you.”

“Mommy,” Rebecca’s voice over the phone sounded younger than her ten years. “Is Casey’s mom giving me a ride home from softball practice tomorrow?”

“Yes, Sweetie,” I answered. “She said to remind her. Now go to bed.”

“Okay, Mommy. I love you.”

“I love you, too.”

Jack and I slept until long after sunrise. We opened the curtains to find sun sparkling on the pool and the golf course beyond. A slight breeze ruffled the tiny leaves of a pepper tree beside the balcony railing. Jack took a long shower. I ordered room-service breakfast. We sat out on the balcony and read the paper and ate bagels with cream cheese and smoked salmon. I thought of the day ahead — massages at the spa, then a swim and lunch by the pool. The afternoon was free except for the time-share presentation. Maybe a nap.

I looked across the table at Jack. He smiled and took another bite of bagel. In the desert air after a good night’s sleep, he looked younger already.

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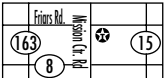


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