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He felt the vehicle gently climb, then saw before him the lights that traced the graceful rise and fall of the bridge all the way to Coronado.



# Meet the Man Who Planned

He even loved the huge cemetery out on Point Loma, where his great-great uncle, killed in France in the Great War, shared a Pacific-side grave with the wife who outlived him by six decades.



He found him in the American Tunaboat Foundation office on the waterfront.



He was beaten more than half to death behind the Waterfront bar.

Twenty-two stories up, he stepped off into a vestibule with a black marble floor and a gigantic arrangement of fresh tropical flowers.



"I'm down in Imperial Beach," he said. "Outside a pub called Ye Olde Plank Inn."





The Silver Strand was silver tonight beneath the storm-scrubbed sky, stars bright and close and the moon round and shiny as a hubcap.



He stood behind the polished redwood bar, drying glasses. Four men huddled on the stools, conversing with the patient collegial energy of drunks.



The Cabrillo Star was berthed in Tuna Harbor, just a few blocks from downtown.

# LETTERS

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# Tricky Trigger

The interview with Bruce Henderson ("Back Room Deals," March 27) should have added that the NFL does not want San Diego to pursue the "trigger" clause too hard because they do not want to reveal every team's salary expense. I think if San Diego took a hard line on the "trigger" clause and forced the Chargers, and the NFL, to provide the data, the NFL would tell Spanos to shut up and stay.

Gregory Sendelbach

# **Fears Slant**

Just read Bruce Henderson's take on the Chargers ("Back Room Deals," March 27), and as I felt with the Padres, he's right on the money but should have gone perhaps a little further.

The City has appointed a local law firm and a local CPA firm to review and advise the City on its legal rights, etc., versus our local football team. What troubles me greatly is with San Diego being a very small, closeknit business town, I have a difficult time accepting that our local law firm and CPA firm can be totally independent in their respective functions. Do any of the members of either firm own season tickets to the Charger games? Do any of these firms do any business with any company that does business directly or indirectly with our local football team?

Just as the task force was slightly biased, in my opinion, due to various members of it having jobs or positions that could very easily be tilted toward the pro-football team, I am concerned that the business community will be slanted the same way. Gary Berman

**Dictator's Resistors** (Re TGIF, March 27) We are not only students, we are workers, parents, and seniors. This war is opposed by a majority in the world. The media and government is controlled by corporate dictators. Petition your reps to resist!

Name Withheld San Diego

### **Cry Me A River, John** I would just like to start out

by saying the "TGIF" in volume 32, #13 (March 27) by John Brizzolara was a load of crap. As one of the "kids pounding drums, screaming into loud hailers; kids with bandit bandannas over their faces," I would also like to say that not one of the persons in attendance at the antiwar protest that I spoke with was "unclear on the concept" of why they were there. I think we sent a very clear message about why we were there, and sorry you've got family issues with your "wannabe hippie" sister, Mr. Brizzolara, but the people in attendance were not at all a bunch of patchouliscented "communists" or whatever you wish to call them. They were students, doctors, priests, homeless people, skateboarders, punk rockers, blue-collar workers, professionals, ex-military personnel, parents, grandparents, fathers, sons, daughters, moms — Americans! In other words, it was a cross-section of society that doesn't agree with either an illegal and unjust war which has killed more Iraqi civilians than troops so far (so much for freedom and liberation for them, huh?) or the fact that the war is being fought by poor and minority groups who are laying their lives on the line for an unjust cause skillfully crafted to put more money into the pockets of corporations incestuously linked to our government (Halliburton, trireme, etc.) and government officials linked to these corporations...the facts are out there, Mr. Brizzolara. For you to imply that we are "unclear on the concept" of why we are there protesting this war or what we hope to accomplish just shows that instead of bothering to talk to any of the people who were demonstrating, you just went ahead and decided that no one knew what they were doing or, as you put it, were "uncontinued on page 66

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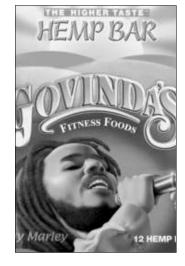
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# CITY LIGHTS

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Military board complex When Richard Perle decided to step down last



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d to step down last week as chairman of the Pentagon's influential Defense Policy Advisory Board, the move drew fresh attention to the shadowy organization. It turns out that two members of the unpaid commission have

Richard Perle

close ties to San Diego. Harold Brown, 74, a physicist, ex-Cal Tech president, and onetime defense secretary to President Jimmy Carter, lives in tony Rancho Santa Fe. He has been on the boards of some of America's biggest defense contractors, including La Jolla's General Atomics, maker of the CIA's Predator battlefield drone, as well as the executive committee of the notorious Trilateral Commission. Brown is currently a partner in Warbug Pincus, the investment banker, and on the board of Altria (formerly Phillip Morris), the tobacco giant. He also sits on the board of Evergreen Holdings, a large, privately held chemical trucking and recycling company. The other local member of the defense policy board is ex-governor Pete Wilson, 69, who got his start as a San Diego state assemblyman, and then mayor, back in the 1970s. Wilson, who did a stretch as a peacetime infantry officer in the U.S. Marines and served eight years as a U.S. senator before his gubernatorial gig, also occupies various corporate board seats, including one at NIC, Inc., an outfit providing online contracting services to government, and the Irvine Company, owned by his close pal, wealthy Republican donor Don Bren. Wilson's wife Gayle, heiress to a Phoenix bread-making fortune, is a Cal Tech trustee, member of the Jet Propulsion Lab committee, and on the board of drug maker Gilead Science. Perle abdicated as chairman of the policy board after it was revealed he lobbied the federal government on behalf of the now-bankrupt Global Crossing, which



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is seeking approval to be sold to a Hong Kong conglomerate ... North County Republican **Darrell Issa**, who stirred up a fuss last week after suggesting Qualcomm, not the Europeans, should get the deal to supply

cell-phone technol-

ogy in postwar Iraq, got \$5500 in campaign contributions from the cellular giant in the last election cycle. But it was only his second-largest contribution. Intel was first with \$6000.

**Cafeteria style** Back in the spring of 1999, one of the hottest controversies before

the San Diego Unified School District board was whether to condemn a 20.56-acre parcel on Kearny Mesa to build a "food services" center. Lawyers for the owner of the property were from the same law firm as school-board candidate Julie Dubick, a favorite of district superintendent Alan Bersin, and suspicions were that a sweetheart deal was in the making. Over the objections of Dubick's rival Frances Zimmerman, the board voted 4-1 to take the property, at a cost of \$18.8 million, plus \$230,000 in brokerage fees. Now comes news that the district doesn't really need the land after all and has hired an appraiser to set a value for it. Then the district will move to lease out the property for private development. Meanwhile, bucking a statewide tide of outlawing soft drinks in school vending machines, the school board has approved an exclusive deal with Coke and Pepsi to sell their wares on campuses.

Shifting sands District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis is making changes. Veteran prosecutor Dave Stutz, who as an IRS investigator back in the Nixon Administration played a big part in the downfall of **C. Arnholt** Smith (once named "Mr. San Diego of the Century"), is assuming charge of the D.A.'s ethics and political reform efforts. Meanwhile, David Rubin is taking over the hatecrimes section. His predecessor Hector Jimenez is heading north to the D.A.'s Vista division ... For flag-waving San Diego, it was a bit of a difference. Tractor-trailer trucks dropping off construction goods this week at a downtown condo project being built by Nat Bosa, the developer from Vancouver, British Columbia, bore large signs reading "100 percent Canadian owned," flanked by two proudly waving Canadian maple leaf flags ... Larry Smarr, head of UCSD's Institute of Telecommunications and Information Technology, is also a member of NASA's advisory council. Last week he blasted the space agency for thinking too small in its proposal of a four-person space plane and expendable rocket to replace the aging Space Shuttle fleet. "It just seems like NASA is drifting into a very good life-extension program as an agency. We've got to get some vision back to this agency." ... Neon Systems, the troubled Texas software outfit, is having a rough time of it these days. Earlier this month Neon announced that it was laying off 26 percent of its work force. Company stock, which fallen city councilwoman Valerie Stallings once made a small killing on, thanks to an inside tip from Padres owner and Neon founder John Moores, is now down to \$2 a share, from a high of about \$60 back in the spring of 1999.

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# Maybe When the Fedayeen Have a Gun to Your Baby's Head

By Jim Morris

The first rule of counterguerrilla warfare is never set a pattern. This is so because the guerrillas are always watching for a weak

point to hit. You can go anyplace and do anything two days in a row. But on the third day, you better go someplace else or do somewiped out. I once asked an American missionary who had been in the Vietnam central highlands at the time how it happened. so much so that one stretch of the road has been nicknamed RPG (rocket-propelled grenade) Alley. Things are moving fast. For now, all we can do is beef up security. But later when we settle in, we're going to have to be a lot slicker.

(Reading that over, I can see a GI in Iraq reading this column after his mom sends it to him thinking, "Whattaya mean 'we,' old man? It's 130 degrees, and I've got sand in my crotch. You're drinking margaritas in California." That's true, my boy, but my empathy is great. Now, pay attention. The Army doesn't teach this stuff anymore, and



thing else.

If you saw the film *We* re *Were Soldiers* you'll remember that it opens with a scene ra of a French convoy being Tl

"Well," he said, "it was the regular Thursday convoy..." American convoys are harassed constantly in Iraq. That supply line is a pattern,

Refugees under fire from Iraqi posts inside Basra

it will save your life.) The best weapon the guerrillas have is our military habit of establishing "stancontinued on page 6

# Neal Obermeyer



# **Developers Eye Sleepy Descanso**

By Ernie Grimm

t's only 35 or 40 minutes from downtown San Diego to the junction of Interstate 8 and State Route 79. And just a couple of

minutes north of there lies the rural town of Descanso. In many urban centers, particularly in California, that's not a bad commute time. And from the East County cities of El Cajon, Santee, and La Mesa, the drive to Descanso is even shorter.

That fact, combined with the beauty of the area, makes Descanso next in line to be covered by the eastward crawl of development that already blankets most of Alpine, the next town to the west. And, according to Jo Ellen Hucker, who lives in Descanso and serves on the area's community planning board, a sense that the place is threatened grows daily among Descanso residents.

Highway 79, Viejas Boulevard, and Riverside Drive form a roughly equilateral triangle — three or four miles per side - known lo-

cally as the Descanso Loop. Inside the loop, Descanso Creek and Samagaluma Creek flow east to west. Near the west end of the loop, they join with the Sweetwater River as it curves eastward before turning again to the southwest on its way to Chula Vista. In the same corner of the loop — where Riverside Drive meets Viejas Boulevard, and Viejas Grade Road strikes the loop from the west — sits the town of Descanso. Hucker, a kindfaced brunette about 40 years old, starts her tour at the southern end of the triangle at the corner of Riverside Drive and highway 79. This is the part of town that Julian-bound day-trippers pass through. On the west side of the highway stand John's Auto Garage and the Descanso Junction restaurant.

On the east a few houses

cling to the steep, oak-covered hillside. "I want to start you here to give you your bearings," says Hucker, as she steers her compact sport utility vehicle north up the winding highway. "Just up the road here is the Oaks."

The Oaks, a proposed recreational vehicle park and campground, is the latest in a litany of developments planned for Descanso. So far none have succeeded, due in large part to the efforts of Hucker and Duncan McFetridge, president of a conservationist group called Save Our Forests and Ranchlands, who is also in the car. He's a fit, wiry, goateed man in his 50s, decked with a wide-brimmed hat. When the oak forest on both sides of the road opens up into grassland, McFetridge says, "All of this on the right up to the base of the mountain there is supposed to become camping and septic systems." Over a little rise and through a patch of forest, and the road enters another meadow. A dozen brownand-white cows nibble on the grass, which winter rain (and snow) have greened. "On this meadow," McFetridge says, "is going to be a store, a meeting hall...a bunch of stuff is

planned for this spot. It's a huge complex."

The Oaks is being proposed by Charles Grant, owner of Pure-Flo water systems in San Diego. Zoning for the area doesn't allow for such development, but the project could be built if the county granted a major-use permit to Grant. So far none has been awarded, and the decision to do so has been delayed, at least in part due to opposition from Hucker and others on the local planning board and legal pressure brought to bear by McFetridge.

Across the highway from the site stands a luxury log cabin home that must be close to 3000 square feet. "This morning, I spoke to the people who own that home," Hucker says. "They're not happy about what's planned for across the street here. They wouldn't object to someone putting a home in, but an RV park..."

As Hucker continues north, McFetridge says, "Descanso is really an old cattleranching community. When I moved here 16 years ago it was still like...indigenous people here." McFetridge laughs at his own choice of words. "I mean, these guys



were cowboys. A lot of them were born on these old ranches. At that time, the oldtimers here were pretty strong. But you go through changes. There are still a lot of old-timers here, but it's be-

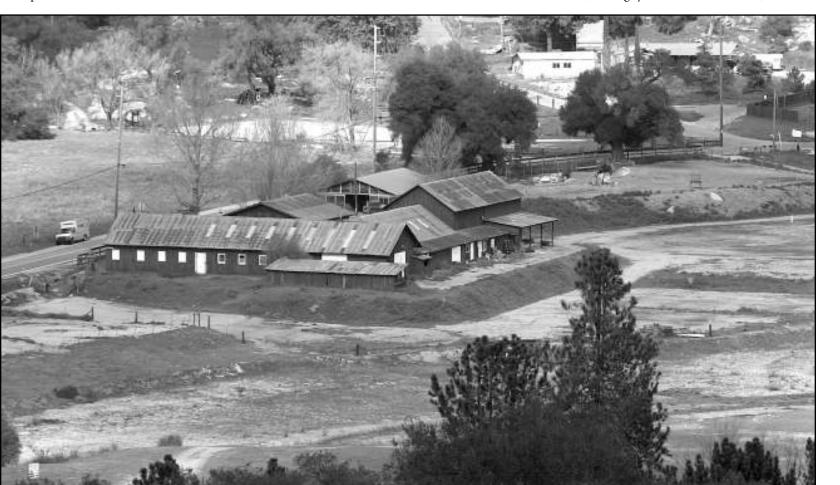
Duncan McFetridge and Jo Ellen Hucker

coming a bedroom community. It's changing because it's an incredible location."

There's no arguing that statement. Descanso sits on a mountain plateau just at the point where oak woodlands and pine woodlands mingle. And inside the loop, where the three creeks run, live, valley, and Engelmann oaks dot an otherwise open grassland.

At the east corner of the loop, Hucker turns left onto Viejas Boulevard. On the right lies a long, flat horse pasture surrounded by a white rail fence. Alongside the pasture runs a road named Maggio. "This is an old subdivision that was tried but didn't make it," McFetridge says. "It was called Maggio Ranch. They wanted to put in 47 homes here." He points to the left side of the road. "A man named Robert Merigan owns this 500 acres in the center of the loop to our left here."

"At the planning group meeting in August or E September," Hucker says, "he came on to the agenda requesting a letter from the planning group supporting his project." Merigan didn't  $\frac{\omega}{\omega}$ get the support from the  $\frac{1}{2}$ continued on page 14 U



Site of failed Maggio Ranch development

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dard operating procedures." An SOP is a pattern. A pat-

tern is a target. The sine qua non of guer-

rilla warfare is intelligence. Not just timely intelligence, but immediate intelligence. Not the kind where you send it up the line and the big brains at the top of the chain of command mull it over and make a plan and

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send you out to go get 'em. With that method, the bad guys are long gone when you come for them. To succeed against a guerrilla campaign, the guy who gets the intel acts on it...right now. On my first mission to

Vietnam in 1963-64 I was second-in-command of a Special Forces A team. It was a six-month mission, and we spent the first four months wandering the woods, waiting to get shot at, charging the ambush, killing a few

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and running the rest off. We

got the best of these little

skirmishes, but it was a

stupid and wasteful way to

and said to my best Monta-

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fight.

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gnard friend and interpreter, Philippe "Cowboy" Drouin, "Hey, Phil, go hire some spies." Once he had done that, we quit getting ambushed and started ambushing. I'd go out with him and a small, handpicked Montagnard reaction force. We'd go into a village. Cowboy would make a deal to meet his agent, usually a friend of

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his who risked his life to help us in the woods later. Then we'd find out what trails the VC were using regularly, set up, and ambush them usually, but not always, in the dark of night.

It wouldn't work exactly

like that in Iraq. Factors of culture and terrain would be different, but the principles are the same.

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We ambushed a North Vietnamese colonel and his staff that way, killed seven of ten of them, and got a trove of high-level intelligence.

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Another time, one of my agent handlers was out on his own. He got some great info and convinced a Vietnamese lieutenant to loan him a platoon. He captured the VC civil administrator



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Of course, it didn't always go perfectly. In May of 1964 Cowboy took a vacation because the South Vietnamese were looking for him. They feared he was involved in a plot against them — he was; the politics are always complicated — and I used information from a friend of his to make an area ambush.

Three squads of about 12 men each set up on three paths in a little trail network near a district headquarters. I sat there all night long, trying to crush mosquitoes between my thumb and forefinger, because the noise of swatting might give our position away. So did one of my other squads. But the third, led by John Watson, our 19year-old weapons man, sat there all night while a 350man column of enemy troops walked by his position, about eight feet away. He didn't dare even crush a mosquito.

A model for what I'm talking about was described by my friend Rick Rescorla, who served in both the British and American armies. When he died, Rick was senior vice president for corporate security of Morgan Stanley in the World Trade Center. He was killed on 9/11 but is given credit for personally saving the lives of all but seven Morgan Stanley employees (two of whom were Rick and his deputy), 2700 people, almost as many as those who died.

In the late '50s Rick was a corporal in a British airborne intelligence unit on Cyprus. When they'd pick up a terrorist, they'd encourage him to discuss his associates and their whereabouts. Then they'd visit his friends about 0300 the next morning. Onestop shopping with no messy coordination with the chain of command.

Nobody really planned for guerrilla warfare in Iraq. About the only people left in the Army who were in Vietnam are generals, and they should understand guerrilla warfare. The reason they didn't expect it is that conditions

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for a successful guerrilla campaign don't exist in Iraq. There is no jungle to hide in. There is not, at least now, much outside aid for the guerrillas. A successful guerrilla campaign requires the active support of at least 15 percent of the population and the indifference of most of the rest. We were pretty

percent of the population and the indifference of most of the rest. We were pretty sure that 85 percent hated Saddam. But it's hard to maintain your distance when the Fedayeen have a gun to your baby's head.

We are infidels, we are rich, we have invaded their country. Under these circumstances, winning hearts and minds requires skill and discretion. No hearts and minds, no intel. No intel, you die.

Iraqi guerrillas cannot prevail against us, but it is doubtful that we can eliminate them altogether. There will be sabotage, car bombs, and random assassinations for the duration of our occupation. The war will go on at some level. Our troops will not be safer than a matron in an Israeli shopping mall.

The weak points in the current Iraqi guerrilla campaign are two. The first is that they are attempting to maintain their support base by intimidation. But that means they have to intimidate everybody, all the time. They will probably continue to have that 15 percent support. But their intimidation will alienate the 85 percent that must be neutral for them to succeed. And once alienated, those people will sell them out at their first opportunity.

The other is that they don't have secure bases. The only real places to hide in Iraq are the warrens of the cities. Those can be surrounded and either isolated or cleared, slowly and carefully.

In the near term they don't really need outside support. They still have enough stuff to fight for a while. But they have no supply lines. They cannot prevail without supplies coming from some outside source. I strongly doubt that we will allow them sanctuary in or resupply from Iran or Syria, as we did the North Vietnamese in Laos and Cambodia. If we do, we might as well come home now.

We have moral justification for this war. We stood down in '91 with the agreement that certain things be done. For 12 years they were not done. In the last year the Iraqis tried to at least give the appearance of compliance, but that was only under direct threat of an armed invasion, a threat we could not maintain forever.

Can anyone doubt that if our army had withdrawn, Saddam would have resumed development of weapons of mass destruction?

That given, it is logical to conclude that war was inevitable at some point. If this is true, then the time to move was now, rather than later when he's stronger. But, oh, the law of unintended consequences.

The fact of moral justification raises the question of whether the invasion was a good idea. One could just as well argue that it was worth the gamble to keep the sanctions on and hope to avoid war altogether. I believe that we wanted Iraq as a secure base from which to fight terrorism. If the counterguerrilla campaign doesn't work, it will be a base in which to *continued on page 14* 



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fight terrorism.

The best model for our counterguerrilla campaign is not Vietnam but the French

war in Algeria. They didn't do what they set out to do, which was to keep their colony. But they did do what we claim is our objective in Iraq. They pacified the country and left behind a rela-

tively democratic regime that

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did not evaporate like the dew in the desert.

Remember the movie *The Battle of Algiers*? The French paras would find a terrorist in the warrens of Algiers and hotwire him. Then when he spilled his guts, they'd roll up his network before the word got out. They did this over and over again.

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The French didn't leave Algiers because they couldn't control it. They left because they couldn't afford it. Neither can we, for long.



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Descanso planning group. But the latest version of the county's General Plan 2020, which has yet to be finalized



and adopted, may offer some solace to him. "This entire [roughly 50-acre] piece to the right is zoned one-dwellingunit-per-acre in the latest GP 2020 map," Hucker says. "And Merigan just built this brand-new home here. I think he wants to add on to this residential section right here. I think the county is going to give him his project

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here." Just past the new house, the road leaves the open meadow and enters more oak woods. Under these oaks, 100 cabinlike houses are tucked into half- and quarter-acre lots. Smoke curls out of many of the chimneys. "These houses," Hucker says, "are on our little Descanso Water District. This and another little pocket are the densest areas of Descanso."

"These days," McFetridge adds, "one dwelling per acre is the minimum for country towns. But traditionally, you had quarter-acre zoning like these homes in here. The problem with that is with septic systems. It is very hard to fit a septic system on a quarter acre. And everything is septic in this area."

Where Viejas Boulevard bends around to the south, a little shopping center and business-park center pops up on the left. In it are the water district office and Perkins' Hay and Feed Store. "If you knew nothing about Descanso and you wanted to find something out," McFetridge says, "you'd go to the hay and feed store, because they know everyone in town."

i's also the geographical center of town. Nearby are the Descanso elementary school, the Descanso library, the post office, and a small grocery store. The old town hall, built in 1896, is a half mile to the west on Viejas Grade, which once was part of the only east-west highway connecting San Diego and Imperial Counties. It's a wooden post-and-beam building painted white, with a steep roof and a covered porch. "We have done a lot of work on this in the last few years," Hucker says. "That is where we do our planninggroup meetings. We have an annual fair here and a parade, and the kids have dances here."

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# Sleepy Descanso

continued from page 14 jas Grade and Riverside Drive is the second cluster of 100 or so quarter-acre lots in Descanso. "These were sum-

mer homes in the good old days," McFetridge says. "I like this little hamlet, because they are not all the same; everybody has their own unique thing going on. Not that long ago," McFetridge continues, "before the inter-

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state was built, this was really backcountry. With the old roads, Old Highway 80, getting up here was quite a trip. But once you made it here, the mountain kind of leveled off. It was a natural spot to stop. So they built an old ho-

tel, and a general store opened up, and people built these summer cabins."

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Those cabins are on the Descanso Water District, which pumps water up from beneath the mountain. No water is imported. "This wa-

ter district that we have," Hucker says, steering her Toyota along a rutted dirt road among the former summer cabins, "is extremely hard pressed right now to keep water going just to the existing homes in the

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district."

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Back on Riverside Drive heading southeast toward the junction with Highway 79, Hucker points to yellow flowers blooming in abundance on the dirt shoulder of the road. "We have a little daffodil-planting program each fall," she explains. "Whoever wants to can donate a little money for daffodil bulbs, or donate their time to plant them. Each kid at the elementary school plants a couple, which puts in about 200 or 300 right there."

Back at the Descanso Junction restaurant, Hucker parks while McFetridge lays out a history of anti-development fights in Descanso. "The big push," he recalls, "which started in 1990, was to develop the freeway interchange leading into Descanso, off of Interstate 8. It was a huge development: 125 homes, 60,000 square feet of commercial. That was stopped."

Asked how, he responds, "We challenged the environmental impact report with the same lawyers that we are working with now on the Oaks. And then in 1993 we got a countywide initiative passed that changed the zoning on all the privately owned ranchland within the Cleveland National Forest. It placed a one-dwelling-per-40-acres restriction on the land. And the government finally bought the land next to the interchange.

"At one point," McFetridge continues, "15 or 20 years ago, Ramada Inns wanted to build something out here. There have been plans to subdivide the ranches and build berms along the highway. And just recently, there was a plan to build a big spa called Stallion Oaks on the west end of town. That died."

When asked for the cause of death, McFetridge responds, "We're fighters out here. We won in court with a general plan-consistency lawsuit. And that's what we're doing with Grant and the Oaks. What these people are trying to do is get major-use permits to do things that the zoning wouldn't allow. But there is a little clause in there that says that these developments have to be consistent with the general plan, and that is where we drive in the stake."



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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



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Jeepers, Autumn! You and Sis put on your angora sweaters and pedal pushers and pony on down to the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park. You can inaugurate its new old-fashioned photo booth in the bookstore. (Actually, booths plural. One color, one b&w.) They're straight out of the '50s and use the traditional chemical developing system; they're not the digital lookalikes. A strip of four shots for \$2. You'll feel just like Pinky Tuscadero.

Early photo machines (ca. 1912) took tintype pictures. You sat on a chair, dropped a dime in a slot, and positioned your head. The dime rolled over the on-switch, and a tintype disk rolled down a chute and landed behind the lens. This triggered the lights and released the shutter. Then the tintype rolled into a shallow dish with developing fluid from a top-mounted tank. When your smiley face appeared on the disk, the attendant (or you) stuck it in an electric drying device. The whole process took about a minute. Enlargements also could be made right in the machine.

Since the digital '70s, chemical photo booths have faded away. Not whiz-bang enough for today's imagination-challenged youth, I guess. And environmental laws make them a pain; you can't dump old developer down the sink anymore. So MoPA is the place for you and Sis to be, unless you want a burger and a shake too, in which case, go to the Corvette Diner in Hillcrest. True to their theme, they also have a photo booth.

# Dear Matt:

What's the deal with this knack we humans have for hearing a song, especially a really annoying one, and then going around with it playing in our heads all day? And why does it only happen with music? Why not replay episodes of The Simpsons instead?

— Kristina, San Diego

We know the agony, Kristina. A few years ago we lost three elves to the Barney theme song. Just collapsed at their desks. We looked for answers, but science was busy with something else, I guess. They've wised up since then, but the field is still ripe for a definitive study. We might subconsciously connect note patterns and rhythms with the familiar rhythm of our heartbeat; that's one theory about music's power. It's all very subconscious. But at least we now have an official name for the condition: stuck-song syndrome; the offending ditty is called an earworm. And wouldn't you know, it was a professor of marketing who did the investigation. An effective commercial jingle is one that clings to our brain's music sectors and won't let go.

A company claims its computer program can grind out pop-music hits based on common top-ten musical characteristics. If the corporate juggernaut breaks the earworm code, we're doomed. Please sing the following to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands.'

If your brain's clogged with an earworm that won't die, You most likely are a gal, researchers sigh. Women suffer more than men do, Though it's also bad for those who Are musicians or neurotics. Who knows why?

Very simple, repetitious tunes will stick. If the song has lyrics, that will do the trick. And a quirky pattern's helpful (Pink Floyd's "Money," for example), To dislodge it, hit your forehead with a brick.

Music kicks us in a very primal part. But the same cannot be said for Marge and Bart. They are visual, not aural. Smells have power too. Our moral? The most magical of all must be a fart.

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



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# SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

# **Rough Company**

Regulars may recall a February column where I expressed, after a lifetime of avoidance, a desire to learn about baseball — not its rules and such, but the essence of it, namely: What is it about baseball that causes onlookers to voluntarily endure three hours of tedium? Since then, generous readers have e-mailed me with reasonable reasons and hard-won pointers.

On my part, I have searched books, magazines, and newspapers for the lost and therefore secret — entrance into the heart of baseball. I've attended college-baseball games, talked to coaches, players, fans, and, as I should have guessed, quickly found myself in rough company. To be frank and to the point, I fell in with a gang of baseball enthusiasts. These sports sansculottes have been participating in the same fantasy league for 21 years.

Consider, for a moment, the enormity of that statement. The same eight men staring across the same table, making trades, drafting players, misrepresenting their strategies, for 21 years. Wives come and go. Jobs come and go. Children are born, toilettrained, sent off on big yellow buses to their first day of school, flunk English, manage a first date, wreck the family car, breed, graduate from high school, graduate from college, and, all the while, in the background, eight men sit in a dimly lit room drinking lite beer, drafting baseball players and making trades.

The horror.

I will tell you, straight out, I have been invited to join this league. There is more. I accepted that invitation — although, in my defense, I don't recall accepting. However, I am repeatedly told, by eight witnesses, that I did. I am advised that physical violence would be inappropriate at this time.

Here's the point: certain financial ruin lies ahead. This is why I'm asking for your assistance on an emergency basis. I require your guidance explaining, briefly, profitable fantasy-league moves.

Kindly study the following e-mails that have been cc'd to me by gang members. You may regard the lot as evidence, since they were written by the conspirators' own hands and clearly expose a criminal cabal, one already up and running, days before the 2003 baseball season begins.

Subject: Building vocabulary in preparation for the draft

Ugsome (UG-suhm) adjective. Dreadful, loathesome. From Middle English, from uggen, from Old Norse ugga (to fear). As in many typical stories where one child in a family becomes well known while the other remains obscure, "ugly" and "ugsome" are two words derived from the same root - one is an everyday word, while the other remains unusual. Thought You'd Want To Know. Mighty Mo

Subject: Re: Building vocabulary in preparation for the draft

# DEAR ALL:

My draft preparation will not include any reference to the word ugsome. After all, it is spring and we are all in first place. Instead, I suggest this word: inveigle (to win over by wiles; to acquire by ingenuity). However, I might consider naming my team after a barnvard animal. Cash Cow

Subject: Re: Building vocabulary in preparation for the draft

Having time on my hands as I and My Lady traveled to and from my sister's in Tennessee, I began my draft prep (all men know and tremble) and was much encouraged. Third base? The deepest in years. Second base? Many, many mediocre but perfectly adequate fellows down around the ten spot? First base? Fewer quarter bargains this year but still deep enough. Now, as for center field, Rocco Baldelli of Tampa Bay may be only a shade over five feet tall, but his speed and power make him the best thing since Albie Pearson and well worth a flyer. Pitching is not quite deep enough if we have ten league teams as seems likely, but with Wakefield back in the starting rotation [Tim Wakefield, RHP, Boston Red Sox] and Colon [Bartolo Colon, RHP, Chicago White Sox] back in the AL, I think I'm going to be able to dope it out

But, as you, my Young Masters, know, the best time to put together a plan is the night before the draft, and I am in no way attempting to argue otherwise. Remember: Gibraltar may crumble and Saddam may tumble ---- but the beat-beat-beat of our Temple of Eternal Palms Memorial Fantasy Baseball league goes on and on and on.

We are, and ever have been, only concerned with the top ten at each hitting position, the top 50 starting pitchers, and the top 30 relief pitchers. We don't draft until a good three weeks into the season. when lineups are mostly established and trends begin to be evident. This is why we laugh in the face of authority. I am (and will always be),

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# SHEEP AND GOATS PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Imani Worship Music

and Arts Center

Golden Hill

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content......★★★

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Poor to satisfactory ......

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Sermon

**Denomination:** nondenominational Address: 1947 30th Street, Golden Hill, 619-238-5578

Year founded: 1996 Senior pastor: Bishop Terri Mason Congregation: 150 Staff: 2 full-time, 7 volunteers Sunday school enrollment: 20 **Annual budget:** \$100,000 Weekly giving: \$2000 Singles program: no Diversity: African-American, white Dress: dressv Services: Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m.

"More times than I can remember I've gotten calls from parents saying that their son or daughter had died of AIDS and that the family's pastor refused to bury them. These parents ask if I'll bury their son or daughter. Of course I do it. Even if I don't know these people. Even if they've never set foot inside my church.

"But I'll tell you something else. Some-

thing that may be hard for you to believe. After I bury these sons and daughters, the parents turn right around and go back to the churches where their pastors refused to do their son's or daughter's funeral." Bishop Terri

Mason has a rich voice that glides between baritone and tenor. His

she worked on her dissertation. There was, I remembered, in the space Imani Worship

now occupies, some sort of socialist/activist center where a woman once spoke to me about the Sandinista "liberation" of Nicaragua.

Golden Hill is now a place where onebedroom apartments run around \$1100 per month and where you can drop \$700,000 for one of the neighborhood's cheery Craftsmans. The Sandinistas are forgotten. Now people talk about the "liberation" of Iraq. The socialist/activist center is now a place where a former singer for George Clinton's Parliament/Funkadelics wails "Amazing Grace" until she sobs.

Two years ago, before Terri Mason's HIV diagnosis was leaked to the public and before Ebony magazine and the Union-Tribune broadcast the news to the world, he was best known for his voice, his gospel recordings, and his directorship of the San Diego Interfaith Choir. When I visited Imani Worship last Sunday, Bishop Mason and his church sang for about 45 minutes. Traditional gospel segued into

New Gospel. Janice Edwards, who sang for George Clinton and who has recently given up her club appearances in order to rededicate her life to God, took the pulpit to deliver a version of "Amazing Grace" that would have made Aretha Franklin proud.

Bishop Mason and his congregation make much of the fact that they are an "inclusive" church, that they don't care about anyone's race, color, nationality, or sexuality. Because of this, I went to Imani Worship half-expecting a wimpy Unitarian-style service.

The folks at Imani Worship talk and shout about loving Jesus, about salvation, about how Jesus has changed their lives, about the necessity of being born again. When Bishop Mason preaches, he uses the growl, stomp, and irony employed by the best traditional black preachers.

Last Sunday, however, he alluded to his illness ("At one point I was so sick it took me 40 minutes just to put on my pants.") He listed aloud the many names for God given in the Bible. He told us that the Bible used these

different names to acquaint us with different aspects of God. He said that God used difficulties, such as illness, in a similar fashion, to instruct us in the many ways that God can work in our lives and draw us closer to him

After the service, Bishop Mason told me that two of the biggest black churches in San Diego have "incredibly large" numbers of gay men and lesbians. "And the preachers at those same churches will from time-to-time gay bash from their pulpits. But church loyalty is strong in the black community. The relationship is very complex. I've seen gay men and women, after hearing such a sermon, kneel before the altar and repent of their so-called 'sinful' lifestyle. A few hours later, these same people go out to gay bars. I think it would be better if they just turned away from gay life alto-

gether than subject themselves, time and again, to self-hatred and repentance they don't mean.

"On the other hand, Imani Worship has the largest prison-outreach program in the city. We sometimes counsel young men who out on the street are called 'raspberries.' Young men who sell their bodies for drugs. 'Raspberries' have sex with men to buy drugs. And they think that just because they've had sex with men that they're gay. I know some people in the gay community might disagree with me, but when I counsel these young men, I say, 'Look, what you did had nothing to do with your sexuality, with your heart. You were living for your addiction. You're not gay.

'This isn't a gay church. It's not a church for heterosexuals. It's a church for *all* people. What I preach in this church is forgiveness. Self-forgiveness. God's forgiveness. God can change lives. We see it happen all the time." — Abe Opincar

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speech sounds so much like song that when he talks about something awful, it takes a while for the awfulness to sink in. His church, the Imani Worship Music and Arts Center, sits beside the Big Kitchen

ular block of 30th Street.

I first visited early last week. I realized that 20 years had passed since I stood on that partic-

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# **Dear Aunt Trudy,**

I have a friend I'll call Sandy who works in L.A. in the film industry. We've been friends since college, and I value the friendship. Lately, the only time Sandy phones me — and she does this two to three times a week — is from her car, which means she's on a cell phone. She's either driving to work or home from work, stuck in traffic. These calls are always very glitchy. We are invariably cut off because the phone battery is low or she goes through a canyon or there's such bad reception I hear nothing but crackling static. We never have a complete conversation anymore, even a short one. It's annoying, and I've come to dread these rushed, abruptly cut-off calls. I know she's got a high-powered, busy job now, while I'm a stay-at-home mom, but I wish I rated a call from a "land line" where we could actually, you know, talk.

DISCONNECTED IN DEL MAR

# Dear Disconnected,

Some aspects of contemporary life are wonderful, like the Internet, certain miracle drugs, and so on. Then there are trends in contemporary living that seem like bad setbacks for mankind. One of the latter, by my lights, has to do with the fact that we're expected to do more and more in shorter and shorter periods of time, or all at once. This leads to the ridiculous sort of counterproductive "multitasking" you're describing. Increasingly, it seems, we do what we do with ever-smaller fractions of our attention. Can you take the initiative to call your friend when you're pretty sure she's home and shift your conversations to that venue? I shudder when I see people gabbing away on cell phones behind the wheel. Besides the loss of intimacy in conversation that you rightly dislike, it seems unsafe for drivers not to fully focus on driving. You could try telling Sandy that you love talking to her, and it galls you when your chats are interrupted by technical difficulties, so you'd appreciate it if she could call you from home. Then the two of you could enjoy some quality phone time.

# Dear Readers,

The following lovely letter is a response to a previous column in which a young woman wrote that her son had become fast friends with a boy whose own mother was very neglectful. The result was that the boy was spending all his free time at her house, having dinner there, not leaving until quite late, making a considerable dent in the grocery budget by raiding the refrigerator (he was poorly fed at home), and generally camping out at her house.

# Dear Aunt Trudy,

I have a comment to make to "Angry and Frustrated in UTC" from the 3/6/03 column. My comment takes the form of a story about a boy (now a young man) who became friends with my nephew several years ago. I'll call the friend Jack and my nephew Paul. Jack comes from a similar problematic situation mentioned in the column. Some differences are that lack's mother abandoned him when he was quite small. Jack's grandmother has been raising him, and while she is a well-intentioned person, she is also elderly, does not drive, and basically has had a hard time taking care of herself, let alone a small child. My sister (I'll call her Anna) was initially annoved at the amount of time Jack spent at her home. But the boys played well together, so Anna decided to make friends with Jack's grandmother, and Jack was included in many family outings (to the beach, to Disneyland). Anna helped make it possible for Jack to play soccer on Paul's team and even made sure that the grandmother was able to attend the soccer games to see her grandson play. The upshot of this story is that Jack has grown into a kind and responsible young man. He and Paul are still great friends. Jack's grandmother followed Anna's lead and has made sure that Jack receives more and better-quality attention.

I realize that "Angry and Frustrated" may not have the resources to do for Jon what my sister was able to do for Jack. I just wish that she could see past her irritation to the greater good involved in letting Jon into her heart and family. Yes, boundaries can be drawn, but what I want to say to her is please don't completely abandon this boy to the vagaries of his irresponsible mother. At the minimum, let him hang at your house and with your son. Or perhaps try what my sister did: make friends with Jon's mother and try to help her. I know this isn't always possible, but somehow I believe that making the effort is what makes the difference.

PROUD AUNTIE

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Easter was fast approaching; it was time to hop to it in the old basket department. In my family, everybody gathers at Easter, and everybody, young and old, gets a basket. My sisterin-law Lisa is forever coming up with sweet little handmade treasures, and this year, I wanted to return the favor. I decided that my gift to all the ladies of the family would be homemade soap.

My first call was to Herbal Accents in Santee (619-562-2650). Owner Connie Smith told me that she didn't teach soapmaking herself, but that she knew someone who did — Laura Tubelle de Gon-

zalez. What Smith did offer was soapmaking supplies, including a beginner kit (\$57) that contained premeasured quantities of coconut, palm, and olive oils; a wood mold; a lab-quality glass thermometer; an instructional book, a recipe and two ounces of liquid scent. The kit, which could produce 27 four-ounce bars, could be pur chased via mail-order catalog or through her website (www.herbalaccents.com) and could be shipped or picked up. About the scents, Smith gave me this morsel of information: "Essential oils like lemongrass or rosemary are natural products made from plant material. Fragrance oils are synthetic; they're made in a factory and usually come in an oil base for soapmaking purposes.'

The next day, bubbly with excitement at the thought of Eve Kelly's Handmade Fancy Soaps, I journeyed to Chula Vista to meet with Ms. Tubelle de Gonzalez about her soapmaking class. She started with a rundown of soap's basic components: "Soap is three basic ingredients: oils or fats plus water and lye," a chemical base. "Traditionally, soaps were made out of tallow, which is rendered beef fat or sheep fat. I like to use vegetable oils, because I'm a vegetarian. I use palm kernel oil, coconut oil, and pumice olive oil — that's from the last pressing of the olives. It's the opposite of extra virgin; it's like the slutty oil. In combination, they make a nice firm bar of soap that lathers really well."

Tubelle de Gonzalez assured me that soapmaking was not difficult, but

added that "it takes a little bit of organization and time. First, you dissolve the lye in water; the lye goes through a chemical reaction that shoots the temperature up to about 140 to 160 degrees. You don't want to move it around too much baccu

around too much, because it's a caustic substance. It will eat through things, including skin — so you let it

sit. (Because of lye's caustic character, protective eyewear and gloves are necessary in soapmaking, as is the presence of white vinegar, an acid that will neutralize a base like lye. "Spritz vinegar around your work area just for added safety," she advised.)

Next, "I melt my oils down in a microwave and pour them into a stainless steel pot. You could melt the oils down in the pot, but the microwave is faster. Once the oils are melted, let them cool to 90 degrees. You're also waiting for the lye to drop to 90 degrees; the chemical reaction required to turn these elements to soap works best when they're at the same temperature." The tricky part of soapmaking is determining just when it's time to stop stirring — when the soap reaches trace. "You need to know how to recognize a trace; if you've never seen it, it's good to go to a class and learn what it looks like. Trace is when the soap mixture is thick enough that when you drizzle some on top, you see the mixture you drizzled before it gets reincorporated.

Tubelle de Gonzalez warned me to "have everything prepared ahead of time, because once you mix the oils and the lye mixture, you're going to be stirring nonstop for 30 to 45 minutes. Have your soap mold lined with a garbage bag and anything you need in terms of scent. If you're going to be adding anything that makes the soap more interesting and personalized — such as herbs, oatmeal, dry milk, or honey — have that ready. You need to move pretty quickly so you don't lose a lot of heat between the time you stop stirring and the time the soap goes into the mold." For beginners, she recommends "two tablespoons of herbs or other dry material." As for color, "food coloring in this type of soap,

which is called cold-process soap, won't work. The lye eats right through it. You have to use mineral pigments —

about a teaspoon for an eight-pound batch of soap."

Once you've reached trace and added your goodies, "pour the soap into your mold and put the top on — I use particleboard —

so that the heat doesn't escape. 2 Wrap the mold in a blanket and put it away for 24 to 36 hours. What happens in soapmaking is a process called saponification. That's when molecules of fat bond to molecules of lye; the reaction generates heat." The process starts during the stirring and finishes in the mold. "After 24 to 36 hours, when you feel the top, it will no longer be generating heat. The soap will be solidified and at room temperature." Then the soap is ready to be unmolded and cut. "Once you've cut it, set it aside - like a fine wine or cheese — to cure for about three to four weeks. In that time, it's developing its lather and firming up, and the rest of the water is evaporating out.

Tubelle de Gonzalez (www.sweetbaysoaps@yahoo.com) also sells a beginner's soapmaking kit (\$53), which includes a premixed bucket of the same oils she uses, a wooden mold for the eight-pound soap batch, a stainless steel thermometer, and a choice of essential oils or fragrance oils for scent. If you take the class, you get a tenpage booklet that includes a soap recipe. Her next Cold-Process Soapmaking class (\$25) will be held April 19 at Herbal Accents in Santee — call 619-562-2650 for reservations. Future classes include Melt & Pour Soapcrafting at Foothills Adult School on May 10 (\$20) and Cold-Process Soapmaking at Foothills Adult School on June 28 (\$20). Call 619-596-3657 for registration information. While neither Smith nor Tubelle de Gonzalez sells lye, they both mentioned that it can be found at Smart & Final.

1. Soap kit at Herbal Accents

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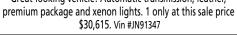




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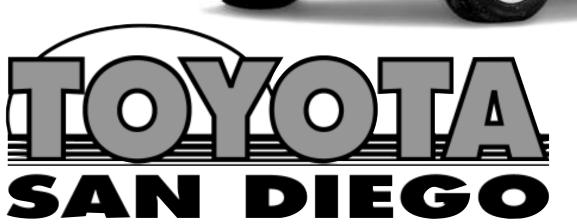
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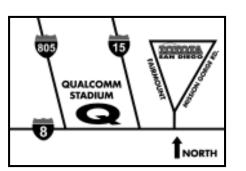


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# MEET THE MAN WHO PLANNED

# The Point Loma Murder

FRONT-PAGE PHOTO CAPTIONS FROM T. JEFFERSON PARKER'S COLD PURSUIT

T. Jefferson Parker stares out the window of his Fallbrook office. What he sees is eucalyptus. "And then," he said, "beyond the eucalyptus, there's the tangerine tree and the two orange trees and a lemon tree. We live off of those tangerines. They're popular around here, especially with our boys. I see an avocado grove off to my right and a plum tree that's naked right now, but will be budding out shortly. There's a huge palm tree where red-shouldered hawks nest. Beyond all this, of course, are rolling hills. It's still very much a rural place, Fallbrook is."

And what Mr. Parker hears outside his windows are the hawks. "They scream and make this kind of *aiiee* sound. They're looking for squirrels and rabbits and mice. I've got a tiny toy dog — a papillon — that I walk outside several times a day to do his deeds. I keep an eye on him when the big hawks are cruising because those hawks have been known every once in a while to lift a cat or a small dog."

Author of 11 mystery novels, including *Laguna Heat* and the recently released *Cold Pursuit*, Mr. Parker — "Jeff," his friends call him — moved to Fallbrook three years ago (the *T*, by the way, like the *S* in Harry S. Truman, stands for nothing. Mr. Parker's mother added the *T* because, she said jokingly, she thought it would look good on presidential letterhead). You'll find Mr. Parker's titles not only in bookstores but on airport and grocery store book racks and riding atop bestseller lists. In 2002, the Mystery Writers of America awarded his ninth book, *Silent Joe*, with the mystery novels' most prestigious prize — the Edgar, named

after Edgar Allan Poe. Mr. Parker, a Laguna Beach resident for 20 years, is best known for novels set in Orange County — fastpaced plots whose atmosphere is described as "sun-drenched noir." *Cold Pursuit* is the first novel he has set in San Diego.

Mr. Parker was born in 1953 in Los Angeles. When he was five, his family ---mom, dad, the three kids — moved to Orange County. I was curious as to what Orange County was like in the late 1950s. "It was fabulous," Mr. Parker said. "I'm writing a book about it now. My next novel is set primarily in 1966 in Orange County -Tustin and Laguna Beach. So I've become newly fascinated with that time. It was a great time to grow up. The late 1950s and early 1960s were an era of vertiginous change. You had powerful things going left and right and these longhaired weird people getting stoned all the time. But the country was still being run by the guys with flattops."

"Who," I said, interrupting, "now seem like great statesmen."

"And then," Mr. Parker noted, "they

were the guys we didn't trust."

Orange County, he went on to say, "was very suburban then. It was a bunch of little towns and a lot of orange groves, and when we moved there in 1959 the building boom certainly was on. But there were still a lot of orange groves. And far different than it is today. It changed immensely in the last three decades."

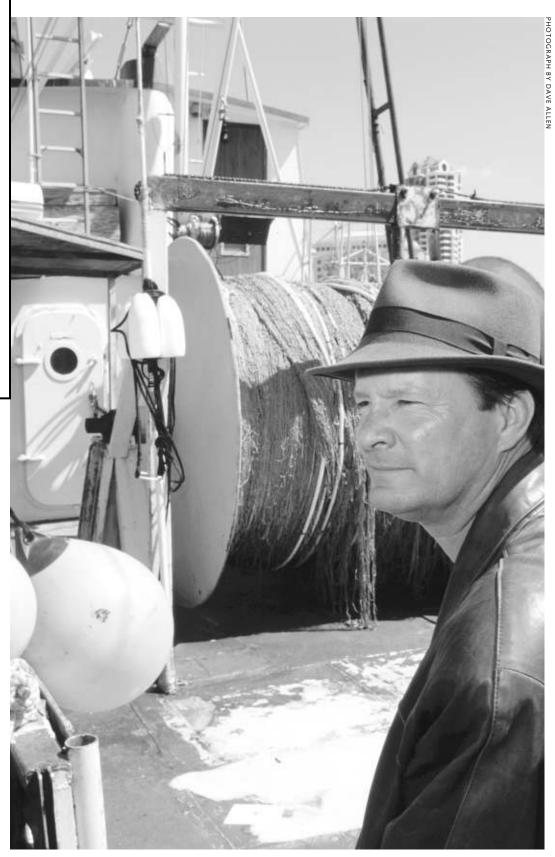
Mr. Parker is one of those rare Americans of his age who lived in the same house for almost all his growing-up years. Life, he indicated, was pretty good. "It was Little League and bodysurfing and a Country Squire Ford station wagon painted red with fake wood on it."

I asked Mr. Parker about his boyhood bedroom.

"Bunk beds, shared the room with my brother Matt, who is two years younger than me. A smallish room, but it opened to the back yard, which of course had dichondra in it, and we had a little black dog, a little cocker spaniel mixed dog named Pudgie, who was a delight."

Mr. Parker recalled, in "Parker's Place," a weekly column that he wrote from 1992 to 1995 for the Orange County section of the *Los Angeles Times*, "I thought about the hours Dad spent with me at the Little League diamond, on Indian Guide campouts, in our Tustin garage where he would stand me beside his magnificently organized workbench and show me how to use a

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sander, a plane, a level — and how to put them back where they belonged."

About his parents, Mr. Parker said, "My mom was a secretary and a homemaker, and my dad was an aerospace defense engineer with a flattop. My mom was a little bit on the hip and rebellious side. They were literary people as far as their interests go, although they weren't professionally literary people. But they read widely for entertainment and for information. Intellectual things were encouraged, and yet we weren't really an egghead family. We had quite a nice library in the living room of our suburban Tustin home. We had a nice bookshelf and we had a lot of neat books. We had big, T. Jefferson Parker

fancy outdoor books because my dad was a hunter and an outdoorsman. We had fiction, from Jack London to Edgar Allan Poe, which is what I cut my teeth on when I was small, although the first thing that I can remember truly, truly loving was a children's book called *Shag, Last of the Plains Buffalo.* 

"That was such a great book. I've still got it. My mom told me a story that I can't confirm or deny, but she told me that when I was an infant that I was often inconsolable, as small people are, and she found nothing would console. I didn't want to be hugged, I didn't want to be talked to, I didn't want to be fed, I was warm enough. There was nothing wrong. But I was caterwauling. She discovered that if she put me in the crib and read to me out loud from whatever she was reading, that I would be quiet, and my little eyes would come into focus and I would listen to her read. *Marjorie Morningstar* was my favorite book, according to her.

"I was always easily caught by books, especially fiction. I was never a precocious child. It wasn't like I was one of those who were reading at the age of four. I read on schedule with the rest of the students but always enjoyed it. And still do. It's kind of like whatever books I'm reading is like what I'm eating, and when I'm reading good stuff I feel pretty good. And if for some reason I have to read bad stuff, it makes me feel lousy."

Did his parents subscribe to the *New Yorker* when Mr. Parker was a boy?

"I subscribed to the *New Yorker* in high school. We were not an intellectually forward-looking family. We were more conservative — maybe 'parochial' would be the more accurate word. We weren't interested in New York."

Television-watching was strictly monitored in the Parker home. "Mom and Dad were very suspicious of the boob tube, or the idiot box. We were good for a half an hour a night during the school year, and maybe a little more during the summer, although not much. I think that we may have been the last ones on the block to get television. I don't know if we ever got color TV. I do know that we'd have to go next door to the Fortners' to watch the Laker playoffs in color."

His father, Mr. Parker said, "was a real political animal — a full-on John Birch Society agitator for a few years in the early 1960s. He always engaged us politically. We had lots of political discussions around the dinner table."

Did his father stay with the Birch Society?

"No. I think he just kind of outgrew that kind of organization. He's still a conservative thinker, very much so, but he never was much of an organization man."

"When you and your brother and your sister were still at home, did you have political arguments with your father?"

"Oh, yes. We would have some pretty good ones. Especially when we children would trot back from school with what

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#### Parents' Music

# MAKE IT STOP

he black Ford Ranger sits at the stoplight. The stereo system is bumping. You would expect it to be a young black man. The window rolls down...it's my mother: middle-aged, white, and singing along, "I like big butts and I cannot lie." I would be lying if I said my mother's taste in music isn't eclectic. She listens to everything from Sir Mix-A-Lot to Joni Mitchell to Toby Keith and the Dixie Chicks. "Music has always been an important part of my life," she told me. Her mother listened to show tunes. Her father listened to jazz. "And me, I loved Ringo."

WHENEVER HE HEARS "YELLOW," HE INSISTS ON THROWING IN OOH'S AND OH'S WHERE THERE AREN'T ANY IN THE SONG. She began listening to Sir Mix-A-Lot when she took a trip with her sister to see the *Dr. Phil* show. Her sister sang Sir Mix-A-Lot's ode to a woman's behind, "Baby Got Back": "I like big butts and butts and butts and butts." And her sister's kids think it's hilarious. My mom said, "I remember I'd seen the video and it was people dancing on butts." Her reaction was "astonishment, I was just glad it wasn't breasts."

After she'd downloaded the song from Kazaa, she decided to check out the rest of the CD. She liked it because "it was rap I could understand." Her favorite track on Sir Mix-A-Lot's LP *Mack Daddy* is "Swap Meet Louie" because "I could see it taking place at the Spring Valley Swap Meet."

One of my mom's favorite activities is driving her red Mazda Miata and singing along to her favorite tunes. "People look at me, especially if I'm singing something like Queen or ZZ Top," she said. While driving the streets of El Cajon, she listens to ZZ Top. For curvy mountain roads, she listens to *Phantom of the Opera*, because "it's as dramatic as the road."

And while most of the stuff she likes is fairly old — music like the Beatles, Queen, and such — she admits to liking some of the new stuff. One of her newest obsessions is the Dixie Chicks. "I love them because their songs are little stories." It also doesn't hurt that they cover two Stevie Nicks songs on their newest album, and Fleetwood Mac happens to be one of



Allison Williams (in passenger seat) and Reni Williams

my mom's favorite bands. Although her music taste is strange, it all makes sense in a way; no matter what she's listening to, it's all her.

> — Allison Williams, Granite Hills H.S.

elly vs. Bob Dylan. The Strokes vs. the Beatles. Teenagers are notorious for rebelling against their parents' music. I am no exception. There are certain songs my parents listen to that drive me crazy. Once in a while my dad will play some hard-core heavy metal — Metallica and Black Sabbath are popular — and it just seems so harsh, like, really loud noise. It makes me cringe. Then there is Mom, with her soft-and-easy genre 96.5-type music. It's tolerable, but after about ten minutes it will put you to sleep.

I happen to be a connoisseur of several different kinds of music, so I like some of the things they listen to. On cleaning days my mom will turn up some Bob Seger, Pat Benatar, or Queen ("We Will Rock You" is a favorite). We'll all dance around the house playing air guitar while we dust and mop and scrub. The car is another favorite place to play music. CDs with Aerosmith, Billy Joel ("It's Still Rock and Roll to Me"), and Bon Jovi are played often, which are definitely better than letting my family go a cappella.

My dad doesn't like rap very much, or hip-hop either. He usually only turns on music if he is working at home, sitting at the computer. On occasion, he'll get us all in the living room and play some Kiss or AC/DC, and my little sisters, too young to know any better, run around pretending to be the band and my dad will play air drums, because he used to play when he was younger.

Both my parents have this fetish with classical music and opera. I used to loathe it when I was a kid, and I'd run to my room and shut the door so I couldn't hear it. I guess I've developed a tolerance for it now though, because whenever they play it — at home, anyway — it doesn't bother me so much.

The worst part about my parents' taste in music is not what they like but what they dislike. Some of the songs I listen to — pop, funky dance songs, and punk — at least one of my parents







cannot stand. Anything controversial, like Eminem or Rammstein, is a no-no, and my mom doesn't like Linkin Park or Rage Against the Machine. My dad makes fun of music like Vanessa Carlton or Jewel. They won't let me listen to some of it unless I use headphones, which is annoying, especially because they disregard whether or not I want to listen to their music. - Erin Bala.

Helix H.S.

henever a dull moment arrives while my dad is driving, you can be sure that he will power up the radio and set the tuner to 103.7 "The Planet" ("your home station for classic hits"). Not only am I crammed alongside my brother in our tiny Honda Civic, but to be subject to this sort of torture is arguably cruel and unusual punishment. My dad's music makes me crave my own car so that I can have

control of the radio.

My dad's two favorite musicians are Billy Joel and Elton John. The latter annoys me. My dad's singing only makes matters worse. A highpitched squeal escapes from my dad's throat as Elton hits the climax of "Daniel." I do my best to block my ears, with a pillow or seat belt.

It used to be a tradition on every long trip that Don McLean's "American Pie" would find its way to the tape deck. My dad would sing along without much regard to our safety as he merged carelessly onto the expressway. Dad, you never had a Chevy; Dad, you never met James Dean (and if you had, I'm sure he wouldn't have let you borrow his coat).

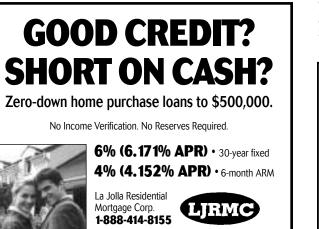
Dad once told me, "The music you liked as a kid is the music you'll like for the rest of your life." Can you imagine, 50 years down the road, the peaceful melodies of Eminem or Kid Rock reverberating through the halls of convalescent homes nationwide? Me neither. There eventually comes a time to give it up. Sure, some remnants from the Beatles or Jimi Hendrix will remain classics. But for most of the songs in my dad's repertoire, I can't wait for the day the music dies.

— Greg Finley, El Capitan H.S.

henever anybody

mentions the "generation gap," I notice that music is always mentioned. It doesn't surprise me a bit. Quite a few of the arguments that go on in my family spring from disagreements in musical taste. For example, how can my dad stand to listen to that Creedence Clearwater Revival song "Suzie Q"? The guitar riff in it is annoyingly repetitive, and those lyrics? "Oh, Suzie Q. Oh, Suzie Q. Oh, Suzie Q, baby, I love you. Suzie Q. " I feel as though I lose IQ points by listening to it.

And doesn't Elton John ever get old? I have nothing against him, but must my father sway and bounce and crank the volume until our seats vibrate every time Elton's on the radio? The same goes for Santana, especially "Smooth." Terrific song, but I think some sicko DJ tried to use it to set the record for "most



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overplayed song of all time."

Dad has an interesting style of singing along. He sings the line after the musician has sung it, not at the same time. Or if the station changes or the song ends after something he likes, he continues to sing it while another song plays, so that nobody else can hear the music that's on. Everyone has songs they love, but let it go, buddy! We're playing something new now!

As a little kid, I used to cover my ears whenever I heard a song I didn't like. I'm more courteous now, but my gut reaction is the same: "Make it stop!" However, I accepted long ago that any form of protest is useless. So I stare out the window and employ meditation techniques to escape, or if I'm at home, I go into my room and turn up a CD of my own.

At least we see eyeto-eye on some things. Often, we listen to the soundtrack from the movie *K-PAX* together. It's soothing, melodic, and nobody can sing along because it's all instrumental. Dad's also warmed up to some of my music, like Coldplay. But that has its downfalls, too. Whenever he hears "Yellow," he insists on throwing in *ooh's* and *oh's* where there aren't any in the song. Sure, it's annoying sometimes. But when a favorite Linkin Park song of mine comes on the radio, I think Dad tastes his own medicine. So, it all works out.

— Mariah MacCarthy, Clairemont H.S.

n my family, the generation gap between my parents and me is most often created by music. On car rides and certain occasions, our tastes in music can collide. Sometimes this collision is peaceful; I appreciate classical music, my mom endures rap, and jazz suits us fine (though I still shudder at "smooth" jazz).

The rest of the time, however, our music tastes collide to create ugliness and noisy discomfort. I can't stand most adult contemporary, country music tests my sanity, and a weepy ballad brings me to fury or disgust, but not tears. My parents tend to embrace these genres, and my threshold for bad music has increased. Everything that seems to attract my parents to easy-listening and nostalgia pop — the comforting humility, the soft tempos, the positive but too often unrealistic optimism — seem superficial, like they were created to hum over the credits of animated films or steer the older working class toward calmer mental pastures.

When I hear adultcontemporary tracks like Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" or Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" (a shameful tearjerker if there ever was one) or country songs (will Shania Twain and Faith Hill please stand up?), I long for musical genres based upon instrumentals and energy. Unlike the generations before them, my parents and their middleaged counterparts (25 years old to 60) don't dance or pretend to prance onstage. Instead they hum along with the tune, whispering the lyrics in sympathy and understanding of the song's emotional depth. In 50 years, we won't need retirement homes, we'll just play cheesy love songs and anthems of dedication to lull the survivors to rest.



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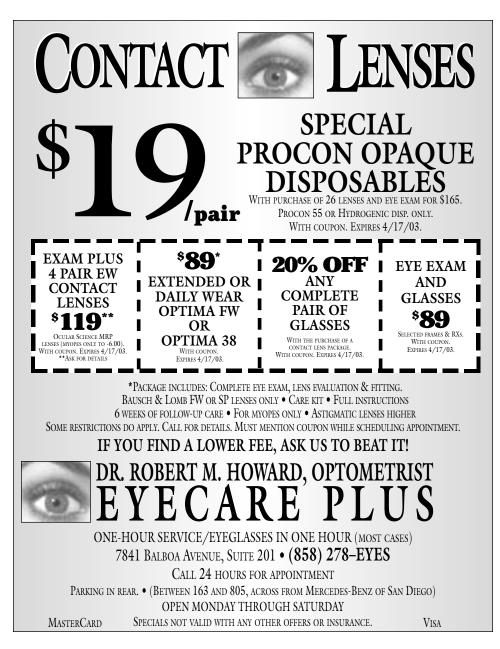
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When my family traveled cross-country last summer, we sifted through music aplenty - Nick Drake, Celine Dion — before we found something everyone could enjoy, the O Brother Where Art Thou? soundtrack. As the trip wore on, it had been played so much that none of us - especially me, who bought the album — could stand it. We thought of taking it out of the CD player, but every time we remembered our other music choices we shoved it back into the car stereo. It would be that or silence. – Samy Amanatullah, Torrey Pines H.S.

he Eagles made music my parents like that I could never like. Their songs have meaning, but I find them annoying because they have no rhythm whatsoever. Then there's that song "Mrs. Robinson." I have no idea who sang it, but I don't see a reason for that song. Who would want to listen to a song about a woman named Mrs. **Robinson?** 

When my parents listen to these songs while I'm at home, I try to tune out by reading a book or listening to my own music in my room. I find nothing wrong with my parents listening to the music they like, but sometimes they act like they're still teenagers by dancing. My mother loves the Beatles, but I dislike the dancing that comes along with the music. I find it disturbing when I see adults dancing those '60s dances. Especially at a party where adults dance like they are still teenagers...those images can never leave my mind. When my siblings and I complain about it, all our parents say is, "Just be happy that your parents are having fun." I am happy about them having fun, but we just find it disturbing when they dance. They like their music because that's what they grew up with. I try to avoid going to the same parties they do. — Alecsis Ducusin, Morse H.S.

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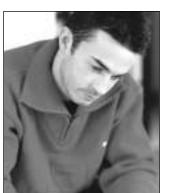


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## Hickey took a sip of Dewar's, then set down the glass and walked through the crowd to where he could watch the girl.

# Kicking and Screaming

Private Eye Tom Hickey has returned from Denver's subzero temperatures, and he's grateful for the warmth of his home turf, wartime San Diego, where it's going to be a great Christmas. He's back with his wife Madeline and daughter Elizabeth, and they're a family again. The only glitch is Cynthia Moon, the sexy songbird in the nightclub he co-owns, Rudy's. She's the reason he went to Denver — to get rid of that lousy punk Katoulis, the contract killer Cynthia'd hired to do in her mother's lover, "The Master." But he wasn't protecting the "Master"; he believed Cynthia when she told him the charlatan had raped her. But if Katoulis killed the bastard, Cynthia would get blamed. And her singing career would be over (not to mention her life). Besides, Hickey had an old score to settle with Katoulis, and now the deed was done. Or so he thought...until he walked into Rudy's, after some last-minute Christmas shopping, and heard that Charlie Schwartz, Katoulis's boss, was sitting tableside, basking in Miss Moon's glow.

#### **CHAPTER 24**

Hickey's watch read 10:15 when he got back to his car in the lot behind Rudy's and crammed a small fortune's worth of parcels, all labeled MARSTON'S, into the trunk. The girl ought to be in the middle of her second set, he calculated as he walked to meet Skeeter. He tipped the



riled at you?"

"Who's everybody?" "Miss Moon. Mr. Castillo, and that bald guy that has the big Chrysler."

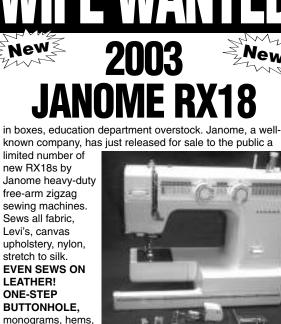
Santa Fe Depot, 1948

"Charlie Schwartz. What'd they say?"

"All I heard was them cussing you while they came out the door. Then I had to

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run for Mr. Castillo's car. It was just a while ago."

"They all leave together?" "Only Mr. Castillo. Miss Moon and the bald guy went back in."

Hickey nodded, told Skeeter happy Christmas, and walked through the kitchen door. Over the clatter of pans and the steaks hissing, the girl sang a promise to work and slave for her man. Hickey dashed through the kitchen to avoid Chef LeDuc, Phil, and the waiters who, after his two days gone, would sure have disputes or petitions to throw at him.

Rudy's was so packed it didn't leave people enough room to sweat. Castillo must've gathered more tables, squeezed everything

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together, pinched the dance floor down so small that Hickey figured they ought to post a sign - NO FAT DANCERS OR PETTI-COATS. He made his way to the dimmest corner, where the bar ended near the door to his office. From there he watched Cynthia. The Santa cap she wore was white. A red one would've clashed with her hair. Christmas lights above the stage green, blue, red, orange reflected off her shoulderless knee-length pearl-colored gown. The shoes and gloves matched. A ruby brooch adorned her chest, dead center.

She'd talked to Charlie Schwartz, must know about Katoulis and realize that any second a cop might

stroll in and drag her away, yet no agitation appeared in her voice or demeanor. Lost in the song, she radiated passion, and afterward she stood coolly as Venus in Denver, basking in the applause. As though each of them believed she'd caught fate in a headlock.

Again Hickey scanned the dining booths and tables, searching for Leo or Charlie Schwartz. He spotted the gangster at a table along the wall near the kitchen and made his way there through the bustle of waiters, busboys, wandering customers. Schwartz faced the stage, sitting across from a Latin doll who looked as if she'd spent three sleepless nights and days perfecting her makeup. There were no

empty chairs to pull up. Hickey squatted beside the gangster, who turned just far enough to shoot a murderous scowl. "Go on," Hickey said.

"Tell me I'm a goner or something, before I boot you out of here."

Scooting his chair around, the man faced Hickey. His right eye squinted while the rest of his face looked mild, perplexed, as though he couldn't comprehend anybody wasting such a kind soul as Donny K. "All I'm gonna do is wreck your life, Tom. Buy you a ticket to the gutter."

"How's that?" "First, the girl's mine. You can have her till New Year's. Don't want her to land in L.A. with a bum reputation, for leaving you cold. Two weeks, she'll be headlining at the Doubloon, Santa Monica pier. Me and my brother are buying the place, branching out. Real estate's a bust these days."

The orchestra kicked into a bouncy number, "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree." Clyde had snatched Harry James's arrangement from the film Private Buckaroo. When Cynthia cut in, she energized the lyric more than had all three Andrews Sisters. Charlie Schwartz offered Hickey a predatory smile.

"Drink up and scram, before I've gotta embarrass you in front of the lady." Hickey stood, ambled away. "Watch out for Donny's

ghost," the gangster called

after him.

Hickey weaved his way back to the bar, where he found Leo straddling his own favorite stool, next to the olives and cherries. Offering a handshake and a troubled frown, Leo said, "Hell, I figured you'd take the night off or else crawl in looking like what's-his-name when he climbed out of the whale's belly."

"Jonah?"

"Sure. And you come strutting --- makes me wonder if Denver was a lie and you been hiding out at Warner Springs, soaking up mineral waters, leaving your old partner to drive himself loco following this jailbait around, watching her shimmv and croon. Meanwhile, Mrs. Dortmeyer's in



a tizzy on account of I haven't had an hour to deduce which one of the Okies is pilfering chocolate cream pies outta her bakery, and Vi's badgering me just as bad as the Dortmeyer dame. The girl beds down, I sneak home, figuring to snooze a couple hours, but first I gotta whisper sweetheart stuff to Vi, else in the morning she'll pout and accuse me of planning to run off with some piece of young fluff, on account of she's gone droopy. I gotta tell her droopy's pretty as anything. It wears a guy out, lying at four a.m." "That was a mouth-

ful," Hickey said. "You try mixing bour-

bon and coffee," Leo grumbled, "see if you can shut up. You feeling as good as you look?"

"Better. Charlie Schwartz threatens to ruin me, first by stealing the girl. Oughta bother me, but no — see, after tonight it looks like Madeline and I are okay." "Swell news. You drinking the usual?"

"Yep."

Leo hailed the bartender, motioned toward Hickey. "Bring my pal a Dewar's, on the house." "How's she doing?"

Hickey asked. "Who's that?"

"The girl?"

"Looks mighty fine to me. Tom, next time she puts a hit on the guy, if there is a next time, Schwartz'll take care of the deal. You could follow her till doomsday, all the good it'll do. You and me oughta get some rest, forget the girl."

"Soon as I talk to her," Hickey said. "Wait around a few minutes, would you?" Leo nodded. Hickey took a sip of Dewar's, then set down the glass and walked through the crowd to where he could watch the girl more closely, from the street-side corner of the stage. He stood against the melody, while Cynthia announced that she heard the trumpets.

Hands behind her back, she swayed a little, side to side, as if the delight she sang about had loosed her body

to move as it pleased. Her

head bobbed. The ball on the

end of her Santa cap swung

like a metronome. When

Ben Sykes soloed on trum-

pet she stepped back, hold-

ing her wistful smile, and

gazed across the room, from

the kitchen wall where Char-

lie Schwartz still sat to the

opposite side, where her

eyes caught Hickey's. Her

lips shrank inward, her body

stiffened, and the hands

ierked around from behind

her to grip and press against

her thighs. For the last two

Hickey rolled down his window to clear the smoke away, got his nose bitten by the chill, misty air and acrid whiffs of fertilizer rising off lettuce, tomato, and strawberry fields.

wall. The girl leaned toward the microphone.

"Takin' a chance on love," she crooned. Clyde waved the horn

section to a crescendo, then lowered them into the

bars of the solo, she stood like that, before stepping forward to sing about rainbows and happy endings.

The first couple words had strained, then her hands unpeeled, swung at her sides. A blissful smile broke free and carried her through the last few lines. An instant after the final note, her knees folded slightly, her shoulders seemed to drop a foot. It looked like she'd faint. She held herself up. Tried to bow. Her head jerked so fiercely that the Santa cap flew off. For a hideous moment, before the eyes of Rudy's all-time biggest crowd, Cynthia wept into the microphone, with guttural sobs and her face streaming as if her tears were the last drops of hope leaking out.

She started to bolt toward Hickey, then halted and groped on the stage for the Santa cap. She clutched it to her breast and leaped off the stage. When she hit the floor, one of her heels snapped. She kicked the other one free and ran, shouldering her way through the crowd, jarring a couple tables, clipping a waiter so that his tray slipped and steaks got delivered plateless onto a booth. Cynthia plowed and staggered her way past the coat check and out the front door.

Hickey found her perched on the green rim of the sidewalk, waving her arms as though hailing a cab or any other car that might stop and whisk her away.

When he touched her shoulder, the girl wheeled and socked him in the belly, hard as some men had walloped him there. "Judas!" she screamed, and tried to kick him in the groin. Hickey sidestepped, only got a glancing blow to his thigh. It must've sprained her bare toes. She hopped on the other foot and bellowed, "Bastard, you killed my daddy," then whipped around toward the street and velled it again.

Leo, who'd been watching from the doorway, edged close to Hickey. "Schwartz just beat it. See him running?"

Hickey looked in time to see the gangster jump the curb and disappear behind the office building across A





Street. The girl must've believed she saw a cop or her guardian angel up the block because she'd started hollering in that direction, "Help me. Get me out of here."

Charlie Schwartz's silver limousine nosed around the corner off Fourth onto A, drove halfway up the block, then swung a U-turn that included both curbs and prompted squealing brakes and a medley of horns all along A Street up past Sixth. It skidded to the curb's green zone. The rear door flew open. Cynthia dived in, and the Chrysler sped away

Clutching Leo's shirtsleeve, Hickey yelped, "Keep it in sight." He darted into Rudy's, dodged like a swivelhipped halfback through the kitchen, and sprinted out to his Chevy; he sped out of the lot and up Fourth to where Leo waited beside the stop sign. The old guy jumped in. "They made a right on Broadway, Tom."

The Chrysler had only gotten a few blocks' head start. Hickey caught sight of it as it passed the Santa Fe depot. The girl, Schwartz, and probably the driver, all knew Hickey's car. But in traffic with all the lights dimmed, you couldn't tell a Chevy from a houseboat as long as it kept more than fifty feet away. The silver limousine — a beast like that you couldn't miss. It crossed Pacific Coast Highway, swung north on Harbor Drive, and cruised at a

polite speed passing the Municipal Pier. Over the harbor the sky was sooty black. The barrage balloons gyrated in an erratic offshore wind. Where Harbor Drive veered left following the bay, the limo made a right, then cut into the parking lot beside the Pacific Ballroom, bullied its way through a gang of sailors trying their moves on the jailbait who gathered there, scheming to get inside. Hickey'd pulled into the public spaces out front of the civic center, across Harbor, flicked off his lights. He and Leo watched the ballroom's valet open the girl's door, then sling it shut and run to the driver's side rear, where he ushered Charlie Schwartz out of the Chrysler. Schwartz tipped the valet, enough to keep the guy stuck to his elbow while the gangster knocked on the girl's window, spoke to her, then turned toward the entrance. His limousine pulled out. It made a right, then another, and headed south on Pacific Coast Highway.

Near the city jail, across from the ferry landing, the Coast Highway and Harbor Drive merged, snaked right, then right again and left, became Main Street in National City. The limo and Chevy rolled past the shipyards, trailer courts, junkyards masquerading as used car lots, Okie saloons, Mex cantinas. The wind had risen. gotten wet and steady. It blew handbills, rags, newspapers across the road. Mist shimmied on the windshield. "What the hell?" Leo grumbled. "They sneaking the girl over the border?"

"Could be. Got any ideas why?"

"Suppose Charlie got word the cops are on to Cynthia - about the hit, I mean." "Somebody clued the cops to Cynthia?" Hickey

snarled. "How should I know?"

"Not you?"

Leo angrily snuffed his cigarette in the ashtray."Only cop I saw was Thrapp, and he did all the talking."

"About what?" "I been waiting to tell you after we got some rest, when we had a while to jaw, but I'm getting doubtful such a time'll ever come. I'll tell you now. Thrapp's losing his wits, Tom. He's got his notion of how Castillo was sent out here from New Jersey by some mob bossman — that old fool with the big red nose, gets his mug in the paper a lot, what's his name?"

'Santa Claus?"

"Yuk yuk. Anyhow, Thrapp figures the Jersey Italians and the Hollywood Jew gang are both drooling over the loot that's gonna fall on whoever slips the noose around what used to be our sleepy little border town. You've heard talk, right?"

Hickey nodded. "Had to happen. Soon as the hordes came migrating. Somebody's gotta steal their paychecks."

"So Thrapp says the



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Italians figure if they work both sides of the line, they can launch this international gambling mecca. Beach and bay resorts here, casinos in TJ, gambling ships out past the three mile. Big time. Now, it may be no coincidence, says the captain, that you got hooked up with Castillo, that Katoulis is Schwartz's best boy, that you got a grudge against Donny going back to the Dark Ages. Thrapp can't feature you in on the mob action, but he thinks maybe Castillo knew what he was doing when he partnered with you, and he's got hooks in you some way."

"Christ," Hickey muttered. He fished in his coat pocket for his pipe and tobacco. "Thrapp figures I knocked off Katoulis for the Jersey mob?'

"Not intentionally. He figures you're a dupe."

Hickey lit up, squinted at his partner. "And maybe you slipped him something about the girl, trying to save my neck."

"Hell, I did."

"Who did, then? Thrapp talk to Madeline?" 'How do I know? Nobody's saying anybody

snitched on the girl." "Why else are they taking her over the border?"

"Ask me in about a half hour."

National City had fallen behind them. Hickey rolled down his window to clear the smoke away, got his nose bitten by the chill, misty air and acrid whiffs of fertilizer rising off lettuce, tomato, and strawberry fields. The limousine cruised a half mile ahead, one car between them. The fog kept thickening. When he could barely make out taillights, he hit the throttle until he closed the gap. On the northbound side of the highway, a few jalopies crammed full of soldiers and sailors passed,

weaving back from the dives of Tijuana, where the boys had drunk away Christmas Eve singing carols to the hookers on their laps. One convertible, a '38 Chevy, had soldiers spilling out of the rumble seat.

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They swung left onto Tijuana's one paved road, Calle Revolución. Four narrow lanes that looked endless in the dark, as if they ran straight to oblivion.

Tijuana were camouflaged by the fog. While Hickey stared at the scattered lights flickering as if they hung in the sky, his eyes scratchy and raw from three nights with maybe nine hours' sleep between them, the foulest notion pierced his brain. It coursed through his body like Katoulis. Castillo might be more shrewd than he seemed. Instincts could've told him that Hickey would make like the girl's invisible chaperon, stumble upon Katoulis, get in a beef. Whichever one of them lost, Castillo'd be the winner. Either he and the Jersey mob

poison, settled in his stom-

ach, churned like a puny

but lethal storm. What if

Castillo was what Thrapp

figured? The girl might've

cried on Paul's shoulder

about Pravinshandra, and

he'd set her up, through

Charlie Schwartz, with

would lose the threat of Schwartz's top gun, or Madeline would become a widow.

Hickey leaned out the window, let the mist shock his face until the squall in his stomach quieted. Whoever Castillo was, he thought, whatever role the Cuban played, not much had changed. Katoulis had still been gunning for the master, the girl had still bought a hit. It still looked like Schwartz was delivering her over the border. Donny was still dead. The most that could've changed was — in Thrapp's version, Hickey becomes a world-class chump.

Leo dug into several pockets, finally produced a handkerchief, and buffed the windshield clear. "What're you thinking, Tom?"

"I'm not. I'm having a nightmare."

"Spill it. Keep me awake."

"Never mind. What I

can't figure, Charlie told me he was going to steal the girl away, book her at a Santa Monica club he bought. How's that match with them taking her over the border?"

"They might be going to meet somebody. Or, hell, maybe they signed the girl up for a tango lesson."

As they neared the border, Hickey pulled over and coasted along the shoulder so they wouldn't approach too closely while the Chrysler was stalled at the gate. The Chrysler got passed through in no time. Hickey sped to the line, where the Mexican officer, tall and stern, with eyebrows like Adolf's mustache, yawned and circled the car, then poked his head in through Hickey's window, peered at Leo and into the backseat. He gave Hickey a caustic smile. "You wanna open the trunk, Señor?"

Hickey rushed around and raised the lid. A wrapped

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and ribboned shoe box fell out. The Mexican displayed his teeth and gums. "I bet you got radios, maybe a rifle in there? You gonna pull over to the office. We take a look."

"Whoa," Hickey said. "I gotta catch up with that limousine."

"Compadres of yours, no?"

"Yeah."

"El Negro or the muchacha?"

"Both. What's the duty on this stuff? Thirty dollars? Forty?"

After Hickey'd dealt the Mexican two 20s and was pulling away, Leo muttered, "Smooth. You should've slipped him a ten before he opened his yap."

"You got any more

advice, let's hear it now," Hickey snapped.

"Respect the speed laws, unless you got a pocket full of Jacksons. We'll catch up. Only way to hide that battleship is cut it in half, scrape off the paint, sink it in the ocean."

The Mexican road pained Hickey deeply, the way it crashed and battered his Chevy's undercarriage and springs. He tried swerving around the ruts but only found bigger ones. They banged across the bridge over the riverbed shantytown, rattled through a black cloud of diesel exhaust that gushed from the pipes of two buses at the depot near the main intersection. The smoke mixed with fog made

a vaporous mud that clung to their skin and eyes. They swung left onto Tijuana's one paved road, Calle Revolución. Four narrow lanes that looked endless in the dark, as if they ran straight to oblivion. The sidewalks were busy with hawkers, pimps, Indian beggars, and refugees. Barren of streetlights, headlamps tinted, and most curtains down, the place looked like a sanctuary for ghosts and shadows. As many people out now-at 20 minutes before 1:00 a.m., Christmas morning — as there would be on a Saturday noon, they appeared in the flashlight beams of nightclub doormen, vanished, reappeared in a different-colored flashlight beam 30 feet closer.

The whole second block on the left was a cantina called the Long Bar, out of which servicemen careened in a flow as steady as if the building had gotten tipped sideways. Two cops stood on the corner looking puzzled. Probably trying to choose the richest soldier, the best to shake down, Hickey thought. He braked for the stop sign and whistled, motioned a bony, humpshouldered cop over. Muy grande auto,

Hickey stammered, and groped for the word that meant silver. "Plata. ¿Donde va?"

"He turn leff on Six Street. Calle Seis," the cop repeated, in case Hickey's English and Spanish were equally stupid. He waved a skeletal hand in the direction.

After four more stop signs — at each of which Hickey paused a few seconds and nodded to the officer on the corner, to avoid the bite for a rolling stop — Hickey spied the Chrysler a block down the hill, parked with two wheels on the gravel sidewalk. He made the turn, coasted down past a nightclub, a gated outdoor mercado, a tiny café where four marines squeezed around each of two miniature tables beside a pit grill mesquite-broiling pork.

The Chrysler was parked before a storefront from which a sign jutted out like a flagpole. Leo had the better eyes. He noticed first that the sign displayed a caduceus. Hickey pulled over just downhill from the café, about 20 yards above the limousine. Both men climbed out. They met on the sidewalk and started down carefully, Hickey slightly in the lead, wishing he carried a weapon. He'd left his automatic at home, and the Denver police had his .38. Leo's pistol was back in San Diego, in the glove box of his Packard in the lot behind Rudy's.

They crept to the high side of the storefront and squinted at the block lettering on the blackened window. DOCTORES HINAJOSA Y VILLAREAL, EMERGEN-CIAS, 24 HORAS.



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"Some kinda clinic," Hickey whispered. "What you figure?"

"Getting her nose fixed prettier? Or say there's a dentist in the outfit, and she's got this throbbing toothache. Maybe that's why she was bawling at the club. Or maybe Schwartz belted her, sent her down here to get her face sewed up. Could be she's got outta hand, muy *loco*. I bet they're loading her up with dope, sedatives. They're gonna put her in a Mexican nut farm, keep her from pulling any more stunts that'll tarnish her reputation. Teach her how to act before they whisk her off to Santa Monica."

"I think we ought a take her."

"Then what?" "Hard to know that till we find out what's up. At least we get her away from

Schwartz."

"Tom, far as we can prove, she's down here on her own and Charlie's not pulling anything illegal. Think we should risk it?"

"She's 17." "Oh, yeah." Leo stuck his hand into a coat pocket, then yanked it out, as though reaching for a cigarette before remembering he didn't have the leisure to smoke it now. "Schwartz's boy — did I tell you he's the same gentleman that chucked my car keys in the dog pen? Big, long baboon arms. You'll have to crowd him. I caught a glimpse of steel underneath his coat, first time we met."

"We just gotta do it fast. Carrying your old badge, right?"

"Yeah."

"We run in, you wave it around. I'll go right for

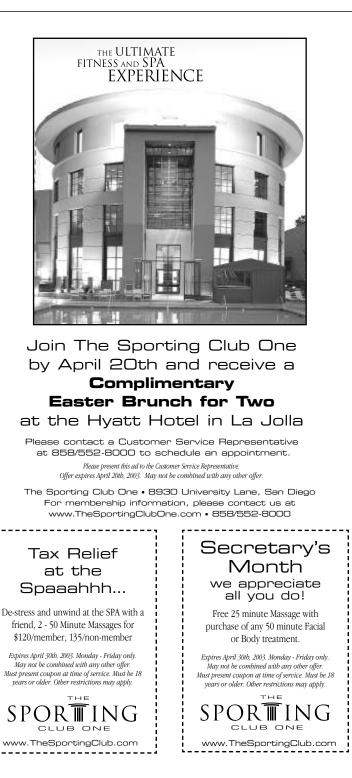
the big guy. Anytime you're ready."

Leo straightened his hat, caught a deep breath, and socked his fists together. "Let's go."

Hickey stepped to the door, paused a couple sec-

While quizzing Cynthia, he craned his head in and stared at the ruby brooch between her breasts as though it were the object in a hypnotism.

onds. Slammed it open. Behind the desk on the left side sat a sleepy dark female in white. In the middle of the back wall, a doorway led into a hall. On the right, on a flowered couch, Cynthia Tucker lay sprawled, both



arms under her head, her body pinched into the corner, as far as she could get from the big Negro whose eyes were just blinking open. His arms, across his chest, started unfolding while Leo waved his souvenir L.A.

badge and shouted, "Policia del Norte." Hickey rushed the

chauffeur, who'd just pushed off the couch and begun straightening his legs when Hickey's fist with 200 pounds of old fullback behind it drove into his jaw. His skull dented the plaster wall, cracked it all the way to the concrete block. The man slumped and collapsed sideways. His head flopped over the couch arm.

Cynthia was on her feet. howling and battering Hickey with her fists and arms, while Leo stood by the desk warning back the nurse and the pudgy doctor who'd appeared at the hall doorway. One arm shielding his head from the girl's attack, Hickey lifted the lapel of the Negro's leather coat and found a holstered automatic. He snatched it, tried to dodge the girl. Before he got to Leo and passed him the gun, she landed a right jab on his ear. She flew at him, her claws out in front, groping for his eyes. He stooped and jammed his head into her belly, drove her across the room, where she slammed the wall and toppled forward, groaning and panting rapidly. He got her heaved over his shoulder but as he started for the door, she commenced to thrash and kick, pounding him on both sides.

"Don't let anybody outta here," Hickey yelled. "Give me a couple minutes, then run for the car. You're driving."

Outside, the first ten yards, the girl kicked and flailed, cussing him so loudly that he knew he couldn't get her into the car before a squad of marines heard the battle crv and ran out of the café to massacre him and save the damsel. Suddenly she fell limply against him. The next minute she gave a roaring laugh.

"You killed it, Tom." She laughed again as he lurched the last few feet, slung open the door, knocked the front seat's headrest forward, and crammed her into the rear. "You're gonna kill everything, aren't you?"

She howled a grand laugh, the kind comedians must dream about, and slapped both hands over her eyes.

Hickey fished the car keys out of his pocket, tossed them onto the driver's seat, slipped in beside Cynthia. "What're you talking about?"

Her head cocked, a sneer on her lips, the girl peered into Hickey's eyes as though gauging whether he could truly be so ignorant. Finally her gaze drifted, down over her wrinkled clothes. She rubbed at a stain on her knee, then tugged the dress snugly around her legs. "I'm cold. Let me wear your coat."

He was slipping the coat off when Leo dashed out of the clinic and hustled up the hill, rounded the front

of the car, and pounced into the driver's seat. "Give me the keys."

"You sat on them." His partner dug for the keys, crammed them into the ignition, and tromped on the starter. "I was hoping the big fella would wake up, give me an excuse to thump him. But no. You sure fixed his insomnia."

"Probably killed him," the girl muttered.

"Naw," Leo said. "Which way, Tom? It's faster if I cut down here to the river road, except it'll bang your car all to hell."

"Take the fastest way." The girl was raking her hair with her fingers. "Where're you taking me?"

"Hadn't thought about it," Hickey said. "Depends on what you've got in mind, who you're gonna hire to knock off who, things like that."

Fast as a champion welterweight, the girl backhanded him squarely in the nose. He grabbed her arm, pinned it to the seat, and used his free hand to feel for the handkerchief in his pocket and wipe the first gush of blood off his lip. "Next time I bind and gag you, sweetheart."

"Sure," the girl snarled. "You might as well, as long as I'm your prisoner. Maybe you think you can lock me up, let me out every night to sing. Is that how you figure?'

"What's with you and Schwartz?"

"He thinks I'm great. Four hundred a week he's gonna pay me, and that's not including the record deal. Next year this time, I'll be in movies."

"Goody."

Cynthia wriggled to the corner, stretched her legs



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Hickey wagged his head slowly. The Chevy skidded to a stop. They'd reached the border, with four cars lined up ahead. Because the girl flashed him a wicked grin, Hickey said, "Make a fuss, we all spend Christmas morning at the police station, till they get the whole story, starting in Dunsmuir."

"You wouldn't dare."

"Don't bet \$400 a week and the movies on it."

"You'd go to prison. Longer than I will. It was you killed a guy, Tom, not me."

"Nope. I'd be in the same fix I am now. Everybody knows I killed him, babe. Either it's self-defense or no. What happens to you's got nothing to do with the fix I'm in."

"If you got me busted, Charlie'd have you killed."

"He's probably gonna try anyway. As long as I'm around, somebody's got the goods on his favorite songbird. He'll figure when you're not singing for me, I got no reason to cover for you anymore."

"Besides, you shot down his pal."

"Yeah. There's that." "Hush." Leo pulled along the civilian gate guard, whose cheeks pooched as though he had mumps, and a young MP who leaned against the post, staring at something in Mexico. The guard asked for their citi-



zenship. While quizzing Cynthia, he craned his head in and stared at the ruby brooch between her breasts as though it were the object in a hypnotism. Finally he retreated and asked what they were bringing from Mexico. Hickey swallowed a groan, remembering his load of gifts in the trunk. No doubt the guard would order them to pull over by the office shack where some fool would make him unwrap every package.

Before they got loose, the phone would ring. A query from the Tijuana cops, about a kidnapping.

"Not a damn thing," Leo grumbled. "How we gonna buy anything after we lost every dime, even hocked the girl's mink, at that crooked casino in Rosarita?"

"Learned your lesson, huh?" the guard gloated, and waved them through. The second their front

tires spun off the gravel,

onto the highway, Cynthia wheeled on Hickey."So that's how it is," she hissed. "I get it. You think you can blackmail me into singing at your dump forever."

"Naw. Matter of fact, you're fired." The girl stared at him

in bewilderment, her eyelids quivering, as though never before had she been rejected or even imagined such a thing. Finally she chuckled. "Yeah, sure." She straightened her dress and sat primly,

now and then scratching her lower lip with her teeth or fidgeting with her earrings.

They weren't a mile into the States when the girl velped and clutched her belly. She'd fallen forward, her head dropping onto the front seat behind Leo's. She held that posture until Hickey touched her shoulder blade; then she squealed piercingly, fell straight backward, and began quaking. A moment later she launched herself against the front seat

and back again, her head flying loosely in convulsions.

"Pin her, Tom," Leo hollered."Cram something in her mouth. Must be she's an epileptic."

By this time Hickey had her in his arms, squashing her against him, letting her arms flail and claw his back. She alternated howls with gagging noises, a few inches from his ear, and finally she screamed, "It's still there. I hear it. God, I feel it squirming."

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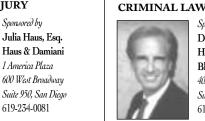
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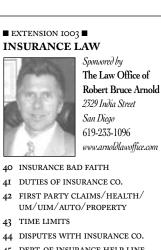
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"Take the next crossroad. Right," Hickey snapped. "You know Riverview Hospital?"

"Yeah, Tom. Hold on, I'll get you there."

The girl resumed thrashing, cursing Hickey because he wouldn't let go. She dug her fingernails into his back. When that didn't free her, she worked her head loose enough to chomp his throat. If he hadn't grabbed her hair and nearly yanked it out, she might've severed his jugular. Furiously he shoved her off the seat, onto the narrow rear floor, and rolled her over so her faced pushed into the floorboard and her hips jutted upward on the drive shaft tunnel. He secured her legs with his feet and pinned her arms behind her. She could move neither sideways nor up.

For a minute or so she lay there spent, butt up as though she'd volunteered

for a spanking. Then she thrashed and raged, screaming things that got muffled and skewed because her mouth was shoved against the floorboard. Hickey caught only words and phrases. Charlie. Ophelia. A devil baby. Over the last mile before Leo turned in to the driveway of Riverview Hospital, Hickey pieced these morsels together with the phrase she yelped several times: "They were going to flush me out."

"I got it," Hickey said. "Charlie sent her down there for an abortion. When I head-butted her, she thought I killed it. Now she thinks different."

"Okay. Fits so far. You got a guess who's the daddy?"

"Yep."

"Out with it." "Pravinshandra. Her

mother's pal." "Him again," Leo

growled."Somebody oughta

fix that boy."

The hospital was blacked out. Only one dim light glinted, on the side of a curtain in a room off the lobby behind the main doors. The curtain shimmied as if somebody'd disturbed it, peeking out.

Leo ran to check the main door and found it unlocked. He came back to help Hickey with the girl. She lay corpselike, didn't squirm even when her arms got twisted weirdly, until she was out of the car. As though she'd recovered and lost the motive of her tantrum, she stood a moment looking around calmly. Then she bolted.

Hickey tackled her around the ribs and held on, pinning her arms there. Leo got hold of her legs. She went stiff and only whimpered while they carried her inside.

A pale nurse with long gray hair tugged harshly

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back and plaited into a single braid stepped out of the lighted room and ushered them ahead of her, serenely as though a whimpering, board-stiff lunatic got dragged in every hour or so. Before requesting names or details, she used an intercom to ask someone named José to join them, then to inform a Dr. Carroll they had a potential intake.

While Hickey tried to coax the girl into a chair, two Mexican orderlies appeared at an interior doorway, glanced at Cynthia, and jumped to hover eagerly around her. She was leaning on the chair, her eyes closed. When the Mexicans each took one of her arms and half dragged, half walked her into the hallway, she didn't resist. Didn't even open her eyes.

The door shut. Hickey got a wave of nausea, then a rush of intense foreboding, as if the girl had just entered a place like Hades from where only a few blessed souls could return.

While Leo helped the nurse with her forms and all, Hickey sat in a corner dialing first information and then the Saint Ambrose Home. On his third demand, a grouchy nun rousted Father McCullough. The priest must've stayed up drinking in the holiday, Hickey deduced from the voice, too cheerful to belong to anybody whose sleep had just got arrested.

'Sorry to disturb you, Father. It's about the girl. Henry Tucker dead or alive?" "Alive."

"Okay. Well, Cynthia cracked up. I've got her at Riverview Hospital. They're gonna ask for a release from one of the parents, before they'll keep her. I'm sure not going to call Venus, if I can help it. Tomorrow I'll come out and get Tucker to sign papers, if she's still

loony. Meantime, I need you to convince the doctor here you've got Henry's okay. He'll go for it. The doctor, I mean. You know, who's gonna call a priest a liar?"

Father McCullough withheld his reply long enough for Hickey to wonder if he was jotting down a list of disbelievers. "I doubt Henry will give me his okay, even if I can rouse him."

"Fine," Hickey said. "No sense even bothering the poor guy, is there? I'll have the doctor call you back. Sit tight. Merry Christmas."∎

— Ken Kuhlken

#### Next week: Cynthia's in the hospital

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#### **Point Loma Murder**

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After high school, Mr. Parker attended San Diego State for one year, Orange Coast Community College for one year, and then, after two years at UC Irvine, he graduated in 1976 from that university with a degree in English.

"It was in college," Mr. Parker said, that he decided for sure that he would be a writer. "I thought about it in high school, and I went to college and read a lot and goofed off a lot for my four years. But in the back of my mind, and I think often even in the front of my mind during that time, I was seriously trying to figure out how to become a writer. I was never interested in doing anything else.



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years on a daily paper in Orange County, the Daily Pilot. After that, I worked in the defense industry — at Ford Aerospace in Newport — very briefly as a technical editor on an aerospace project. It paid more than being a reporter, and it was easier and it left me more

time to write." During his newspa-

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pering years Mr. Parker wrote fiction in his spare time. He worked first on a novel that he describes as "a bildungsroman about a surfer," a beginner's novel that he has no intention of trying to publish. When he was 25, he began what

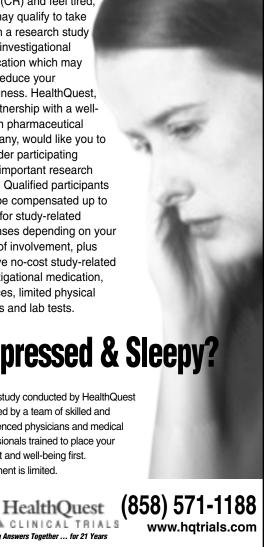
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would become Laguna Heat. "I spent a lot of afternoons and evenings on it, and weekends. My friends thought I was an idiot for missing all those fishing trips and parties, but I had to get the job done. I didn't finish it and sell it until I was 30. I was 31 when it came out."

"Did you ever feel as if your manuscript was your best friend?"

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*Laguna Heat*, I said, is a great title. Mr. Parker agreed. "I didn't even think of that one. It is fun to say; it's very evocative. It's one of those phrases, when you say it, you feel like it was already in the language, like you'd picked up a phrase that had been there for decades."

I asked, "When you were writing *Laguna Heat*, did you feel that maybe you had something there, that the book might be truly successful, which, in fact, it went on to be?"

"No, I had low expectations and hopes for *Laguna Heat*. I was so young and unsure of myself, I honestly didn't know if that book would ever be published at all. I told myself — my going-in position was that if this book gets published, I'm going to be happy. Sales aside, and critics aside, and everything. My goal was just to get the thing into print. But I had no deep conviction that that was going to happen."

"What made you feel confident enough to quit your job and begin to write full-time?"

"Let's see, how did it happen? *Laguna Heat* was published the same week that I was laid off of my defense-industry job. They fired perhaps 1000 of us from this project. I had just enough money in my checking account because of foreign sales of *Laguna Heat*. My agent had sold it to five or six different coun-



tries. None of it was for much money. But when you added it up, it was enough to live on for perhaps four months. I decided that I would try to become a professional writer and drum up

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another book really quickly rather than go back and try to get another job."

"What did your parents say after they read *Laguna Heat?*" "They were real proud of me. Very, very proud. Dad was kind of surprised that anybody could actually make a living by making up stories. Mom was just really, really, really pleased for me because

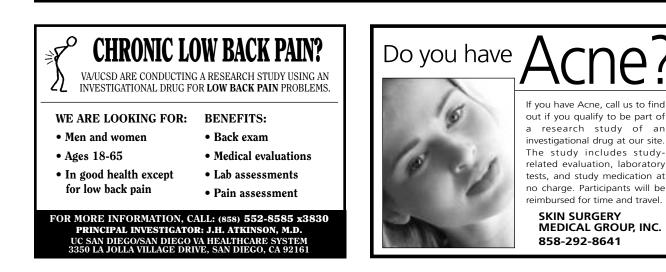
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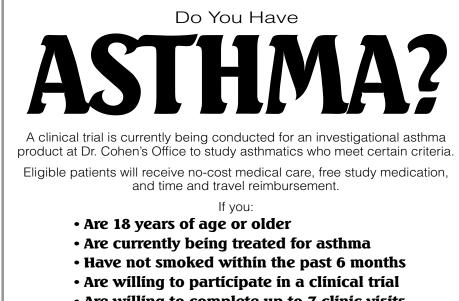
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Spellacy's was quiet when **McMichael** walked in at six that evening. Hugh stood behind the polished redwood bar, drying glasses. Four men huddled on the stools, conversing with the patient, collegial energy of drunks. McMichael's father was among them.

she knew that for a long time I'd wanted to do that and she knew that it takes a lot of discipline to write a book and get it out there. I was worried, though, because that first book is a kind of intense family tale. The father turns out to have done something not that great, so I wondered if Dad would take it personally, but he didn't. He has always understood the difference between fiction and real life."

I had read in one of Mr. Parker's *Los Angeles Times* columns that *Laguna Heat* was "a book [he] could never envision selling until [he] saw it in the win-





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dow of Marriner's Bookstore in late August of 1985." I read, too, that with part of the money he got for *Laguna Heat* he bought a black Ford T-Bird with a sport suspension and a V-8 engine.

After Laguna Heat, there came Little Saigon (1988) and Pacific Beat (1991). Mr. Parker's fourth novel, Summer of Fear (1993), carried painful freight. The house where Monroe, the novel's narrator, lives is similar to the Laguna Beach house where Mr. Parker lived for so many years. Monroe's wife has a brain tumor.

In September 1988, Mr. Parker married a gorgeous and energetic 31-year-old rock 'n' roll

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singer whose nickname was Cat. She was lead singer in her brother's band — Voyager that, at the time she and Mr. Parker married, had been performing on Disneyland's Tomorrowland Terrace stage for ten years. The band, Mr. Parker has written, "got paychecks with a little Mickey Mouse on them." Away from Disneyland, when the band played at venues in Laguna Beach and Newport Beach, they called themselves Cat and the Bytes (and it was at the Sandpiper in Laguna Beach where Mr. Parker first heard his wife-to-be sing).

The couple had been married for a year when Mr. Parker's



mother died of a brain tumor. Three months later, Cat was diagnosed with brain cancer. In January 1992, when Catherine Anne "Cat" Parker was 34, the cancer killed her. "My idea of dealing with it," Mr. Parker told an interviewer, "was to finish the book [*Summer of Fear*], talk to a psychiatrist, drink a lot, and, interestingly enough, I took up the game of tennis because it's fast and violent and a Silver Strand Boulevard

great way to take out aggression without being thrown in jail."

What Mr. Parker learned about grief during this period after his wife's death was that "there's no real way to do it besides the way He drove out Silver Strand Boulevard toward Imperial Beach. The strand was in fact silver tonight beneath the stormscrubbed sky, stars bright and close and the moon round and shiny as a hubcap.

you do it. You just pass through time, and once I learned that there wasn't really anything I could do to feel substantially better, I began to feel better."

Remarried in 1997, Mr. Parker and his wife

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Rita are parents to a 41/2year-old son and an 11-year-old son whom Rita Parker brought to the marriage. (Where Serpents Lie, published in 1998, bears a dedication to Rita, "on this new morning.") The family lived for several years in Mr. Parker's Laguna Beach residence. "Then," said Mr. Parker, "when our little boy was born, we immediately outgrew our home. It was a small house and my writing room became my son's room. I had to rent an apartment to work in. And that was obviously no way to run a household economically, making mortgage payments on a house and rent payments on an apartment.

"I looked all over south Orange County for a place to live that would accommodate our two boys and my desire to work out of the house in some way, yet in the house. I could not find a big lot with a roomy house and a detached building on it so that I would have a quiet place to work.

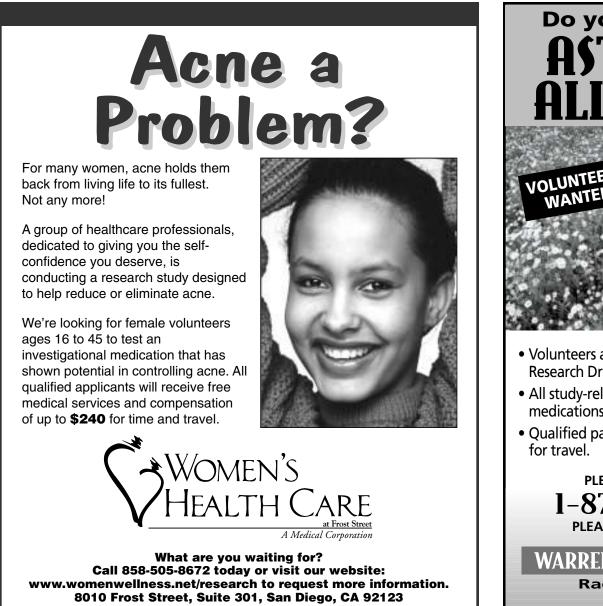
"I thought, 'Let's go down to Fallbrook and check it out, make a vacation out of it.' So Rita and I came down here and drove around and we liked it. It was wintertime. The whole town smelled like citrus. It's green, it's spread out, it's lazy, there's not a lot going on. We're not out in the country really at all. We're kind of near Fallbrook, so there's plenty of neighbors around and the streets are all paved and it's really kind of gentrified. It's a great place to write, and it's a good place to raise up our boys." How has Mr. Parker gone about "learning San Diego"?

"I did what every-



body does who's new to the area. I read the *Reader*, I read the *U-T*, I read *San Diego* magazine. I spend time going between Fallbrook and San Diego. I like downtown San Diego. We go down there often for dinner, shows, sporting

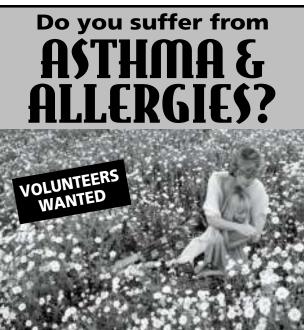
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Pete Braga's Cabrillo Star was berthed in Tuna Harbor, just a few blocks from downtown. Walking up the gangplank, McMichael knew that the ship had seen some history. She had been built of wood as a tuna clipper back in the '30s, when they still caught the big fish with poles. She had seen action in World War II along with dozens of other tuna ships requisitioned by the Navy to carry food in their freezers. She'd been converted to a seiner, a net boat after the war. Then retired when the great super-seiners took over the industry and the Cabrillo Star became nothing more than a failed tourist venue and a quaint reminder of a time that was gone.

stuff, galleries. When we were first here, we took the tour boat that goes around San Diego Harbor to kind of get acquainted with the harbor. This is the cruise where they give you history."

When he started work on *Cold Pursuit* Mr. Parker toured San Diego Central Jail. "It



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tour. I'm always fascinated by the protocol and the procedures and the terms — the nomenclature always fascinates me. I changed this jail a little bit in the book. Why I did this was that I needed for the exercise yard to be set up in such a way that one of the characters could get face-to-face with another character.

was just a standard jail

"Also for this book, I interviewed Captain Ron Newman of the San Diego Police Department, who just recently retired. He retired right after the Danielle van Dam arrest. He was kind of the backbone of the robbery/homicide division in San Diego for many years and a great cop. He's exactly the guy that you would not want to have after you if you'd done something you should not have done.

"Captain Newman helped me figure out the organization of the robbery/homicide division. San Diego runs a different style of homicide investigating than most other departments. They work in five-person teams, which makes writing hard. As soon as I learned that, I thought, 'Oh, great, now I'm going to have to have five main characters.' So I kind of fudged on it and I paired Tom McMichael [Cold Pursuit's homicide detective] off with Hec-

#### tor Paz.

"What else did I do? I spent a fair amount of time with my nose in old magazines dealing with the once-grand tuna industry. I spent time on the Berkeley, made more than one trip down there. I went to the Tuna Boat Association office down in Tuna Harbor and I got some phone numbers and I talked to some tuna boat association people over the telephone."

"When you set up interviews, how do you explain what you're doing?"

"I just say I'm a book writer and what I'm working on, and you can tell real quick: people are either going to open up and be helpful or they're going to shut you down. I was lucky on this one; everybody I talked to was helpful."

In Cold Pursuit sev-

eral characters meet at a cigar club — the Libertad — in the Gaslamp. "The radio," Mr. Parker writes, "was turned to Cuban music and the lounge smelled of cured tobacco and cedar. There were already some smokers at the bar and the book nook and the magazine table, mostly downtown professionals winding down from the week."

Was this a place to which Mr. Parker went?

"Yes. That's patterned on a place that's real. I don't know the name of it. I went there years ago when I was smoking cigars. I bought a box. But I didn't go back for this book, because I wanted to change it and make it just suit my purposes. And maybe remind people of the real place that's down there."

Here's what *Cold Pursuit*'s flap copy has



to say:

Homicide cop Tom McMichael is on the rotation when an 84-year-old city patriarch named Pete Braga is found bludgeoned to death. Not good news, especially since the Irish McMichaels and the Portuguese Bragas share a violent family history dating back three generations. Years ago Braga shot McMichael's grandfather in a dispute over a paycheck; soon thereafter Braga's son was severely beaten behind a waterfront bar — legend has it that it was an act of revenge by McMichael's father.

McMichael must put aside the old family blood feud, and find the truth about Pete Braga's death. Braga's beautiful nurse is a suspect — she

Patricia had given him a Park Towers address and he called her on one of the house phones and she rang him into the elevator bank. Twenty-two stories up, he stepped off into a vestibule with a black marble floor and a gigantic arrangement of fresh tropical flowers.

says she stepped out for some firewood, but key evidence suggests otherwise. The investigation soon expands to include Braga's business, his family, the Catholic diocese, a multi-million dollar Indian casino, a prostitute, a cop, and, of

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course, the McMichael family.

# From where did the title — *Cold Pursuit* — come?

*"Cold Pursuit* was for me supposed to be a takeoff on 'hot pursuit,' *cold* being the weather. Maybe it would make the reader think, 'Hmm, well, usually it's the cops who are in hot pursuit; I wonder if maybe this is what the bad guy is thinking?' So it was the turning that phrase over on its head a little. I went through a jillion

titles with my editor and agent. We went back and forth and up and down, and back and forth, and up and down, about a thousand different times. I'd about given up and told them to name the damn thing whatever they wanted. At three in the morning, I woke up when I was thinking about titles, and I was down to two days to come up with a title, and I thought, 'Cold Pursuit, hmm, that's not too bad. Maybe that'll work.' But everything works at

three in the morning. So I jotted it down and woke up the next day and called my agent and said, 'I think that's a pretty good title.' So it became *Cold Pursuit.*"

Here's *Cold Pursuit*'s first paragraph:

That night the wind came hard off the Pacific, an *El Niño* event that would blow three inches of rain onto the roofs of San Diego. It was the first big storm of the season, early January and overdue. Palm fronds lifted with a plas-

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tic hiss and slapped against the windows of McMichael's apartment. The digitized chirp of his phone sounded ridiculous against the steady wind outside.

I wondered how Mr. Parker happened upon that particular opening. "That scene pretty much came to me. I'm a complete sucker for the weather. If I can get in an El Niño event, even in a year in January when there was not a single drop of rain in San Diego, I'm going to

put it in. The weather certainly is inspiring, and the old 'dark and stormy night' kind of cliché appeals to me. "I remember writ-

ing that scene. One thing a mystery writer learns, I think most of us learn, is that any mystery writer who's going to write a book a year is a busy person. So when you sit down to write that new book, you gather up your characters and your emotion and the feeling that you have, the reason that you're writing the book, even though you don't really know what it is, and you write that first scene, that murder scene, in such a way that there's a lot of things that can be drawn from

it. And you can draw a lot of evidence out of it.

"So when I wrote that scene, I tried to imagine in detail all the things that I might want to work with later in the book and at least suggest them in ways that didn't look too phony when I went back and started following that trail. In a scene like that I try to be as inclusive as I can as far as my imagination goes. If I have some feeling that I'm going to need this odd thing in this scene for whatever reasons that I don't understand yet, I'll put it in. Later on in the book I may have to take it back out again. But for me the opening, that's a time of sowing seeds. As a book concludes, it's a time of reaping what you've sown. It goes to the not widely understood fact that most writers make it up as they go along. Which is what I do."

"The old saw that goes 'Where there's discovery for the writer, there's discovery for the reader,' although trite, seems entirely true."

Mr. Parker agreed. "I think you're right. But no editor in New York is going to agree with that or sign you to a contract based on that concept. They want to see an outline of what is going to happen."

How did Mr. Parker imagine this storm affecting his readers?

"I don't know. I love storms so much. The first thing that I do when I get out here into my little tin building where I write is this. Every morning I get out here, it's dark. The first thing I do, I turn on my light, and then the second thing I do is I turn on my Radio Shack \$19 weather-station radio, because I want to know what the weather is going to do.

"So like today, when there's obviously weather afoot, it's exciting to hear the highs and the lows in the systems that are coming and where they're going and what's going to happen. Maybe it's because we get such a little weather in this part of Southern California that what little we do get is really, really interesting."

Weather, I said, seems to set moods in fiction in much the same way that weather sets moods in real life.

"It does. It's very evocative and powerful. I've used heat in my books a lot, unseasonably hot times and wet times, like in this one. Didn't Hemingway say,

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AFFILIATED RESEARCH INSTITUTE 'Always put in the weather'?"

On Cold Pursuit's first page, Pete Braga is found dead. Braga's home, where he's murdered, is in Point Loma. Mr. Parker in Cold Pursuit describes that home. "Pete Braga's estate was on the bay side of Point Loma, right down on the water. Three levels of weathered redwood and plate glass descended to the sand. The glass caught the wind-fractured lights of Shelter Island and the city across the bay."

Braga is an ex-tunaboat captain and "a Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealer a few years after the tuna industry collapsed — Pete's robust, gray-haired face smiling down at you from freeway billboards on the 5 and the 8, and the 163 and along Clairemont Mesa Blvd." Braga is also a port commissioner and a city booster, "always tossing out the first pitch at a Padres game, smiling while a champagne bottle cracked against a hull, touring the latest opening or disaster."

I asked Mr. Parker how he happened to make Braga Portuguese and how he learned all the tuna-fishing lore that goes into Cold Pursuit.

"The Portuguese stuff I learned not firsthand but secondhand. When I was 20 years old, a couple of years out of Tustin High School, my brother, who was 18 and just out of Tustin High School, he got a scholarship to Point Loma College. For basketball. He's six foot five, pretty well

coordinated, beautiful basketball player. Before school started that September, he was riding a skateboard down a hill and he ruined his knee. He was not able to play basketball ever again. But he went to school there for a year, got sick of it, and went down to the waterfront and hopped on a tuna boat. He signed on as a quarter-share fisherman.

"Which is exactly what happens to McMichael's grandfather in the book. And my brother was ripped off for his four months at sea, or six months at sea, whatever it was. They paid him nothing when they came back. And they said, 'When we have a lousy trip, the money that you make all goes to room and board and fuel; you get nothing.' When Matt protested, the guys who were running the boat basically threw him off it. He said that they're tough Portuguese, they don't take any shit from you, and you do what they tell you to do. They

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bounced him without paying him, and that stuck in his craw and it stuck in my imagination for many, many years. So the incident that begins the story is what happened to my brother. Matt gave me all that. He told me a ton of that stuff. And then I discovered the San Diego Historical Society Maritime Museum, right down there on the Berkeley. It's incredible. They've got tons of stuff there. I found great old articles about the tuna fleets."

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Mr. Parker does a terrific job of taking his book learning about, for instance, the history of the tuna industry in San Diego and putting the facts of this history into his characters' mouths.

"Well," he said, about this, "you try to put a little conversational tone to it. You have to, otherwise you end up getting too technical on people and it's no fun. It stops sounding like a novel."

Tom McMichael makes much of being Irish-American. "The McMichael ears, of course, were the kicker — thick-edged and lightly freckled the ears of County Cork boys who came to America in steerage. McMichael could always spot his ancestors in the old photographs: the ones with the tough eyes, the ready smiles, and ears like wingnuts."

I teased Mr. Parker, saying, "McMichael is the first example of Irish-American selfhatred I've ever read. All that stuff about the big ears and all."

"He's down on the Irish a little bit, yes. Tom's ears. I put that in because of those old pictures that you see where those guys always seem to have such big ears as little kids. Maybe it was because of the way their hair was cut then, sort of crudely. So I thought I would make those ears one of McMichael's motifs."

I asked Mr. Parker, "How would you describe yourself, physically?"

"Let's see. I'm 5′10", 175, brown hair, brown eyes, kind of regular build. What's distinguishing on me? I don't really have anything physically distinguishing."

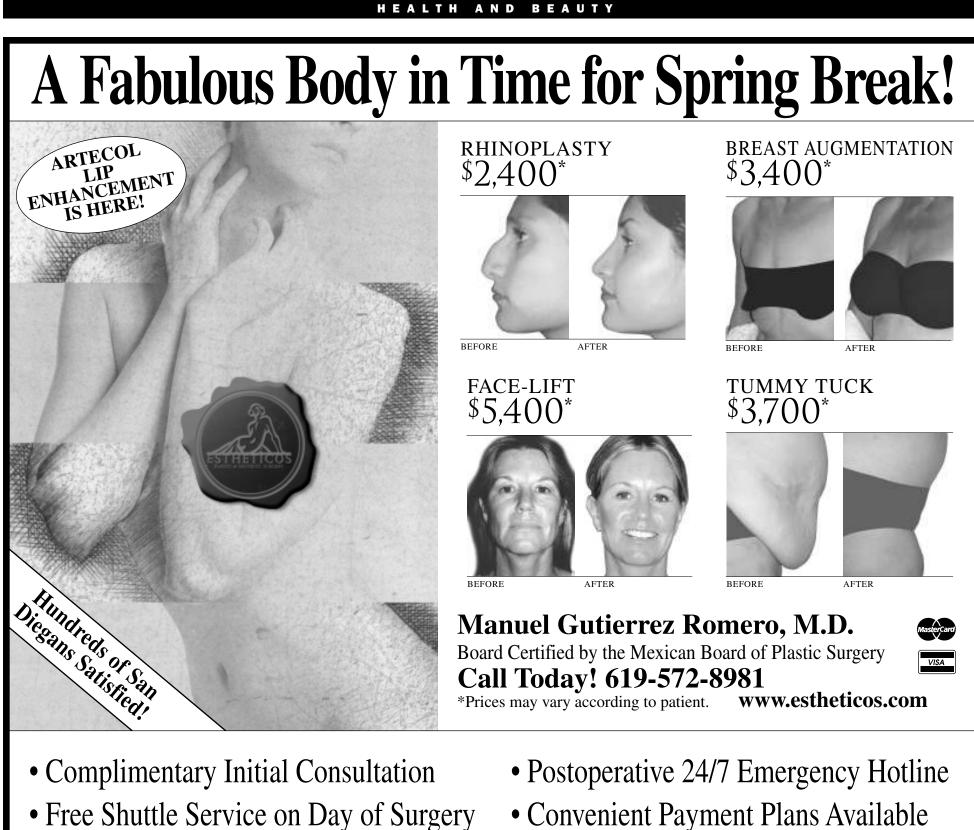
"If you were going to write you, how would you describe you?"

"I would quote Raymond Chandler. 'One hundred seventy-five pounds of frustration under a bad haircut.' " "Are you a Chandler

fan?" "I am. I respect him immensely and he still entertains me. I try to reread one of his books each year."

The Port Commission figures in Mr. Parker's new novel. McMichael wonders if Pete Braga's place on the Port Commission has anything to do with his murder. McMichael queries his father about the commission. This is what McMichael's father says:

Pete was Port Commission, now wasn't he? And Port Commission controls all the bay and the land around it. They control the airport. Every time money changes hands at the airport, Pete's Port Commission gets some of it. But there's people try to build a new airport. Bigger and better and very damned expensive, you can bet. The state makes up this new Airport Authority to oversee the idea of a new airport. The city and the business types, they're all for it like you'd figure, but Pete and the Port Commission they're trying to keep the old airport up and working, right where it is. Then, a few months ago, Pete starts making noises about letting the new Airport Authority take over Lindbergh Field, close it



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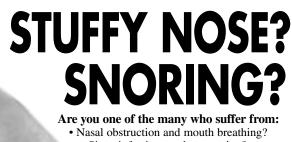


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I said to Mr. Parker that the commission's large place in recent news could be somewhat helpful to Cold Pursuit. Mr. Parker did not disagree. "Well, you start to get interested in something and things sort of fall into your lap sometimes. Right now, for instance, I think it's safe to say that the Port Commission, as we knew it, and as is suggested in the book, is really on its last legs. It's going to be defunct in a few years."

"Have you ever known anyone who was murdered?"

"Yes. He was a family man in his 40s. I was a youngish reporter. I never wrote about it and still haven't."

"Have you ever seen a murder victim?"

"Just in the morgue. Never a murder scene." "How do you decide

on a weapon for your victim's murder? Knife? Gun? Big rock?"

"It comes from motive and circumstance. You know, an assassin would use one thing and an enraged cuckold another."

I asked Mr. Parker what he thought it was that readers like so much about murder mysteries.

"I think what people respond to is that most mysteries are pretty straightforward, honestly presented novels. Generally, they strive for economy of language and style, which, I think, people often respond to. People also like the gamesmanship of a mystery. The old 'whodunit' is fun. Most readers like that. People also like the fact that most mysteries, not all, but most mysteries, are set in the here and now

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Cold Pursuit's opening shows McMichael's entry onto the murder scene. "He stepped down into the trophy room, smelling blood and feces and cigar smoke.... He walked over and looked down on the body of Pete Braga, slouched almost out of the right-hand chair. Braga was wearing a smoke-gray satin robe. He had slid down, legs buckling on the floor, his back and head flat on the chair seat. His arms dangled over the rests, hands relaxed. His



From left to right: T. Jefferson Parker, Tommy Parker, Rita Parker, Tyler Rice

head was bathed in blood and the top crushed in the middle — skin and hair and bone seeming to fall in upon themselves. His face was a bloody mask of surprise and confusion, eyes open and still reflecting light. On the hardwood floor to the left of the chair stood a pond of blood littered

with pale debris and a short club with a leather loop at the end of the handles. McMichael felt the hair on his neck stand up."

"Why," I asked, "do readers enjoy all the blood and guts?" "I don't know. I've

thought about it a lot. The best I can come up with is it's the same reason that people have to rubberneck on the 5. They have to look at the wreck. Even if it's horrible. I wonder sometimes if it is a way to experience that thing, many times removed from actually having to experience it. You can indulge your curiosity for what it would be like to see a guy with his

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brains splattered all over a room by reading the opening chapter of that book, but you never have really to go there and do it."

"Perhaps," I suggested, "this reading of murder mysteries is a way to 'unscare' yourself — murder after murder — by incremental repetition."

"Maybe it is. Maybe it toughens you up for life in the 21st Century." "With writers of

mysteries," I said, "like you, say, or Andrew Vachss, there seems an interest in defense of the defenseless. This same interest seems to guide the really good homicide detectives too. In fact, homicide detectives and mystery writers seem to be people who are moved by the plight of those who are powerless, and no one's more powerless, in a way, than a dead person. There's

also a keen sense of vengeance at work with homicide detectives and some mystery writers, but it is more an avenging than revenge. What do you make of this?"

"Good points and true. Vachss is certainly outraged about what happens to children. I have a small series going, I've written three books about a female homicide detective named Merci Rayborn. She really does see it as a kind of vengeance to get the killer. Sometimes it might cloud her judgment, make her do the wrong thing. Her favorite word at a murder scene is always 'waste.' What a waste of a life. I guess there is no one with less power than a murdered person, so, yes, we're avenging the defenseless." I'm always

impressed when men do a good job of dressing



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their women characters. I asked Mr. Parker if he found this aspect of writing difficult.

He does. "I was just reading an e-mail telling me the difference between a blazer and a sport jacket. Quote, 'Men wear sport coats, women wear blazers or jackets.' I put this character in a sport jacket and this lady who emailed me is saying, '-Don't ever do that again.' "

I confessed that when I read mysteries I often identify with or feel bad for the villain. Did Mr. Parker ever do this?

He did. Yes. "Sometimes. A lot of the bad guys that I've written about in my books have been guys who are turned bad by circumstances around them. They're not really monstrous people, they're certainly not psychopaths or certainly not sadists. They're just caught in the wrong life. So yeah, I feel sorry for those guys. 'There but for the grace of God,' you know."

I don't want to give hints to readers as to how Mr. Parker's book ends. As I read, I thought one after another of the characters might have done it. But I had to ask, and did, if Mr. Parker knew when he started Cold Pursuit who Pete Braga's killer would turn out to be.

"I was pretty sure. But there were a couple of different ways to go. I was not absolutely positive until I had to get positive about it. I toyed with the idea of having Victor become some sort of avenging, you know, angel against his own father. But it wouldn't work for me. And then I thought about making it strictly a politically inspired murder.

"But in the end I knew who I wanted it to be. I set the book up for



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Mr. Parker has written scenes that take place at the Tijuana–San Diego border crossing. How did he learn about Tijuana?

"That was fun. I spent a little time down there in Tijuana kind of banging around and shopping and nightclubbing and goofing around when I was young. So the atmosphere and the frenzy and hectic atmosphere and the loud, surreal presence of TJ is something that I've experienced more than once." Suspicions of drug-

running are one plot element in *Cold Pursuit*. As to how he did that, Mr. Parker said, "I pretty much patterned that on

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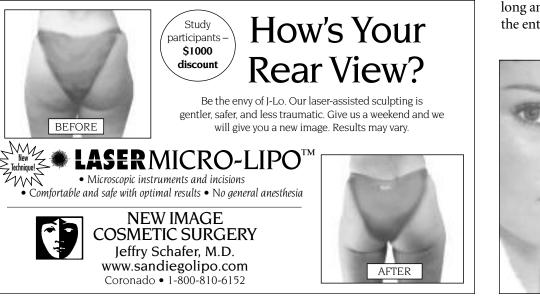
what I knew about basic drug-running. Because that's where the story began for me. It wasn't until a little later in the book, as I got into it, I realized that I did not want to do a conventional drug-smuggling, and that's where I thought, 'Well, shoot, what else might they be bringing across the border?' " *Cold Pursuit* features some fast-moving gunplay. I asked how Mr. Parker went about writing action of this kind.

"I try to visualize the scene and then write what I see. Fifteen years ago I would have written that scene far differently. When I was young and starting off, I tended to approach action as kind of like something Walter Hill, the movie director, would come up with or Sam Peckinpah would do. I would go for the long and lyrical, where the entire paragraph is one long sentence where the violence becomes dreamy and extended and slow motion.

"But I've reversed that. I've done a 180. My current take on violence is that it happens real quickly and surprisingly and never quite elegantly and that it's always kind of a jagged surprise to everybody around. So I try to do it real short and let the words evoke, rather than try to describe everything that happens. Action is hard to write. You think that the car

chase that Hollywood always seems to come up with is the easy part, but it's not. It's hard to write."

While he's working on a book, Mr. Parker spends most of the day in his tin-roofed office behind the house. On the office walls hang paintings not unlike paintings that figure in *Cold Pursuit*. Matt Parker, Mr. Parker's brother, one of the people to whom *Cold Pursuit* is dedicated, did these paintings. Mr. Parker's put up a collec-





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tion of fishing pictures and pictures of the boys and Rita. He's got the photo of himself at the Edgar Awards ceremony, "staring," he laughs, "at the convention chicken." He's tacked up a postcard that shows an old Underwood typewriter from which red flames shoot. "Michael Connelly sent that to me when *Red Light* made the *L.A. Times* bestseller list at number one." Then there's an old sepia-tone photograph of Hemingway. He's crouched in high grass, his Labrador retriever by him. He cradles a shotgun. When I ask what kind of shotgun Hem-

ingway's holding, Mr. Parker tells me, "It looks like a big 12-gauge. I think he's probably waiting for a duck to come down. I like this shot because he's got his glasses on, he's kind of hunched over, it's not a real composed shot it's candid."

Mr. Parker goes out to his office at six in the morning and ends work about five in the afternoon. Not all that time is spent tap-tap-tapping at his computer — these days, a new Dell. There's e-mail and bill-paying and fan letters to answer and reading and research. Although Mr. Parker confesses to a bit

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of what he calls "headbanging" and frustration when he's writing, for the most part he's a writer who doesn't suffer frequent writer's block. Indeed, as a writer, he doesn't seem to suffer much at all. "Even when it's not going well, it's interesting. You're trying to fix it, you're trying to find your way around the problem, and it's interesting to watch yourself from the third person. You know, like, 'Here goes Parker to work. How is he going to solve this problem?' "Mr. Parker laughed, "I think I'm fascinating, sometimes, when I watch

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myself do this stuff."

As to what Mr. Parker's working on now, book number 12, he said, "I've got a 1960s book going. I'm 250 pages into that right now. I'm having a ball with it. It's taking me back into my childhood and my roots and those troubled times in the 1960s. I think in a lot of ways those were important years. They were pivotal. It's fun to go back and try to capture some of that. I've never

done anything like this before. I've never set a book in the past in any way, so I'm making a huge stretch for me."

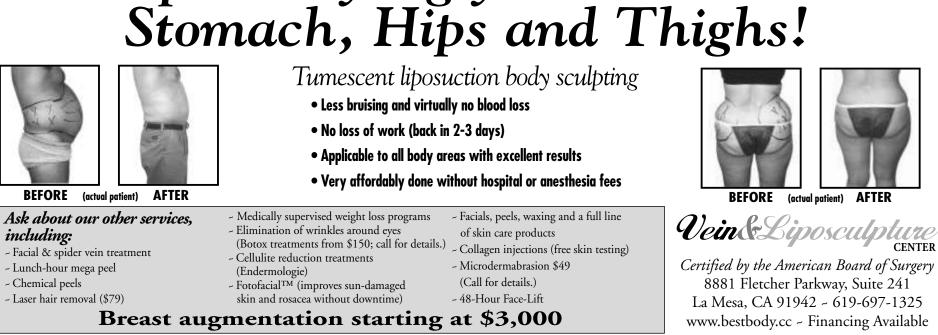
"What advice do you give people about writing a good first draft? Or a bad first draft? But just getting from page one to the end?"

"I think it's important to pay close attention when you're writing that first draft and trying to make it as good as you can. You don't want to go out to an agent or an editor, or to anyone, with anything but your best effort.

"Maybe this is contradictory, but I also think that, especially for a young writer, that they should be especially attuned to the idea of finishing. They should always finish. Don't bog down in rewrite after rewrite. And research after research. And massaging things to death. I think it's important to finish and I think it's workable to write fast.



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I'm kind of a fan of writing fast, as long as you make a deal with vourself that when you're done, you're going to go back and do what it takes to bring it up to the next level." "To bring it up to

code."

"Yes, to bring it up to code. But first drafts are the hardest. They are also, for me anyway, the most fun. I like to put things out there and see where they're going to go and watch things come out. It's exciting. Whereas the post-firstdraft stuff, the revisions, that for me is more difficult. It's the logical, structural side of writing coming in — the logical side, as opposed to the side where you're first writing and you're allowing yourself to go into things that you're not quite sure where they're going to lead." "What does your

boy Tommy think you do for money?"

"He knows that I write. I show him my book covers. He's neither impressed nor not impressed, but he knows what I do out here in this funny little building."

"Is he quiet when he comes out to visit you?" "He's pretty quiet.

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continued from page 1 clear on the concept." Well, it seems by your article that you are the only one that does get it, John.

So please — in your next

article explain it to me...explain it to us all — because, unlike you, I don't want to sit on my pity potty at home watching our "fair, balanced" corporate-run media. I have heard what they have to say, and I am not convinced. I, as well as

every person that I have talked to at protests (and I go "waste my time" there as often as I can), want to understand the underlying causes and effects of this war on the people of Iraq and our poor and minority groups at home, so please

tell me what the concept is...I'm waiting.

And for you to imply that the protesters should "go home and watch it on television like the rest of us have to" is just bullshit... cry me a river, John. This country guarantees us the right to speak out, and people that sit home and wait for TV to explain reality to them have no place criticizing people who are out in the real world trying to make a difference for the better. Turn off your TV and do some research.

To suggest that someone else should squelch their right to speak out for or against something that they believe to be important is just downright un-American.

Our country was founded on the back of just this kind of dissent and vocalization for or against beliefs. "Too fuckin' late"?!? It's too fucking late once we all do shut up and let our leaders have their way unchecked. And "what did we do to deserve this?" If you are really asking that question seriously, then not only should you turn your TV off, but you should unplug it, open a window, and throw it as far as you fucking can...U.S. policy in the Middle East for the last 30 years led to this, and you should definitely not take my word for it...try reading something for a change. Pull your head from the ass of our corporate-controlled media long

enough to recognize it as the propaganda tool that it is... Just do some research (isn't that what journalists are supposed to do?) on who owns our media and who will benefit from this war and it will become painfully obvious that there are bigger forces at work here than "hateful and villainous" Saddam and Bush. It seems like everything just annoys you whether you have a reason or not, and I fear it's from some unfounded superiority complex that you obviously can't back up with reality, hence the anger and the shrink.

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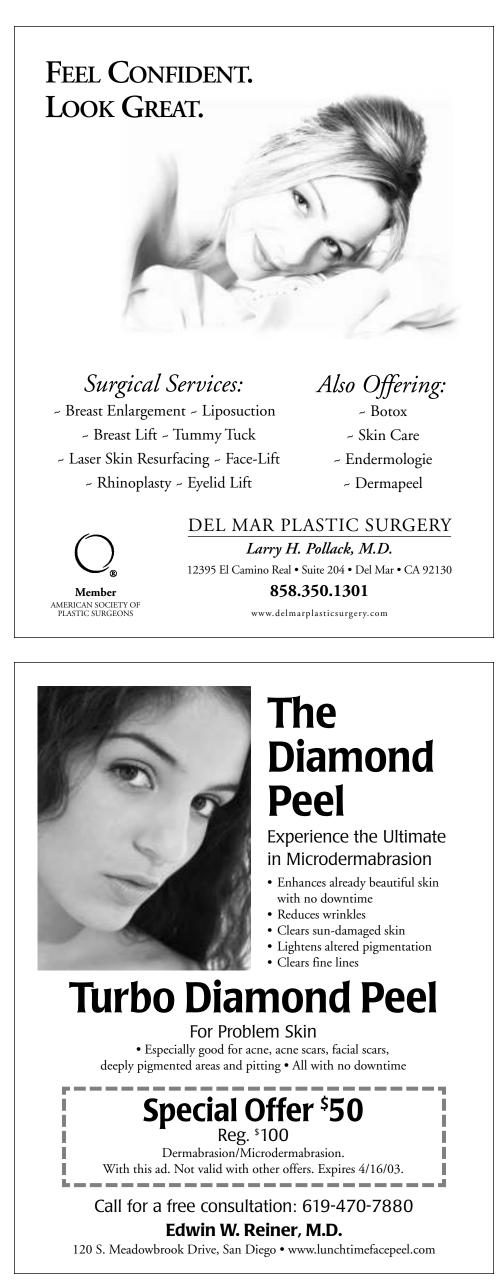
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you could have provided the public with some information about this tragic misappropriation of United States government funds and resources (such as the slashing of veterans' benefits as we make more veterans), but instead you chose to bash both sides of the argument and cry about how no one gets it and it's too late to make a difference. You could have taken the space to really voice a strong stance on this issue one way or another, but instead you decided to cry about the fact that you have to deal with it. Tough, John...we all do. If you don't like it, maybe you should stop being a little defeatist crybaby and do something about it besides complaining about how you did nothing to deserve it. The American way of life that you so enjoy means that you are in bed with the perpetrators of this killing spree as are we all...to change this society we have to change ourselves, and that is exactly what no one wants to hear. I don't want this anger either, John, but here it is, and I for one will not dilute it with television and other media propaganda designed to elicit quiet compliance with the erosion of our constitutional rights. I'm using my anger to try to make a difference. I suggest you do the same while we still can. Go home? I am fucking home, and I want mine to be a home where I can speak out publicly against a tyrannical, dictatorial leader who doesn't represent my views or those of anyone that I personally know without being told to shut up. A war isn't over just because it started. It's not too late to speak out...yet. Name Withheld Downtown Johnson's Textbook Secret Re "City Lights" 3/20/03, concerning "Payoffs" by Matt Potter: Once again Matt Potter got it right, and

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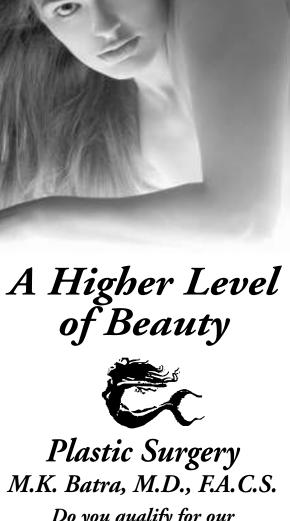
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plaints. We now know the so-called "Facilitator" of this task force was paid \$10,000 for her role. Small wonder things have been going so slowly. No wonder concerned Johnson Elementary parents published a 3/13/03 article in Voice & Viewpoint about how "the task force has been used by the district to prevent action instead of producing action."

For readers who may have forgotten, on December 9, 2002, more than 200 San Diego parents, grandparents, students, and community members staged a protest walkout from Johnson Elementary in Emerald Hills. One of the main issues raised by the Johnson parents was that of textbooks — textbooks that have been sitting in boxes at Johnson since the beginning of the school year. These are textbooks that should have been in classes and being used by teachers to instruct Johnson students, and here's the untold secret:

There is a law called AB 466 that spells out how California will pay extra money to school districts that want to make sure their teachers understand how best to use new textbooks aligned with the state academic content standards. SDCS has already paid \$23.6 million for these new books. Johnson's allotment of those books from the district is what's been sitting in boxes and not distributed to the teachers and students under direct orders from the current school administration. And why has the district insisted upon that course of events? The reason given is that "training" for the teachers was not completed, but consider this:

Part of federal and state education law says school districts that receive Title I or Compensatory Education (schools with more than 60 percent disadvantaged students) funds MUST use books aligned with state standards — phonics only. But this administration doesn't want to abandon its "whole language" curriculum. So one of the reasons Johnson Elementary students have been without textbooks and full-time teachers since September has been because this administration doesn't

a scientifically proven phonics-based teaching method ---to come back into that school. Furthermore, according to teachers who have been at the training sessions for the new textbooks, the district and its training consultants have been telling teachers to ignore the new state-approved textbooks and merely use them as "resource" books, but NOT the core text for student instruction. In other words, ignore the state standards, ignore federal and state laws, and ignore the needs of the Johnson Elementary children. No wonder the district

had to pay someone \$10,000 to lead these trusting parents astray. Mike MacCarthy

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#### **McGrory's Cash** Bonanza

Re "McGrory's Folly, part II?" (City Lights, March 20)

Why would anyone expect ex-San Diego city manager McGrory to mend morally and ethically deficient ways? He's always been able to stuff his pockets full at taxpayers' expense. He just changes his employment to the source of the largest bankroll for his own pockets. Right now his money sources happen to be Sol Price and his wealthy cronies who own our city. If these wealthy cronies want any airport or any public or private lands, Jack McGrory will rip off anyone including taxpayers to get it for them. McGrory has his other morally and ethically deficient contacts in the City who will see that he gets what he wants, for their payoff, also at taxpayers' expense. If McGrory wants Montgomery Field for his wealthy employers, it will happen.

We're sick and tired of hearing how generous Sol Price is to redevelop City

Heights. What's generous about ripping off the people of City Heights or anyplace of their properties and then gaining personal benefits for this injustice? Any sports complex he builds to appease those he's ripped off pales in comparison to the redevelopment and ownership rights he gains with this Jack McGrory-acquired gift. It's the same story with John Moores. Malin Burnham has also been doing it for years. They acquire wealth at the expense of others with the City's help. Sol Price certainly knew what he was

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doing in hiring McGrory. What's new in our City? Name Withheld San Diego

#### Less Box Rhetoric

Reference to Patrick Daugherty's "The Last Good Day" column in the March 20 edition where he takes a shot at the Chargers and also the current administration of the country "...the Chargers are leaving..." and "...the U.S. is so isolated...it won't name...its supporters for fear of embarrassing them in front of their own people..." Perhaps Mr. Daugherty should take his head out of the sand and do some homework.

The Chargers situation involves a *legal issue*, which involves whether or not the team has an option to break a contract that binds them to this city. It's a complicated situation that involves the team showing if its profit is so low that it enables them to flee San Diego for elsewhere. They are not gone unless the city fathers show a lack of courage to challenge them in the courts, which they will do.

Pursuant to the Bush administration, which Mr. Daugherty takes umbrage with on his line that "...the war is so discredited, the U.S. is so isolated...a dance meant to fool you into thinking babies come from big white wading birds...." Mr. Daugherty should stop leaning to the left and check out that over 35 nations have now been named supporting President Bush and over 70 percent now support military action in the effort to free the Iraqi people, who have been murdered and raped over the last 20 years by the Stalinistic-worshipping Saddam Hussein and his two ruthless sons.

Perhaps an effort in studying the facts is necessary here with the "Sporting Box." With a little more effort in research and a little less rhetoric in an effort to emulate the late, great Jim Murray and that wacko Bush-hating Hollywood clown Michael Moore, perhaps the next column might bring us a measure of truth.

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Patrick Daugherty replies: My Dear Mr. Gross, As to your Chargers fore-



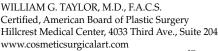
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*cast. Are you a betting man?* 

As to your "... over 35 nations have now been named supporting President Bush, and over 70 percent now support military action in the effort to free the Iraqi people who have been murdered and raped over the last 20 years by the Stalinistic-worshipping Saddam Hussein and his two ruthless sons."

For openers, I'll wager the \$31 million Alex Spanos pocketed in ticket guarantees that you didn't give a shit about Stalinistic-worshipping Saddam Hussein and his two ruthless sons for 19 1/2 out of the last 20 years.

But, that might be hard to prove, eh? And, anyway, let's talk about positive things. The Coalition of the Willing is not made up of 35 nations. Nay, at least 49 nations are onboard as of tonight's count. That's 14 more than you said, which makes you at least double-right.

Of course, Iceland, Micronesia, Costa Rica, and Palau don't have a military, but that's probably an oversight on their part, more than made up by the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, and Micronesia, although, come to think of it, I'm not sure if they have armies either. But, here's the point, those democratic countries could have armies, and maybe, one day, they will.

Oops. The Solomon Islands deny they've joined the coalition. And, apparently, Angola has been dropped from the list

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of the willing. On the other hand, Morocco has promised 2000 monkeys (to detect land mines).

Certainly, we are all proud to have Mongolia at our side. As you know, Mongols are well known for opposing Stalinistic-worshipping Saddam Hussein and his spawn. This is not to say that the democratic peoples of El Salvador, Afghanistan, Albania — what would we do without Albania? — Azerbaijan, Colombia, Eritrea, Croatia, and Georgia are any less opposed to the worshipers of Stalin.

I don't mean to ignore Ethiopia, Lithuania...let's stop right here for a moment. How 'bout them Lithuanians? Lithuania is allowing Allied airplanes to fly over its territory. There's your northern front, Bucko. Take off from America or England, fly east until you hit the Baltic Sea, go straight on to Vilnius, turn right, and keep flying until you're over downtown Baghdad! Let's clap our hands for Rwanda, the Dominican Republic, Panama...well, why go on, you see the stampede of support we're getting, and getting for pennies on the dollar.

By the way, Jerry, in each and every one of those democratic, Stalin-hating countries, polls have been taken, and don't you know those polls indicate that people living in the aforementioned Stalinhating countries are opposed, in most cases by a measure



of four and five to one, to the Anglo-American invasion of Iraq.

Here's the bottom line clip and save — no one is sending combat troops to Iraq save the Brits, Aussies, and us. That's it, that's the coalition. Minfudluk, nureed kababb.

#### **Hope Shattered**

I believe that the time has come to exercise editorial oversight that includes factchecking over Ed Bedford's "Tin Fork" column. Over the past few months, he has been allowed to "review" a feeding station for homeless people, a jail cafeteria, and, last week (March 20), the mess hall of Vietnam Veterans of San Diego. None of these places are restaurants; two aren't even open to the public, and, therefore, none of them should ever have been the subjects of restaurant reviews. The latest example could even put the program that operates it in financial straits.

My husband and I are disabled, and he is a Vietnam veteran. Recently, we were obliged to give up our apartment and move into a hotel room where we can neither cook nor store food. We pay \$20 more than we paid for our apartment. While Social Security increased our SSI by a total of \$98 to compensate, in part, for our having to buy prepared food, a student loan foundation in another state simultaneously began deducting \$101 from my husband's SSDI (disability) check because he hasn't gotten around to having a doctor verify that he is permanently and totally disabled. This situation has put

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us in dire financial straits. When I read that "Tin Fork" column, it seemed an answer to prayer. While we could never make it there for breakfast, we usually only eat a maximum of twice a day anyhow, and if we ate there regularly, we would at least be assured of eating all month. As an added bonus, my husband could socialize with other Nam vets. I went on a "scouting mission" there, if you will, over the weekend.

What struck me first was how small the place is: according to a sign, its occupancy is only 60. Once I finished eating, I asked the man acting as cashier if my husband and I could eat there regularly. He referred me to the cook, who was chatting with another man. I inquired of them, and they said that they were aware of Mr. Bedford's column but had not yet read it. With obvious regret, the man who was conversing with the cook explained that, technically, only visitors invited by residents are supposed to eat in the mess hall, and then only occasionally. He said that my husband and I would be welcome, but again, only occasionally. He was very kind, even asking questions obviously intended to see if my husband qualified for their program (he doesn't). But my hope that we could eat there regularly was shattered.

My husband and I went to VVSD on Tuesday to discuss the situation with Paul, a volunteer there, and there was further clarification. He explained that people come to the facility for rehabilitation meetings and activities and are allowed to eat in the mess hall for \$2.50 as a courtesy, as there isn't an inexpensive place to eat within walking distance. Because the facility is "locked down" during breakfast and dinner, even they aren't supposed to eat those meals there. Mike, I was assured, hadn't had any idea that the mess hall would be written up in a restaurant review. He added frankly that while they don't like to turn anyone away, their residential program would quickly go bankrupt if members of the general public regularly patronized it.

My husband and I enjoyed a meal at the mess hall today (Thursday) and

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met both Mike and Eugene. Eugene, obviously embarrassed, admitted that he didn't know that the mess hall isn't open to the public until after the column ran (he was reprimanded), and Mike reiterated that he hadn't known that Mr. Bedford was going to write the type of article he did. He also expressed gratitude that only six members of the general public have come to the mess hall in response to the column and relief when I assured him that I was writing to the Reader about it ("We called them, too," he assured me). I repeat, "Tin Fork" must be overseen by an editor who will verify facts, as Mr. Bedford is obviously uninclined to do so - that is, if the column is allowed to continue at all.

Name Withheld downtown

Ed Bedford replies: I asked a simple question: "Can the public eat here?" I got a simple answer: "Yes." I feel bad for the writer and her husband and can't see how allowing them to eat regularly is going to open any floodgates.

#### Inexcusable Japan

In response to Mr. Sagara's letter to the editor in the March 20 Reader: Japan's behavior during WWII was atrocious — there is simply no excuse for Pearl Harbor, the horrid treatment of American prisoners of war, and its greedy imperialism toward the entire far-eastern region. The American treatment of the defeated Japan, on the other hand, was magnanimous, to say the least. Japan's rewriting history to take no blame for the infamy of WWII is also unacceptable. The least a defeated aggressor like Japan should do is be apologetic for its grotesque behavior.

The civil suits brought by American soldiers against the Japanese companies as described in last week's Reader seem to me completely justified, and I wish the federal government would butt out.

I think Mr. Sagara should be angry at the Japanese government, not the U.S. government, for causing a war that hurt so many and cost so much.

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#### **Ecstasy Confusion**

What comes after X?...Y. The question one asks himself the next day. The question that was left unanswered when asked, Want a roll? Sure, sounds fun, why not? ("E Can Do That? Wow!" February 27).

I'm only 19 years old, but I've seen too much and I know too much for my age and lifestyle. Ecstasy, E, or X, no matter what you call it, it's just playing Russian roulette with your life. I don't think that asking how it made one feel is an effective way to aid our fellow peers to avoid E. In actuality it only makes us more curious, some of us. To ask only five teenagers in San Diego about their experiences on E is beneficial, but E is taken by more than five. The different age groups and environments of the users provide different reasons, which I call excuses. Not all experiment with drugs as a form of evading life's problems.

Natalie Garcia (Letters, March 13) says, "This article was for teenagers by teenagers, because it was at a level and a topic that most could relate to." She thinks that all teenagers experiment with drugs for the same reasons these five did — that is insulting to the many people who've confided in me.

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I've found through people I once knew — meaning I knew them as individuals and not as teenagers on drugs — that they are very knowledgeable about the drugs they once experimented with. I know the many reasons, for both males and females, that a teenager should refrain from drugs. I've known teens and young adults as for their ages, it varies from 10 to 40. People throughout San Diego, their reasons are not all the same. Most of them, truth be told, don't experiment because of "peer pressure or the rush" or "to get away from their problems." Those are just common excuses to get the interrogation process over with. Sometimes the use is because they have no responsibility, they have no reason for using their mind, they have too much free time or too little free time, so they add to the stress of their life.



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#### Inglorious Black Mountain Road

Thanks for the article explaining how potholes are caused and the importance of adequate trench repair ("Pothole Time Bomb," March 20). Now that Black Mountain Road is being further mutilated every day, regular travelers on this main artery can't help wondering when it will be restored to its former glory. What ever happened to the promise that loose gravel would be swept up each day before lanes are opened for traffic? How many vehicles have been devalued because of stone damage, and who is liable for this? Just curious. Name Withheld San Diego

#### **Murderous Roads**

Regarding potholes ("Pothole Time Bomb," March 20): It is interesting to note all the potholes near the Yama Street entrance to the naval station. All our politicians wave flags, give vocal support to our troops, but then have the troops drive over roads that are murderous to their vehicles. But then, the pay in the military is so great, they should be able to afford extra car-repair costs!

Frank Grabarits

#### **Idiot Memories**

In your cover story today, March 20, "Pothole Time Bomb," there's something in there about people wrecking wheels and shocks and so forth, hitting potholes. That brings back some memories of something that happened 50 years ago, but it wasn't exactly a pothole.

Anyone old enough to remember streetcars will remember that there are safety zones alongside the streetcar tracks for people waiting to get on the streetcar, and there are big, yellow, hemispherical bumps in the road to outline the safety zone. They're about the diameter of a dinner plate and about half a foot high.

Sometime around 1953, I was driving around like an idiot, cutting up and not paying too much attention. We were from 17 years old to maybe 21 years old. I was a college boy, and there were a couple of other college boys in the car and three college girls or high school girls. For anybody who remembers Saint Louis, Natural Bridge Avenue curves

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around right by the Convent of the Good Shepherd, which was a convent for wayward girls, and it was a pretty wide street and there were double streetcar tracks right down the middle. I don't know what happened, I wasn't paying too much attention, but going around

the curve there, *KAPOW*, I hit one of those bumps. It blew out a tire and bent the rim beyond all salvation. Name Withheld

**Highest Compliment** Just a brief note to let you know how much I enjoy Ed Bedford's "Tin Fork" column. I guess the highest compliment one can give a food critic is that it makes you want to run out and eat at the reviewed eatery immediately. "Tin Fork" does every time.

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An Evening with the Brontës

n gothic romances, the house always burns down. A madwoman lives in the attic. There are orphans and cruel aunts; moors and other damp landscapes. Most of all, there are tragic heroines and their moody men.

For whatever reasons (analyze them, if you're inclined), Karen Kenyon of University City became captivated by the three greatest gothic romance writers who ever lived - the Brontë sisters: Charlotte, Emily, and Anne. It happened in 1992, when she

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visited their home in the village of Emily Bront Haworth,

and he really wanted to." (Their

young.) "It all started when their

soldiers for their brother, Branwell.

All four children gave them names

and started play-acting with them.

maps. They created kingdoms for

these soldiers and wrote about them

fantasy until they were in their 20s.

They didn't associate much with

anvone else except each other.' Emily was perhaps the most

eccentric of the three, and the

in the tiny books. They continued this

"biggest mystery," said Kenyon. "She

doesn't seem to have had any friends,

although she loved animals. She'd

take long walks alone on the moors

and come back with a strange smile

In 1847, all three sisters

Jane Eyre and Emily's Wuthering

"We think of Jane Eyre as the first

was plain, too." In Anne's second

novel, The Tenant of Wildfell Hall, a

woman runs away from her alcoholic

story in which the heroine was plain

rather than beautiful. But Agnes Gray

published novels. Besides Charlotte's

Heights, there was Anne's Agnes Gray.

on her face."

They got down on the floor and drew

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EVENTS Yorkshire, England. Kenyon was born in Oklahoma and grew up in Sacramento after her

parents' divorce. Hers was not the world of Thornfield Hall, the remote estate owned by Mr. Rochester in Jane Eyre. Nor was it Thrushcross Grange's world, where Catherine of Wuthering Heights goes to live after marrying Edgar Linton, much to the distress of the vengeful Heathcliff.

But Kenvon did have her own personal tragedies: the death of an infant daughter and the suicide of her husband — events she wrote about in a memoir called Sunshower.

Kenvon has visited Dickens's house, and Keats's, and didn't come away obsessed. The visit to the Brontës' was different: "I almost felt as if they had come home with me, she said. Obsession led to a second book, The Brontë Family: Passionate Literary Geniuses, a biography for young adults.

Apparently other people get caught up in the Brontës' lives. "While I was working on the book, Li-Young Lee, the Chinese-American poet, was visiting the college [MiraCosta, where Kenyon teaches], and when I mentioned my project, he said, 'The Brontë parsonage — it's haunted, isn't it?'

The sisters were a strange and insular trio. In childhood, they wrote a series of fantasies in tiny (matchbook-size) books. "They would write so small in these books their father couldn't decipher them,

husband, taking their little boy with mother had died when they were very her. She goes to live in a manor house, becomes a painter, and falls in love with a farmer. That was a revolutionary plot for its day, said Kenyon. "Wives didn't leave husbands back then, or if they did

> home again.' Predictably, for writers in Victorian times, the sisters all died young — two of tuberculosis; the third, Charlotte, the only one who married, died during pregnancy, just nine months after her wedding. ("She had terrible morning sickness and just wasted away," Kenyon said.)

escape, they'd be found and brought

Like his sisters, Branwell had an artistic temperament but nothing to show for it when he, too, died tubercular in 1848 at age 31. "He drank so much and took laudanum. He certainly overdid it, then would stay in bed for days. One night he fell down on the way home from the pub. He died a couple of days later. It was tuberculosis, but his symptoms hadn't been noticed, because he'd had many other problems.'

This weekend, after Kenyon speaks about the Brontës, actors will perform staged readings of materials Brontë family home, now a museum

prepared by her and two collaborators, Ann Carli and Bonnie Hall. In between scenes, San Diego Symphony pianist Mary Barranger will perform Haydn, Bach, Beethoven, and other selections taken from Emily's personal music book. "These were the pieces she loved to play.'

One actor, Richard Halstead, is an Englishman from the Brontës' part of the world. "He has the perfect accent. His parents go to the church in England where the Brontës' father preached for the first time."

Some words are taken directly from Charlotte's letters. "I was able to go to the Huntington Library, in San Marino, and read quite a few of them. They have over 100 in their collection," Kenyon explains. "This was thrilling, as you might imagine to hold them in my hands.' – Jeanne Schinto

"An Evening with the Brontës" Friday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. Library information hub MiraCosta College One Barnard Drive, Oceanside Free Info: 760-795-6613

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#### BAJA

"Bodies in Transit," an international contemporary dance festival, runs Thursday, April 3, through Saturday, April 12, at the

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Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Tickets: \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9635. (TIJUANA)

"One Hundred Years in Preschool Education," Margarita Arroyo Acevedo presents the lecture on Friday, April 4, 8 a.m., Tiiuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9645. (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.

Registration for the ride is \$25, running 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. 619-424-6084. (ROSARITO BEACH, ENSENADA)

An International Festival of Contemporary Dance runs April 5-12 at the Teatro Universitario. Diverse dance groups perform from 7 to 10 p.m. each night. For reser-



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The "Month of Chiapas" is being celebrated nightly from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Hotel Newport Beach. Each night features "60 different dishes, artwork, and folkloric" dances of Chiapas. The fee is \$12.50 U.S. 800-582-1018. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Tijuana Cultural Center, every Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the center (CE-CUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of an exhibit of the history of the Baja peninsula. The center also features other cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2, with two-forone 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

Less Rain, warmer temperatures, and hazier skies coincide with the subtle onset of San Diego's spring season. By April's end, the alternating periods of rainfall and crystal-clear skies we've been having will likely be distant memories. The nocturnal, low overcast starting to hug the coast right about now will gradually build into "June gloom" - days-long episodes of perpetual overcast that can dog us through the late spring.

The Coastal Wildflower Bloom, the best in several years, will continue through early May. One of the best spots for viewing the greatest variety of flowers is Torrey Pines State Reserve. San Onofre State Beach, just north of Camp Pendleton, should have acres and acres of monkeyflower, with a halfdozen different shades, blooming on the coastal bluffs. On grassy hillsides in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve and in Mission Trails Regional Park (especially behind the Old Mission Dam), you will find carpets of California poppies, purple nightshade, pinkish owl's clover, blue-colored lupine, and scattered splashes of color due to a dozen or more other species of wildflowers. North County resi-

dents should check out the huge Daley Ranch preserve in northeast Escondido. Its rolling hillsides and grassy meadows should sport a fantastic display of wildflowers by midmonth.

The Slender Waxing Crescent Moon makes its first easily observable appearance low in the western sky during twilight Thursday, April 3. On successive evenings, the fattening crescent will be seen higher and higher in the sky. Because the zodiac stands at a steep angle relative to the west horizon this time of year, the young crescent moon hovers almost directly over the setting sun and so appears as a "smile" almost perfectly aligned with the horizon.

San Diego's Earliest Sunrise this vear occurs on Saturday, April 5, near 5:30 a.m., owing to both the steady lengthening of the daylight hours, but more importantly due to the fact that daylight saving time starts the following day. If daylight time were not in effect in the months to come, the earliest possible sunrise in San Diego (4:39 a.m.), would take place on June 15.

**Early Spring Migrant Warblers** such as Nashville and Wilson's are possible sightings, along with the Pacific-slope flycatchers, when the Audubon Society leads an outing at Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on

Saturday, April 5, 8 a.m. to noon. Meet at the entrance to the preserve; find the reserve on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature over level ground. Free. 619-692-3246. (POWAY)

A Remnant Population of California Bay-Laurel Trees is located in McCain Valley, the site for a hike led by the Canyoneers on Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To reach the trailhead, take McCain Valley Road north from Boulevard to its end. Free. 619-232-3821 x203. (IN-KO-PAH MOUNTAINS)

Wild, Wild West, naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads an easy three-mile walk on main and single track trails, discussing cattle ranching and the history and construction of the buildings in Daley Ranch on Saturday, April 5. The event starts at 1 p.m. in the main parking lot on La Honda Drive. To make the requested reservations, call 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Observable History, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, on Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m., starting at the visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

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Boots and Paws, take a ranger-led interpretive walk with your dog and learn about the importance of dog care when in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. Bring water for yourself and your canine, along with a bag to pick up after your pet. Join the group in the Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Explore the Plant World around the Mission Trails Regional Park's visitors' center with a ranger during a native plant walk on Saturday, April 5, 1 to 2 p.m. Meet at the visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Star Party, check out the heavens when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumevaav Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, April 5, 6 to 8 p.m. Find the park at Two Father Junípero Serra Trail; 619-668-3275, Free, (MISSION GORGE)

A Guided Nature Walk is slated for Saturday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. in Marian Bear Memorial Park Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through the oak and sycamore trees and chaparral. To reach the staging area, take the Regents Road exit off Highway 52 and look for a parking lot and restroom on the west side of Regents Road. 858-525-8219. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Owls, Hawks, and Falcons, Oh My! Ranger Maureen Abare brings her live collection of raptors to Sycamore Canvon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve on Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m. Expect to hear about their natural history and the effects of human impact on the species.

Park at the staging area and walk a mile down to the ranger station found in the grove of trees; the staging area is found at the end of Sycamore Canyon Road (off Garden Road). For information: 619-561-0580 (Thursday and Friday) or 858-668-1850 (Saturday and Sunday). Free. (POWAY)

**Rescuing Wild Animals in Trou**ble is the job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. There are two orientations planned on Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m. Get the information at the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (in the gray building at Cardiff-bythe-Sea Towne Centre, 2031 San Elijo Avenue) and at the Claire-

mont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CARDIFF, CLAIREMONT)

Pacific Daylight Time, or "daylight saving time," starts on Sunday morning, April 6, at 2 a.m. No time is "saved" by advancing our clocks by one hour. This sneaky trick in civil time is designed to rouse us out of bed an hour earlier so that we can enjoy what seems to be an extra hour of daylight before the sun goes down.

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Ven Explora la Naturaleza con Migo, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts this bilingual nature walk on April 6, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, the walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find the center at



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**Rediscover Old Escondido West** during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee on Tuesday, April 8. The outing starts at 10 a.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

**Presidio Gallivant,** take this moderately paced, hilly, somewhat strenuous walk in Old Town and

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Mission Hills with Walkabout perambulators Tuesday, April 8. Start: 6 p.m. at the flagpole in Old Town State Park (opposite the Estudillo House). Bring a flashlight. Free. 619-231-7463. (OLD TOWN)

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**"Octavio's Garden"** — a work referring "to the boundless world of Mexico's Nobel Prize-winning poet Octavio Paz," set to exotic McCaleb dancers April 3-6 and April 10-13, at 8 p.m. each night, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Tickets: \$12 to \$15. Sushi, 320 11th Avenue. 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN) **Romance, Intrigue, Secrets, Duels, Feuds...**yes, the dance-drama *Romeo and Juliet* will be presented

music by Japanese composer Asa-

Chang — will be performed by

by the Stuttgart Ballet for the La Jolla Chamber Music Society on April 5 and 6. This classic boasts choreography by the late John Cranko (who first staged the ballet in Venice in 1958) and a 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, depending upon the seats and the date. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

**Investigate the Nature of Place** when Olive Bieringa leads "Body Cartography" workshops Saturday, April 5 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), Sunday, April 6 (4:30 to 6:30 p.m.), and Monday, April 7 (6 to 9 p.m.), at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue). \$75. To register, call 619-297-0125. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Bellydancing Fusion"** is promised when the Urban Tribal Dance Company performs on April 5, at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., at the Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Cover: \$5. 619-234-1344. (LITLE ITALY)

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

**Josh Collazo and His Feetwarmers** perform Sunday, April 6. Doors at Aubergine (500 Fourth Avenue, at Island and Fourth) open at 7 p.m., introductory Balboa lessons by Rob Duncan at 7:15 p.m., dancing 8 p.m. until midnight. Radioland Rugcutters performance 9 p.m.; swing dance contest 10 p.m. Cover: \$12, open to those 21 and older. 858-395-6060. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Loving Circle Dancing, Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing themed "Easter: The Glory of the Christ" Monday, April 7, 7 p.m., at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). Donation: \$3. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST) **Zydeco Dances** with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including April 8, 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: \$5. 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

Scottish Country Dancing lessons are offered by the San Diego Royal Scottish Country Dance Association. Mixed-level classes start each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Twin Oaks High School (158 Cassou Road). Beginners: meet on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at Pomerado Elementary School (12321 Ninth Street). Fees are \$3 or \$4. 858-549-8879. (SAN MARCOS, POWAY)

Learn Jazz Dancing when Jim and Margie lead an "All Things Swing" workshop Tuesday, April 8, 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); open swing dancing from 9 to 11 p.m.; \$5. Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal (near Shelter Island, off Rosecrans). 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)



More Than 20 Different Titles

may be enjoyed when "The Short List: An Evening of Short Films" is presented on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Films include *Broadway Boogie-Woogie* and *Sticky Dough*. Tickets: \$7 for nonmembers. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego International Film Festival,** full-length feature films, shorts, and animation are showcased, April 4-20, in UCSD's Price Center Theater. Details: 858-534-TIXS. Tickets: \$8 general, festival pass \$65. (LA JOLLA)

**The Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra** for Silent Films concludes its Not-So-Silent Film Festival, Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m. Featured films: *The Violin Maker of Cremona*, an early *Felix the Cat*, and a new silent film by Albie Hewlett made specially for this orchestra. The audience helps the live orchestra create the sound effects in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

A Woman Finds Her True Essence after a difficult journey through love and loneliness in *To Love Too Much*, screening for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library on April 6, 2 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

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thesizer." The theremin is unusual 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. Documentary *Theremin* — *An Electronic Odyssey* on April 6, 7 p.m. The audience may play theremins following the film. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

**The Genre Bending** *Cherish* is described as part romantic comedy, part dramatic thriller. See this 2002 film starring Robin Tunney and Tim Black Nelson when it's shown for the Film Forum, Monday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Winter Tales,"** films exploring the lives of the elderly are being shown for the "Film for Thought" series hosted by CSU San Marcos. *Nobody's Fool*, starring Paul Newman, screens on Monday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Discussions are led by history professor Patricia Seleski. 760-750-4366. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

America's Greatest Jazz Legends are spotlighted in a film series at the San Diego Museum of Art. The series continues with *Charles Mingus: Triumph of the Underdog* (1998) on Wednesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. 619-232-7931. Tickets are \$7 for nonmembers. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Il Postino"** by Massimo Troisi screens for the Italian film series Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., in the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Admission: \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the center celebrates its 30th anniversary with the After 5 p.m. Classic IMAX Film Festival. "Space Week" includes *Cosmos* (6 p.m.), *We Are Born of Stars*, and *The Dream Is Alive* (1985), April 3-6. Next up: "Parks Week," with Yellowstone (6 p.m.) and *Grand Canyon* (7 p.m.) April 9-13. Admission to these screenings: \$5.

Also screening: Coral Reef Adventure (through summer); Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees (through Thursday, May 15); and Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West (through May).

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

#### LECTURES

**Share Your Concerns and Ideas** and help the planning team establish a "Vision for the Park" during a public forum entitled "Balboa Park: Parking, Transportation, and Land-Use Study" on Thursday, April 3, 6 p.m., at the Balboa Park Club Building, 619-230-1700 x104. (BALBOA PARK)

Architecture and Design Issues are examined in a lecture series hosted by Woodbury University. UCSD musician and composer Steven Schick speaks on Thursday, April 3, 6:30 p.m., at Woodbury University (1060 Eighth Avenue). Free. 619-235-2900. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Life in the Hole"** is illuminated when Edward Johnson speaks for the Archaeological Institute of America on Friday, April 4, 7:15 p.m., room J-203 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Free. 619-295-0238. (KEARNY MESA) **Rose Topiary** slide-illustrated lecture by Pat Hammer, Friday, April 4, 1 p.m., Carlsbad Garden Club, in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (2650 Garfield Street). 760-729-8172. Free. (CARLSBAD)

**In Celebration of Chávez,** California State Senator Richard Polanco speaks on "Creating the César Chávez Holiday" Friday, April 4, 11:30 a.m., in the Warren College amphitheater at UCSD. Free. 858-534-6862. (LA JOLLA) **"Cultures and Dialogues:** Themes and Subjects in the Mexican Colonial Period" will be explored by Los Angeles County Museum of Art curator of Latin American art Ilona Katzew on Friday, April 4, 10 a.m., for the docent lecture at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Voices in the Desert:** Arabic-Canadian Women Writers," CSU Long Beach professor Elizabeth Dahab speaks on Friday, April 4, 4 p.m., in the deCerteau Room, 3155 Literature Building, at UCSD. 858-534-4618. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**"Beyond Church Records"** and "Other Sources for Research in Germany" are the topics for professional genealogist Joan Neumann Lowrey, German Research Association, Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m., Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-420-4557. (HILLCREST) **Koi-Keeping 101,** learn basics of koi-keeping when Linda Solis and Linda Pluth speak at the Japanese Friendship Garden on Saturday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

**View the Jewels of La Jolla** on 33-mile ride with Sierra Club bicyclists Saturday, April 5. Start: 8:30 a.m., La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Route goes north to Carmel Valley, returning with a tiered climb up Mount Soledad. Bring lock and money for lunch. 858-974-4871. (LA JOLLA)

**Tours @ Two,** docent-led tour of the "String Fever" exhibit — showcasing archtop guitars and the D'Angelic and D'Aquisto guitars on Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m., Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Seven-string guitarist Ron Eschete leads tour and presents related seminar, 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$5 general, \$3 seniors and students. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

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Act Out, acting coach Judymay Murphy leads an acting workshop with scenes, scriptwork, and improvisation — on Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel (7450 Hazard Center Drive). \$95. To register, call 760-721-1290. (MISSION VALLEY)

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 Marina Village Conference Center (1945 Quivira Way). New and experienced gardeners are invited to the selection of 40 classes on all facets of gardening. For space availability and fees, call 858-694-2860. (MISSION BAY)

**Put on 3-D Glasses** and tour the earth, drawing on the power of the San Diego Supercomputer Center's imaging skills, when SDSU professor Eric Frost speaks Saturday, April 5, 1 p.m., Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Models created by lasers have been transformed into the 3-D images. The talk is included in paid center admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Healing Ceremonies in Modern Judaism"** are explored by Jody Myers from Cal State Northridge for the Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies on Sunday, April 6, 1:30 p.m., Temple Emanu-el (6299 Capri Drive). Free. 619-594-5338. (DEL CERRO)

**Pastel Artist** Alicia Satherland demonstrates techniques for the Pastel Society of San Diego on Sunday, April 6, 2:30 p.m., Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). 858-488-3864. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Desert Mushrooms?** Elio Schaechter examines "Desert Mushrooms and Friends" for the Mycological Society, Monday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., Casa del Prado room 101. Free. 760-753-0273. (BALBOA PARK)

Happy Birthday! In Sympathy...the Hallmark Writers on Tour features two writers relating "how real life inspires them" and their creative processes. See the duo Monday, April 7, 6 p.m., at Upstart Crow (835 West Harbor Drive; 619-232-4855); and on Wednesday, April 9, 10 a.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue; 619-291-7070). (SEAPORT VILLAGE, NORTH PARK)

**"From Spirituals to Swing:** Rosetta Tharpe and Gospel Crossover" is the subject when George Washington University English professor Gayle Wald speaks on Monday, April 7, 4 p.m., in the deCerteau Room, 3155 Literature Building at UCSD. Free. 858-534-8699. (LA JOLLA)

**"All That Glitters:** The History of the Goldsmith's Art and the Great Jewelry Houses of the 19th Century" is the topic for a lecture series by Tim Adams at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). "Ancient to Rococo, the Love of Adornment," Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. \$15. For reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**"Beyond Bare Bones:** The Applied Science of Forensic Anthropology" is the theme for a San Diego State University series. Forensic anthropologist and Smithsonian scientist Doug Owsley speaks Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., Montezuma Hall. He's worked cases from Croatia to Waco, Texas. Tickets: \$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Information: 619-594-5527. (SDSU)

**"Is There Life After Death?"** Humanities Dialogues continue with a look at the question between UCSD professors Avrum Stroll (philosophy) and Russell Doolittle (biology, chemistry, biochemistry), Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., Solis Hall room 104, UCSD. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

**Meet the Masters,** "Trials of a Courtroom Artist" will be divulged by artist Bill Lignante at the San

Diego Museum of Art on Tuesday, April 8. Lignante has worked notorious trials with subjects including Patty Hearst, Charles Manson, Sirhan Sirhan, and Rodney King. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$36 with lunch) and at 5:30 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Electronic Sources** at the Carlsbad City Library" are discussed by genealogy librarian Mary Van Orsdol for the Computer Genealogy Group of the North San Diego County Genealogical Society Tuesday, April 8, 1 p.m., Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 858-453-8469. Free. (CARLSBAD)

**"Making Peace"** Joe Galloway (co-author of *We Were Soldiers Once...And Young*) and *Union-Tribune* columnist and author Rich Louv address the topic, Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m., Shiley Theatre, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-2284. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Recycle, Reduce, Reuse,"** slidepresentation, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

**Capture the Universe for Yourself,** Alberto Levy from the Sociedad Astronómica de Baja California on "Point and Shoot: Digital Takes on the Universe," Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m. \$6.75. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Celebrating the Centennial of Flight," Ron Serabia, fire captain of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention, Ramona Air Attack Base, presents the history of operations that aircraft perform in wildlife fire suppression on Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Aerospace Museum (2001 Pan American Plaza). \$15. 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Recent Mummy Investigations** at the Smithsonian Using Computerized Tomography" is the title for a talk planned by physical anthropologist David R. Hunt on Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., San Diego Museum of Man. \$7. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

#### IN PERSON

Artists on the Cutting Edge XI, the "Cross Fertilizations" literary and music series at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla commences on Thursday, April 3. Opening-night: sitar master Kartik Seshadri, Robert Pinsky (poet laureate of the U.S. from 1997-2000), and installation/performance artist James Luna. Author Jeffery Renard Allen, saxophonist Greg Osby, and poet Jane Hirshfield perform on Thursday, April 10.

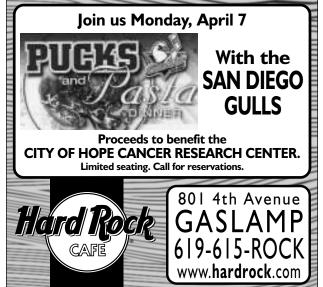
Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. Five-night series tickets for nonmembers are \$65; nonmembers pay \$15 per individual event. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541 x444. (LA JOLLA)

**Up for a Feel-Good Musical?** See *Anything Goes* when at Rancho Buena Vista High School through April 5. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. Tickets: \$7 general. Find the school at 1601 Longhorn Drive; 760-727-7284 x3412. (VISTA)

**Right Here in River City!** Coast Kids Theatre presents *The Music Man* April 3-18 at the Star Theater. Meredith Willson's musical is presented by professional adult actors on Thursday and Saturday nights and on the 18th. Performances: April 3-6, April 10-13, and April 17 and 18.

The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 seniors/military, \$5 for children 12 and under. Find the theater at 402 North Coast Highway. 760-721-9983. (OCEANSIDE)

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emeritus at Boston University, visits Voz Alta for discussion on Thursday, April 3. Voz Alta, 917 E Street; 619-230-1869. Donation. (DOWNTOWN)

**Meet the Brontës** when author Karen Kenyon presents "An Evening with the Brontës" Friday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., in the library at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Free. 760-795-6613. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Maine Noir" Author** John Connolly signs *The White Road* Friday, April 4, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

**The Emotional, Social,** and philosophical effects of poverty on the human spirit are examined in *Downsized* 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. Fridays through April 25, at the 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Tickets are \$15. Reservations: 619-819-6441. (HILLCREST)

He's Produced More Than 30 Video Artworks, and on Friday, April 4, 8 p.m., Harry Gamboa Jr. will give a talk and performance at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Gamboa's *curriculum vitae* includes photography, performance, and *fotonovelas* interpreting the contemporary Chicano experience. Donation. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Move from Burnout to Brilliance, author Carolyn Gross signs and discusses *Staying Calm in the Midst of Chaos* Friday, April 4, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

**Celebrate Culture and Diversity** at Unity Fest 2003, with various musical, dance, and theatrical performances, Friday, April 4, 6 p.m., Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Free. 619-235-9500. (DOWNTOWN)

**SDSU and USD Students** and the public have created the Community Theatre Project running Friday through Sunday, April 4-6, 7 p.m., City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

North County High School Finalists, grades 10 through 12, compete in the high school poetry slam, Friday, April 4, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Competitors will rap, sing, and dance their work. Six winners will be dubbed "Slammin' Stars of Prose." Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

What's a Banjomer? It's a hybrid of Appalachian dulcimer and banjo and will be used by Connie Allen while she performs with Bill Dempsey and his "Carter-style" flatpicking for San Diego Folk Heritage. Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. \$12. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

**"Reading, Writing, and Rhythm** World Music Series" continues with the Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble, Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., in the Library Civic Center Community Rooms (330



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# Reading

#### **Everything But the Burden:** What White People Are Taking from Black Culture



Broadway Books, 2003; 260 pages;

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Much of what America has sold to the world in music, fashion, sports, literature, and politics as uniquely American in character — from modern art to hip-hop — was uniquely African-American in origin. In this provocative collection, the contributors dissect the ways in which dominant white culture seems to be taking on, as editor Greg Tate's mother used to tell him, "everything but the burden"

from African-Americans and appropriating it as its own from fetishizing black bodies to spinning the thug life into a glamorous commodity. Is this a way of shaking off the fear of

North Coast Highway). \$10. 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

"Culinary Mystery" Author Joanne Fluke (The Lemon Meringue Pie Murder) is joined by Nathan Walpow (One Last Hit) to sign books Saturday, April 5, 2:30 p.m., Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"Three-Part Harmony" - with singing by the San Diego Men's Chorus, the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, and Men Alive of Orange County - starts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at the Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$25. 619-296-7664. (DOWNTOWN)

Scam Expert and Novelist Jim Swain demonstrates card cheating methods and signs his latest Tony Valentine mystery, Sucker Bet, Monday, April 7, 7 p.m., Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

S.D. Homicide Cop Tom McMichael stars in T. Jefferson Parker's 11th novel, Cold Pursuit, which he'll sign and discuss Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Asking Hard Questions and giving hard answers, Robert Spencer discusses Islam Unveiled Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m., Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue; 619-795-9899). Free. (NORTH PARK)

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Erotic Poetry Night, "air out your most romantic notions" when Philip Groff showcases poems of Rumi, Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m., Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans Street). Open mike. 619-788-2463 or 619-523-5540. (POINT LOMA)

Stand Up for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, comics Mike Ricca, Mark Christopher Lawrence, Dat Phan, and five others entertain Wednesday, April 9, 8 p.m., Comedy Store (858-454-9176). Donation: \$10. 858-232-5358. (LA JOLLA)

Performance Art Night is Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m., San Diego Art Institute (1439 El Prado). \$3. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

No Stranger to 5.12 Climbs, Dave Kennedy presents slide-illustrated lectures and signs his San Diego County Climbing Guide at Adventure 16 stores. See Kennedy on Wednesday, April 9, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662) and on Thursday, April 10, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374). 7 p.m. Free. (SOLANA BEACH, MISSION VALLEY)

An Israeli Bruce Springsteen? See David Broza - whose performances are a "blend of Hebrew, English, and Spanish" - Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. Tickets: \$10 to \$50, through Ticketmaster

the unknown? A flattering indicator of appreciation? Or is it a more complicated cultural exchange?

Largely devoted to scrutinizing white Americans' need to acquire Blackness by any means necessary, Everything But the Burden also addresses the fascination that desire provokes in a contemporary generation of African-American artists and intellectuals who hold complicated ideas about whose, exactly, Black culture is.

Burden's writers tackled the all-American enchantment with Blackness. Some approach the task through iconic figures whose life and work embodied the network of the history of shame, blame, idolatry, bravery, tomfoolishness, and misapprehension that marks the subject. Among them, Carl Hancock-Rux takes on the Eminem phenomenon; Greg Tate discusses Steely Dan with Vernon Reid; and Hilton Als studies the career of Richard Pryor. We also get Manthia Diawara's take on James Brown; Arthur Jafa's startling reading of Kubrick, Picasso, Duchamp, and Pollock; and Tony Green's revealing writing on Muhammad Ali, Norman Mailer, and George Foreman.

Further expanding our vista of Black America's impact on the world, Burden offers critical essays from Levin Gibbs on black gods and thugs, Robin Kelly on the bizarre world of white activists, Beth Coleman on the pimp figure, Renee Green on Hollywood potboilers, and Meri Danquah on hair-straightening and skin-bleaching.

Burden also reaches out beyond the essay form to include a poem by Mike Ladd, two darkly witty scenes from Elsa Davis's Umkovu, and a wildly creative parody of literary anthropology and ghettocentricity from Danzy Senna.

And finally, the portrait of this complex phenomenon of appropriation and the questions it begets are fleshed out by deeply personal essays by Latasha N. Diggs on fetishism, Michaela Ange-

Healing Power of a Remarkable Death on Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

"Let's Fall in Love" by Harold Arlen is on tap, along with other music, when Rob Thorsen (bass), Mike Wofford (piano), and Holly Hoffman (flute) present a jazz trio program on Thursday, April 10, at 12:30 p.m., in the Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road: 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Jazz Standards, Latin rhythms, and original compositions are on tap when the jazz duet of Lori Bell (flute) and Ron Satterfield (guitar) perform Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway; 858-573-5007). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

#### SPORTS

Take Me Out to the Ballpark, the San Diego Padres host the Los Angeles Dodgers in Qualcomm Stadium April 3-6, at 2:05 p.m. on Thursday, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The Pads are off to San Francisco to meet the Giants April 7-9, at 1:05 on Monday, 7:10 on Tuesday, and 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday.

All of these games (except

April 9) are broadcast on Channel 4. Games are broadcast in English on KOGO (600 AM) and in Spanish on XEMO (860 AM). Tickets: \$6 to \$32, available by calling 877-374-2784. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sig-Alert in Del Mar? Over 2000 hot rods, custom cars, street rods, muscle cars, street machines, classic cars and trucks, all made before 1964, at Eagle One Del Mar Rod and Custom Nationals April 4-6 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Manufacturer and supplier exhibits, vintage vehicle auctions, entertainment.

Show hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$15 general, seniors and kid discounts. 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

The Regular Season for the San Diego Gulls closes with games against the Anchorage Aces Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5, 7 p.m.; and against the Long Beach Ice Dogs Sunday, April 6, 5 p.m., San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$18, available by calling 619-224-4625. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA

Flight Fest 2003, tenth annual air races at Torrey Pines Gliderport Friday through Sunday, April 4-6. Three classes of paragliders compete. Races begin at 11 a.m. at 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive. Spectators free. 858-452-9858. (LA JOLLA)

April Fool's Race hosted by Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, Satlea Davis on beauty, Cassandra Lane on sexual anxiety, and novelist Jonathan Lethem on growing up white in Gowanus.

Through its kaleidoscopic approach, Everything But the Burden takes an exhilarating, controversial look at how white culture has rendered the progenitors of the nation's creative profile as the most alluring, co-optable, and erasable of beings.

#### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From Publishers Weekly: There's an old remark to the effect that if you toss a Harvard boy in a locked room with a ghetto kid for a month, well, who'll come out sounding like whom? This collection, edited by Village Voice critic Tate (Flyboy in the Buttermilk), attempts a sociology of that transaction, as repeated perpetually throughout American culture.

LA Weekly: In the face of pervasive simplistic rhetoric on an important subject - one whose history reaches back before Elvis, back to the Jazz Age whites who stormed Harlem, back to the 19thcentury bohemians who trouped about as minstrels - there is need for real critical scrutiny.

The Washington Post: American culture, from its amorphous periphery to its fixed center, is an ongoing dialogue about racial identity, charting the fluctuating market value of blacks and other collective personae non gratae. Everything But the Burden...examines American cultural exchange through the trifocal lens of race, appropriation, and commodification.

In his fine introductory essay, "Nigs R Us or How Blackfolk Became Fetish Objects," Tate registers this important observation: "The increased opportunities for Black ownership and profiting from Black entertainment have largely made moot the once vociferous arguments about white profiting from Black culture." From this perspective, the proprietary nature of black culture is a question of equal-opportunity commodification.

urday, April 5, 10 a.m., around buoy 16 in San Diego Bay. All manner of boats will be competing. Free for spectators. 619-222-9051. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

**Elements of Football and Soccer** are incorporated in rugby. The San Diego Surfers Women's Rugby Football Club hosts the Las Vegas Slots, Saturday, April 5, 1 p.m., Qualcomm Stadium. 619-298-6099. The OMBAC Rugby Super League hosts the Kansas City Super League team at 3 p.m. \$5. (MISSION VALLEY)

The "Coors Light 125" for NASCAR Southwest Series takes place Saturday, April 5, at Cajon Speedway. First race begins at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying runs starting at 5 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field. Take I-8 to Highway 67, and use the Bradley exit. Drive left for two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to the track entrance. Adult admission: \$9 (west side) and \$10 (east side); \$3 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

Run or Walk, the Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk on Saturday, April 5. The four-mile outing starts at 8:30 a.m. at 15th Street and Ocean Avenue and lasts a little over one hour along the beach. Wear good running or walking shoes; all levels of ability are welcome. Bring money for a restaurant stop afterwards. 619-742-4151 or 858-454-5433. (DEL MAR)

MS Walk 5K or 10K, start at Legoland at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 5; or at Embarcadero Park on Sunday, April 6, 8 a.m. 858-974-8640. (CARLSBAD. DOWNTOWN

Benefit on the Bay 2003, San Diego Hospice benefit includes "Angler's Bottom Fishing Tournament" Saturday, April 5; registration 5 a.m., boats depart 7 a.m. Entry fee \$35 adults, \$25 juniors. The 16th Annual Charity Bay Race open to yachts of all classes, Sunday, April 16, noon, in the vicinity of the Navy Pier. Fee: \$75. Registration: 619-278-6230. (POINT LOMA)

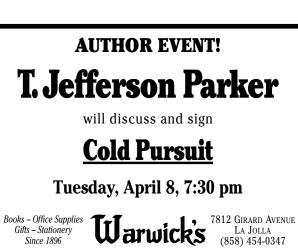
Over 3400 Rowers gather at Crown Point Shores for the 30th annual San Diego Crew Classic, April 5 and 6. Competition starts at 7 a.m. both mornings, concluding at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults at the main finish line venue, free for those under 12 (free viewing from vantage points around bay). 858-488-0700. (MISSION BAY)

Calling All (Half) Ironmen, the Ralphs California Half Ironman 1.2-mile swim in Oceanside Har-

bor, 56-mile ride on Camp Pendleton, 13.1-mile run through neighborhoods — is Saturday, April 5. Shuttle bus for spectators runs 5 to 7 a.m. at the Oceanside Pier parking lot. 760-435-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

San Marcos Blast, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders Sunday, April 6, for 70-mile ride starting at 8:45 a.m., Doyle Park







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In Carl Hancock-Rux's essay "Eminem: The New White Negro," the popular white rapper is tarred and feathered as the latest in a royal line of black cultural appropriators. Eminem is the protégé of Dr. Dre, a black man, who produces the rapper's music and is credited with pioneering gangsta rap. Does this make Dr. Dre a cultural traitor? And in the essay "ThugGods: Spiritual Darkness and Hip-Hop," Melvin Gibbs writes, "Surveys have established that approximately 70 percent of hip-hop music sales are to the white community." Are white consumers engaged in appropriation? Do black hip-hop record executives and moguls care? Is black culture — or its commodification — proprietary?

Library Journal Reviews: How does the majority, dominant, power-holding culture appropriate elements of the disenfranchised minority culture? In myriad ways, according to this collection of new essays edited by Village Voice writer Tate. From Picasso and Pollock to Steely Dan and Eminem, the white imitation of black ways has profoundly "colored" Western culture. Despite the book's subtitle, this work is as much about the varied emotional and intellectual responses of black thinkers to this phenomenon as it is about cultural appropriation per se.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Greg Tate was born in 1957 in Dayton, Ohio. Speaking from his office at the Village Voice, he told me that his family moved to Washington, D.C., when he was 12. He grew up in the nation's capital. He attended Howard University. He came to New York early in the 1980s and settled in at the Voice.

Mr. Tate's mother is responsible for the book's title. He explained. "She wrote a poem ten years ago after watching one of the award shows. Watching the show, she was struck by how many of the white performers were imitating black singers and dancers and fashions and hairstyles. So she wrote a piece where the refrain was, 'They

(8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). Bring money for lunch. 619-426-8192. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Up for Water Skiing? The Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 8 to 11 a.m. on Sundays year-round, instruction on request. The group meets at the south end of Crown Point Beach; guests of any skill level welcome. Nonmember fee: \$8 per run

(about 15 minutes). For information, call 800-699-2466, press the pound sign, then mailbox number 456-838-6754. (MISSION BAY)

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Road), April 8-13.

want this for my hair, this for my soul, everything but the burden.'"

And, as how he came to edit the book, Mr. Tate said, "I was actually brought this book as an assignment by two editors at Random House, who felt there was a book somewhere in the whole white-kids-following-the-hip-hop phenomenon. They pretty much gave me license to run away with it. So the first title I thought of was from my mom's poem."

I said that I was interested to note that Americans of every race and class, when they fall in love, when they want to flirt and dance, when they are filled with sorrow, turn to African-American music. What did Mr. Tate make of this?

"I think so much of it is about the seductive and charismatic nature of African civilization. So much of what people are responding to has its foundation in a culture and a philosophy about life that developed over several thousand years, a philosophy that didn't make a separation between the secular and the divine, the organic and the inorganic, between sexuality and spirituality, and style and substance. I think people are responding to a cosmology that's sustained a continent of people for a millennium and that was transported, to put it mildly, to the States during the slave trade and then recreated itself in spite of the distance and the disconnections. There were things about that philosophy and that way of life that continue to reassert themselves, even in the American context, and they were transformed through the encounter with white culture, with Europeans, with slavery.

"But at the same time, the African culture had a transformative impact on what became understood as white Americanness. European commentators who came to the States in the 17th and 18th centuries already felt like white Americans had been so transformed by their intimacy with Africans that they were certainly no longer Europeans. People would comment that they felt that white Americans already, even as far back as the 18th Cen-

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> **Diamond Iubilee Morgan Horse** Show, April 4-6, Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show opens at 9 a.m. each day, continuing until 8 p.m.

tury, walked black and talked black.

"One of the things that's fascinating to me — and it certainly reared up in the course of doing the book - is that I know that I'm something of a cultural chauvinist, as are a lot of people about their own ethnic background. But then it's fascinating to look again at the magnetism of African and African-American culture on people of other cultures, throughout the world. What people are really responding to is the evolved sense of humanity in the culture and, of course, just the excellence, the virtuosity, whether it's of an Aretha

*"What people are really* responding to is the evolved sense of humanity in the culture and just the excellence...whether it's of an Aretha Franklin

or a Michael Jordan."

on Friday, 9 p.m. on Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: free, parking: \$7. 760-597-0168 or

Nearly 300 Easter Lilies are on

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Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

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Franklin or a Michael Jordan or Jimi Hendrix or so forth. You realize, 'Well, why shouldn't everyone else be as impressed, because these people really are the best that have ever been produced by anybody at their particular thing?' But I think that there's also, definitely, a lure of the exotic aspect of the thing. It's like you're seeing a culture that gives license to improvisation.

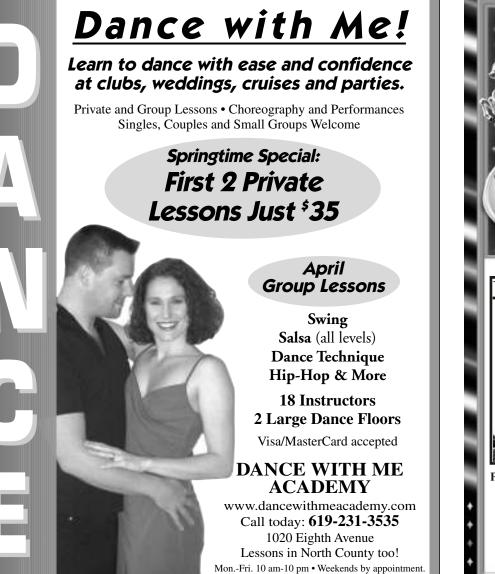
"Look at basketball, for instance. A friend of mine likes to say, 'Black people didn't invent the game, but they created the game that we watch.' They cre-

ated the billion-dollar game and the slam-dunk contest and the allstar exhibitions and so forth. It's that virtuosity brought into the professional arena. And for a long time, as it was in the baseball leagues, you know segregation prevailed, so you know it really wasn't until like the early to mid '70s, when you know the old black league, the

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lege planetarium on Friday, April 4. The evening begins with a look at the "Sky Tonight" at 7 p.m., highlighting prominent celestial objects visible from San Diego County. Weather permitting, the audience then views the night sky through telescopes on the roof of the adjacent Earth Sciences building. Participants return to the planetarium for "New Generations of Telescopes."

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, April 6, at the shops at Las Americas (at I-5 and (SAN YSIDRO, NATIONAL CITY) Camino de la Plaza). Next stop: Plaza Bonita (I-805 at Bonita Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on



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ABA [the American Basketball Association], merged with the old white league, the NBA, gave us the game that we see today, where guys are flying and doing 360-degree spins and twirls and hang times, slam dunks and all the rest of it. So there's a degree to which you look by comparison at the all-white suburban setting, and these things can look quite magical. When you're looking at the African-American culture, you're looking at a culture that demanded that kind of magic of itself; it demanded that if people were going to be recognized they had to be better than the best.

"So Jimi Hendrix has become the ultimate rhythm and blues, rock and roll guitar player. He studied everybody — black and white, doesn't matter — and he incorporates that into his own original statement. Michael Jordan, same thing; you know this guy studied all the great ballplayers and took the best from all of them.

"But so much of that is a response, I think, to the racist context of American society. It's so much a reflection of a certain kind of alienation, so much of a response to the notion that you know if you're black, you're inherently some kind of inferior human being. So I think there's always been this imperative in the culture whenever people got an opportunity to maximize their learning potential, their expressive potential, to really just go full tilt with it. You see that with somebody like a Frederick Douglass — it was amazing enough for him to just learn how to read. But then for this person to become a major American political figure and an amazing writer was also a reflection of his need to disprove theories of inferiority, which Thomas Jefferson doesn't get enough blame for.

"You can read so many of Jefferson's writings and you realize that the founding father of the democracy was one of the arch white supremacists of all time. He fundamentally did not believe that free black people and white people could live together in the same culture."

Call 760-744-1150 x2833 for the recommended reservations. Admission is \$1 for the first hour, \$2 for the "Telescopes" show, or \$3 for all three segments; children 5-11 receive a \$1 discount; children under 5 are not admitted. The campus is found at 1140 West Mission Road; the planetarium is located in room ES-1 on the west side of the science quad on the campus. (SAN MARCOS)

**Colored Pencil Society Artists** have work on display through Tuesday, April 29, at the Solana Beach City Hall (635 South Highway 101). "Yes, It's Colored Pencil," juried by Irina Gronborg, opens with reception on Friday, April 4, 5 p.m. Free. 858-720-2400. (SOLANA BEACH)

Using Turquoise, Antler, and Shell, Zuni carvers create their fetishes, some of which will be offered by "Indian trader" Donald Sharp, April 4 and 5, San Diego Museum of Man. Show/sale hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**Fifty Acres of Giant Ranunculus** flowers bloom at the Flower Fields, open for touring through Sunday, May 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Theme gardens, antique tractor wagon rides, All-American Rose Selection Garden. Strawberry festival and arts and crafts fair, Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6.

Admission: \$7 general, \$6 seniors, \$4 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, turn left on Paseo del Norte Road. 760-431-0352. (CARLSBAD)

False Glamour, Moral Emptiness, Desperate Boredom...discuss F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Great Gatsby* with Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Taste of the Arts by the Bay, in Marina View Park, Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Four stages of live entertainment, fine art exhibits, children's activities, and food vendors. Admission is free. Find the park by taking the J Street/Marina Parkway exit off of I-5 and heading west. 619-691-5296. (CHULA VISTA)

**Big Fat (Desert) Liar!** The first lie in the Pegleg Smith Liar's Contest was told in 1916, and the competition continues on Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. Contestants I said that I was fascinated by how in sections of America where white teens were openly hostile to African-American teens, that these white teens nevertheless often aped hip-hop dress and demeanor and did all this imitating while listening to music recorded by African-Americans.

"That's what *Everything But the Burden* sums up so succinctly, because you can pick black culture up off of the commodity rack. You don't have to deal with the anxiety that's produced by black representatives of the culture being in your space — this problem of black bodies in white space. You can have your black bodies in your own virtual space and never have to resolve these tensions you have with actual black people. Modern technology and media commodification made all of that possible.

"African people came here, literally, as commodities. When people are talking about reparations, they really want to go into the books. They are saying, 'Let's not just deal with slavery as a fiveday special on ABC. Let's deal with it as an economic enterprise.' Literally, human beings were sold like bushels of wheat or barrels of grain or stockpiles of wood and so forth. And there are ledgers that tell how much this person was sold for and then resold for this amount or how much income the labor generated for this particular family. So when people talk about reparations, they are saying, 'Let's talk about it as a fount of wealth creation among some of the wealthier corporations and families in this country today.' So in a way it's like we're seeing the vestiges of that in terms of the way hip-hop culture is commodified, bought and sold, traded."

We talked about the commodification of hip-hop. Mr. Tate noted, "You have to give it to Eminem for crafting a persona that could sell a white man doing hip-hop to black and white audiences without anybody batting an eye, or not too many people anyway. There are kids all around the country who rhyme, who spin turntables, and who have adopted the culture as their own

must tell tales relating to Pegleg Smith, lost gold, or the desert, limited to five minutes. Find Pegleg Smith Monument seven miles northwest of Christmas Circle, off Highway S-22 and Henderson Canyon Road. 760-767-5555 or 800-559-5524. Free. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

**Plumeria Society Cutting Sale,** Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, Casa del Prado room 101. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

**Long Live the Queen!** Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court and "hundreds of Renaissance re-enactors" converge upon Felicita Park for Renaissance fairs on Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entertainment, period music, battle pageants, pirate encampment, madrigal singers, and more. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for those under 12, free for those under 5; parking, \$3. Find the park at 742 Clarence Lane. 805-496-6036. (ESCONDIDO)

Wolves of North America, tour the California Wolf Center, Saturday, April 5, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.. The program, hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, is for adults only. Fee: \$12 general, \$9 for seniors. Registration: 619-255-0203. (CUYAMACA MOUNTAINS)

**Psychic Fun**, Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association psychic fairs, Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Psychics, mediums, and spiritual readers. Fifteen-minute readings, \$20. Find the grove at 2975 Washington Circle (at the south end of Country Club Lane). 760-745-9176. (ESCONDIDO)

Alexandra's BookStore psychic fair and metaphysical conference Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Psychic and Healing Arts Fair, Sunday, April 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., above TGI Fridays, 850 Palomar Airport Road. Professional psychics, visionary art and music, massage and healing, "tools for transformation," healthy living, gems, and more. Admission: \$5 general, two for \$8, \$3 for seniors and teens, free for those 12 and under. 800-722-7330. (CARLSBAD)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, 10 a.m. to 2\!s>p.m., Sunday, April 6, San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

The Historic Vessel Wings sails for one season in the San Diego Bay before being installed as a permanent exhibit at the San Diego Maritime Museum. Wings launchs Sunday, April 6, 10 a.m., at even though they may not see a black person between sunrise and sunset. The attraction of hip-hop is, again, some of this lure of the exotic. It's the lure of being able to have this primal black thing in your house. So in a way you're not necessarily to look to one of your peers to represent that. But I think that'll change too. I think it just took longer with hip-hop because it was kind of the first music that the makers and the practitioners of were very adamant about protecting from non-black incursion. Like the audience just wouldn't accept certain things and even with someone like Eminem, he still is very dependent on his acceptance by black people in order to have credibility."

"As," I suggested, "Eminem's collaboration with Dre."

"For sure. And you know he's very conscious of that as well. That his credibility comes from his association and acceptance by black audiences."

We talked about teen rebellion and its association with music. Mr. Tate offered this observation. "George Clinton once said, 'Every generation of teenagers is going to find some noise that their parents hate.' You know what I mean? It's definitely about fulfilling that generational function as well. You know, it's to their parents as rock and roll was."

But rock 'n' roll, I suggested, "was able to be whitened, was more bleached of race than are hip-hop hits. And, with rock 'n' roll, the racial anxiety wasn't as present as in rap."

Mr. Tate did not entirely agree. "I think it was there, definitely in the beginning. And even after Elvis came they were still burning records. I mean, what they did was they pacified the messenger in a sense. They kind of re-bleached or bleached the blond out of the Elvis hair. And some of those hysterical responses to rock 'n' roll as leading white kids into the jungle. I mean, we knew who that was directed at."

"Are black middle-class parents appalled by hip-hop culture?"

Koehler Kraft (2302 Shelter Island Drive). Free. (POINT LOMA)

**Eat Up!** The 2003 Edible Book event is Sunday, April 6, 3 to 5 p.m., Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Members of San Diego Book Arts exhibit artistcrafted, book-themed, edible works of art. The public is invited to view the creations and their recipes; tea and coffee will be served, and the books will be consumed. Reservations: 858-534-2533. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Celebrating Pysanky!** Pysanky (Easter Egg) Fest, Sunday, April 6, noon to 5 p.m., Ukrainian Catholic Church (4400 Palm Avenue). Psyanky Artists of Southern California are featured, Ukrainian cuisine. Free. 619-291-0661. (LA MESA)

**Food Fest,** 25 restaurants participate Wednesday, April 9, 5 to 7:30 p.m., La Mesa Community Center (4975 Memorial Drive). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

**Books and Illustrations** by Edward Gorey — who published more than 70 books of drawings and illustrated more than 60 by other authors — are on exhibit through Saturday, May 31, in Special Collections, Centennial Hall 4th floor, San Diego State University. Viewing hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

**My Peace I Give Unto You,** artists have depicted where they find peace or how they pass it on for the 40th annual religious art festival hosted by St. Mark's Methodist Church. This year's art juror was Edwin Wordell, with poetry judged by Jack Webb.

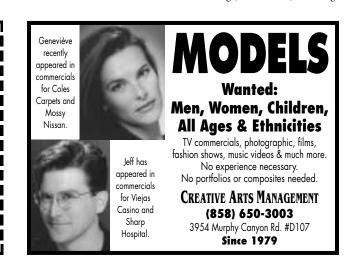
Viewing Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. and by appointment through April 20. Find St. Mark's at 3502 Clairemont Drive; 858-278-0255. (CLAIREMONT)

Loves, Lives, and Work of Latino Families in the United States and Latin America are examined in the bilingual book discussion series at the Escondido Public Library. Copies of the books are provided in both English and Spanish.

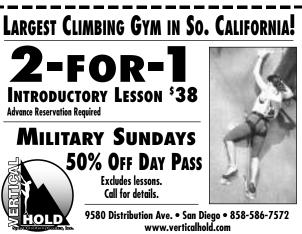
Led by journalist Miriam Ruvinksis, the series continues with Clorinda Matto de Turner's *Birds Without a Nest*, Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

**Q: What Are Book Arts?** Answer: They're works of art involving structure, graphics, and/or text in a limited edition. Members of San Diego Book Arts exhibit through Monday, April 28, at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

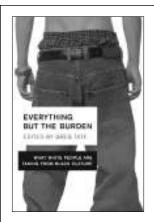
**"Dare to Reuse,"** 15 artists have turned trash into two- and threedimensional treasures of art using throwaway materials in this show, closing Friday, April 11, in the lobby of the city administration building (202 C Street). Paintings







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Mr. Tate didn't think they necessarily were. "I think some are and some aren't. And then the thing is that hip-hop has been around so long now that some black middleclass parents like myself and Chuck D are middle-aged too. So you've got a couple of generations now for whom this is their popular music. You know, if you look at some of the founding fathers, you look at Chuck D and guys like myself. We were in our early 20s when hip-hop hit. So it was really the music of our young adulthood. I think for some parents that it's not that much of a

stretch for them to see a certain continuity between Richard Pryor and James Brown and hip-hop. In some cases it is some of the same music — just sampled and maybe twisted a little bit.'

"Sampling," I said, "was one aspect of hip-hop that initially fascinated me.

"It's such a powerful tool in terms of invoking memory."

"It's a quilting," I suggested, "of various culture scraps.

"Yes, and realizing how much of the notion of soul is embedded like this kernel, you know, like a James Brown. Just James Brown saying, 'One,' you're not going to get from any other artist saying, 'One.' It's like the whole of the funkiness of James Brown is embodied in just his saying that 'One' - that one syllable. And it's so analogous to what goes on in blues and in jazz, where people are fracturing notes and tones and using dissonance in this really creative way, like Thelonious Monk did or Jimi Hendrix. Where they're working with this European-tempered scale and then finding all

and sculpture are included. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 858-492-5009. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate the Visual and Performing Artists of San Diego during ArtWalk 2003, Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, from noon to 6 p.m. The event is centered in Little Italy; artists displaying their works, musical performances, children's activities. Free. 619-615-1090. (LITTLE ITALY)

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Bonsai in Spring, San Diego Bonsai Club's 38th annual spring bonsai show, Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. Demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Bonsai trees and accessories for sale. 619-699-8776. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Pepper Tree Day celebrates California's oldest pepper tree — now 173 years old — Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., found on the

these emotional overtones inside it - kind of playing in between the notes and bending and stretching the notes out of shape to create something that has this powerful emotional resonance.

"I think that same impulse is involved in the quilting that we hear in sampling. I mean, people are trying to find that nugget that does that same thing. But they are doing it with digital technology, which is not really supposed to have that kind of expressive capacity, which is supposed to just literally be this exact digital replication, you know, this clone of the original. But the way that people use it in hip-hop, and the way it's juxtaposed in sequence with other things, has made for this utterance of black culture that is definitive and recognizably what we know from gospel or blues or jazz and so forth.

'That's another thing that's so fascinating about the appeal of African-American culture: it's so many things simultaneously. It is a commodity and it is an art form that appeals to people who are conversant with the best in this world of art forms. You know what I mean? And you see those connections between people coming from this ethnic folk base and people who are working with a much more sophisticated and literate sense.

"I think the people who now labor under the burden of art - in the Western or the European or Euro-American white paradigm - are incredibly self-conscious of themselves as artist with a capital 'A.' You had to be conversant with everything done in painting and everything done in music before you recognize what you're doing. Modernism is, in a sense, a kind of alienating response to that sense of tradition and trying to break with it.'

"But," I said, "standing at the same time within tradition." "Yes. At the same time."

"It's kind of an anxiety-of-influence game."

Mr. Tate agreed. "Exactly. But at the same time you have this marginalized, racially oppressed, folk-based culture that arrives at some of the same conclusions but without that same anxiety and influence

grounds at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Activities exhibits, entertainment, vendors. Free. 760-757-3651. (OCEANSIDE)

Roll Up for a Mystery Tour, fifth Secret Garden Tour hosted by La Jolla Historical Society, Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gardens in question are revealed only on tour day. Musical entertainment, local designers, and artists

at each site. Tickets: \$45. Reservations: 858-726-0227. (LA JOLLA)

Gourd and Basket Weekend, Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild event, Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4, Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Instructors from all over the U.S., vendor booths for supply purchases, exhibition of original work. Fees vary by class. Registration: 760-431-1645. (ENCINITAS)

or burden of history. There's an historical awareness there, but not a sense that you have to be beholden to it or even bow down to it." 'Well, the irony is about something entirely different.'

'True.'

"When," I said, "you've got the artist with a capital 'A'..." "And," said Mr. Tate, "the alienated with a capital 'A.' So many of the modernists were looking toward African and Asian models to escape from a certain kind of spiritual emptiness that they found in their own culture. But at the same time, it's almost within a belief that because you were Western and you were sophisticated and so forth that you had a right to colonize these other cultures. And what's interesting in the African-American paradigm is that there's kind of a colonization going on in the opposite direction. Take, for instance, Jelly Roll Morton and Duke Ellington; they knew all about Ravel and Debussy and Stravinsky and all those people, but it was never about trying to recreate those people's expressive forms. It was about taking that information and creating something completely personal out of it, and something that really would function within an ethnic dance context."

I suggested that perhaps simply because a musician is African-American, that he's perhaps first a musician and second an African-American.

Mr. Tate did and did not agree with that. "But I think that there's a way in which segregation and alienation really fed the Muse. Because on one level, 'Sure, if Duke Ellington sits down to write a song, he's just trying to write the most lyrical, seductive, swinging piece.'"

"He's just interested," I said, "in the next note."

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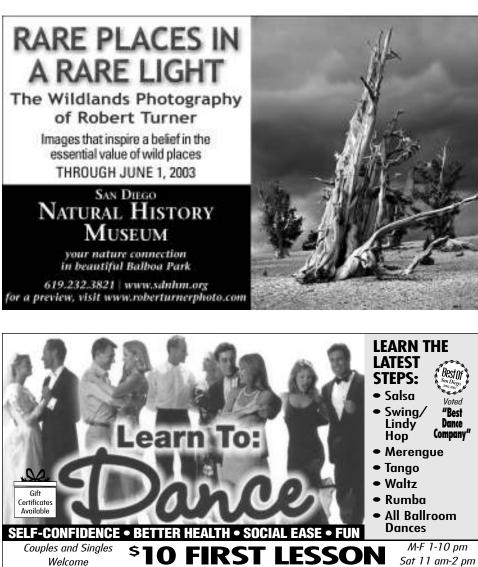
chio, April 9-13.

"Yes, but at the same time he's very aware of being in a racially circumscribed context that affects what his possibilities are economically and in terms of audiences and in terms of access to radio and recording contracts and all these kinds of things.'

- Judith Moore

1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak with stories, games, and crown making, at Pajamarama, Friday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway).



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"Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden" opens Saturday, April 5, Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Living topiaries, sculpture, baby dinosaur forest, farmyard, rolling hill, secret garden, more. The garden serves as prototype for the San Diego Children's Garden, opening in 2008. 760-436-3036. Regular garden admission. (ENCINITAS)

Eggstra Special, the Easter Bunny hosts an Easter egg hunt and festivities, Saturday, April 5, Viejas Outlet Center (5005 Willows Road). Toddlers to four-year-olds hunt at 12:30 p.m.; those 5 through 8, 1 p.m.; kids 9 through 12, 1:30 p.m. Free. 619-659-2070. (ALPINE)

The Humane Treatment of Animals, humane law enforcement, and what kids should do if witness to animal abuse will be discussed when the Pet Pals meet Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m., San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). Fee: \$20 for nonmembers. Registration: 619-299-7012 x251. (LINDA VISTA)

YMCA Healthy Kids Day - with arts and crafts and games -is Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Park de la Cruz (3901 Landis Street). Free. 619-283-2251. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Springtime Classics for Kids, lis-including "Appalachian - when the Classics for Spring" Kids Philharmonic and dancers perform on Sunday, April 6. The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets range from \$7 to \$15 for children, and \$15 to \$22 for adults, available by calling 619-435-9111 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Primary Colors, the Ellsworth Kelly show at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, focuses on Kelly's use of red, green, and blue to create tension between forms in large paintings. Create an oversized artwork and explore the use of primary and secondary colors during Free-for-All Family Day activities, Sunday, April 6, 2 to 5 p.m., 700 Prospect Street. Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Chess Club for those aged 16 and under convenes Tuesdays, 3 to

5 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Instructor Luis Castaneda. Reservations: 619-641-6100. Free. (CITY HEIGHTS)

#### **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 1/3scale 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 Otav 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

#### WAR POEMS

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#### Mother in Wartime

As if it were some noble thing, She spoke of sons at war, As if freedom's cause Were pled anew at some heroic bar,



scaped grounds with a formal En-

glish Romantic garden. Built for

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William Hebbard and Irving Gill,

the Marston house design is in

keeping with the early 20th-Cen-

tury American Arts and Crafts pe-

riod, which emphasizes simplicity,

function, and natural materials.

The museum is located at 3525

Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142.

House of Pacific Relations, Inter-

national Cottages are open every

Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to

present the history and traditions

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day 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-

**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 at-

traction is an "Industrial Product

Collection," with examples of the

4069. (BALBOA PARK)

(HILL CREST)

As if the weapons used today Killed with great élan, As if technicolor banners flew To honor modern man -Believing everything she read In the daily news, (No in-between to choose) She thought that only One side won,

Not that both

Might lose.

#### Three Small Oranges

one shoulder torn.... Instead of putting it away with the clean wash, I cut it up for rags, removing the arms and opening their seams, scissoring across the breast and upper back, then tearing the thin cloth of the body into long rectangles.

> 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)

seum, 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.

ding 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 from the war, of torture where the air is black at noon with burning oil, and of a market in Baghdad, bombed by accident, where yesterday an old man carried in his basket a piece of fish wrapped in paper and tied with string, and three small hard green oranges.

– Jane Kenvon From Otherwise (Graywolf Press, 1996)

#### To the States

To the States or any one of them, or any city of the States, Resist much, obey little, Once unquestioning obedience, once fully enslaved, Once fully enslaved, no nation, state, city of this earth, ever afterward resumes its liberty.

– Walt Whitman

Reconciliation Word over all, beautiful as the sky, Beautiful that war and all its deeds of



Night incessantly softly wash again, and ever again, this soil'd world; For my enemy is dead, a man divine as myself is dead. I look where he lies white-faced and still in the coffin — I draw near, Bend down and touch lightly with my lips the white face in the coffin. – Walt Whitman

carnage must in time be utterly lost,

That the hands of the sisters Death and

five dozen on display are three of Lemon Grove's own labels, designed for the original Lemon Grove Fruit Growers Association between 1893 and 1900.

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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, a new retrospective exhibit called "Reaching for the Stars: The Fleet's

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

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.

hands-on exhibits illustrating sci-





entific 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: Bevond 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 Mu**seum,** 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

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Suddenly an immense sadness... Making supper, I listen to news home sits on five acres of land-

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Mu-

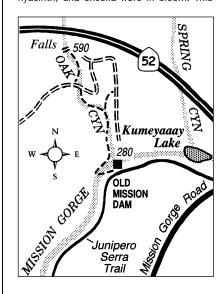
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Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, the contributions of local residents whose front-line combat, nursing corps bravery, assemblyline labor, and hometown victory gardens are honored in "Lemon Grove in World War II.' Parachutes, flags, uniforms, medals, draft cards, censored letters, ration books, war bride wed-

#### Roam-O-Rama

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

Oak Canyon, tucked into a relatively pristine corner of Mission Trails Regional Park just west of Santee, has come alive with a thin stream of gurgling water, owing to the recent decent (if not quite up to par) seasonal rains. More importantly, the vegetable kingdom on the canyon's hillsides is engaging in a frenzy of new growth. This has led to the sudden appearance of thick carpets of green grass and brassy displays of annual and ephemeral wildflowers. Last month California poppies, nightshade, lupine, wild hyacinth, and encelia were in bloom. This



month, who knows? It's certain, however, that the peak of the bloom won't last much longer.

The Oak Canyon area is popular with hikers and mountain bikers, though bike riders are confined to dirt roads running along the canyon rim. Only hikers are allowed on the trail running through the most scenic, narrow section of the canyon. The starting point for all is the Old Mission Dam, on the paved Father Junipero Serra

Trail, 0.8 mile west of Mission Gorge Road in Santee. (Note that the segment of Father Junípero Serra Trail south of the dam and connecting to the Mission Trails visitors' center is one way northbound for car traffic.) The Old Mission Dam, built in the early 1800s, was considered a major engineering feat of its day. A six-mile-long flume carried water from this dam to Mission San Diego in Mission Valley.

From the parking area at the dam site, walk west (downstream) past the dam and across the turbid waters of the San Diego River by way of an iron footbridge. Once you get across the river floodplain, double back east for 0.2 mile, and then go left on a wellworn pathway following sycamore- and oaklined Oak Canyon. Stay left (assuming you are on foot) at all forks in the trail in order to keep following the canyon bottom. In the next mile, you'll wend your way along the



Massive coast live oak, Oak Canvon

banks of the trickling creek, passing small cascades and rock-bound pools.

When the pathway intersects a dirt road ahead, turn left, follow the road about 100 yards, and go right on a path continuing up Oak Canyon. About one-quarter mile farther you'll come to a picturesque minichasm of water-polished rock, with a deep, narrow pool. This is about as far as it's worth going. The Route 52 freeway passes high over the canyon not far ahead, and beyond that is land controlled by the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station, currently off limits to hikers.

For an expeditious return, retrace your steps. Or you can choose to lengthen your exploration in several ways by following trails ascending Fortuna Mountain to the west, or rambling through the "grasslands" area east of Oak Canyon.

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.

ryboats, the tuna fishing industry,

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 California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

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 world. The Maritime Museum and the Mu-



seum 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 fer-

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# A Voice from the Grave

*It's time to realize that 19th-century opera is a dead duck.* 

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JONATHAN SAVILLE

here was a moment of theatrical brilliance in San Diego Opera's production of *Thérèse Raquin*. At the end of Act One, the three main characters find themselves in the countryside on the banks of the Seine. They are the feckless and self-centered mamma's boy, Camille; his

frustrated, adulterous wife, Thérèse; and the artist Laurent, Camille's friend and Thérèse's lover. The lovers have decided to murder the husband.

The chief feature of set-designer Marie-Jeanne Lecca's evocative riverine landscape was a full-size rowboat, sitting center stage. The three characters got into it for a late-afternoon boatride on the river, and visible wires immediately drew it high up into the air, where it floated and rocked just as though it were in water — an exquisite effect.

Laurent rose to his feet behind the unaware Camille, brutally strangled him, and threw him from the boat. Camille (who was also wired, although invisibly) swooped and careened this way and that above the stage, in the desperate arabesques of a balletic drowning. Meanwhile, lighting changes and projections converted the entire scene into a somber underwater view. As the curtain went down, Camille's inverted corpse was left swaying feebly in the current.

It was as stunning a piece of stagecraft as anyone in the audience at the Civic Theatre had seen. If only there had been something of comparable quality anywhere in Tobias Picker's music or Gene Scheer's libretto.

The physical production — conceived by Francesca Zambello for the Dallas Opera, and directed by Herbert Kellner — was of course not all at this exalted height (either literally or figuratively), although it was impressive throughout. But handsome sets, imaginative stage effects, and a savage story of crime and punishment are not enough to make an opera work. Zola's 1867 novel has the material for a gripping *verismo* musicdrama. Yet neither the composer nor the librettist possessed the resources to convert this material into an effective opera.

Scheer committed a number of crucial errors, all of them evidently motivated by a desire to make this uncompromisingly naturalistic novel conform to the conventions of routine 19th-century operas and melodramas.

To add some variety to the action and the emotional tone of the opera, he inflated the extremely minor roles of Olivier and his wife Suzanne (friends of the Raquin family), giving them a personal

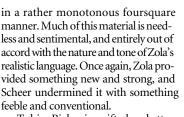
problem (their inability to have children) along with some extended duets to explore it. The Olivier-Suzanne situation has nothing to do with the central

Camille-Thérèse-Laurent situation, either thematically or in terms of plot. This extraneous secondary focus dilutes Zola's relentless concentration on the murder and its aftermath, and impedes the forward momentum of the action.

Having committed a terrible crime for the sake of their erotic passion, Zola's murderous couple suffer unbearable guilt, which turns their love to mutual hatred. In the novel, the guilt is expressed through repeated nightmares and hallucinations, in which the dead husband's disfigured body returns to them and even (as they imagine) joins them in their bed. Scheer transformed these psychopathological manifestations into an actual ghost, who appears to his doting mother, Madame Raquin! This is all very theatrical, in a kitschy way, and the San Diego production staged it with creepy effectiveness. But there is a long fall from Zola's acute psychological naturalism to the melodramatic spook tale Scheer gives us.

Zola himself adapted his novel as a stage play, with the intention of helping to create a new and more truthful kind of theater. What he sought (as he wrote in his preface to the script) was the human condition studied within the frame of reality, the living drama of the characters and their environment, and the abandonment of childish tales and silly conventions. The externalization of inner guilt as a terrifying figure on stage can make for powerful theater (as in *Macbeth*), but a ghost as an objective presence weakens the whole point of Zola's story, and runs contrary to his vision of reality and of art.

In deference to what he and the composer seem to have considered the needs of opera, Scheer also punctuated the action-oriented prose of his libretto with numerous "lyrical" passages, often written in sappy rhymed quatrains, which Picker tended to set



Tobias Picker is a gifted and attractive artist. He has contributed some memorable works to the orchestral and chamber music repertoire. His Bergian Violin Concerto is a ravishing composition. His Coplandesque *Old and Lost Rivers* is extraordinarily touching. His technical command, his sense of structure, and his skill at communicating intense emotion give compelling stature to his Second Symphony, his String Quartet, his Sextet, his Cello Concerto, his *Keys to the City* (a piano concerto). He is a major contemporary American composer.

Unfortunately, his gifts do not extend to writing for the voice — a knack that does seem to be a fairly important prerequisite for composing the kind of operas he is aiming at. *Thérèse Raquin*, like Picker's earlier *Emmeline*, is schizophrenic in its use of musical language. The orchestral writing is of absorbing interest, exhibiting the composer's mastery of orchestration, and revealing a virtually symphonic inventiveness in the development of vivid motifs. (In his excellent program notes, Nicolas Reveles offered an illuminating analysis of some of these motifs and their transformations.)

But the vocal writing is consistently terrible. In conversational or confrontational passages, the general manner is that more-or-less atonal, unmelodious, Expressionistic speech-singing found in so much contemporary opera, with its jagged leaps, sour intervals, abstract and incoherent relationship to the text, and overwhelming air of unnaturalness. In contrast, when Picker attempts lyricism, and actually allows the singers a fragment or two of tune, the vocal lines (and their orchestral accompaniment) often take on an embarrassing mawkishness, like an inept pastiche of romantic movie music.

Such is the case, for example, in the plummy duet during which Laurent and Thérèse resolve to kill Camille. Can Picker have intended this music as an ironic parody? Nothing in it suggests that interpretation. It sounds like a bad memory of *Tosca* or *Cavalleria Rusticana*, by a composer who feels that operatic love duets demand passages of the sort, but who has no real feeling for the idiom.

The worst thing about Picker's vocal writing



Tobias Picker

#### Thérèse Raquin Civic Theatre (San Diego Opera)

Conductor: Karen Keltner. Production concept: Francesca Zambello. Director: Herbert Kellner. Set and costume designer: Marie-Jeanne Lecca. Cast: Josephine Barstow (Madame Raquin); Kirstin Chávez (Thérèse); Gordon Gietz (Camille); Christopher Maltman (Laurent); Sheryl Woods (Suzanne); Kevin Langan (Olivier); Peter Kazaras (Monsieur Grivet).

is his willful ignorance of the operatic voice. He almost never enables his singers to exploit the operatic techniques they were trained for. Instead, he mercilessly overtaxes them, forcing them to sing in their weakest or most uncomfortable ranges — a torture that often makes their voices ugly or inaudible, and that most of the time renders their words unintelligible (although the opera is in English, the San Diego production supplied much-needed supertitles).

Whether Picker or the singers themselves were to blame, this was all in all an unsatisfactory cast. The venerable Josephine Barstow, as Madame





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Call today! 858-459-3728 Order online at www.LJCMS.org Raquin, displayed a voice in tatters. Tenors Gordon Gietz (Camille) and Peter Kazaras (Monsieur Grivet) and soprano Sheryl Woods were serviceable, nothing more. Among these lesser roles, only the ever reliable bass, Kevin Langan (Olivier), combined a solid technique with a robust and sensually pleasing voice.

As the central characters, both Kirstin Chávez (Thérèse) and Christopher Maltman proved themselves to be exceptionally competent vocal actors, but both were afflicted by technical defects that, as the evening wore on, considerably diminished the value of their performances. Chávez's voice was rich but rather characterless, its effectiveness enhanced by the remarkable sensitivity and intelligence of her phrasing. Her chest tones were incisive, if not lovely. In the upper range, however, the voice became shrill and shaky. Chávez was listed as a mezzo, and the role — such as it is — may lie too high for her.

Maltman was altogether the same singer who recently appeared in recital at Sherwood Auditorium, and who has been heard in frustratingly blemished performances on a number of recordings. At Sherwood, he sang Schumann's Dichterliebe and songs by Finzi, Duparc, and Ravel with a superb sympathy for the texts, which he interpreted with the depth, vitality, and delicacy of an accomplished actor. These virtues carried over into his portrayal of the passionate and tormented Laurent — and so did his smooth expressiveness of line (whenever Picker gave him an opportunity to employ it). Maltman's is a manly baritone voice, bigger and darker than Thomas Hampson's, and with much of Hampson's ability to convey meaning and feeling.

However, whether in Dichterliebe, Don Quichotte à Dulcinée, or Picker's opera, Maltman is fully in control of this fine instrument only when singing softly and in the middle range — in other words, when crooning (which he does beautifully). At greater volume, he bears down on the voice, producing an array of harsh overtones that degrade the underlying warm timbre. Loud singing in the upper range results in a broad wobble bordering on a bellow. These unfortunate characteristics, which appeared only intermittently at Maltman's intimate Lieder recital, were more in evidence at the Civic Theatre, where he had to be heard in a 3000-seat hall and over the sounds of Picker's aggressive orchestral score.

Over the past several years, San Diego Opera has presented a series of operas by contemporary American composers. All have been deeply flawed, first of all by their pointless efforts to continue the traditions of 19th-century opera, and secondly by their inferiority to the composers whose styles and procedures they have been imitating. It's time to realize that



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19th-century opera is a dead duck. The monuments of that era remain with us, as splendid works of art to be constantly restaged and resung by new generations of artists. But that canon of masterpieces cannot be enlarged by the mealy-mouthed compromises that composers like Andre Previn, Carlisle Floyd, Myron Fink, or Tobias Picker have been making: 19th-century realism, 19th-century dramaturgy, 19th-century characterization, 19th-century values, 19th-century concepts of history and human nature, along with 19th-century ensembles, a 19th-century orchestra, and a timidly modernized musical language that is unsuitable to such dramas and destructive of their meaning and atmosphere.

Does that mean that opera is no longer a living art? By no means. But the music-dramas of the later 20th Century that have made a contribution to the art are those that have attempted to express the historical and cultural realities in which the composers and their audiences actually live, and they have done so by radically rejecting the conventions of operatic composition that in their day were groundbreaking but that now are mere clichés. I am talking about operas

like Messiaen's Saint François d'Assise, Birtwistle's Punch and Judy, Eötyös's Three Sisters, Ligeti's Le Grand Macabre, Böortz's Marie Antoinette, Adès's Powder Her Face, Turnage's Greek, Weir's A Night at the Chinese Opera, Rihm's Die Eroberung von Mexico, Adams's The Death of Klinghoffer, Maxwell Davies's Resurrection, Henze's Bassarids, Knussen's Higglety Pigglety Pop!, Ruders's The Handmaid's Tale - or, for that matter, the earlier Wozzeck, L'Enfant et les sortilèges, Bluebeard's Castle, The Love for Three Oranges, Il Prigioniero, Curlew River. The Midsummer Marriage, and Trouble in Tahiti.

These works — composed in a wide variety of musical languages — have not a drop in them of the spirit or language of Verdi or Puccini. Many of them are hard to understand, painful to listen to, and disruptive of our comfortable notions of plot, character, music, singing, and theatrical decorum. But all of them are filled with aesthetic breakthroughs far more profound than a clever trick with a flying rowboat.

Admittedly, most of these operas would not be tolerated for a minute by the audiences of San Diego Opera, nor would any San Diego Opera artistic director in his right mind dare produce them. But — the practicalities of budget and public relations aside — they have the virtue of being alive and challenging and *ours*, unlike the warmed-over, unidiomatic, tiresomely predictable, and thoroughly superfluous counterfeitings of a dead past that are so completely exemplified by Tobias Picker's *Thérèse Raquin*.

Get that corpse out of our bed! ■

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**Two Concerts in One!** The Pomerado Community Band will perform the "Third Symphony" by James Barnes, and the University of San Diego Symphony presents works by Telemann, Mozart, and Vaughan Williams in concert on Friday, April 4. The joint concert begins at 7 p.m. in the theater at Scripps Ranch High School (10410 Treena Street). Free. 858-693-6244. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

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and 7. Soloists include sorrano Pauline Tweed, mezzo-soprano Jo Clemmons, tenor Dan Decker, Melissa Kroll as the Witch of Endor, and narrator Cris O'Bryon.

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**"A German Requiem" by Brahms** will be performed by the Chancel Choir and Masterwork Chorale of First United Methodist Church of San Diego — along with soprano Sylvia Wen, bass Philip Larson, and members of the San Diego Symphony — on Sunday, April 6, at 7 p.m. Find the church at 2111 Camino del Rio South; 619-297-4366. Offering. (MISSION VALLEY)

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**Mezzo-Soprano** Wendy Greene performs for the mini-concert planned at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at noon on Monday, April 7. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**The Viennese Harpsichord** — selections by Froberger, Poglietti, Fux, Hauer, and Haydn will be performed by harpsichordist Susanne Pumhösl for the San Diego Harpsichord Society, Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., La Jolla Congregational Church (1216 Cave Street). \$15. 619-683-3385 or 760-497-3759. (LA JOLLA)

Child Prodigy and Classical Violinist Eugene Ugorski (13 years old) plans a concert on Wednesday, April 9, at 7 p.m., at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Donations requested. 619-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Proliferation: The Advent of Empire" is the theme when the San Diego Baroque Ensemble and curator Steven Kern join forces for a slide-illustrated lecture and concert on Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Participants will explore the ways in which art and music of Europe found their way to South America and other countries. Tickets to this "Baroque at the Museum" program are \$12 for nonmembers. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Sweden's Leading Chamber Orchestra? Head to Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University for a concert by Camerata Sweden on Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. The program includes selections by Biber, Roman, Lindholm, Nielsen, and Bartók. Tickets are \$10 general. Find the campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive: 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Look, Mom! No Sticks or Mallets," UCSD graduate student Gustavo Aguilar presents his DMA recital on Tuesday, April 15, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. The program for this "untraditional performance of contemporary solo works" in which the percussionist abstains from using sticks or mallets includes Morton Feldman's "King of Denmark," "Ko-tha" by Giancito Scelsi, "Monovalence IV" by Shin-ichiro Ikebe, "Shekere" by Javier Alvarez, and "The River" by Aguilar himself. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)



# **Conqueror Goodies**

Artisans even forged tiny silver pincers, the first New World roach clips, so that a lady's fingers wouldn't be nicotine-stained.

wo or three times a year during the Vice Regency period that followed the Spanish conquest of Mexico, the Flota Indiana from Spain docked in Veracruz bearing trade that would feed, furnish, scent, embellish, and glorify

the aristocratic households of New Spain, occupied by already well-to-do Europeans and by criollos (Mexican-born descendents of Spaniards) who would

in time marry and breed with Zapotecs, Mayans, Mixtecs, and other indigenous peoples to create the finely inflected mestizo populations of contemporary Mexico. It was really a case of mestizos blending with mestizos, since Spaniards derived from Arabic, Celtic, Iberian, and Roman bloodlines, and indigenous peoples had produced their own mixed bloods. Add to these the hundreds of slaves brought from the Congo, Angola, and Mozambique - one of the earliest codex illustrations shows a black man amongst Cortés's entourage — and you get a sense of the fabulous genetic stew of that 300-year period.

Along with their freight of slaves, the ships bore Flemish lace, German éscritoires of fine wood with mother-of-pearl inlay, Venetian glass, mirrors from France, Cordovan leather, Italian tortoiseshell boxes, and cocoa beans from Venezuela. From the Philippines, recently annexed by Spain, came the Manila Galleon that harbored in Acapulco, bearing slaves from the Far East as well as high-end goods: Chinese silks and lacquer trays, Japanese painted screens, pearls, porcelain, healing plants, heady spices and perfumes, and ivory. In a sense, New Spain's biggest import commodities were precedents, since many of these artifacts would be imitated and developed brilliantly by New World artisans, such as those in Michoacán who made extraordinary imitations of Chinese lacquers.

The cocoa beans went to make the hot chocolate that New Spain's aristocracy consumed in staggering quantities. (They made it with hot water, sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, and often hot chilies.) It was the ritual beverage consumed at a salón de estrado, a kind of highbrow parlor party of polite conversation and gossip convened by women of the aristocracy. The estrado was a dais piled with pillows on which the lady of the hour sat. The backdrop for such occasions was usually a painted screen, two examples of which are in this show, The Grandeur of Viceregal Mexico: Treasures from the Museo Franz Mayer, now running at the San Diego Museum of Art. One



unfolds a busy, detailed, maniacally violent illustration of the conquest and its aftermath; another, structured like a triptych, portrays New Spain's predominant socio-racial classes. The assembled elite drank their hot chocolate from

small coconut-shell goblets, a few of which, still stained brown, are on view along with everything else I've mentioned, in the nicely elaborated exhibition.

The emblematic image for the show is a 1782 portrait by Miguel de Herrera of a wealthy colonial woman done up in aristocratic finery. As painting it's inconsequential, but you don't come to this sort of exhibition to learn about art history. The picture is compelling as an index to the accoutrements of a certain kind of woman in New Spain. She wears a silk dress draped with lace and prickled with gems and gold threading; plumes sprout from her huge hair; a silver fan hangs from her hand; a black velvet choker sports a filamented silver pendant; and she's finished off with bulky bracelets, rings, and earrings. Such a personage (the helpful catalog informs us) would have been so weighed down by her finery as to require the services of a sedan chair to haul her from boudoir to waiting carriage.

Some of the religious iconography is surprising. After 1745, the Counter-Reformation in Europe insisted on a particular representation of the Holy Trinity: God the Father was an ancient, Jesus Christ a stigmatized young man, the Holy Spirit a dove. Previously, though, it was often represented by three physically identical figures — an "Anthropomorphic Trinity" — a format retained by Counter-Reformation Spain and continued in the Americas. The exhibition includes three seated statuettes of carved alabaster from the 18th Century. Even stranger is the painting from the Museum's own collection that depicts three identical heads - it gets confounded momentarily in your head with Andy Warhol's multiples - each backed by a triangular halo, which not only stands for the Trinity but replaces the doves that might have been interpreted as remnants of animist religion, an important point because Franciscan and Jesuit missionaries, and the native lay brothers they trained, sometimes grafted Roman Catholic teachings onto the roots of indigenous beliefs.

When I was a child, the monstrance, that sunburst locked-box housing for the consecrated host, always seemed the most expressive liturgical implement. There's one in the exhibition

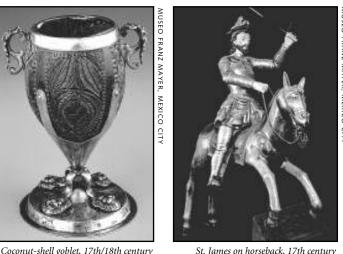
from Yucatán that's glamorous and glorious. Other metalwork items are not so delicate. A couple of chunky silver candlesticks look like bludgeons. Most of the objects touch different registers of public and private life. A chalice or folding screen or carriage is frontal, available, exposed. Yet some of the most intimate items that no person of a certain class would be without provided a kind of vestpocket extravagance. Elaborately chiseled and engraved snuff boxes studded with precious gems, for instance, or matchbox-size gold cigarette cases that served the recently acquired appetite for the most popular New World plant, tobacco. Artisans even forged tiny silver pincers, the first New World roach clips, so that a lady's fingers wouldn't be nicotine-stained.

The sculpture New Spain produced was usually the festively polychromed wood we associate with Mission art. The most impressive here is a menacing rendering of St. James, mounted, raised sword in hand, a chilling image of the companionship of imperialism and theology. The modeling is bluntly expressive, the splashy red-and-gold surface made by a process called estofado, which involved incising the polychrome to reveal a gold leaf undercoat. His steed, outfitted with wrought-iron sword, stirrups, and bridle, would have had under its ramping hooves a Moor or Indian. Conquistadors were devoted to St. James, their patron-protector in New World broils, and referred to him as the In-

dian Killer.

A statue of St. Michael, God's warrior prince in the struggle with Satan and his army — which





St. James on horseback, 17th century

The Grandeur of Viceregal Mexico: Treasures of the Museo Franz Mayer San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park Through Sunday, May 18. For more information, call 619-232-7931.

> we might expect to be as martial and warriorlike as St. James — is soft, almost mournful, and the most seductive thing on view. The indigenous technique the sculptor used, modeling with corn









cane paste — cornstalk pulp kneaded with plant-derived adhesives — and colorin wood, which is light and porous like cottonwood, allowed artisans to fashion featherweight portable statues of practically any size. This figure's buttery ridges melt and roll light along the lineaments of the armor. It looks modeled in wax that set about 20 minutes ago and has an expressive suppleness that beats anything in the exhibition.

Events that are underlined occur after April 10.

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#### GALLERIES

"Clothed and Unclothed: New and Old Works by Peter Dreher" go on exhibit at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library with a reception for the artist on Friday, April 4, 6:30 p.m. The exhibit consists of a series of nudes and a series of feet. The feet paintings were created after Dreher spent a day at the Athenaeum last May, photographing feet and legs of staff, board members, volunteers, faculty and students, and passersby; he selected 15 to render in watercolors, all sized at 16" x 12."

The exhibit closes on Saturdav, May 17. Find the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at 1008 Wall Street. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Wednesday until 8:30 p.m. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Regarded as One of This Coun**try's Finest Draftsmen, Herbert Olds also produces "drawings as complex and contradictory as life itself." See "Works on Paper" by Olds through Saturday, April 26, in the Boehm Gallerv at Palomar College. Meet the artist at the reception set for Friday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Gallerv hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

Two for One, see "San Diego Scenes" in oil by Ruth Swisher and Ann Shotland's "Voyage to Europe" watercolors through Saturday, April 26, at the Artists Gallery (7420 Girard Avenue). The show opens with a reception for the duo on Friday, April 4, at 6 p.m. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 858-459-5844. (LA JOLLA)

"New Works: Paintings and Matty Photographs" by Maura Vazakas go on view on Friday, April 4, 6:30 p.m., Bard Hall Gallery (First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street). Matty's a vintage two-inch doll. 619-889-7363. (HILLCREST)

"Dogma" by Dan Adams and "The Pines Reserve Series (Reaching)" by Annette Lotuso Paquet open with a reception on Friday, April 4, 6 p.m., San Diego

Art Institute. Works by USD High School students in David G. Fleet Young Artists Gallery.

The show closes on Sunday, April 27. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, 619-236-0011. Regular admission: \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Folded Leaf," a membership exhibit curated by Kristine Nugent, opens with a reception on Friday, April 4, at 5 p.m., at the Showcase Gallery of the San Diego Watercolor Society. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The gallery is located in the Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-338-0502. The show closes on Saturday, April 26. (DOWNTOWN)

More Than 100 New Paintings by Tim McCormick are offered in "Quickening," opening with a reception on Saturday, April 5, at 8:43 p.m., at Inner Energy Arte Galleria (3041 Adams Avenue). See the show noon to 8 p.m. daily through April. 619-516-4343. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Local Artists Glen Francis and Ida Chi Voss have an exhibit opening with a reception on Saturday, April 5, at 7 p.m., at Studio 909 (909 Prospect Avenue, suite 224, above the Hard Rock Cafe). 858-699-1477 or 619-459-0078 (LA JOLLA)

Masterpieces from the Art Link Project are on view through Sunday, April 13, at the Joseph David Gallery (760 Eighth Avenue). Opening reception: Wednesday, April 9, 4 p.m. 619-702-6290. Regular viewing hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. (DOWNTOWN)

#### **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 that 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.

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 changes in Mexican silver design are traced in "Maestros de Plata — William Spratling and the Mexican Silver Renaissance," continuing through Sunday, May 11. 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 ... and the Castillo family. Harmon, Agnes Seebass, Tane,

Legacy," an exhibition featuring work by Shoji Hamada, Kanjiro Kawai, Bernard Leach, and their successors (through Sunday, April 13). "Silver and Silk — Textiles and Jewelry of Guizhou, China" continues through May. "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. 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.

For the ongoing "Cerca" series, French musician Céleste Boursier-Mougenot's untitled sound sculpture is on exhibit through Sunday, April 27. The piece is composed of three large inflatable plastic pools filled with floating porcelain bowls of varying size and dimension. Boursier-Mougenot "tunes" 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 realworld sources," delineating the interest and approaches that came to define his inventive and prolific career. The show boasting 48 works: 10 major, large-scale paintings and 37 related sketches, collage studies, and photographs - concludes on Sunday, April 13. Kelly has made a new work, Red Green Blue, 2002, for this exhibit.

On display through Sunday, April 13, see "Collector's XVIII." Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, over 150 rare original photographic prints and negatives are on offer in "First Photographs: William Henry Fox Talbot and the Birth of Photography." This exhibition of works highlights Fox Talbot's innovations as a pioneer of photography, boasting the first photographs ever made using a negative-to-positive process, now basic to photography. The show includes artifacts from Talbot's estate, the Lacock Abbev in Wiltshire, England, and it's the first time they've been to the United States.

Concurrently, see "In Talbot's Time: The First 25 Years of Photography," a collection of 42 photographs taken by men and several women "who used Fox Talbot's new invention and improved upon it." The rare images were borrowed from the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas, Austin.

Also on view: daguerreotypes, tintypes, albumen prints, and photograms by ten artists currently working with these early photographic processes. "Secret Victorians: Contemporary Photographers Working in 19th Century Processes" fea-tures work by "some of the most celebrated practitioners working today."

All exhibits close on Sunday, June 15. Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

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. The collection reveals the confluence of cultures from Europe, Asia, and Mesoamerica. The collection includes Talavera earthenware, portraiture, furniture, and religious 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" (through Sunday, May 4). Jean-Honoré Fragonard's masterwork A Young Girl Reading (c. 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 (through Sunday, May 4). "The Great Mughals: Power and Patronage" focuses on works produced for the early rulers of the Mughal dynasty in India during the 16th and 17th Centuries (closing on Sunday, August 3).

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, the museum's permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



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#### Act 2: HOMICIDE

H.I.T. Productions' newest interactive mystery. Everyone says Aunt Zelda electrocuted poor Uncle Vern while playing "Feelings" on the accordion. Don't be so sure. SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD LA MESA SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

#### 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 thingies 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 SAT-URDAY 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

#### 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 showstoppers, or even to endear. Instead it focuses on Berliners trapped in denial mode, as brownshirts mass outside. Marty Burnett's set, which includes the audience in the cabaret, makes the Kit Kat Klub a seedy joint. No one came here for eye candy. And director Sean

Murray hasn't laundered the characters: Sally Bowles snorts cocaine; aspiring writer Cliff Bradshaw is bisexual (only vaguely so in the original). And the whitefaced MC is never an ally. He understands the carpe diem mindset of his audience. This gives him a kind of control, at least in the club's confines. Audiences expecting a jumping bean Liza Minnelli wannabe as Sally may be disappointed. K.B. Mercer doesn't have Minnelli's vocal chops. Doesn't pretend to. What Minnelli does in the 1972 movie with smeared eye shadow and a bottomless need for attention, Mercer does internally (for this Sally, avoidance behavior isn't an addiction; it's a calling). Best of show: Linda Libby is outstanding as Fraulein Schneider. Against everything life has taught her, and while the rest of 1930 Berlin flees from feeling, Schneider falls in love. As she opens her heart to Herr Schultz, Libby will break yours. Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 1.3. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M

#### **Catskills Conspiracy**

Mystery Cafe's interactive dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

#### Chalk It Up to Murder

H.I.T. Productions presents a din-ner theater-mystery: life in Cactus Gulch is pretty much normal, of late, "but things change." SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFOR-MATION CALL 619-561-8673.



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 SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Cookin' at the Cookery: The Music and Times of Alberta Hunter Cook nothin'. This is a four-alarm

roasting! Marion J. Caffey's tribute to Hunter moves like a train. At first it chugs, and you wonder when, even if, it'll ever get going. Then the big wheels turn, the throttle cranks full, and the evening blazes by in a heartbeat. Hunter said the blues is like "walking through hell with gasoline drawers on." One of the musical's most impressive features: it details Hunter's life — child abuse, bisexuality, the strangeness of the

road — but never exploits it. The facts and pain are real but never lurid. Another impressive feature: Hunter's music is courageously upbeat. It grows from hard ground, always seeking the sun. Caffey, who wrote, directed, and choreographed, has cast the show perfectly, with two different kinds of performers. Ernestine Jackson, who plays the older Hunter and her mother, comes from inside. Though never stiff, she moves lit-

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#### **Deporting the Divas**

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Diamond Bessie's Revenge Murder Mystery Players Inc. presents an interactive show about "Diamond Bessie's Revenge." It's a play, produced annually, only this time the prop gun isn't, um, a prop. Claudio Raygoza directed. DAVE & BUSTERS, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTE, MISSION VALLEY, THROUGH APRIL 26; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-280-7115.

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An eight-week mini-musical at 6th @ Penn tell the story of Chris Young, who comes to San Diego to be an actor. Every episode will be performed twice each week. For specific days and times of episodes, call the theater at 619-688-9210. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 11.

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The Microcosm Project is dedicated to presenting socially relevant spoken-word messages (especially rap, hip-hop, and urban poetry) in a theatrical setting. In its inaugural effort, four San Diego poets explore economic differences in our local population. Makana Muanga directed. 6TH @ PENN, THROUGH APRIL 25: FRI-

DAY AT 11:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-819-6441.

#### Fault Line Theatre: April One-Acts

Fault Line Theatre presents "The Wannabes: Episode 1," "The Mal-tese Pigeon," "Dracula Bites (a comedy that sucks...the laughter from you!)," and "Slayers.' FAULT LINE THEATRE, FRIDAY, APRIL 4. THROUGH APRIL 12: FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M

#### Fiddler on the Roof

Christian Heritage College presents the immensely popular musical music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, book by Joseph Stein - set in the Jewish village of Anatevka, Russia. LOWER CAMPUS CHAPEL, CHRISTIAN HERITAGE COLLEGE, 2100 GREENFIELD DRIVE, EL CAJON, THROUGH APRIL 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-441-2200, X1193,

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#### God's Favorite

Vanguard presents Neil Simon's comedy about a modern Job, who loses his mansion on the north shore of Long Island, and then everything else. Lesley Pearson directed.

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#### **Grassroots Greeks**

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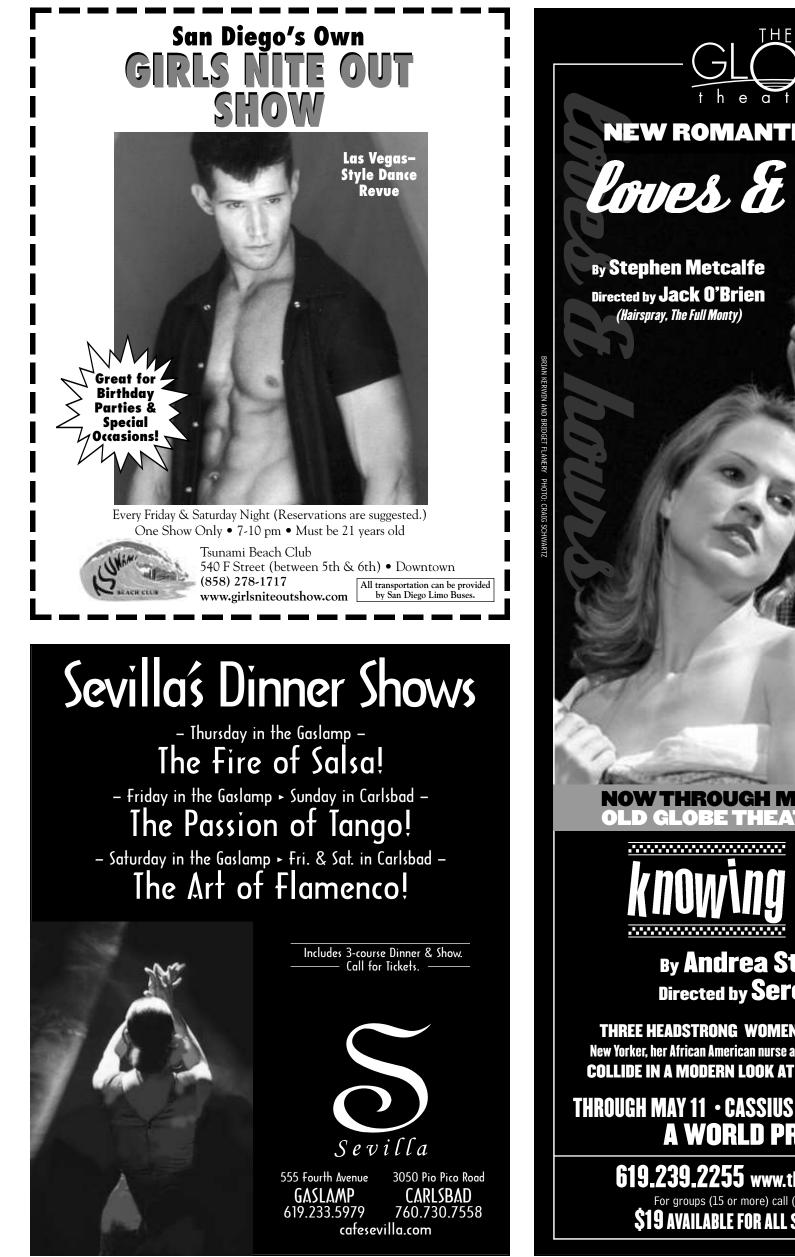


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#### **Knowing Cairo**

The Globe Theatres present UCSD graduate Andrea Stolowitz's drama about the explosive relationships among 79-year-old German-Jewish woman Rose, her daughter Lydia, and Rose's new African-American caretaker. Seret Scott directed. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, SATURDAY, APRIL 5. THROUGH MAY 11; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M

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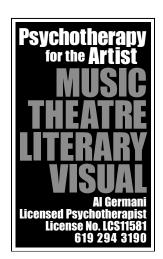
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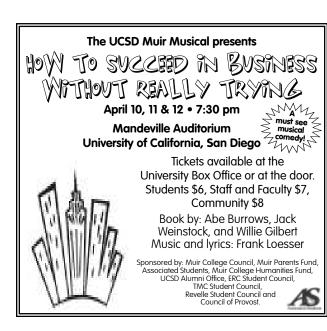
The Globe Theatres present the world premiere of Stephen Metcalfe's comedy about December-May (and May-December) romances. Jack O'Brien directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, BALBOA PARK THROUGH MAY 3: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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The Laguna Playhouse offers the world premiere of Mark Salzman's comedy about George Bernard Shaw's 1933 trip to Hollywood, where he met Louis B. Mayer, William Randolph Hearst, Marion Davies, Clark Gable, Charlie Chaplin, John Barrymore, and others. Daniel Henning directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, SATURDAY, APRIL 5, THROUGH MAY 4; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.



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,



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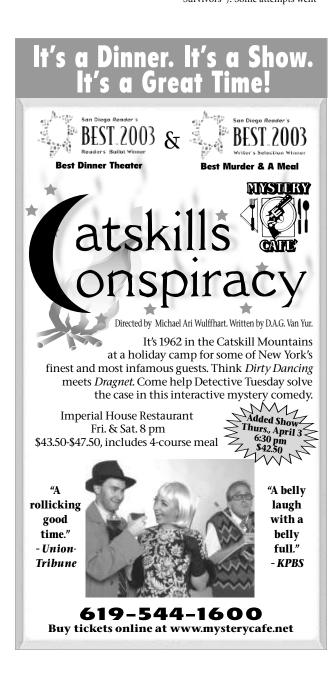
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nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group

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"Our contract has expired with Ziggy Marley. We can no longer use his likeness or name on our Hemp Bars.'

Ziggy seemed like a perfect spokesman. When we announced it three years ago, we made it on CNN and in 300 newspapers."

That all ended with a call from the William Morris Agency last month when he was told his one-year agreement had long since expired.



Larry Gatpandan owns Govinda's Fitness Foods of Clairemont Mesa. His best seller is the Bliss Bar, but he also sells the Hemp Bar to health food stores across the U.S. Three years ago he arranged for the right to the use of Ziggy Marley's name and likeness on the Hemp Bar wrapper. "We gave four percent of total sales to his favorite charity called URGE. It stands for Unlimited **Resources Giving** Enlightenment. It helps the needy people in Jamaica.

"We can still call it the Hemp Bar. We just can't use pictures of Ziggy." Gatpandan said the

extended use of Ziggy's picture "was an honest mistake.... They told us to stop immediately. We can't supply any more Hemp Bars until we get the new labels."

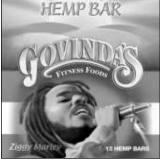
Gatpandan said it's just as well. "We thought a celebrity like Ziggy would be perfect [for the Hemp Bar] Unfortunately it didn't help us sell that much."

The Hemp Bar wrapper



has a disclaimer: "This product contains no form of marijuana." It does contain carob, fruit, nuts, and hemp seeds. "The hemp seeds are legalized by the DEA to be imported to the United States," said Gatpandan. Last week the DEA said that it intends to forbid the sale of any food products made with hemp extract.

"If that ban goes through we will lose money," said Gatpandan. "The reason why we use hemp is that it is nutritious, second only to



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soy. They are nitpicking. Why aren't they worried about cocaine or cigarettes or alcohol, all things that kill people.... The THC in Hemp Bars is negligible. Do you know if you ate a poppy-seed bagel, you could test positive

for substance abuse? If they ban hemp, are they also going to ban the selling of poppy seeds?'

Hemp bars are available at Ocean Beach People's Organic Food Market. Gatpandan predicted, "They are now going to be collectors' items.'

– Ken Leighton

"It would be nice to help out a band, but timing and turnaround is important," says Glenn Erath, who has created a series of locally produced radio spots — one for Kearny Mesa Toyota — that don't sound anything like the slick Mossy Nissan jingles. The Toyota one is a remake of the Kinks' "Lola."

The catchy ad sounds as if it could have been recorded in a local garage — but it wasn't. Instead of using local musicians, he relied on 'music beds" he pulled off the Internet.

"Anybody can go on the Internet and enter Lola midi file,' for instance. You can get a music bed in five minutes. There are all sorts of karaoke people out there who put these tracks on the Web.' Erath then records the

spot, singing over that music

bed with his own parody lyrics. Other Erath Toyota commercials are parodies of Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson hits. Nat King Cole's "Unforgettable" was morphed into

"Unfinanceable." Since 1981 Erath has been known as San Diego AM radio's topical troubadour, singing his own novelty songs on local talk shows. Until 2000 he was heard on KFMB (760 AM). Now he's featured on The Roger Hedgecock Show on KOGO (600 AM). Recently on KOGO he sang a retooled version of "(If You're Going to) San Francisco," which lampooned war protestors. Erath's talk show appearances don't pay the bills, but he says they have helped him get into the competitive field of radio advertising.

"There is a fairly tightknit group of people who do this [in San Diego]. It's almost like, if you want to be in jingles in San Diego, somebody has to die.

Singer Eve Selis says it has gotten even harder to find work creating jingles and ads. "A lot of business went

out with 9/11. Three years

ago I got a lot of work. Now I'm looking at just one 1099 for last year.... It is a very small circle of people who get work all the time. It is a nice way to supplement your



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income as a performer, but I don't focus on it as a career. I ask Erath if it is legal to

use the original song melodies for commercial purposes without permission from the publisher or author. "We were just talking about that. I guess we were flying by the seat of our pants on that. - Ken Leighton

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"It depends on your definition of private. This is somewhere in between.

Ben Harper's agent, Tom Chauncey, books Ben Harper for both public concerts and private gigs. He doesn't seem too clear on how to classify Harper's appearance April 25 at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion.

At press time most of the 4000 seats, worth \$35, had been sold.

Local universities regularly present major-name artists for their student body on the condition that the school not advertise it to the public. UCSD recently hosted an on-campus show by the Queens of the Stone Age. Beck, the Roots, the Gin Blossoms, and 311 have all played locally at unadvertised college shows.

The reason the shows must be kept quiet is so that the artist's draw is not diluted when the artist returns for an advertised, "public" show.

Harper appears the night after his USD appearance at the two-day multiband

Coachella Music and Arts Festival in Indio. It is anticipated that Harper will have another San Diego appearance later this year.

The public-or-private confusion over Harper's USD concert started when the April 25 date appeared on benharper.net. When media outlets saw the listing and asked about it, the listing was taken off the website. While Ticketmaster does

not have Harper's USD show on sale, the show, according to Chauncey, is available to any student with a valid ID." That means college or high school students. Tickets were being sold on campus at USD, UCSD, and SDSU. Mark Kueppers, USD student affairs assistant, said huge ticket demand for the show caused the Jenny Craig Pavilion concert to be "expanded twice," which is done with

partitions. So isn't \$35 a bit pricey for a studentonly concert? "That depends on

the market," said agent Chauncey. "You have to remember this is an intimate concert setting.'

"Four thousand people is intimate?" I asked.

"The last time Ben Harper played San Diego, he played for 15,000. It was Rimac Field [in 2001]." Harper also made a surprise appearance at the Bob Marley Day Festival at the Sports Arena in February. – Ken Leighton

#### "I usually make \$10 to

\$20 when I play at Dizzy's That's not nearly what I normally make when I play at a typical club." Jazz bassist Ben Wanicur accepts the low pay at Dizzy's, San Diego's downtown, nonprofit jazz venue, because "You play



there for the love of music." Wanicur says he has played with "almost every major jazz musician in San Diego," including Gilbert Castellanos, Romy Kaye, and Joe Marillo. He remembers

playing at the warehouse space on Seventh Avenue almost every Friday for a year and a half " before it evolved into Dizzy's - now a respected five-night-a-week jazz club.

"Chuck [Perrin, jazz musician] took it over," said Wanicur about the birth of Dizzy's two years ago.

Wanicur says Perrin has allowed his ego to exclude other local jazz players from the current Dizzy's lineup. "I don't consider Ben to

be a Dizzy's regular," says Perrin. "He hasn't played here in a year and a half, and he only played here once or twice.

Not true, says Wanicur. "I played there over 50 times when it was a late-night jam session, and after it became known as Dizzy's I played there at least ten times.' "When I first approached

Chuck, I said let me rent it out for a recording party for my new Brazilian project, and I would pay him whatever he normally makes that night." But Wanicur said Perrin

was not accommodating. "Chuck said, 'That's not what Dizzy's is about. It is not a cheap recording studio for people to use.' I'm paraphrasing what he said, but he was very unreceptive. So I said, 'What if we had a live performance and we just recorded it?' He said no. I said how about any date in the next two months? He said

he felt like I was pressuring him, and he hung up on me. Two or three minutes later I called him back, and I said he was overstepping his bounds. He hung up on me again. I was surprised to be turned away from a place where I had paid my dues. Our pianist, Mikan Zlackovich, helped arrange for Dizzy's to get that piano on loan and use it as long as it was operated as a nonprofit establishment.'

Of the hoped-for recording session, Perrin says, "He just wanted a cheap recording place." When I note that other

artists, including Sue Palmer and Johnny Viau, have recorded live albums at Dizzy's, Perrin says, "I'm not trying to be a bad guy here," said Perrin. "I'm a volunteer. We all do this as a volunteer effort. He was pressuring me, and I just decided not to do it."

To contact Ben Wanicur's Triptych Jazz Trio, go to www.triptychjazztrio. com.

– Ken Leighton

"Salsa fans are like swing dancers," said one owner of a Latin music nightspot who wanted to be unnamed. "People will show up and dance, but they don't drink anything but water. Salsa music is more of an intellectual or artistic

experience. Which is fine, but who wants it?"

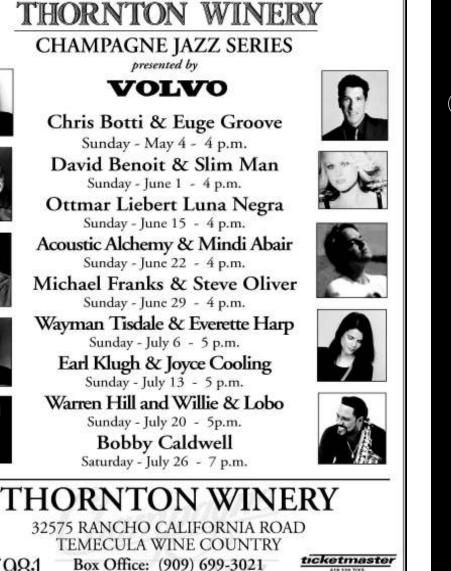
This same question was raised last week in an L.A. Times article that noted that salsa, merengue, and other Afro-Caribbean tropical dance styles were struggling to stay alive. The article stated how one-time superstar Elvis



WILLARD SAYS SALSA BANDS ARE STRUGGLING

Crispo, who headlined the Hollywood Bowl four years ago, was now playing at a Southland bingo hall. Major U.S. salsa record labels have closed down, and L.A.'s premier live salsa venue, the Conga Room, has turned to rock en español.

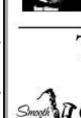
According to longtime local salsa/Latin pianist Lynn Willard, the San Diego scene



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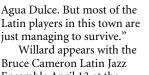


**DIZZY'S RANKLES WANICUR** 



is also struggling. "The Casbah, Brick by Brick, and the Ken Club. Those are specific venues that are there for rock. You can't say that about salsa. San Diego is very conservative."

Willard said in the mid-'90s, the local salsa scene was thriving, anchored by Croce's once-a-week salsa shows. Local Latin jazz bands like Afro Rhumba, Latin



Ensemble April 13 at the Coyote in Carlsbad and with Gilbert Castellanos's eightpiece Latin Trumpet Summit, April 28 at noon, at Cal State San Marcos. Both are free. — Ken Leighton

#### "We had a misunderstanding."

Jim Diez was explaining how a song from local band Underminded got included on Live at the Epicentre, Volume One. That compilation CD includes 15 songs, each recorded live at the Epicentre by a different local band. All the bands but



Combustion, Equinox, the Travelers, Con Alma, and Unido have disbanded. "There are a couple of local salsa groups currently

working, like Primo and

Underminded gave their approval. "The song was 'Excommunication,' " said Underminded singer/guitarist

Nick Martin. "The reason it

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bothered us is that we have our own CD called The Task of the Modern Educator coming out May 6. We didn't want to jeopardize our own CD."

But both Diez and Martin admit the Epicentre comp CD probably won't put a big dent in Underminded's CD sales.

"We only printed 100 copies," said Diez. "We decided to give them away. They weren't selling. We weren't that happy with the way they turned out. We are going to improve the quality on the next one." Underminded appears

April 25 at the Epicentre, and they are doing a CD-release party at SOMA in May. — Ken Leighton "I heard Vespa Motor Sports is moving into my old place," says J.J. Brawley about what has replaced his all-age North Park nightspot, Club Xanth.

"No lawsuits are planned," said Brawley, which contrasts with a published report that said he was suing the city over his forced closure. Brawley is now

presenting concerts at the 21-and-up Blue Agave in Mission Valley, which has a 300-person capacity, and allage shows at the 500-capacity Wabash Hall in North Park.

On Sunday he brings Stretcher, Disgorge, Season of Decay, and Man Destroys Himself to the Blue Agave. I note how death metal seems a bit out of place at a Mission Valley strip mall.

"I don't think it matters where it's at.... I never thought of [Blue Agave] as being in a strip mall. There is plenty of parking. All the other businesses are closed when the bar is open."

He says he wants to bring Goth, electronica, and hardcore music to the Blue Agave.

"I don't want to own another club. I would rather be a promoter and rent other people's venues.'

The only problem is that Willie Carter has been successfully booking Friday night punk, rock, and metal shows at the Blue Agave since January.

"He's not really a promoter," said Brawley

#### about Carter. "He plays in a band."

Carter's Worldwide Concerts has presented three Blue Agave shows. On April 18 he brings in RDG, the Painkillers, and the Drapes. Carter said the former Xanth owner does not have exclusivity at the Blue Agave. "J.J. does his shows and we do ours. He has nothing to do with our shows."

— Ken Leighton

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### **Bang-Bang Trinity**

"We're aggravating. We're that kind of mint."

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#### The Peppermints

Maren: bass, keyboard, and vocals Lil: guitar, drums, and vocals Gream: drums, guitar, and vocals

The Peppermints are disappointed. "The Casbah's flooded," announces the band's leader Maren (who also goes by the name Emron Hubbard). She opens the door to

her bandmate's downtown apartment dressed in fuzzy red socks pulled up over the knee, a Scottie-dogemblazoned miniskirt, and high heels.

The three band members appear as if tossed on mismatched furniture. Gream, the only male Peppermint, puts on "Andalucia Suite" and everyone chats. A friend frantically bats a Ping-Pong ball against a wall, the only disturbance of an otherwise mellow atmosphere. Hell, we haven't even started drinking yet.

"Tonight we're not really in the mood to do what we had planned on doing

because everything got shifted around," warns Lil, the founder of the group. Their 11:30 performance in the bar's back room has suddenly been moved up two hours. Now the band isn't even sure if their friends will make it, forget a decent crowd.

This is particularly frustrating for a band that values performance almost more than the music. "It's significantly different every time," says Maren.

"It's really not that unusual for us to say, 'Okay, let's scrap the instruments and just work with a few things.'" "We don't try to be anything

"We don't try to be anything but obnoxious," explains Gream.



HOW

ANGELA CRAVENS

The Peppermints

Lil looks like a tough punk girl from the '80s in black spandex pants, a serious belt, and a striped top — red and white — the band's trademark (which they often all wear, but not tonight). Gream sports black-rimmed glasses. Maren pulls on a pastel captain's jacket with big shoulders. She looks like an astro-pop toy soldier.

"Don't take yourself too seriously," she recommends, "but also wear lots of bright colors and be dirty and sticky."

At about 9 o'clock, when it is time to leave for the Casbah, everyone jumps up and starts running around the kitchen, collecting various pots and pans, as well as an oversized Danish cookie tin. While the band's *Sweet Tooth Abortion* EP is dominated by grainy punk guitars, this collection of kitchen wares will be the band's instruments for the evening, as well as the drumsticks that are rescued from the basement rehearsal space. Everything gets tossed into the band's boxy white van.

"I feel like in San Diego we're kind of a novelty," says Lil, rejecting the idea that they could be a part of a larger scene.

At the Casbah, the group takes the stage, banging on their makeshift instruments and yelping into the microphones under a grating hum of guitar feedback. All three crouch down low, bent into themselves. They don't look at the people who have filtered in early, nor do they look at each other.

Artist: Thee Corsairs Venue: Ken Club Time: Friday, April 19, 9 p.m. Cost: \$5 Phone: 619-284-2848

Artist: The Big Provider Venue: Belly Up Tavern Time: Friday, April 4, 9:15 p.m. Cost: \$7 Phone: 858-481-8140 The bartender has a look of quiet discomfort. It is a short show on an early evening in the suspiciously dry club (the floor, not the bar).

Rather than running through a list of songs on the group's CD, the three improvise and bang on pots and pans instead.

As Lil says, "We're aggravating. We're that kind of mint."

#### Thee Corsairs

Scott Nooner (nickname Von Scott), guitar and vocals

Andrew Snodgrass (Greaser), guitar Rex Navarro (Rexy Ramone), bass

José Navarro (Big Daddy Mascaras), drums

"He's going through his ritual right now...picking out which mask to wear. He's got about 60 to choose from. Every time we think he's run out there's another one, or we'll run down to Mexico and buy more."

Thee Corsairs are preparing for their gig at the Strand, a neighborhood bar in Oceanside. The bar is filling up early on this Friday night. Tatted-up kids play pool and mingle with older locals watching a football game on ESPN. Motorcycles roar by on Highway 101 outside. Every now and then a









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The Go-Go's Sunday, August 10 • 7:30

**Olivia Newton-John** 

### Calendar Music scene

shout goes up over what's going on with the game. "Rock the Casbah" plays once, then again. The whole scene is accentuated by various neon beer signs and mounted fish.

It's easy to spot the four members of Thee Corsairs as they dart in and out of the crowd, setting up their gear for tonight's performance. They look surprisingly formal, each in his uniform of black pants and white shirts accentuated by red ties. Hair is slicked back. Soon drummer José Navarro will disappear and slip on one of his collection of Mexican Lucha Libre wrestling masks, marking his transformation into Big Daddy Mascaras.

"I can play a show every weekend of the year and not wear the same mask," says Navarro. "I usually open up my little sanctum sanctorium and look at all my masks hanging all over the place and try to pick which one best suits the show that we're doing. Right before we play, I put on my different skin, so to speak, and become the big man."

"You definitely notice a big difference to him," adds his brother and Corsairs' guitarist Rex Navarro. "When he gets

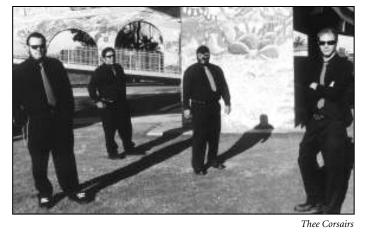
SEAPORT VILLAGE 5" 6.375" Black plus one onstage with a mask on, he's a different person. He's wild, he's loud, he's Vegas."

The crowd at the Strand is ready to see a show. The TVs get shut off. Covers are pulled onto pool tables. Then, the band tears into a set of belly-grinding rock songs as people jostle for a spot. Big Daddy Mascaras has emerged wearing his *Espanto*  "Thanks for playin'!" a voice yells.

**The Big Provider** Jackson Price, guitar and lead vocals

Joey Sutera, bass and vocals Eli Taylor, drums

It's minutes to showtime, and members of the Big Provider



mask, which has a thick white cross on the face of a black hood. He tosses his drumsticks in the air. Rex and Snodgrass jerk their heads violently in time. Vocalist Scott Nooner is nearly drowned out by the guitars.

"I never said I was a good man/ but I never tried to be bad," Nooner howls. Beneath the driving guitars are anthems of dysfunctional love and anteup party tunes. "Thanks to everybody for showing up," yells Rex. can be heard yelling at each other backstage at Solana Beach's Belly Up Tavern.

It's a small thing, really, just a brotherly spat among the close band. In a minute, bassist Joey will flash a bright smile and say, "We always do this. I'm too anal," and, apparently, drummer Eli is too easygoing. But the argument is enough to elicit raised eyebrows and giggles from the various friends who have come by to support the group. The brief outburst of tempers is the most action the tiny backstage room has seen tonight as the group prepares for its CDrelease party. Early on this warm January night, everyone has been surprisingly laid-back as they wait for the club to fill. Members Jackson and Joey (yes, another sibling team) and Eli chat and drink beers.

A handful of young guys mill about the very unglamorous backstage area of the Belly Up. One wall is splashed with garish purple paint that clashes with well-worn maroon couches. A lone refrigerator is stocked with Heineken. Jokes are told. People rifle through boxes of loot that will be passed out at the show: CDs, T-shirts, stickers, and videos provided by Sun Diego, the band's sponsor.

Younger brother Jackson plays guitar, launching into an acoustic version of a Nelly song. Everyone helps out on the chorus: *"Must be the money!"* Joey tries to wrestle up a set list.

"Let's play 'Go Insane' first." "Nah, dude, I don't even like that song."

"Yeah...but just to get it out of the way!"

Jackson drops and starts doing push-ups on the gray carpet, expelling some preshow energy. He and Taylor put on gaudy fake silver chains, each with an elephant (the band's emblem) dangling from the end. The chains were given to them by friends who had dressed as the band for Halloween. Taylor,



The Big Provider

ments. When Taylor starts rapping in French, the crowd really goes crazy.

It's fun, funky party music, but even the band can't agree on how to define its sound. The guys interrupt each other to say, "We like to think it's funk, but it's not true funk."

"It's sort of rock, emo, funk, reggae..."

"...and a little rap..." "It's funny to hear [what] people will say. Sometimes it's beach rock...and sometimes it's bar rock — and we're def-

thing that drives you hormoneraging teens wild!" "It's like children's songs for

initely not that. It's the kind of

drunk people." ■

GIRL, YOU KNOW IT'S LAME

the hip-hop enthusiast, pulls

on an oversized basketball jer-

sey, completing the look. Joey

is known for wearing an orange

jumpsuit onstage, but tonight

he is not going to play to the

obvious. Instead, he dons a

plain black, button-down shirt,

hitting the stage, he gets

clowned-out with huge, round

sunglasses and a knit cap with

crowd, young locals in surf T-

shirts, started dancing during

the sound check. Now they bob

bumping into each other and

spilling beers. They sing along

to most of the songs. The band

runs around, trading instru-

The increasingly inebriated

a pom-pom.

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### **Misconception Killer**

"It was on the train, with its steely rhythms, that I suddenly heard the complete construction of the 'Rhapsody.'"

e are hurtling through the flat countryside of Normandy, on our way to the "Chunnel" and London. The trip is easier, briefer, immeasurably more congenial - and no more expensive — than the

train between Boston and New York. But some last thoughts about Gershwin and movie jazz before Waterloo Station.

We don't know what Gershwin would have made had he not died at age 38 of a brain tumor. His greatest work, to my mind, was written at the age of 26, "Rhapsody in Blue" (1924). Like nearly all of Gershwin's compositions, it was originally written for piano and later orchestrated, in this instance by Ferde Grofé, for the Paul Whiteman orchestra. Gershwin,

who had no formal conservatory training, began, shortly thereafter, to orchestrate his own compositions.

Gershwin began his career as a staff pianist in Tin Pan Alley and quickly progressed to songwriting, popular material flavored by ragtime. Such

was his precociousness and success that Gershwin was commissioned to write something more appropriately ambitious for Paul Whiteman's Concert of American Light Music, to be performed at the Aeolian Hall in New York.

Whiteman had approached Gershwin before 1924 with the idea of a concerto-like piece in which Gershwin would be the solo pianist. Gershwin figured he'd get around to it one day, but on January 3 of 1924, late one evening when Gershwin was relaxing in a pool parlor with his brother Ira and a friend, Ira called to George's attention a Tribune news item in an early edition of the following morning's newspaper. The final paragraph was to the point: "George Gershwin is at work on a jazz concerto, Irving Berlin is writing a syncopated tone

poem, and Victor Herbert is working on an American suite." Gershwin, reasonably, rang up Whiteman the next morning to make known his surprise, and also to complain that he had only five weeks to write the damn thing before its scheduled premiere.

Most of the "jazz concerto" was composed on an old-fashioned upright piano in the back room of the Gershwin family apartment on West 110th Street. Some years later, in 1931, Gershwin described the "Rhapsody's" genesis to his first biographer:

Suddenly an idea occurred to me. There had been so much talk about the limitations of jazz, not to speak of the manifest misunderstanding of its function. Jazz, they said, had to be in strict time. It had to cling to dance rhythms. I resolved, if possi-

Paul Whiteman

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AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

ble, to kill the misconception with one sturdy blow. Inspired by this aim, I set to work composing. I had no set plan, no structure to which my music

must conform. The "Rhapsody," you see, began as a purpose, not a plan. I worked out a few themes, but just at this time I had to appear in Boston for the premiere of Sweet Little Devil. It was on the train, with its steely rhythms, its rattlety-bang that is often so stimulating to the composer (I frequently hear music in the very heart of noise), that I suddenly heard — even saw on paper — the complete construction of the "Rhapsody,"

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from beginning to end... No new themes came to me, but I worked on the thematic material already in my mind, and tried to conceive the composition as a whole. I heard it as sort of a musical kaleidoscope of America — of our vast melting pot, of our incomparable national pep, our blues, our metropolitan madness

In the initial sketches for the piece it was to begin with a clarinet trill, followed by a rising scale into the first theme. Gershwin wanted all 17 notes of the scale to be sounded. During rehearsals, the principal clarinetist, Ross German, initially played the scale as written and then, at some point, improvised the second half of the scale as a glissando, a "jazzy sliding wail," that was to render it the most familiar opening bar in American music.

The English conductor Simon Rattle, now musical director of the Berliner

Philharmonic and a longtime Gershwin enthusiast, describes the famous rising scale as being "stolen from one of Bessie Smith's trademark wails, but after it, what you hear is pure Jewish cantor music," by which Rattle probably also means the clarinet tonalities and figurations one associates with klezmer music. And that's the stew Gershwin's music arises from: blues, jazz, sacred and secular Jewish music, along with Tin Pan Alley melodies and

song structures. Though Gershwin always regretted it, both he and we are fortunate at his never having had advanced formal music training and theory pumped into him early. He did enjoy the advantage of piano lessons as a child with a gifted teacher who would have fed him his Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Liszt, Chopin, and the rest. But Gershwin was to remain an intuitive artist, and, like many brilliant composers

before and after, was a musical sponge, remembering every interesting harmony, melody, rhythm, pattern of development that he heard.

Simon Rattle

Like Schumann, Chopin, and Liszt, Gershwin was a pianist first, hearing or envisioning the work on piano at the outset and then orchestrating it, as opposed to those composers like Mahler or Elgar, for example, who think in orchestral terms from beginning to end. His method for his larger works, such as "Rhapsody," the "Piano Concerto in F," Porgy



and Bess, "An American in Paris," would probably have involved improvisations on assorted song melodies already in his head, picking out the exceptional improvisations and fitting them into a larger scheme.

Gershwin was a social creature: handsome, charming, gregarious. He liked nothing better than improvising at the piano for hours at the smartest dinners and parties in New York and, later, Hollywood. He loved pretty women, and

they loved him back, in large numbers. He wasn't a particularly interior or reflective soul. If he had any books on his shelves, they would have been exclusively for ornament. He enjoyed the hurly-burly of society. He was a health faddist, a sportsman, a sport. And, over time, he became enormously rich. People close to him insisted he never changed over time. He seems to have been, by and large, a nice enough man, as geniuses go, a bit high energy, I should imagine. Gershwin was one of the great icons of the '20s and '30s, like Babe Ruth or Jean Harlow. His death at age 38 must have rocked the nation and much of Europe.

For my money, the best Gershwin on disc are his Piano Rolls. The orchestrations of his largescale compositions can be overdone: too many bells and whistles. Leonard Bernstein, another jazzy Jew, does a good job with Gershwin; they're a natural fit. But give me the Miles Davis/Gil Evans treatment of Porgy and Bess any old day.

An American in Paris; Rhapsody in Blue, NYPO Leonard Bernstein, Sonv (SMK 63086) Miles Davis, Porgy and Bess, Colombia (CK 65141)

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#### EXTENSION 4000

THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

#### THURSDAY

**Macy Gray** and **Lamya:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 3, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

#### FRIDAY

The Buena Vista Social Club: California Center for the Arts, Friday, April 4, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

#### Rick Braun [673], Kirk Whalum [674], and Norman

Brown [466]: 4th & B, Friday, April 4, 345 B Street, downtowr 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

#### SATURDAY

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute" featuring Dee Dee Bridgewater: Saturday, April 5, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

#### SUNDAY

Fastball [436] and Ramsay **Midwood:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, April 6, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497

or 858-481-8140. The U.S. Bombs, Furious IV [107], Just a Joke, Rad Bones, and Locale

Culture: 'Canes Bar and Grill. Sunday, April 6, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

#### MONDAY

**Etta James** [931] and the **Bobby Murray Blues Band:** Belly Up Tavern, Monday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

#### TUESDAY

Nashville Pussy and Meldrum & the Millionaires: 4th & B, Tuesday, April 8, 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

#### WEDNESDAY

Soulive [654] and Maktub [586] Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 9, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

#### EXTENSION 4001

Peter White [714]: Sycuan Casino

Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa.

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band [650]

Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana

**Peter, Paul, and Mary** [**864**]**:** California Center for the Arts, Friday,

April 11, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253

The Royal Crown Revue: The

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downtown, 619-231-4343 or

the Arts, Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497. Pinback [398], the Album Leaf [984],

and **Bunky:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, April 13, 7;30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute" featuring the Ravi Coltrane Quartet: Monday, April 14, 8 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

**Buju Banton:** Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, April 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Duncan Sheik [477]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Toto [502]: 4th & B, Thursday, April 17, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Mason Jennings: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, April 17, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Battlefield Band: Mandeville Auditorium, Friday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Convoy: The Casbah, Friday, April 18, and Saturday, April 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

**Boney James** *[677]*: 4th & B, Saturday, April 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Elvis Crespo: 4th & B, Sunday, April 20, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Jeffrey Gaines: Brick by Brick, Wednesday, April 23, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

A.F.I. [329], the Explosion, and Time in Malta: SOMA, Wednesday, April 23, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Roy Haynes: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, April 24, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Frank Black & the Catholics [554]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Salute to Charlie Parker": California Center for the Arts, Thursday, April 24, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Annie Lennox: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, April 25, 1245 Sevent Hall, Friday, April 25, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

They Might Be Giants [411]: 4th & B. Friday, April 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or

619-220-8497. The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B, Saturday, April 26, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Fischerspooner: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, April 26, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Tommy Castro [917]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 26, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Coachella Music and Arts Festival" featuring the Beastie Boys [175], Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals, the Queens of the Stone Age [431], Groove Armada, the Blue Man Group, the Donnas, N\*E\*R\*D, Ladytron, Felix Da Housecat, Masters at Work, Kinky, Roger Sanchez, Darren Emers n Talih Kweli, Peanut Butter, Wolf/Jaylib, Badly Drawn Boy [609], the Libertines, Gomez, the Music, Hot Hot Heat, Idlewild [401], Amon Tobin, Ben Kweller, Joseph Arthur, Particle, Christopher Lawrence Division of Laura Lee, South, Stereo Total, the Mooney Suzuki, Nightmares on Wax, Herman Cantanneo, D:Fuse, and Spymob:

Saturday, April 26, noon. 619-220-8497.

Joan Sebastian: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, April 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

"The 30th Annual Adams Avenue Roots Festival" featuring the Scottsville Squirrel Barkers, the 7th Day Buskers [812], Jon Adams, Connie Allen & Bill Dempsey, the American Folk Singers, Bayou Seco with Ken Keppler and Jennie McLerie, Curt Bouterse, the Budapest Brothers, Roy Ruiz Clayton, Kenny Hall, Robin Henkel [914], Merritt Herring, Stu & Gloria Jamison, Frannie Leopold, Los Californios, the New Lost Melody Boys, the New Smokey Mountain Boys with Clark Powell and Wayne Brandon, W.B. Reid, Tanya Rose, Mark Spoelstra, Chris Stuart, the Tatters, Steve White [875], and Mimi Wright: Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Adams Avenue (between 34th and 35th Street), Normal Heights.

"Coachella Music and Arts Festival" featuring the **Red Hot Chili Peppers** [104], the **White Stripes** [359], **Underworld, Jack** Johnson, Primal Scream, the Blue Man Group, Sonic Youth [183], the

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Thievery Corporation, Cafe Tacuba, Fischerspooner, Dirty Vegas, Deep Dish, Richie Hawtin, Timo Mass, Mars Volta, Johnny Marr & the Healers, G. Love & Special Sauce, Rooney, Ben Folds, Tortoise [523], the Soundtrack of Our Lives, Polyphonic Spree, Mouse on Mars, the Black Eyed Peas [459], the Von Bondies, Whirlwind Heat, and the Kinison: Sunday, April 27, noon. 619-220-8497.

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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Yanni /998/: Cox Arena, Friday, May 2, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Manic Hispanic: The Casbah, Friday, May 2, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Kenny Loggins [405]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, May 4, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Red Holloway: San Diego Museum of Art, Wednesday, May 7, Balboa Park. 619-696-1966.

The Afro-Cuban All-Stars [858]: 4th & B, Friday, May 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute" featuring the **Hank Jones Trio:** Friday, May 9, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

"28th Annual Pacific Beach Block Party" featuring Convoy, Slightly Stoopid [352], Lee Rocker, Jaime Valle [640], Fastball [436], and many more: Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Garnet Avenue (from Mission Boulevard to Ingraham Street), Pacific Beach. 619-641-5823.

**Journey, REO Speedwagon,** and **Styx:** Cox Arena, Sunday, May 11, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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.

**Cracker** and **Camper Van Beethoven:** 4th & B, Tuesday, May 13, 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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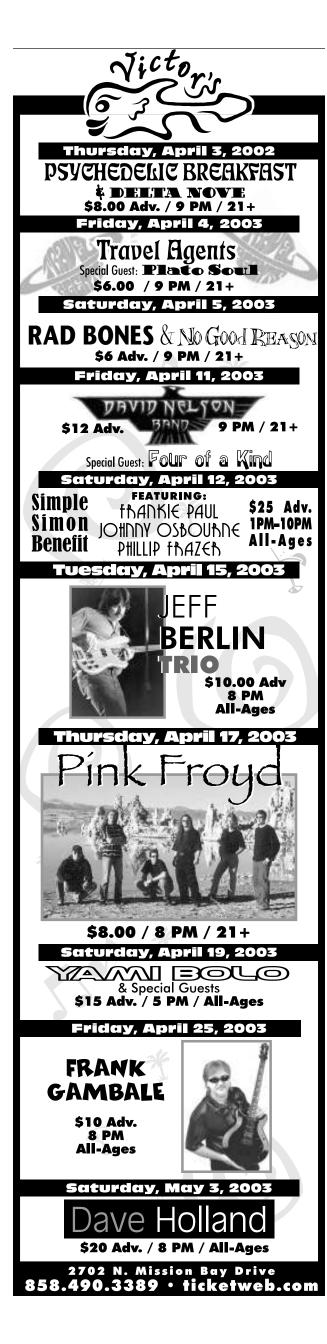
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**David Lee Roth** *[409]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, June 10, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Alkaline Trio [345], One Man Army, and the Start: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, June 10, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-440-2277.

**Big Head Todd & the Monsters:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 11, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Mannheim Steamroller: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 19, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

**The Gin Blossoms** [608]: 4th & B, Thursday, June 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Chris LeDoux** [774]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 20, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

**Paul Anka:** Rincon Casino, Friday, June 20, Valley Center Road, Escondido. 760-751-3100 or 877-777-2457 (toll free).

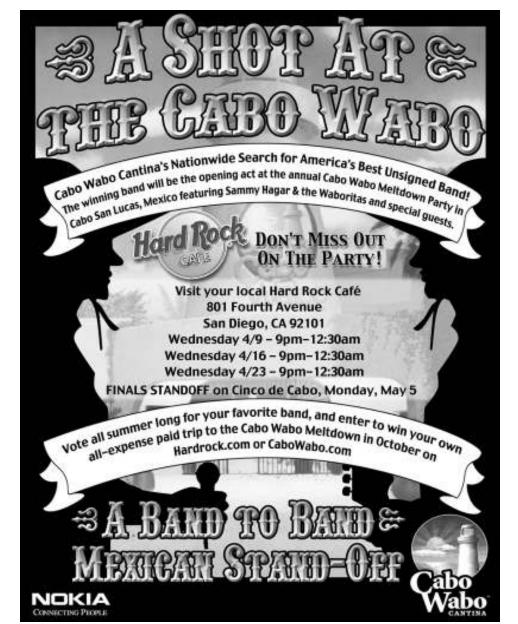
"An Evening of Guitars and Saxes" featuring Jeff Golub, Steve Cole, Richard Elliot, and Peter White [714]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 20, 8 p.m.,

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**Cecilio & Kapono:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 22, 8:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Ramon Ayala: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 22, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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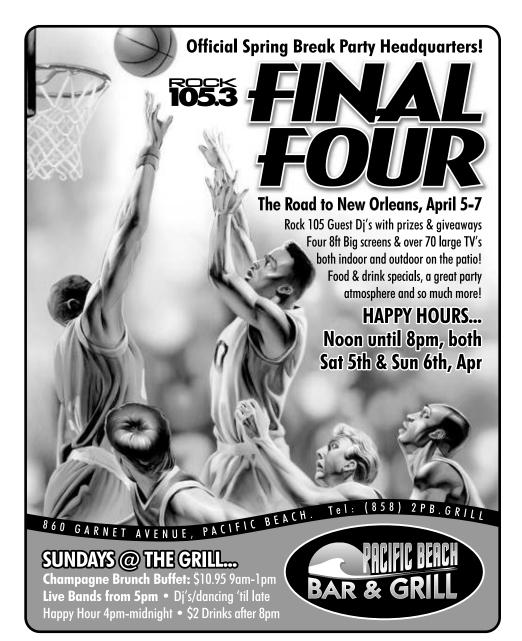


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**Tracy Byrd** *[779]*: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 24, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

James Brown [610]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 25, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497. Meat Loaf: Del Mar Fairgrounds,

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Susan Tedeschi and Shemekia Copeland: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010. Steve Winwood: Humphrey's

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**The Taj Mahal Band** and **Steve Moore:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 30, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Dan Fogelberg: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 1, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

**"Aloha Live"** starring **Amy Hanaiali'i & Willie K:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

**"Ozzfest"** featuring **Korn, Marilyn Manson, Disturbed, Chevelle,** and **Trust Company:** Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, July 3, 9:30 a.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

**K.C. & the Sunshine Band** *[612]*: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, July 4, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Juanes: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, July 6, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Gary Allan and Terri Clark: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 8, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Vans Warped Tour '03" with Sum 41 [188], the Dropkick Murphys [481], Glassjaw, Rancid [163], the Used, Pennywise [159], Less Than Jake [132], Poison the Well, Taking Back Sunday, the Suicide Machines, Face to Face, Mest, Andrew W.K., Tablib Kweli, Thrice [491], the Ataris [474], Simple Plan, Slick Shoes [415], S.T.U.N., Unseen, Rufio, the Mad Caddies, Tsunami Bomb, Vendetta Red, and more: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, July 10, 12:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Lyle Lovett & His Large Band: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dwight Yoakam [785]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 11, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Joan Osborne: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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The Dixie Chicks [782] and Michelle **Branch:** Cox Arena, Wednesday, July 23, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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**Queensrÿche** and **Dream Theater:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 25, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

**Norah Jones:** Open Air Theatre, Sunday, July 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

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The Dave Matthews Band [117]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Randy Travis [786]: Rincon Casino, Thursday, July 31, Valley Center Road, Escondido. 760-751-3100 or 877-777-2457 (toll free).

Gato Barbieri and Mariza: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Smokey Robinson: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 3, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Anita Baker: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 5, and Wednesday, August 6, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Herman's Hermits: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

David Gray [614]: Open Air Theatre, Friday, August 8, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497. The Go-Go's: Humphrey's Concerts

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**Olivia Newton-John:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 11, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Randy Travis [786]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Manhattan Transfer: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 14, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010. David Sanborn [656]: Viejas Casino

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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 21, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

Ray Charles: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 24, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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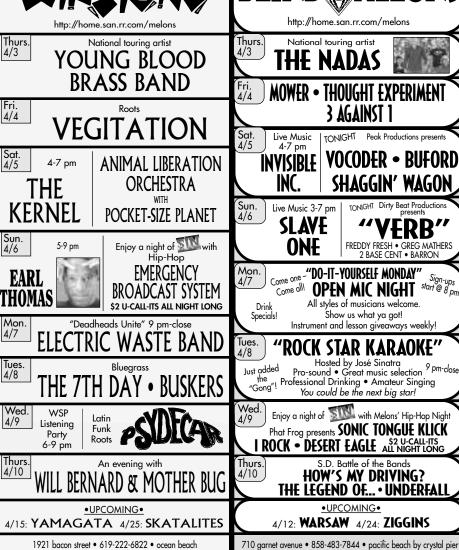
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**The Beach Boys:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 8, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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**George Benson:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Julio Iglesias /615/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 16, and Wednesday, September 17, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400. Kenny G [664]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Lee Ritenour and Mindi Abair: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

**Chicago** *[617]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 23, and Wednesday, September 24, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

**Craig Chaquico** and **Keiko Matsui:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Rick Springfield [515]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 26, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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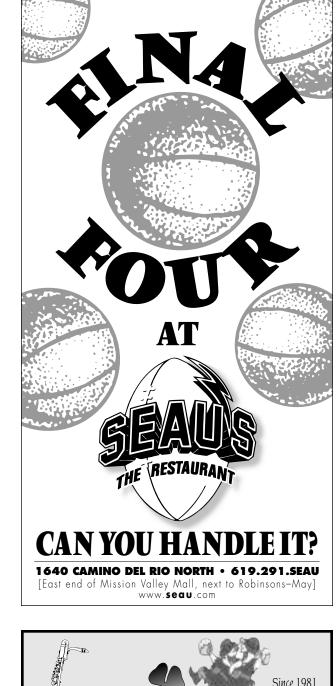
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Absinthe: Bayou Bar & Grill Alaska: The Casbah Big Back Yard: Tiki House Big Rig Deluxe: California Club Blizzard: Dream Street Norman Brown [466]: 4th & B Buford: Blind Melons Chaos Theory: Surf N'Saddle Closer To You: Brick By Brick Cornerstone: Second Wind (Santee) Curanderos: Sevilla Detroit Underground: Humphrey's Electric Waste Band: Winstons Fastball [436]: Belly Up Tavern The Donovan Frankenreiter Band: Martini Ranch (Encinitas) The French Kicks: The Casbah French Toast: The Casbah Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge, The Gordon Biersch Brewerv Idlewild [401]: The Casbah Invisible Inc.: Blind Melons The Jackson 3: McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Zip & Zack's Filling Station Jefferson Jay [430]: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company Jumpstart: Humphrey's Levity: Brick By Brick Lovelords: Dream Street Maktub [586]: Belly Up Tavern Mike & Valerie: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub The Millionaires: 4th & B

The Nadas: Blind Melons The Nards: Tiki House

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#### JAZZ / BIG BAND

**Frank Alves:** Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina

The Scott Amendola Group: Dizzy's The Animal Liberation Orchestra: Winstons

Joe Azarello: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies Rick Braun [673]: 4th & B Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

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The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar Mike Cea: La Costa Coffee Roasting

Co. **Dan Connor:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**The Cradit Union:** Neimans Bar and Grill **Jo Dark:** The German-American

Societies **The David Patrone Quartet:** Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Fattburger: Humphrey's Aubrey Fay: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Lounge Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge

The Frozen Ziplet Bros.: The Calypso Cafe Steve Getz: Dizzy's

**Leslie Gold:** The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, The Westgate Hotel

**The Cynthia Hammond Trio:** La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge

Inner Voyage: Bayou Bar & Grill Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

Art Johnson [631]: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

Lady Dottie: Bayou Bar & Grill Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Bob Magnusson: Dizzy's Joe Marillo [645]: Dizzy's

**Carolanne Matteson:** The Metaphor Coffeehouse Jared Mattson: Mocha Market Place The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar Sue Palmer [641]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, The Calypso Cafe Allan Phillips: Dizzy's

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar Rick Ross: Moray's Lounge, Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge Richard Samuels: The Calypso Cafe The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Coyote Bar and Grill Tripp Sprague: Dizzy's Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza Stellitta's Groove: Humphrey's Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza Jaime Valle [640]: Dizzy's The Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo: Anthony's Star of the Sea The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson

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Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar The Young Blood Brass Band:

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The Shocks of Mighty: Surf N'Saddle

Kingtone: Belly Up Tavern

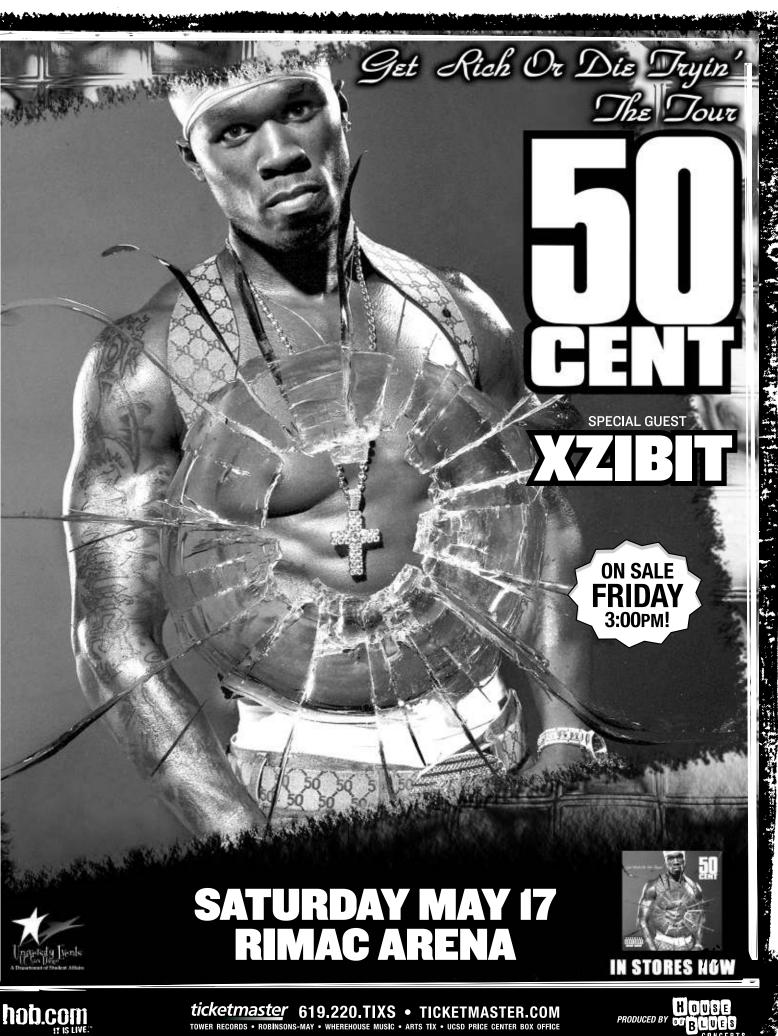
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Ashley: Hennessey's Tavern (Gaslamp) Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub J.D. Brouchard: Princess Pub & Grille Buskers: Winstons

Brent Byrd: Hennessey's Tavern (Gaslamp)

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Lee Jones: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Brian Koehler: Tomiko Bar & Grill Ramsay Midwood: Belly Up Tavern

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Pass the Peas: Galoka Tommy Price: Kelly's Pub, McP's

Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and

**Scott Williams:** Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

Irish Pub and Grill

The 7th Dav: Winstons

Skelpin: Dublin Square

EXTENSION 4009

**BLUES / SOUL** 

The Blonde Bruce Band [924]: Coyote Bar and Grill

Blue Heat: The Kraken Blue Largo [636]: Covote Bar and Grill, The Calypso Cafe The Blues Brokers: The Kraken, Tio Leo's Lounge

Charley Burton: Patrick's II Tomcat Courtney & the Blues

Dusters [932]: Shooters Bar and Grill, Chateau Orleans Dejablu: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The Shane Dwight Band: Patrick's II Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's

Top Hat Bar and Grille Etta James [931]: Belly Up Tavern Candye Kane [939]: The Calypso

Cafe, Tio Leo's Lounge

The Latanya Lockett Band: Humphrey'

Red Lane: Patrick's II

Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

The Bobby Murray Blues Band: Belly Up Tavern

Nite Light: Pal Joev's

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub. McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Ruby & the Red Hots [918]: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Nik Simon Band: Patrick's II The Small Town Heroes: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

Sonny & Rumble Tones: Island Sports & Spirits

Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: Tiki House

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe

Earl Thomas [946]: Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain, Gaslamp), Winstons

Triple Shot: The Calypso Cafe Billy Watson: Coyote Bar and Grill

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Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant

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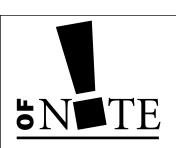
Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance **Club:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido, 760-741-9393.

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Sabbat: Five-vear anniversary celebration, Saturday, April 5. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath 5ifth Qtr. (formerly Buffalo Joe's), corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.



#### BY DAVE GOOD

Macy Gray once admitted that she wanted, for reasons unknown, to punch out Mariah Carey. In song, Gray offered to cap a boyfriend: "C'mon and gimmie all your lovin'," she sings, "or I will kill you/ put one through your head/ gimmie all your lovin'/ or I will kill you/ and cry when you're dead. Macy Gray (born Natalie McIntyre) may pack the strongest voice in soul right now, but hers is an uppity soul dialed in to the hip-hop generation. There's a 32-ouncer and a sawed-off shotgun hidden under that sexy exterior. "Special lovin' on the night I spent with you/ it was the best that I've had lately/ but it didn't mean anything/ and I will be glad/ when you stop callin' me."

At the very least, Gray's voice is origi-

**Therapy:** Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. The first Friday of every month at the Blue Agave, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., 6608 Mission Gorge Road, Allied Gardens, 619-521-3194. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827.

**Verb:** Sundays, house, breaks, and hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.

nal. Both gritty and limber, it sometimes sounds as if she's on laughing gas or has a bad cold. Those who compare her to Billie Holiday or Tina Turner are listening with their eyes only - that voice nailed Gray a Grammy for "I Try," the single off her first album. This, after an accidental career start. With two kids, a third on the way, and a busted marriage, Gray wrote lyrics and sang for fun. When a friend's band's singer failed to show, she sat in. It clicked. She eventually opened an after-hours joint in Hollywood where she

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5 pm Friday, the week prior to

polished her own material and cut a demo-Her first record for Atlantic got junked. Too bad for them — Epic picked up the pieces, and the rest is double platinum history. Now Gray is a star, insulated from nearly all but the critics, who would say that she's only had one hit, that sales of her second album were thin to nonexistent, and that Grammies are



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passed out like Chiclets to industry cash cows. I will withhold judgment just long enough to see what album number three, The Trouble with Being Myself, brings.

MACY GRAY, Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 3, 9 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. \$20.

**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.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 pm, *Macy Gray* and Lamya, alternative. Friday, 9:15 pm, the Big Provider and Kingtone, alternative. Saturday, 9:15 pm, the Yonder Mountain String Band with Kaki King. Sunday, 8 pm, Fastball with Ramsay Midwood, rock. Monday, 7:30 pm, Etta James with the Bobby Murray Blues Band, Tuesday, call club

for information. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *Soulive* with *Maktub*, alternative.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, Liquid Blue, pop rock.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, Calima, jazz, Flamenco.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, *Earl Thomas*, blues.

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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Blonde Bruce Band*, blues. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *Dan Connor*, jazz, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Rudy & the Red Hots*, blues. Sunday, 2 pm to 5:30 pm, Blonde Bruce, solo, 5 pm to 9 pm, Reggie Smith & Presed for Time, jazz. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Blue Largo, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Northstar, pop.

Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-6951. Saturday, Simply Complex, alternative. Jolt'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido

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Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665. Call club for information. The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483, Thursday, Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues

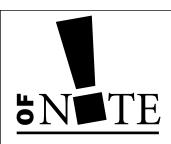
Friday, West of 5, rock. Saturday, Blue Heat, blues. La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa.

760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Mike Cea*, jazz. Saturday, *Carl Robinson*, contemporary.

#### La Costa Tournament of Champions

**Lounge,** La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the Cynthia Hammond* Trio, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *the Donovan* Frankenreiter Band, rock, and guests. McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Call club for information.



#### BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The Postal Service may seem like just another dumb band name from the guy who brought us Death Cab for Cutie, but it turns out to be appropriate: The new side project's album, Give Up, was created piece by piece through the mail. After Death Cab's Ben **Gibbard** contributed vocals to a song by Los Angeles electronic artist Jimmy Tamborello, the two decided to do a whole album together. Tamborello, of electronic act Dntel, sent backing tracks - many of which, endearingly, sound as if they were made using a cheap 1980s Casio — to Seattle, where Gibbard would edit them and supply lyrics, vocals, guitars, and other instruments. He also roped Jen Wood and Jenny Lewis into singing backup vocals, which add a level of polish to what's otherwise a pretty simple affair.

Listening to Give Up, vou can't tell that it was recorded at different ends of I-5, but the long-distance theme comes up often in its lyrics. "The District Sleeps Alone Tonight" is about visiting an old friend in Washington, D.C. In "Such Great Heights," Gibbard tries to reach a loved one who's off on tour by writing a song and hoping it gets played on the radio. Gibbard has described "Such Great

Heights" as the first upbeat love song he's ever written. "Sleeping In" is an oddly sweet ode to a world in which Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone and global warming means a longer swimming season. But fans of Death Cab's usual melancholy won't be disappointed. Wood's duet with Gibbard in "Nothing Better" is one of the best breakup



arguments set to technopop since the Human League's "Don't You Want Me." And "We Will Become Silhouettes" is a scary vision of a nuclear attack.

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#### The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Tuesday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *Carolanne Matteson*, jazz. Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San

Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Jared Mattson, jazz.

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(Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, the Shocks of Mighty, reggae. Saturday, Chaos Theory, and Chaos Theory, rock. Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas

Brian Koehler, acoustic. Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-591-9393. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, the



Stereovault, Pastilla, Casino, and Metzli, rock. Saturday, Wild Child. Sunday, the U.S. Bombs, the Furious IV, Just a Joke, Rad Bones, and Locale Culture. Wednesday, Non-Point, Slaves on Dope, Skindred, and Hotwire.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Saturday, Rockola, classic rock.

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, Brazero, Round Eye, Seven Times, and Forgotten Stash. Friday, Afterblack, Lodus, Life Hates Me, and Kulturwar. Saturday, Public Transportation, Lovelords, Something Else, and Old Town Avenue. Monday and Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, Shock and Awe, Blizzard, and Variable.

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, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Sunday, Pass the

I.a 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, 8:30 pm, and Friday, 9 pm, *Rick Ross, jazz, piano, saxopho* vocals. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday through



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O Squid Joe's	<u>2 for 1 cover</u>
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BEACHES Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue,

Thursday, the Nadas, rock. Friday,

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Invisible Inc., Vocoder, Buford, and Shaggin' Wagon. Sunday, Slave One.

Wednesday, Sonic Tongue Klick, I

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean

Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday,

Rock, and Desert Eagle.

Against 1, alternative, Saturday,

Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.

Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Ben Powell*, blues, jazz. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm,







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Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278 Call club for information.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Friday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, Big Back Yard, rock. Friday, Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones, blues. Saturday, the Nards, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-mike night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 9 pm, *the Travel Agents*, alternative. Saturday, 9 pm, Rat Bone and No Good Reason, alternative.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822, Thursday, the Young Blood Brass Band, jazz, pop. Friday, Vegitation. Saturday, the Kernel, the Animal Liberation Orchestra, and Pocket-Size Planet, rock. Sunday, Earl Thomas and Emergency Broadcast System. Monday, Electric Waste Band. Tuesday, the 7th Day and Buskers. Wednesday, Psydecar.

#### SAN DIEGO

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103 Saturday through Tuesday, David Timothy Smith.

Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 pm. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarnev Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

The Blue Agave, 6608 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-521-3194. Sunday, 8 pm to midnight, *Stretcher*, Disgorge, Season of Decay, and Man Destrovs Himself, alternative.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm,

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, Element-54, Ten to None, Tall, and Triad Tuesday. Levity, Takeover Turn, Parklife,

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Somewhere, and Closer To You Wednesday, Nerve Center and California Club. 5522 El Caion

Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Friday, *Hot Like a Robot, Hate Hart* Wreckage, and Lisa Haze, alternative, Wednesday, Big Rig Deluxe, rock.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative. Friday, *Prevail, Thurmus* Forthrite, Enough Already, and No Way Out. Saturday, Endless Struggle, 46 Short, Cheap Sex, Career Soldiers, and Extrinsic.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Thursday, jazz jam. Friday, swing. Saturday, live rock/alternative band. Sunday, salsa. Monday, call club for information. Tuesday, the Cypher, hip-hop. Wednesday, open mike.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge Thursday, 9 pm, Detroit Underground, rock, soul. Friday, 6 pm to 8 pm, Stellita's Groove, jazz, 9:30 pm, Eve Selis, roadhouse rock. Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *the Latanya Lockett Band*, blues, soul, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, pop. Sunday, 7 pm and 9 pm, Kalapana, Hawaiian music. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Calvin Romance*, jazz. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Fattburger*, jazz. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, Jumpstart, classic rock.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

**The Inn Suites,** 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

The Inn at the Park, 623 Spruce Street, San Diego. 619-291-0999. Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Karen* Giogio, piano, vocals, open mike.

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, Vena Cava and Tiltwheel, alternative. Saturday, Lualta, American Luxury, and the Displaced, alternative.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, Nitelife, rock. Saturday, the Rockin' Blues Hounds, blues.



### >hometown CDs

Album Name: Hold on Tightly (2003) Artist: Lisa Sanders

Label: Pathfinder Records

Songs: 1) Hold on Tightly 2) Astronaut 3) Ever Find a Way 4) Crumble 5) All About Love 6) Skywalk 7) Cry Me a River 8) You Take Me There 9) Blind to You Baby 10) You Should've Told Me 11) Silence 12) Happy to Be

Price/Where Available: www.cdstreet.com for \$12

Band Members: Lisa Sanders (lead vocals, guitar) Extra Info: Lisa Sanders will be performing live on The NBC 7/39 Morning News Sunday, April 6, at 7:30 a.m. She will also perform later that week on The KUSI Morning News at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10.

Website: lisasanders.com

Lisa Sanders's music, selfdescribed as "black cowgirl pop," has taken Lisa from the produce department at a local Vons to

**Pal Joey's,** 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday, *Night* Shift, classic rock. Saturday, Nite Life, blues

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Shirley Allen*, piano. Sunday through Tuesday, Jim Guerlin,

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Call club for information

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative. Thursday, *Los Machos, Slowfelt, Transit War,* Resolver, and the Pinwheels. Friday, Sixfoot Deathtrap, System Decay, Downspell, and Friction Switch. Saturday, Turam, Sinai Beach, Embrace These Hands, Murder My Love, and A Rose for Ona. Sunday, the Movielife, One Line Drawing, Vendetta Red, and Damone

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock.

Simon, and Bob Dylan. The two-time San Diego Music

opening for B.B. King, Paul

San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Friday, Voodoo Glow Skulls, Bad Credit, G-

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Powerthud*, rock. Saturday, Candye Kane and the

The Turf Supper Club, 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-291-7450. Sunday, Kevin Cavanaugh, piano bar

Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime* Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet.

4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Sunday, 4 pm to 6 pm, the Celtic Ensemble, folk. Wednesday, open mike hosted by

Wabash Hall, 3855 Wasbash Avenue, North Park. 619-696-9268. Friday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the Adicts, the Skulls*, *the Briefs*, and *Narcoleptic Youth*, punk. Wednesday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the*  est CD, Hold on Tightly.

There are no showy guitar techniques - just her deep voice and the strumming. The arrangements are simple, yet they still possess a rough edge that makes them come across as unplugged alternative rock. The lyricism contains a good collection of folk stories with subject matter ranging from relationships in turmoil, as in the ballad "Silence," to moments of hardship and selfrealization, heard in the fourth track, "Crumble."

There is a lighter side to the album too. In "You Take Me There," Sanders sings, "Your love is a rope with its noose tied around my neck/ I'm in over my head/ you know I'd do anything you'd want me to/ oh the fool that I am/ I'll stay right here with vou...

This woman knows how to grab a listener's attention. The

English Dogs, Cell Block 5, the Resistaleros, and the Feederz, punk.

#### 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, Earl Thomas, blues

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown 619-232-HELL Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Aberdeen, the Trembling Blue Stars, and Ilya. Friday, the Postal Service, Jealous Sound, and Cex. Saturday, Idlewild, the French Kicks, and the Natural History. Sunday the Folk Implosion, Mia Doi Todd, and Alaska. Monday, Rocket from the Crypt, the Spits, French Toast, and the Drop Science. Tuesday, Houston, the Nervous Return, and Maudlin. Wednesday, the Black Keys, the Manifolds, and Har Mar Superstar.



absence of the hysterical whining and clamorous guitar found in the music of similar female pop/rock artists makes Sanders's musical style unique - it is striking because it is subtle and discriminating, not because it

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Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Jazz Quartet. Friday, Yavaz. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Ouintet.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, Sue Palmer, jazz. Saturday, Fuzzy & the Bluesmen

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/Top

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, Friday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Private Domain, rock and roll. Saturday, Straight Six, rock. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8:30 pm to 11 pm, *Steve Getz* and *Joe Marillo*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 pm to



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Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard,



Spot, and the Fabulous Rudies.

11 pm, Jaime Valle, Bob Magnusson Tripp Sprague, and Allan Phillips, jazz. Tuesday, 8 pm, Phillip Waschmann and Martin Blume. Wednesday, 8 pm, the Scott Amendola Group, jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, 34 Below, rock. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, Skelpin, Irish folk.

5ifth Otr. (formerly Buffalo Joe's), 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236 1616. Saturday, *the Disco Pimps*. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Harold Todd*. Monday, *Plump*. Tuesday, *Psydecar*. Wednesday, Maiz.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown 19-231-4343. Friday, Rick Braun, Kirk Whalum, jazz, and Norman Brown rock. Tuesday, Zakk Wylde's Black Label Society, Nashville Pussy, Meldrum, and the Millionaires, 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. Thursday and Wednesday, *Ashley*, folk. Saturday, 9 pm, *Brent Byrd*, acoustic.

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Music is jazz/solo piano. Thursday, Joe *Azarello*. Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday, *Leslie Gold*. Sunday and Monday, Art Johnson. Wednesday, Joe Azarello

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, the David Patrone Quartet, jazz.

Martini's, 3940 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-293-0232. Music is contemporary/variety. Thursday, Linda Roth. Friday, Carol Curtis Saturday, Patrick Hill. Sunday, John Garcia. Tuesday, Paul Greg. Wednesday, Svlvia Lorraine

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues. Thursday, the Nik Simon Band, Friday and Saturday, the Shane Dwight Band. Sunday, the Texas Twisters. Monday, Red Lane. Tuesday, Charley Burton. Wednesday, the Johnny S.É. Willis

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, J.D. Brouchard. Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue

downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, *Orquesta Guayao*.

Monday, Curanderos. Tuesday, Primo. Wednesday, Timbao

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second wntown, 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, Fran Loskota, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, Julio de la Huerta, guitar and vocals. Sunday, Julio & Fran.

Fontainebleau Restaurant: Friday and Monday, Peter Robberecht/Pianomar

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, Samm and Burnett Anderson. el, Sammy Canonizado

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Thursday, *Mike & Valerie*. Friday and Saturday, Undercover, classic rock.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 5:30 pm, *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Joey West* Monday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain*. Prince of Wales: Thursday and

Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 6:30 pm to 10 pm, Daniel Jackson, jazz.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, 8 pm, open blues jam. Friday, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly.



**MUSIC** ➤ rock and blues bands every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights

**SPECIAL NIGHTS** ➤ none **CLIENTELE** ➤ 21-and-up, average age mid-30s; 70 percent male; 90 percent Caucasian, 10 percent African-American

**COVER** ➤ never (even when they had tribute band Cheap Chicks) **HOURS** > 11 a.m.-2 a.m. **DRINKS** > nothing on tap, but 20 bottles to choose from: each month they have a beer of the month, which is \$2. (March was Sam Adams. April is not known yet; the bartender said, "Sometimes we don't know until right before. Like, right now, we have so much Foster's, it might be Foster's.") Sunday, margaritas and Bloody Mary's, \$2; Monday, Corona and

Saturday, Sonny & the Rumble Tones, blues. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, open mike.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *the Jackson 3*, rock. Friday, the Rockin' Blues Hounds, blues. Saturday, the Scavengers, rock. Sunday, Jackson & Sven, folk. Monday, *Lee Jones*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Wednesday, Tommy Price, acoustic.

The Plum Loco Saloon, 2511 Sweetwater Road, National City



#### **THE LEUCADIAN**

1542 N. Coast Highway 101 (between La Costa Avenue and Leucadia Boulevard) 760-753-2094

Pacifico, \$2.25; Tuesday, well drinks and domestics, \$1.75; Thursday, "vou call it." \$2

**FOOD** ➤ none (lots of restaurants on 101)

**ACCESS**  $\succ$  lot only has ten spaces; vou can park on street, but on weekends it's sometimes hard to find a spot close **DRESS**  $\succ$  casual (a few people with

sandals, one with shorts) **DANCE FLOOR** ➤ none, and there's no stage for the band: one man said, "Drums don't sound as good when they aren't on a stage." **FIRE EXITS** ➤ three (two are visible as you walk in, on the same side as entrance; "another by the liquor room " said a waitress) **BATHROOMS** ➤ men's bathroom had a trough at entrance, a stall, and

619-475-7313. Thursday, DI Rassie and DJ Winston, reggae. Friday, DJ Lenny, old skool. Saturday, DJ Cisco, hip-hop, R&B.

the sink was farthest away (which

#### EAST COUNTY

Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 pm, Lighter, alternative rock. Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *60ne9*, classic rock.

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probably lowers the amount of people who wash their hands), hence - lots of soap and paper towels condom machine. women's had three stalls, a fulllength mirror in addition to the one by the sink, tampon machine **CAPACITY** ➤ bouncer went to ask somebody and came back and said, "Say 100"; it looks as if it could hold a lot more **SPECIAL AREAS** ➤ three

regulation-length pool tables; pinball (which took all my friend's quarters without working), video golf, dart board, shuffle board, and digital jukebox; three benches out front for the smokers

**FURNISHINGS** ➤ about 25 seats at the bar and six tables where the band plays: a few tables near the pool tables; a big wooden cowboy, lots of beer signs, an ATM, and six TVs **DECIBEL LEVEL** > 110 during a cover of "Dust My Broom" by the band Chill Boy (97 dBs at the Eclipse last week in Tijuana) WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ➤ There are so

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, Two-Lane Highway, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Random* Order, classic rock.

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.

many! Lo-Fi Nipple, the Screamin' Seamen, the ViewMasters, the Wig Titans, and Crawl Space **QUOTABLE** ➤ A woman came up to my friend (who's African-American) and said, "You must have a big cock, huh?" And he was sitting right next to his girlfriend!

I met a buddy of mine here once during the day and it was dead. When I went to see the Cheap Chicks, there were so many people you couldn't move. This last time, to see Chill Boy, it was the perfect crowd. It was three-fourths of the way full, and you didn't feel like a sardine

The bands that play here always seem to be happy. On this night, a guy yelling for Zeppelin was invited to sing a version of "Whole Lotta Love," and the crowd went wild (until he forgot the second verse and just starting doing those annoying Robert Plant yells).

–Josh Board

Iolt'n Ioe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Friday and Saturday, *Riot House*.

Mr. Joey's Cantina, 9570 Murray Drive, La Mesa. 619-466-2912. Saturday, *Los Reyes del Ritmo*, Latin.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, Cornerstone, classic rock.

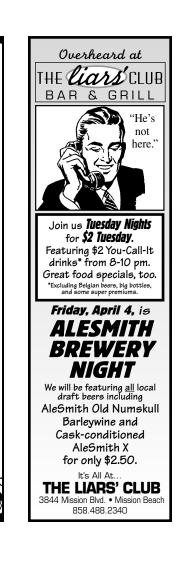
Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 9 pm, the Ultra Tones, pop. Saturday, 9 pm, *Stayin' Alive*, disco.



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### Where the Rams Roam

This year's spring bloom in the Anza-Borrego Desert seems to radiate extra comfort. It's a quiet escape from "Reality TV — The War" to a simpler world of flowers, coyotes, and bighorn sheep. After the late, wet winter, the wildflower explosion is expected to be long and prolific, followed by the cactus flowers of May.

But getting there is quite a trip. To stave off starvation, don't miss **Dudley's Bakery** in Santa Ysabel on the west side of Highway 79 (just south of the intersection of Highway 78, 1-800-225-3348). It's a great place to stock up on cookies, breads, pies, and breakfast pastries so delicate and flaky they'll make a mess of your car. Dudley's Fruit Bars are sold all over the area, for good reason — the moist raisin-gingerbread holds up even under desert heat.

By the time you reach Borrego Springs an hour later, you'll be hungry again. The 12-mile winding downhill stretch, dropping 6000 feet, takes a lot out of you (even if you're just a passenger). There are plenty of eateries, but finding good ones can be a little challenging. The permanent population of Borrego Springs consists of fewer than 3000 residents, divided mainly between Mexican workers and lean, fair Anglo widows with copies of the *Wall Street Journal* tucked under their arms. On weekends, duffers of all ages come to town, with credit card–stuffed wallets. The widows and golfers have similar tastes — for familiar fare.

Many of the area's eateries have nearly identical menus, featuring Eisenhower Era cuisine with a few nonce pub-grub add-ons. Shrimp cocktail is still a ubiquitous starter, and entrée lists usually feature char-broiled New York steaks of unspecified USDA grade. You'll find chops, a single "BBQ" item, a meatloaf. Pasta alfredo, fajitas, or Mexican "combo plates" complete the standard array. Much of it has the impersonal flavor of pre-assembled "restaurant supply" food. When the potato salad tastes like Sysco's, it probably is.

Nevertheless, a couple of the more popular destinations of this kind may be worth a visit. John Ryan's Cross Winds, out by the airstrip three miles east of town, is a great spot for a good drink with a view and has charming airplane-themed murals. And Carlee's Place, in the heart of town, is highly popular with younger locals and visi-



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tors for its decent grub and high-spirited atmosphere, with live country music and karaoke nights for those who prefer human howls to the coyotes' evensongs.

But even in the wilderness, a few restaurants dare to differ — and here they are.

#### GOURMET BREAKFASTS AND PICNIC HQS Badlands Market/Café, the Mall,

561 Palm Canyon Drive (south side of the street), 760-767-4058. Open Monday to Thursday, 7:30

a.m.-3:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 7:00; Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Inexpensive.

Had I known about Badlands, I wouldn't have bothered packing a travel coffee pot. It's an epicure's oasis in the desert — a Garden of Eatin' in a town where the grocery stores are both pretty dire. This combination of a gourmet deli and a serious café should be your first stop if you want a lively breakfast or scrumptious picnic lunch. I spotted first-rate cheeses (including fabled Laura Chenel chèvre), duck-pistachio pâté, and picholine Ocotillo in Borrego Springs

olives in the cold cases. The shelves hold exquisite Estornel extra-virgin olive oil, extra-virgin sunflower oil, balsamic vinegars, salt-preserved capers, and Italian-bottled *borlotti* beans, to mention just a few of the delicacies. There are regional foodstuffs, too — dates, citrus-wildflower honey, and locally made candies. Your breakfast sandwich may include applewood-smoked bacon on

artisan bread from Upper Crust Bakery, and there are cakes, pastries, flans, bagels, cornbread, house-made quiche, and flaky little croissants to eat in or take out.

The coffee is full-bodied French roast. The list of light entrées changes daily and may well be the most imaginative menu in the whole stretch east of Ramona. The place is often jammed. Little wonder: Badlands cooks with the best ingredients in town.

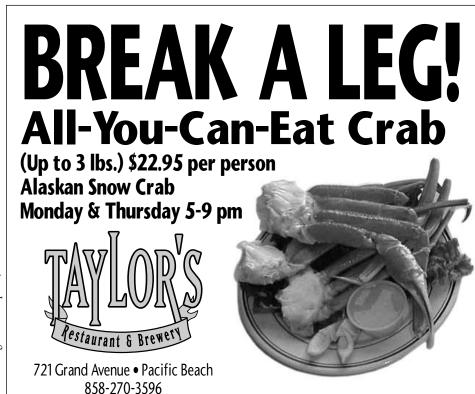
**The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory**, the Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), 760-767-7782. Open 6:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. daily. Inexpensive.

The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge either. To tell true, of the 24 flavors of house-made fudge, merely a half dozen are actually available on any given day. (The chocolate walnut is delicious, but some other flavors well, you'd have to be a fudge maniac.) The real masterpiece here is the "date shake," which is just what it sounds like. The drink originated a few miles across the desert in Indio, but hey, Borrego's got dates, too, and the cold quaff is ambrosial on a hot afternoon. (A picnic cooler filled with ice, a date shake inside, and thou, singing beside me in the wilderness...) The former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro (see below) is now providing trays and trays of delicate pastries. And this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine — so who needs Starbucks?

#### THE DESTINATION RESTAURANT

La Casa Del Zorro, Borrego Springs Drive, five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive, just past Route S3, Yaqui Pass Road. 760-767-5523; 800-824-1884 for hotel reservations. Open daily, continuously from 7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. — in theory; it was dark and locked at noon one weekday. Reserve for weekend evenings. Very expensive. Full bar and a great wine list, but expect to spend a minimum of \$10 per glass (whether you order by the glass or by the bottle). Jackets and collared shirts required on men, "appropriate" attire (no shorts, jeans, sneakers) on women. (Jacket rule is relaxed during summer; collared shirts still required.)

La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. If you enter these holy grounds via Borrego Springs Road, keep driving past the first set of buildings and the first parking lot to the back roadway where you can see the resort's entry sign at Yaqui Pass Road. The small, closed, dimly marked door to the restaurant is just to the left of the fenced swimming pool. Dress rules apply, but if you haven't brought the "right" clothes, you can dine in the adjoining pub, or, if you're just a jacket short of Zorro's standards, you can don one of the restaurant's own closetful of navy blue blazers from C&R (available in most sizes).







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The two large dining rooms have open-beam wood ceilings and carpeting underfoot. Their "sculptured" gray walls are lined cheek-by-jowl with ornately framed, thickly painted oils by the late local artist Marjorie Reed, depicting historic moments along the Butterfield stagecoach line.

The cuisine is California style, but the only menu item that features any foodstuff grown in this part of California is the signature Kit Fox Salad, which includes local dates scattered among its Bibb lettuce leaves, candied walnuts, Texas ruby grapefruit sections, and Chilean raspberries. The lettuce, the fruits, and the puckery citrus vinaigrette have nothing to say to one another, but on a hot day they're refreshing.

Despite the desert location, the appetizer list emphasizes seafood. Pan-seared scallops in a crunchy potato bird's nest sang sweetly with their enchanting citrus-vanilla dressing, jazzed up with minced fresh tarragon. The two little scallops were perfectly cooked but suffered from their race's current blight of blandness. The evening's special looked adorable: a seared pink prawn, split up the spine to straddle a filling of blue crab. It sat like a bird with upraised tail atop a small white nest of couscous rimmed with a hairthin line of some emerald-green sauce. The crab, however, was evidently a pinch of the house's regular crab cake mixture, with an excess of bread filler and an odd powdered spice that gave the mixture a dry edge. There wasn't enough of the emeraldgreen sauce to taste, much less to moisten the stolid couscous. The price was annoying, too. One shrimp, a teaspoon of crab, a palmful of grain: \$12.

A real show of class accompanied the main courses: Laguiolle-Sabatier silver-inlaid fancywork steak knives, with the maker's logo on one side of the blade and the other side stamped with "Casa del Zorro" and the resort's fox logo. But a butter knife could have cut the farm-raised game meats served here — chosen, perhaps, to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. The meats are meltingly tender but of muted flavor. Both venison and seared duck breast arrived very rare, as requested (and as our excellent, witty waitress Liz wisely recommended). The bird's fatlined skin exuded an intoxicating perfume of star anise, but its meat was rather insipid, as was the venison. Happily, Chef Charles Scott, who arrived last fall, has a fine hand with sauces: Both the black cherry sauce for the deer and the blackberry sauce with the duck were silky and subtle, neither too sweet nor too heavy. Scott also takes pains to vary the starches. The meat came with a heap of bulgur wheat pilaf, while the bird's accompaniment was a mound of wild rice threaded with thin slices of bok choy. Both plates were garnished with a riot of butter-soaked young vegetables, including tiny green starburst squashes, asparagus spears, baby carrots, golden beet quarters, and tiny oval tomatoes.

Without a pastry chef (see Fudge Factory, above), the dessert list has grown short and lazy, with just five items, including Häagen-Dazs ice cream (offered in three ordinary flavors). There's a gussied-up chocolate mousse, a vanilla custard with berries, and our choice, in butterscotch: a huge tuile basket tasting of caramelized brown sugar, holding two large scoops of vanilla ice cream, atop a psychedelic, marbleized wash of caramel and butterscotch sauces. Sized to feed two children or four adults, the dessert soon outwore its welcome. My sweetie tried the house-made red raspberry sorbet, served with a pair of vanilla cigarette cookies on the side. This wasn't too large a portion, merely too boring to finish.

Despite its superb service,

I don't think that Zorro's cuisine currently lives up to its stellar reputation, but if you feel like a big splurge dinner in the desert, it's still a top choice. Several other resorts

include restaurants. One that I didn't eat at but found attractive, based on its menu and surroundings, is Le Pavilion at Rams Hill Country Club (760-767-5000), serving relatively ambitious Italian-tinged fare (halibut wrapped in prosciutto) in an airy dining room and on an outdoor terrace overlooking the golf course. When you've been hunting wildflowers over harsh rock and blowing sand, even a minute of that verdant color and aroma feels like an hour's pampering at a spa. To find Rams Hill, take Borrego Springs Drive five miles south and turn right onto Yaqui Pass Road at the stop sign, just before La Casa Del Zorro. Continue a few hundred feet to the wellmarked entryway.

#### DESSERT ALSATIAN

Bernard's, the Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, 760-767-5666. Open daily, 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., breakfast and lunch all day, Alsatian and American dinners. Dinner entrées (with soup or salad) \$10–\$15. Nightly specials mainly under \$10. Full bar. Wine list mainly third-rate Californian, but there's a Trimbach Riesling for \$23; beer works with this cuisine, too.

On our second day in town, as my sweetie and I perused the local restaurant menus, we began to feel pretty jaded. Just in time, we discovered Bernard's, hidden at the rear of the small complex called the Mall. Noting the loudly convivial bar scene, we nearly passed this one up, too, until we spotted the "specialties list" at the bottom corner of the menu. Wiener schnitzel and roast pork with red cabbage roused our interest. "Alsatian Style Sauerkraut" sucked us right inside. The French (oops, "Free-

dom") name for the dish is choucroute garnie, and it's the big production number not only in its own homeland (the French-German border on the Rhine River, around Strasbourg) but also at all the famous brasseries of Paris. Alsatian cuisine — a hybrid of German heartiness and Gallic subtlety is hardly what you'd expect to find in Borrego Springs. We looked again and saw a handwritten list of about a dozen daily specials, Xeroxed on colored note paper. There was a chicken-fried steak at the top and a prime rib at the bottom. In the middle, the frog legs jumped out at me. Yup, there had to be a native Frog in the kitchen.

We entered through the bar door and, like a scene in a Western, every head turned to stare. I smiled, and most stares became smiles. We breezed on through to the simple dining room, its tables dressed in lace topped with heavy clear plastic. A large window shows the kitchen, with a low lunch counter facing it to catch the show. Behind the glass, silverhaired Alsatian chef-owner Bernard Hess was awhirl. At midweek, tourist-free but for us, the room was filling up rapidly. The cheerful, diner-style waitresses knew all the patrons' names, and the patrons knew what they were going to order before they set foot inside mainly, the Alsatian dinners.

We began with juicy wine herring (we recognized it as Lascco brand) accompanied with a scoop of sour cream and a lousy tomato slice. The house salad featured brown-edged iceberg lettuce and shredded red cabbage. We chose ranch dressing, and it tasted like Hidden Valley, which was fine with

us. "Alsatian sauerkraut" typically consists of well-rinsed kraut recooked with Riesling and a host of deli meats. Here the kraut was so mild, crisp, and clean-tasting I suspected it might be house-made. No, it was "off the truck," the waitress said, but obviously Hess had chosen it well and then improved it. There were two sausages, a rich reddish Polish dog and a soft pale-brown knockwurst (or mild frank). A red slab of braised brisket (perhaps corned beef that was transformed in the cooking) was strongly perfumed with cloves along the fatty edges. There were two large slices of pork, one of them simply cooked, the other house-smoked to the max, fiercely redolent of oak wood. It was a kick.

The frog legs were evidently frozen (most are, unless you buy them from an Asian market), but they had a luscious, tender texture, sauced with olive oil and fresh tomato bits and garlic. They came with well-buttered rice, mushy zucchini slices, and a tuft of gray-green broccoli florets ready to go to seed. Fresh vegetables don't seem to be Bernard's forte.

A gigantic wedge of apple pie (just \$3) boasted a very thin, delicate crust, ruined when the waitress warmed it in the nuker. Served with a puff of whipped cream on top, the tall heap of apple was redolent of mace and cooked just short of the applesauce stage. It was a homey, sincere production — but if you order it, tell the waitress you want it "nuke-free."

#### SEMI-AUTHENTIC MEXICAN

Pablito's of the Desert, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in the Center, #8), 760-767-3311. Open daily, 11:00–2:30, 5:00–9:00. Most main dishes about \$10. Full bar, including Sangria, Margaritas, Mexican beers.

Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, two out of three isn't bad. Yes, they have patio dining but only at busy times, not during the quiet Thursday lunch we ate before setting out to burn the calories on a Palm Canyon hike. (But the interior is cute

anyway, with its large ceramic wall sculptures of live and extinct local wildlife - bighorns, mastodons, wildcats of some unidentified species.) And they do make a pretty good margarita. I knew I wouldn't get a real Baja-style borrego (ram) dish or chiles en nogada, but I was hoping for at least a mole instead of mainly "combo" plates #1, #2, #3. Still, the flavors were more honest than I dared hope for, given the location. The specialties section of the menu lists numerous enchiladas (red, green, suizas, seafood) plus meat dishes such as chile verde, carnitas, and Mexican-style steaks.

We arrived soon after the doors opened for the day, and I zeroed in on the breakfast dishes, choosing chilaauiles con *huevos* (tortilla strips with egg) with red sauce. The eggs were nicely done, moist and creamy, scrambled in a soulful red salsa along with fried strips of freshtasting tortillas. The mixture was topped with dollops of sour cream and too-smooth, blended guacamole redeemed by fresh minced tomato and a touch of onion. The "red rice" was moist, and if the beans were not quite as lardy as I like, their cheese topping made up for that. I came to appreciate the flavors as I "accidentally" cleared the large, oval platter. Oh, did I forget to tell you to bring an appetite when you eat here?

My boyfriend, famished from an early-morning hike, went for the soft tacos. You can order them as singles or a pair; he went for the duo. One filling was a credible rendition of carnitas, very crisp on the outside, albeit at the expense of moistness in the center. The chile verde filling was juicy, well seasoned, and slightly picante, not too different from the pretty good chile verde I make at home (albeit not up to the standards of the best restaurant versions). I'd happily stop in here again for lots of flavorful fuel in a pleasant setting after a hard, hot hike.





### **Feeling Like a Gent**

"It was hell. But in the end, they said, 'You are the first on Broadway.'"

can't believe it. Paris, San Diego! This is the first time I am actually sitting on Broadway, chowing down. Heck, I feel like I'm on the Champs Elysées (yeah, I did get there once), eating petit déjeuner — breakfast, remember? —

slurping coffee, watching the world go by. For God's sake, why hasn't downtown thought of this before?

This happened cause I was ambling down toward the Santa Fe to catch a Coaster. Then I saw a sort of barrier with glass screens sticking out into the sidewalk

from the Koll Center building. Then a handpainted sign saying "Breakfast Special, \$3.95." Uh-oh. A power greater than me sucked me in and, suddenly, I'm following a waiter named Troy out onto this patio right on the street. Had half an hour to kill anyway. Sat down at one of the speckled granite tables with maroon chairs, under a blue Bud Light umbrella. Ordered a coffee (\$1.95, with endless refills).

'Course, when you sit down outside, you notice things. Like, the morning sun shining on the Armed Services YMCA across the road. Goldarn it, what a beautiful, elegant old Spanish building. With kind of "Rapunzel, let down your hair!" balconies I never noticed before. The palm-tree clusters glowed luminous green in the middle of the street. You could see the bright red trolleys crossing down by the Santa Fe, a Channel 8 chop-

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per hovering overhead. Then there were all the people going by. Lawyers hauling case papers in little wheeled attachés. Poor guys wheeling their lives by in carts. Businessmen on bikes, tourists in shorts with backpacks, lovers arguing, con-

ventioneers clustering like schoolkids, real school classes on their way to the harbor ferry. Some folks'd even smile at you, say hi. Street life, man! Yes, greenand-maroon protective barriers screened us off from actual connection with the street, but, hey, we're 90 percent of the way there.

Why quibble? I asked Troy for the menu. That \$3.95 special was there all right. "Two eggs any style with home fries and toast." Sounded reasonable, but then again, for a dollar more you could add bacon or sausage or ham. Or, for \$6.95, you're talking eggs Benedict, the usual combo of poached eggs with Canadian bacon on a muffin with hollandaise sauce. Or eggs Florentine with spinach, same price. French toast and pancakes were \$4.95 (each), and a breakfast wrap ("scrambled eggs with ham, onions, peppers, Monterey Jack cheese in a flour tortilla, with home-made salsa and home fries") was \$5.95.

But no. These guys must realize. Appeal to greed and you win every time. "The Works" omelet was the same price as eggs Benny and eggs Florry, and it had just about everything inside: ba-

con, sausage, mushrooms, broccoli, tomatoes, onions, peppers, and hollandaise sauce. Nearly seven Washingtons, but I had to have it. Blame the bracing air.

Ten minutes later, Troy brought out a very pregnant-looking three-egg omelet on a nice, big, fat china plate, with stainless-steel knives and forks, and a maroon cloth napkin. None of your flyaway plastic garbage. You feel like a gent. And the food feels home cooked. Like, the home fries really look like they were chopped up by some angry cook back in this kitchen here, not autodiced in a faraway factory. And each bite into the omelet is a kind of treasure hunt of tastes, and, oh, boy, that oozing hollandaise is slurpy, sexy, ba-ad.

You've got to get used to one thing. It is kind of odd to be biting into egg, bacon, and home fries while a number 20 bus crawls past with its passengers looking down at you, drooling.

I ask Troy about the place's name, "Nagi's." Turns out Nagi is a real person, the guy welcoming everybody. Nagi Sekla. Originally from Egypt. Aha. That explains a lot. Egyptians love cafés where you can talk, watch the world go by. Like the French. Plus, he's an executive chef who trained at the Cordon Bleu in Paris. "From day one," he says when I start yapping with him, "I

put on my lease, 'I have to have a patio.' " It took him months to work through the 2300 government departments to get all the permits. "It was hell. But in the end, they said, 'You are the first on Broadway. We love the idea. We want street life to grow beyond the Gaslamp.' And people have taken to it. Come look during happy hour Friday nights."

He makes his own soups, but Nagi is proudest of the Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad (\$8.95) he and his wife invented. "The magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola we added. People are crazy for it." He says he was also the first to make chicken on pizza popular, when he was an executive chef in La Jolla. Ĥe brought it with him to Nagi's. "We cook more BBQ Chicken pizza [\$8.95] than any of our pizzas," he says.

He'd love to see other sidewalk cafés start up in competition. "The more the merrier," he says "Broadway should blossom with sidewalk-café canopies! It should be the place to see and be seen.'

Think I'll call Carla and Hank. Meet here happy hour, Friday night. I see Nagi's has a, like, nightclub, "30-Plus," from nine to two Friday and Saturday nights. Can just see Hank joining a conga down Broadway. Heh heh. I'll sit here and watch the parade.  $\blacksquare$ 

The Place: Nagi's Bar and Grill, 501 West Broadway, downtown (619-233-5933) Type of Food: American

Prices: Breakfast special (two eggs any style with home fries, toast), \$3.95; "The Works" omelet with bacon, sausage, mushrooms, broccoli, tomatoes, onions, peppers, hollandaise sauce, home fries, toast, \$6.95; eggs Benedict (poached eggs, Canadian bacon, hollandaise sauce), \$6.95; California Veggie Omelet with mushrooms, broccoli, tomatoes, onions, peppers, hollandaise sauce, home fries, toast, \$6.95; spicy Santa Fe chicken salad, \$8.95; BBQ chicken pizza with onions, cilantro, \$8.95; pastas, entrées more expensive

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; happy hour, 4:00 to 7:00 ("30-Plus" nightclub 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Fridays, Saturdays)

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### You Live Too Well

"If you know the right wine bars to go to in Paris, you'll get exposed to a lot of French wines that are on the way up."

ndy Abramson is something of a technophile. He bought his first computer in '79, back before they were commonplace, and was online a year later. He co-hosts a Microsoft-sponsored daily technology show on

www.kenradio.com. He carries a palm-sized device that serves as cell phone, Web browser, e-mail receiver, daily planner, and probably TV remote. So it is no surprise that Abramson — who is also a noted local oenophile and possesses a 600-case cellar — has been lolling at the nexus of wine and

the information superhighway for almost as long as such a nexus has existed. What began as beneficial lurking on the CompuServe Wine Forum — picking up lingo, buying advice, and general information from posters on an electronic bulletin board — soon led to a desire to start posting his own notes. Wine is nothing if not social.

Then, in 1996, Abramson found his way to the Languedoc region of southern France. He called an English acquaintance who had settled in the region and found him to be an enthusiastic guide. "He said, 'This is great. I've been waiting for somebody to come over from the States so I could show them all these great Languedoc wines.' For three days, all we did was drive around the Languedoc, going to places to eat, places to drink, meeting winemakers. This guy knew people everywhere. We visited places like Domaine Clavel and drank things like a vertical of Mas de Daumas Gassac," a much-celebrated red. Abramson fell in love with the wines and with the region, eventually wandering clear down to the Spanish border. He took notes on what he ate and drank along the way, and upon his return to the States,

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puServe Forum. He returned to France in '97, and this time, he brought his laptop. "I started doing what they

he wrote them up and posted them to the Com-

called real-time tasting reports," writing up his MATTHEW LICKONA

notes and e-mailing them to fellow wine lovers right after visiting this or that chateau, domaine, or co-op. "Everybody loved it," he recalls. The immediacy of the reports helped create the feeling in his readers of being there in the cellar, even from several thousand miles away - almost like live news

or sports. And if the wine was an as-yet-unreleased bottling, how satisfying to have someone's take on it long before the conventional publication of any review.

Abramson soon began posting the "real-time" write-ups to the CompuServe Wine Forum and Robin Garr's Wine Lover's Page. He dubbed the posts "Road Reports." Eventually, they expanded to include restaurants and wine bars. "If you know the right wine bars to go to in Paris, you'll get exposed to a lot of French wines that are on the way up. When wines become too expensive" - due to rising fame and desirability — "they leave the wine bars and go to the restaurants. By going to wine bars, I've been exposed to great Corsican wines, wonderful Provence and Rhone wines. (And thanks to the "Road Reports," so have his readers. Some have turned to him for advice on itineraries on French vacations.)

'In '99, I started sending pictures back. I wouldn't send just one picture, I would send the whole meal. Sometimes, I was writing while I was at the table. Pierre Orsi, one of the great chefs of Lyon, insisted on posing for a picture with me. People would reply, 'I'm going to kill you -



you're eating too well, living too well.'

Around the same time, Abramson opened his own website, www.winescene.com, which served as a "Road Reports" archive. "I needed to learn how to make websites, and it was a good way to learn." In 2002, it also began featuring the weekly wine column that Abramson writes for the Del Mar Times. And in December, Abramson joined the ranks of the bloggers, keeping a semiregular online journal of the bottles he drinks and the thoughts he thinks regarding wine and food. And for those too lazy to actually bookmark the site, he sends out a "Wine Pals" newsletter through Yahoo! groups.

He doesn't carry a bulletin board, nor does he feature a lot of outside opinion. "I've watched the whole online world evolve. I look at Robert Parker's site, and I see how much better it could be. He doesn't post nearly enough. Stephen Tanzer's site started out great, but it has petered out, in my opinion. He doesn't post enough. People read certain people. I have only 200 readers, but they don't leave. Why? Because they want to see what I write. The only time I've ever lost peo-

Village in the Languedoc region of France

ple is when I've let other people [contribute]. Some of my friends have said, 'Andy, we want to read what you write; we don't care what this vahoo has to say. It doesn't matter who they are, we don't care about them.'

It's a view he both understands and shares. "When this couple from Boston writes on Mark Squires's site about Alsatian or Spanish wines, I'll read it. Why? Because there's passion, there's fire, there's understanding, there's respect." And if you know where to look, there's tips on the "Next Hot Wine." "I'll read the international people. I'll read Malcolm Gluck's 'Superplonk.' If he's giving a wine 17 or 18 points and it's under six pounds, I may do a wine search to see if anybody's got it over here. The Internet is a great resource for people who want to work at it and who are willing to read the foreign-language sites and try to translate using Google's or AltaVista's translation tools. You don't get a word-for-word translation, especially with winespeak," but as Abramson notes, you don't have to read Italian to understand a numerical score

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THE BRASSERIE La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers break-fast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-caneat Sunday buffet brunch with cham-pagne is \$32.00. Seafood buffet Friday, from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. - E.W.

**D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE** AND GRILL 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really *rocks.* They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W. (9/01)

FIRENZE 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accom-plished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will re-joice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. N.W. (11/01)

HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are or-ganic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scram-ble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

IOHNNY MANANA'S 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Lo-cal teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in Pescado Veracruz (IIsh marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a

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large flour tortilla) is muy popular. but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (12/01)

KIM'S RESTAURANT 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with seitan (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-pre-served, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enor-mous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

KNOCKOUT PIZZA 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. All our pies are 18-inch. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and flavors like pep-peroni, meatball, garlic, and "Whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Marvland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. -E.W.

TOMIKO 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I- 5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky toro. The sushimaster also keeps an eye on the restau-rant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. *N.W. (3/02)* 

#### NORTH INLAND

ABBEY'S REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, Miramar behind Denny's), 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. - E.W.

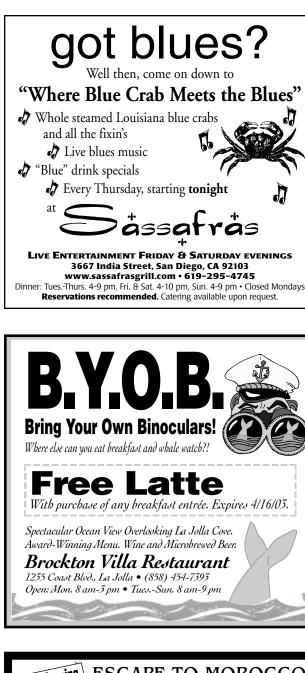
ASHOKA THE GREAT 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are

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ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

THE FIRESIDE 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Es-condido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French-Continental — think duck à *l'orange*, tournedos Rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. All steaks and prime rib are USDA Choice or better, dry-aged for maximum flavor, cooked to your preference. You can taste the difference. Sometimes an octogenarian pianist tinkles out old show tunes. Isn't it romantic? It is. Dinners nightly, with bargain-priced weeknight twilight dinners, champagne brunch Sundays. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

**HERNANDEZ' HIDE-AWAY** Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain-priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles*, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* 

**THE WAYSIDE CAFE** 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

**TONY'S GIANT PIZZA** 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are takeout or delivery. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/01)* 

#### GOLD COAST

ARTERRA Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of at tention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine souffle pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. -N.W. (4/02)

HIDE AWAY CAFE 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach café. You have to look carefully down the tiny tree-shaded street to spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It's a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and Jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleidoscope": scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin-nut bread. Breakfast and lunch only, open daily to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)* 

**RED TRACTON'S** 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W*.

**SPICES THAI CAFE** 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* 

#### LA JOLLA

**AESOP'S TABLES** 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* 

**BARBARELLA** 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, and entrées. Lively atmosphere. The Bibb salad and Max's Pizza are outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (*3*/00)

FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open nightly for dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (1/00) FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to

moderate. - E.W. LA IOLLA CANTINA 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. *Huevos rancheros* (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and machaca (carne asada, eggs, bell pep-pers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out

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THE MARINE ROOM 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high ad-venture, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Ma-rine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes ev-ery visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reser-vations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, din-ner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)* 

MICHELE COULON PASTRIES 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef/owner of The Bel-gian Lion restaurant) and her son pre-

café/bakery. (Look for it behind the oc tagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. At lunch there are European-style salads, house-made paté, fresh vegetables, and two or three substantial entrées — often including the family's famed cassoulet and a seductive quiche Lorraine featuring a light, satiny cheese custard in a crumbly crust. Wine and Belgian ales available. Open daily, breakfast through late af-ternoon; during the summer, dinners available on Friday and Saturday nights until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02) P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO 4540

side in turn at this delightful little

La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* 

#### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

BACI RISTORANTE 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate

service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

KING'S FISH HOUSE 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, in-cluding crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional special ties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is goodtimey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161 Full name La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted Mc-Donald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laugh-ing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop

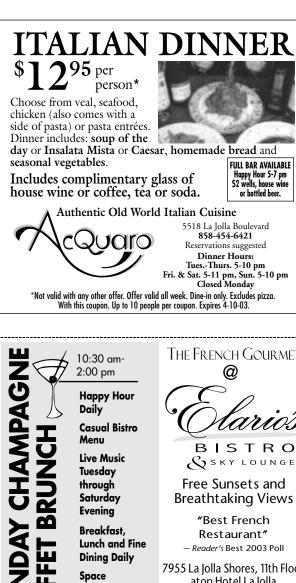
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Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry. Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try mi ga, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

SAM WOO BAR-B-Q RESTAU-RANT 7330 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #A103, Clairemont Mesa, 858-505-9888. Sam Woo is one of a bunch of restaurants inside the "99 Ranch" Asian supermarket. Great idea — you're never supposed to grocery shop while hungry. Next to the checkout counter you can savor some primo Hong Kong delicacies - with out busting the bank. BBQ pork and roast duck rice or the BBQ "Two Del-icacy" Combination will fill you nicely. *Tung kong* salty chicken or soy-braised pork intestine are interesting. Honey-glazed walnut shrimp is easy to love. But the quickest, healthiest choice is probably jook, Chinese rice porridge. You can get it garnished with pork organs, beef, seafood, sliced pork, preserved egg with duck... this is not your mama's oatmeal. Then there's House Tea With Pearl — iced tea with *boba* (caramelized tapioca balls) float-ing in it. You suck the *boba* up with the tea through the triple-wide straw and chew. Isn't this the way shopping should be? Daily, 9 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restau-rant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellvfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. -M.N. (4/99)



CAFE ATHENA Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont Street), Pa-cific Beach, 858-274-1140. The food is uneven but basically pleasant at this popular Greek destination. Good soups and appetizers (but skip the tara*masalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting desserts. Rather noisy when crowded. Reserve for dinner, especially weekends (or risk an hour-long wait). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

GO GREEK CAFE AND GRILL 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *tara-masalata* (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, saganaki for additional starters; fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordi-nary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarianfriendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)* 

KAISERHOF 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and bier*garten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen s reliance on commercial products (espe cially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate.  $-N.\dot{W}.(6/02)$ 



REUBEN E. LEE 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouill-abaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sisterrestaurant Jared's. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)* 

THE THIRD CORNER 2265 Bacon Street (at West Point Loma Boulevard), Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. On the former site of The Belgian Lion, Ed Moore and his long-time chef from Thee Bungalow (across the street) focus on Mediterranean-style seasonal seafood, with some meat and poultry entrées for dedicated carnivores. The house style is creative but rational try the ethereal (not an oxymoron) cab-bage-wrapped seafood "chartreuse" with sauce Nantua, the wild mushroom strudel, the potato-crusted salmon, or the lake whitefish in any preparation. A huge wine list offers food-friendly bottlings chosen to complement the cui-sine at below-normal markups. To request a specific wine from Thee Bungalow's larger cellar, call ahead. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/02)

**THEE BUNGALOW** 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like grandmaman used to make. And like mamhre's, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the sea-sonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early bird weeknight dinners. N.W. (11/00)

#### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

AWASH ETHIOPIAN RESTAU-**RANT** 4979 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-583-9225. Small eatery, but great place to sample some of Africa's best vittles. Come off El Cajon Boulevard into clean white walls, Ethiopian art, haunting music, maroon cloth-covered tables, and white napkins. Awash (named after an Ethiopian river) serves pretty much everything on *injera*, the giant soft crumpet you rip and wrap around foods arranged in beautiful piles on top. (Don't expect cutlery; the injera serves that function.) They have plenty of meat or vegetarian choices, among them *yebeg alicha* (lamb stew), *kitfo* (raw chopped beef with spices, red peppers, and Ethiopian cheese), or *yedoro wot* (spicy lamb cooked in red pepper *berbere* sauce and butter). For a late breakfast, try the *foul* (crushed beans, onions, tomato, and green peppers with French bread) or the *sambusa* (a pastry shell filled with lentils or beef). Ethiopian beers or the Awash's *tej* (honey wine, with or with-out alcohol) go well with this food. Open daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (6/02)

BALE'S CAFE 3926 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-293-0772. This bare-bones café offers some of the best Vietnamese-Chinese and American food prices in San Diego County. Owner Mr. Pham and his family are trying a formula that has worked in the Vietnamese community in Santa Ana, offering meals as low as \$1.99. Try the steak-and-egg breakfast with hash browns or toast. Or BBQ











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pork chop, egg, and shredded pork with rice. Mr. Pham knows what Amer-icans like — before the fall of Saigon he supplied food to the U.S. military there, so you can trust his good, basic burgers. Also good: spicy lemon grass chicken, half a fried Cornish hen with fried rice, or *kung pao* shrimp, *pho tai* (rice noodle beef soup), curry chicken or *chow fun* (thick noodles, beef, shrimp, chicken, with black mushrooms). Decor is sparse, but at these prices, who's complaining? Open daily. Inexpensive. —  $\hat{E.B.}$  (5/02)

EL MORELENSE 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *po-zole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense. makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. -E.B. (12/01)

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesserknown delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (2/01)

SISTER PEE WEE'S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day—you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

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**CAFE ZIA** 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)* 

MARIO'S DE LA MESA 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scat-tered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treat-ment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada;* intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is stud-ded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three

meals Tuesdsay through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

ORCHID THAI AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet co-conut milk. Other tasty dishes include prik pow beef, som tum (papaya salad), panang curry, and mee ped (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sen-gsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It s a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY **RESTAURANT** 6366 El Cajon Boule vard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — mean-ing, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yis-roel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. E.B. (8/01)

#### FAR EAST

THE HIDEOUT STEAKHOUSE AND SALOON 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for vou: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa et al.) used to hang out here on huntin and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip desti-nation. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," veg-etables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a halfpound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Friday through Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B. (5/02)

THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bull-fighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only fe-male bullfighting team ever. Sur-rounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional casera (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eve out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

OWL CAFE 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sand-











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# UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**ALEX'S BROWN BAG** 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays; closes 4 p.m. on Saturday. *— E.B.* (9/01)

**ARRIVEDERCI** 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combination. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* 

**BREAD AND CIE** 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Twelve varieties of bread are baked daily in a 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Outrageously good because of the crusty exteriors and density. Among the best are multigrain, sourdough wheat, and fig-anise. Baguettes, brownies, and biscotti are first-rate. The sandwiches to eat in or take out are spectacular. Don't miss this one. Open daily. — *E.W.* 

BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking — tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic — then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* 

**GELATO VERO CAFFE** 3753 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettos and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*  JIMMY CARTER'S CAFE 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middleclass eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center-stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner.

**MISSION HILLS CAFE** 808 Washington, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Here's a good bargain restaurant for dinner. There are two dining rooms with the atmosphere of a casual neighborhood restaurant — nothing fancy, but good value for the money. Open Tuesday through Sunday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner; closed Monday. Breakfast items available until 4 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.* (6/99)

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* SASSAFRAS 3667 India Street, Mis-

sassarkas 3667 India Street, Mis-sion Hills, 619-295-4745. This restau-rant claims to serve "Continental Americaine" (whatever that is), but chef-owner Andre Bellard is a son of Lafayette, Louisiana, and knows his Ca-jun flavors inside out. He's pioneering a "new" Cajun cooking: kinder, gen-tler, and more sophisticated. His Aca-dian seafood gumbo, which includes spicy house-smoked andouille sausage, is one of the best in any town; oysters Bienville features barely-warmed ovsters with a lush spinach topping. Also superb: paper-wrapped shrimp, seafood Evangeline, and crab-corn soup. Among the entrées, the must-try is the signature Sassafras Chicken, stuffed with jambalaya. On Wednes-day nights during the season (January to June), there's an exuberant crawfish feast on the enclosed patio, with mud-bugs shipped live from Louisiana cooked with andouille and corn in a tasty house-made "boil." Dinner nightly. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)* SPEAKERS' CORNER BRITISH PUB & GRILL 2664 Fifth Avenue (near Nut Street), Banker's Hill, meg 619-232-5456. Think British and most people will go straight to the Shakespeare or Princess Pub. But Speakers' Corner boasts a loyal following of Brits and Colonials - and lots of locals who come not only to drink, play darts, and exchange job tips, but also to eat. Yes, the food's awfully British, but not that awful. The fish and chips are darned good, with the batter made daily. Curried chicken pizza is clearly a transfer from the Raj, Britain's "Inja" adventure. And, de rigueur to any red-blooded Englishman, steak and kidney pie, steak and mushroom pie, shepherd's pie, or bangers (sausages) and mash are always on the menu. Best deal: fish and chips at lunchtime. Lunch to late dinner, six days; kitchen closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)* **TASTE OF SZECHUAN** 670 Univer-

sity Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be pre-pared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — Ê.W. ZOCALO GRILL 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "some-thing for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining yearround. Full bar with creative margari-tas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own cus-tom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

### DOWNTOWN

A LA CARTE ON SIXTH AVENUE 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

**DUBLIN SQUARE** 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)* 

FAT CITY STEAKHOUSE 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorne Street), downtown/Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire fla vor. The meat comes with a choice of sides, including a choice of baked pota-toes with a full set of garnishes or, even better, flawless shoestring fries. Hate beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *puttanesca* is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appe-tizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with cala-mari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. - N.W. (12/02)

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of goldframed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

MAMA GUCCI'S HOME-STYLE ITALIAN FOOD 1157 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-338-0400. Mama Gucci did so well here she retired back to Italy; now her son-in-law, George, runs the restaurant. A pretty interior with blonde wood chairs, checkered tablecloths, yellow walls, red shutters, and window-box flowers brings in the downtown office crowd between noon and 1 p.m. — but join the in-crowd sitting out in the sun, drinking wine and scarfing up spaghetti bolognese or chicken Chianti (chicken on fettuccine, with mushrooms and red-wine sauce). Lunch only, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**MOMO** 555 Market Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-231-9000. A 15,000-square-foot room done in American Provincial style boasts 150 feet of Asian-style seafood buffet. There are literally hundreds of buffet selections: salads, iced seafood, cooked seafood, meat and chicken dishes, fried Asian appetizers, *teppan-yaki*, a couple of soups, sushi and sashimi, and a host of desserts. Most of it is, alas, of pedestrian quality, and it gains no flavor by sitting there hoping somebody will eat it. Go early for the freshest food. Some sushi available made-to-order. Good sake list includes Momokawa Pearl. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)* 

**OLD WORLD RESTAURANT** 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemülich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)* 

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE** 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — *E.W.* 

SALLY'S ON THE WATER Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Square (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-687-6080. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. The fare is Cal-ifornia-French with a summery Provencal accent and an accent on seafood; the dishes are tossed off with ease and consummate assurance by Alsatian chef Stephane Voitzwinkler. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes (fresh Maryland blue crab with minimal interference) or the tender salmon en croute. Among the entrées, the porcini-crusted ahi and the classic bouillabaisse are worthy of attention. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the conservative tastes of hotel diners, you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people with 48 hours notice, and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hardedged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly-California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. -N.W. (12/02)

**SEVILLA** 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish en-





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**THE SNACK GALLEY** Greyhound Depot, 120 West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-4522. At 4:00 in the morning you don't expect Cordon Bleu, Pink, or any other color. The great thing about Snack Galley is that it's open at all. If you can get past the sleeping bodies, ask for the breakfast sandwich: bread stuffed with egg, cheese, and bacon, sausage, or ham. Sausage is best — it feels like you get more to munch. Order a large coffee to wake you up, or sober you up, whatever you need. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)* 

**TAMALE CART** Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanishspeaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B* (10/02)

### SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**CROWN ROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO** 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611, ext. 7284. Open only for Sunday brunch and special events. The food is competent, but the room is outstanding, especially the crown-shaped ceiling. Expensive. — *E.W.* 

THE FAMILY HOUSE OF PAN-CAKES 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their *8-12* egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**FLAMINGO CAFE** 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)* 

GRANDMA'S PANTRY RESTAU-RANT AND BAKERY 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma's notice — pinned above a heap of cheesecakes, pies, and cakes — that says "Enjoy Life More: Eat Dessert First." The menu ranges from Belgian breakfast waffles heaped with strawberries and cream to "Hot Juan" frittata (eggs, chorizo, onions, cheese, flour tortilla, salsa, and sour cream) to homemade meat loaf with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and chilled pudding. Friday



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Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

**PEOHE'S** The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring topquality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelicotouched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia

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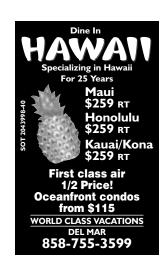
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LONCHERIA REYES 862 Callejón del Travieso (off 2nd Street), Tijuana, 685-3150. *Callejón del Travieso* translates as "Mischief Lane." It's packed with dentists, copy shops, a granero (granary), and a veterinary pharmacy alive with crowing roosters, cooing tur-tle-doves, rabbits, and yapping pups. You'll smell their wonderful casera (home-style) corn tortillas before you get there. Big pots bubble on stoves under an iron hood. You usually have a choice of three meals, involving beef, chicken, or pork, which come with a nutritious soup filled with meat-onthe-bone, corn cobs, potatoes, and veg-etables. Corn tortillas and a glass of tamarind juice are included. Maria and her husband Juventino cook it up behind the counter where you sit, watch-ing Tijuana television or chatting with the locals. Breakfast and lunch to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)



**SAVERIO'S RESTAURANT MEDITERRANEO** Escuadrón 201, Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442 or 686-6443. This "in" restaurant attracts a young crowd. Pastas and pizzas are available, but the best bets are the fish and chicken dinners that arrive with soup or salad. Top price is \$14. Crowded and noisy weekends. Open daily, same menu noon to 11 p.m., Sunday to 10 p.m. Low to moderate. Take Revolución until it turns into Boulevard Agua Caliente. Continue until you see the Hotel Grand on your right. There, turn left onto the side street Avenida Carlos Robirosa. You'll see Blockbuster Video. Saverio's is across the street. — *E.W.* 

### MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most super-markets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and some-times creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. -N.W.(9/01)

IL FORNAIO 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il formaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from sfilatino con bistecchina (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquitegrilled 22-ounce bistecca alla fiorentina, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple penne alla sorrentina — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza puttanesca is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)

# **The Light Fantastic**

The literary oeuvre of Stephen King has proven to be a cinematic sinkhole.

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Robert Duvall, directing and writing in addition to starring, indulges his personal passion for contract killing in *Assassination Tango*, opening next week. No, wait.

That's not what the publicity says. It's his personal passion for tango dancing that he indulges. And what

better, what more personal, way to express that passion than to have the protagonist be a contract killer who shares it? Well: one answer to that question would be to have the passionate protagonist be a *director* as in Carlos Saura's incomparable Tango (or as in Sally Potter's The Tango Lesson, less forbiddingly), but that may yet be too distant a point of identification for Duvall. The latter's offering, as dilettantish about murder-for-hire as about the tango, compares very badly, although the filmmaker at any rate puts his personal stamp on it in alphabetizing it under the letter "A" his other two directorial efforts have been called Angelo, My Love and The Apostle - as well as in its Cassaveteslike inertia and improvised-sounding dialogue. (One hopes, at least, that it was improvised, that it was not the

result of a line-by-line Flaubertian quest for *le mot juste*.) The hired-killer strand of the narrative sends a ponytailed New York mobster to Argentina for a political hit — not your everyday

assignment in the New York underworld on the understanding that he will be back in three days for the birth-

day of the doted-on daughter of his current girlfriend: this is a hit man with his priorities straight. (And with Duvall's mannerisms intact: the speaking-to-the-deaf tone of voice, the wide-open-mouthed cackle, the purselipped and pleased-as-punch head waggle, and so on.) In consequence, when his target goes into the hospital for two to three weeks after a horsing accident, the killer channels his tremendous frustration and his sudden free time into a study of the tango and a flirtation with an elegant tanguista (the slyly deadpan Luciana Pedraza, Duvall's off-camera inamorata, in her first acting job). No better integrated than that, the terpsichorean element is just a decorative ribbon wound around the central strand of a tepid, torpid thriller: an indulgence indeed.



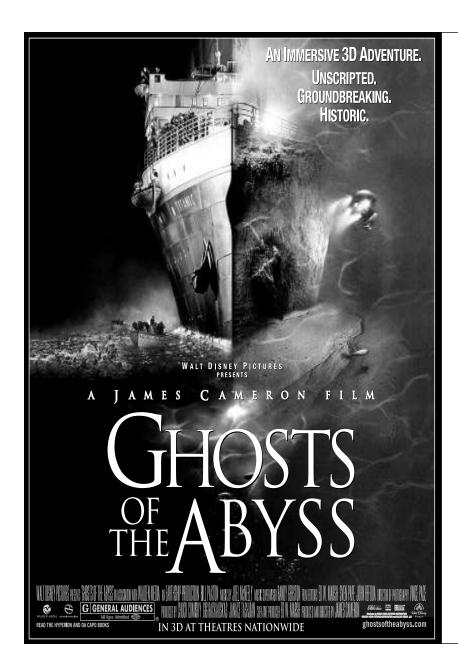
Lawrence Kasdan's Dreamcatcher, in light of the fact that it was made by a director of at least moderate stature (Body Heat, The Accidental Tourist, Mumford, etc.), might have raised higher anticipation than most Stephen King adaptations, till you remind yourself of Stanley Kubrick's The Shining. The literary oeuvre of Stephen King

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has proven to be a cinematic sinkhole. Like the Kubrick, only more so, the Kasdan is a mishmash of ingredients: mental telepathy, alien invasion, body snatching, Native American mysticism, *Stand by Me* male camaraderie, goldieoldies, *Apocalypse Now* (the Col. Kurtz of E.T.-hunters), and Apocalypse Forever ("One worm kills the world"). Dreamcatcher

With a lightweight cast but for Morgan Freeman — Thomas Jane, Damian Lewis, Timothy Olyphant, Jason Lee, Tom Sizemore — the whole thing plays almost like a parody, just this side of *Men in Black*, and not at all this side of it in such particulars as the puerile fascination with flatulence, the "shit weasels" (tube-shaped creatures







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using the alimentary tract as a birth canal), the gentlemanly British accent of the body snatcher, and the literal depiction of a limited-capacity Memory Warehouse as something out of a Roz Chast cartoon (if you recall the one where the romantic alliances of Hollywood stars have displaced Renaissance Art). Kasdan's credentials as a filmmaker would seem, if anything, to have inhibited his commitment to the material. And nothing is surer to drag a filmmaker down than his feeling, rightly or wrongly, that the material is beneath him.

The Core, Jon Amiel's doomsday thriller in the tradition of The Dav the Earth Caught Fire (1962) and Crack in the World (1965), stays serious long enough for a couple of catchy introductory scenes: thirty-two civilians simultaneously dropping dead within a few-block radius in Boston (the common thread appears to be their pacemakers: "Since it's not an act of war," concludes the anti-terrorist watchdog, "I think we can all breathe a little easier") and the pigeons of Trafalgar Square going spectacularly haywire. The mood — the tone changes, however, with the landing of the off-course space shuttle in the drains of the Los Angeles River. (If only the Columbia had had Hilary Swank in the cockpit!) "God!" as somebody aptly says of something else later on: "This all just seems too big, doesn't it?" The problem - the barrier to a good time — is not the Jules Vernean preposterousness of the plot (tunneling to the center of the earth and setting off a corrective nuclear blast: "You're talking about jumpstarting the planet!"), nor the assembly of stereotyped characters (hunky university professor, haughty scientist, crackpot inventor, callow computer nerd, military dullard, kick-ass aviatrix), nor the comic-book lameness of the dialogue ("We've got a job to do. Let's do it"). All of these are comfortably within the tradition. The problem, rather, is what's new and now: the overlubricated velocity that transforms everything - heroism, sacrifice, intellectual lightning bolt, the shattering of the Roman Coliseum, the melting of the Golden Gate Bridge — into an undifferentiated and unappreciated blur. The grade-B (through grade-Z) science fiction of the Golden Age might often have been naive, clunky, transparently phony, but the slippery slickness of today's is an altogether different kind of ineptitude, and a much more insidious kind.

With Head of State, Chris Rock puts himself in the category, if not the league, of Chaplin, Keaton, Jerry Lewis, Woody Allen: the comic-hyphendirector, if not the comic-hyphenauteur. A Capra-esque Little Man comedy, a Rocky of the political arena, it casts Rock as a piddling D.C. alderman who, on the strength of a catsaving act of bravery, is handpicked by a party pooh-bah to replace a deceased Presidential candidate mere weeks before the election - and of course handpicked to lose, for strategic reasons, to the uncatchable front-runner ("God bless America and no place else"), invariably described as "a Vice President for eight years, a war hero, and Sharon Stone's cousin." Of course, too, once the underdog, or sacrificial lamb, stops reading his standardissue speeches and starts ad-libbing



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stand-up routines, he puts on a better show than expected. This and subsequent developments will certainly, in the age of CNN, test the credulity and the fidelity of the comedian's following. (I like him myself, but not that much.) Otherwise, the movie is utterly untesting, totally untaxing, passably well polished, and occasionally, broadly, impertinently "pertinent." The darts at campaign ads are especially on target. When properly placed in a league of SNL alums, instead of the Chaplin-Keaton league, Rock could be seen near the top of the standings. A very minor league, let's be clear. \* \*

A tighter-belted version of the San Diego International Film Festival — the Nineteenth Annual — arrives tomorrow at UCSD, eight nights spread out between April 4 and 18, accommodating eleven features altogether and one evening of shorts. Solicitous inquiries as to the festival's health and well being would be perfectly natural. Our longest-standing local film festival looks a little unsteady on its feet. Entries by the estimable Arturo Ripstein (La Perdición de los Hombres, on April 9) and Ken Loach (Sweet Sixteen, April 6), among the usual unknowns, help to put some color back in its cheeks.

### MOVIE LISTINGS

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About Schmidt — Alexander Pavne's latelife-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 eve 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-yearold 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,

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(Susan Orlean turns into a drug-trafficking homicidal adulteress) can lessen the disappointment of the climactic swerve into thriller-dillerdom. 2002. ★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Agent Cody Banks — Teen spy comedy with Frankie Muniz and Hilary Duff, directed by Harald Zwart. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Basic — Something went terribly wrong on military training maneuvers in the Panamanian jungle, but what? A coy and annoying mystery of conflicting flashbacks. The torrential rainfall may or may not be an homage to Rashomon, but definitely not a worthy one. With John Travolta, Connie Nielsen, Giovanni Ribisi, Brian Van Holt, Taye Diggs, and Samuel L. Jackson; directed by John McTiernan. 2003. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Bend It Like Beckham — Feminist pep fest, or pap fest, about an Indian girl in West London who must weave her way through the obstacles set by her cookie-cutter traditionalist family — is there any other

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kind from India? - in order to pursue her bliss as a soccer player. (Glossary note for the non-sports fan, or the merely parochial sports fan: the title alludes to David Beckham, glamour boy of English football as well as husband of "Posh" Spice, and it alludes also to another type of English and not to any private depravities of his.) Filmmaker Gurinder Chadha, of *Bhaji on* the Beach, gets a bright, cheery image, a balmy atmosphere, and winning performances (against weak opposition) from Parminder Nagra and sixteen-year-old Keira Knightley as the resolute heroine and her reedy blond teammate. With Jonathan Rhys

Meyers, Anupam Kher, Archie Panjabi, Juliet Stevenson, 2003. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 4/4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/4)

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,



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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 wellarmed 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)

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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. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN: SWEETWATER 9: TOWN SQUARE 14)

### **Cherish** — Little more than an

accompaniment to an eclectic soundtrack of pop songs (Hall and Oates, Modern English, America, 10cc, Soft Cell, the Human League, the Turtles, and of course the title tune by the Association), though the songs are better integrated than in most such cases. Which is to say they have a better excuse. The looking-for-love heroine is a constant caller to the request line at KXCH, "the Best Love Songs of All-Time," a practice she pursues all the harder when placed under house arrest, on the "bracelet program," with exactly fifty-seven feet of freedom in a large loft in a bad part of town: not much leeway to prove her innocence and catch the real culprit. The confinement to a single room for much of the movie, apart from the penny-saving benefits, impels director Finn Taylor (Dream with the Fishes) to modest heights of ingenuity: fast-motion and timelapse effects, jump cuts, a 360-degree tracking shot and, most impressively, a 360-degree pan in which the heroine appears to be several places at once. Robin Tunney projects some of the raspy sex



appeal of Demi Moore before Demi Moore moved to another planet. And Tim Blake Nelson, as the sympathetic deputy from Squaresville (the singer whose name goes into his ear as Noe Venable keeps coming out of his mouth as Noe Venerable), assures us, after O Brother, Where Art Thou?, that his acting range extends well above moron. Nora Dunn, Liz Phair, Jason Priestley. 2002. ★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 4/7, 6:30 P.M.)

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musical transferred to the screen! (Directed and choreographed by Rob Marshall.) Apologetically self-conscious and campy, despite the present-day "relevance" of the courtroom antics and media manipulation in a sensational murder trial of the Jazz Age. (Commemorated already in William Wellman's rambunctious Roxie Hart.) There's a good deal of frenetic cutting and hyperkinetic camerawork, as if in mortal terror of being taken for a stage play. And the dingy, dungeony image hardly recalls the

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genre's Technicolor glory days. Renée Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones (it must be without precedent for the two top-billed stars of a movie to be so close to the end of the alphabet) do indeed sing and dance as advertised, and in Zellweger's case, even act. Lest she never again land a role as anything other than a prison matron, she also amply demonstrates that the pounds she put on for Bridget Jones are all gone now. Yet her new figure — thin as a rail, though knotted and gnarled with muscle — cannot be counted an asset to the re-creation of the period. With Richard Gere, John C. Reilly, Queen Latifah. 2002.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4: GROSSMONT CENTER: HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; 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)

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, splitscreen, vellow flashbacks, a loop-the-loop storyline that keeps circling back on itself, a tangential digression, a yackety-yak-yak wiseguy narration, chapter headings, the kitchen sink. The subject of gun-crazy youth gangs in the slums of Rio de Janeiro is of course a real one, and indeed the budding photographer hero is based upon a real person, with a paraded portfolio of real photos to prove it. But while the violence is unglamorous, the voguish, flashy, anything-David-O. -Russell-or-Roger-Avary-can-do I-can-do-better visual style tends to trivialize everything. And monotonize it. With Alexandre Rodrigues, Matheus Nachtergaele, Seu Jorge; written and directed by Fernando Meirelles. 2002. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 4/4; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/4)

**The Core** — Reviewed this issue. With Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank, Stanley Tucci, Delroy Lindo, and Richard Jenkins; directed by Jon Amiel.

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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 colorcoordinate 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. (MISSION VALLEY 20)

Dysfunktional Family — Concert film featuring comedian Eddie Griffin, directed by George Gallo. (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; FROM 4/4)

Dreamcatcher — Reviewed this issue.
With Thomas Jane, Damian Lewis, Timothy Olyphant, Jason Lee, and Morgan Freeman; directed by Lawrence Kasdan.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM
PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Family Affair** — Lesbian romantic comedy written and directed by Helen Lesnick, who also stars. (HAZARD CENTER 7)



- Belated contribution to Frida-Frida mania. The same-named 1984 film by Paul Leduc, while timelier, was too low-profile to discourage additional spotlight-seekers and altar-worshippers. So now we have a new chiselled Frida Kahlo (Salma Hayek), an almost Manneristically elongated one, to grace the cover of the paperback reprint of Hayden Herrera's definitive biography, and to obstruct our view of the real woman. The movie unmistakably works a kind of magic (not to say "magic realism") in the transformation of so fascinating a life, so lavishly re-created and so lusciously photographed, into something so dull and ordinary. Certainly we might have expected some visual pyrotechnics from director Julie Taymor, who had shaken up Shakespeare in Titus. And for sure, Taymor pulls out all the

stops for the grisly trolley accident that crippled the artist in her youth (though she's dancing a tango before you know it). And her voyage to New York — otherwise known as the Invasion of Gringolandia will be done as an animated collage of paper cutouts, with her muralist husband, Diego Rivera, scaling the Empire State Building as King Kong, For the rest, this is a surprisingly pedestrian "biopic," in the subgenre of Tormented Artist, endlessly relating the marital infidelities and blow-ups ("My goddam sister! You're an animal!"), and casting only passing glances at the oh-bythe-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

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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)

**Gerry** — Gus Van Sant's self-imposed penance for the commercial indulgences of his *Good Will Hunting* and *Finding Forrester* and, in between those two, the *Psycho* remake: a laid-back survival tale, a stripped-

down Walkabout, about two hiking buddies

(Matt Damon, Casey Affleck) who take a wrong turn on the Wilderness Trail and wander around a trackless desert panorama where you half-expect them to stumble upon an hallucinatory love-in of Antonioni hippies. (The opening music gives you little hint of how far off the beaten path it intends to go: the very same Arvo Pärt piece used the year previous in both Swept Away and Heaven, roughly as esoteric as Pachelbel's Canon.) A film of extreme long shots, long takes, little experiments in sheer duration (e.g., Affleck's "I Conquered Thebes" monologue in recollection of a video-game adventure, or Damon's construction of a "dirt mattress" into which Affleck can safely jump from a twenty-foot drop-off, or a nonverbal tracking shot alongside two bobbing heads, to a steady rhythm of crunching feet), it may be a bore, but in its defense it is not more so than a lot of movies that try a lot harder not to be: Finding Forrester, let's say. Looking at the screen is a little like looking out a train window travelling through the Southwest desert: you feel free to tune in and out while composing a mental grocery list. The sights, when you remember to notice, are a real eveful. 2003. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 4/3)

**Ghostbusters** — Three parapsychologists, having had their academic grant rescinded and their research equipment confiscated, go into private practice as exterminators of any and all supernatural pests. Just in time, too. It seems that an Art Deco skyscraper on Central Park West has been designed as an antenna to pull in assorted demons of ancient Sumerian mythology, and Judgment Day could suddenly be just round the corner. The movie, directed by Ivan Reitman, is in and out, around and about, the correct form for this sort of thing although the special effects are always effective. Too undisciplined to be a genre parody in the company of Polanski's *Fearless Vampire Killers*, it is more like a concretization of the wisecracks which habitual wisecrackers might make while watching better movies than this one on the Late Show. (The nearness in title to the old Bob Hope comedy, *Ghost Breakers*, is perfectly apt.) Two of the stars, Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis, also wrote the script, which may explain why both of them click into character and stay there, while the more prominent star, Bill Murray, bounces around as the very embodiment of the movie's amiable sloppiness. "You know," he





is told at one point, "you don't act like a scientist....You're more like a game-show host." With Sigourney Weaver and Rick Moranis. 1984. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 4/4 THROUGH 10)

Head of State — Reviewed this issue. With Chris Rock, Bernie Mac, Tamala Jones, Lynn Whitfield, Dylan Baker, and James Rebhorn; directed by Rock. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEFTWATER 9: TOWN SOLVARE 14)

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, highflown 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 lattergeneration 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 presentday 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, Iulianne Moore - sit down for a crossgenerational 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, "lifeaffirming," 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; HAZARD CENTER 7; 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. • (FASHION VALLEY 18)

The Hunted - Grueling, grisly chasethriller with Benicio Del Toro as a Rambogone-bad — a Kosovo vet and now a runamuck "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 Conni Nielsen: directed by William Friedkin, 2003. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Hush** — Japanese comedy-drama of family relations, written and directed by Ryosuke Hashiguchi. (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 4/4)

**Laurel Canyon** — A psychiatric intern brings his upper-crusty East Coast fiancée (at work on her dissertation on the reproductive activities of the fruit fly) to stay in his mother's house in the Hollywood Hills. But his mother, a free-as-the-breeze record producer, hasn't yet vacated the premises as agreed, along with the British rock band whose much younger lead singer is her current lover. ("She's really weird,"

the son draws upon his analytical training. "Probably a developmental disorder.") Plot mechanics, character chemistry, and lighten-up philosophy — "It's okay to leave the Ivory Tower and live a little" - are easy to imagine as a mainstream comedy, after appropriate casting changes, budget augmentations, and four or five re-writes to reduce the intervals between laugh lines and heighten the volume of the laughs. In fact, if it were a foreign film instead of a mere "indie" (from High Art's Lisa Cholodenko), it would be ripe for a remake, possibly retailored for Meg Ryan and Jon Bon Jovi, and directed by Garry or Penny Marshall. As it is, we can be thankful there was a part in it for the inimitable Frances McDormand. (Not only a part, but a nude scene - or maybe not exactly a nude scene, but a nude frame or two — a Meryl Streepian Academy Award-winner's dramatically justifiable nipple flash.) And Kate Beckinsale always has more to offer than just her good looks and flawless American accent. Meretriciousness nevertheless runs rampant. Christian Bale, Natascha McElhone, Alessandro Nivola, 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

A Man Apart — Vin Diesel on the vengeance trail, directed by F. Gary Gray. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/4) **Nowhere in Africa** — Caroline Link's Foreign Film Oscar winner about a Jewish family fleeing the Third Reich in Africa. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/4)

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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

**Phone Booth** — Suspense film with Colin Farrell, Katie Holmes, Forest Whitaker, and Kiefer Sutherland, directed by Joel Schumacher.

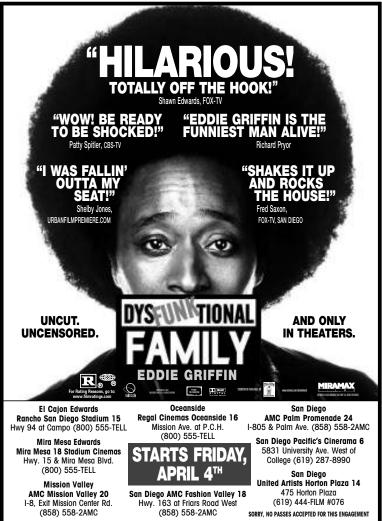
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The Pianist — The true survival tale of Wladyslaw Szpilman is the most basic, most elemental, most elementary Holocaust film since Schindler's List, right down to a recitation of the "If you prick us" speech from *The Merchant of Venice*. Episodic, anecdotal, rich in detail as well as in brutality, absurdity, degradation, and horror, it covers the arrival of Naziism in Poland, the establishment of the Warsaw ghetto, the embarkation of the trains to the camps, the uprising and its quelling, and the eventual collapse into chaos, all from the point of view of the Jewish protagonist (Adrien Brody), who, after the roundup of his family and his retreat into hiding, enjoys a 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 in other words, more artfully. With Thomas Kretschmann, Emilia Fox, Frank Finlay. 2002.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13, FROM 4/4; 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; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Quiet American — A tale of political intrigue complicated by romantic intrigue in Indochina in the early 1950s: an idealistic and myopic American secret agent played by

Brendan Fraser, and an aloof, effete British journalist played by Michael Caine ("Sooner or later," he is admonished by a native, "one has to take sides if one is to remain human"), in gentlemanly — and discreetly symbolic — competition over a passive Vietnamese concubine. This treatment of the Graham Greene novel stays truer than Joe Mankiewicz's 1958 version to the spirit of the original, though it goes outside it in its godlike omniscience on the coming

Vietnam War, complete with an historical update in the epilogue. More than a mere remake, more than a simple reprise, it amounts to a retrospective and newly appreciative view of the book, a validation of it in hindsight. (For all its distant perspective, the film has lost little in topicality: America is still the cop on the world beat.) Of course we can scarcely be surprised, in an age whose top spy writer seems to be Tom Clancy, that Greene would

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nont Drive (858-274-1234) 4665 Claire Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:40, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:40) 7:25; Basic (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:50, 10:00; Sun. (1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:15, 9:50; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 9:55; **The** Core (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 1:55) 4:10, 4:55, 7:10, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (1:05, 1:55) 4:05, 4:55, 7:05, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 1:55, 4:05, 4:05, 4:55) 7:05, 8:05, 10:10; Dreamcatcher (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:15, 7:20, 10:20; Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:10) 7:10, 10:15; **Head of State** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:00; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:45) 7:55, 10:10; A Man Apart (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:25, 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (1:40) 4:25, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:25) 7:20, 9:50; Phone Booth (R) (1.40, 4.23) 7.20, 9.50, Filone Booti (K Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:25) 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:25, 5:25) 7:30, 9:35; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:25, 3:20) 5:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:20, 5:10); **View from the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:15) 5:55, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 5:55) 8:00, 10:05; **What a Girl Wants** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (2:15, 3:35) 5:00, 7:00, 7:35, 9:25, 10:10; Sun. (2:15, 3:35) 5:00, 7:00, 7:35, 9:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 3:35, 5:00) 7:00, 7:35, 9:25, 10:00

### DOWNTOWN

### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:35, 10:25; Sun.-Thu. (1:10) 7:00; Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:45) 7:05; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 2:00) 4:20, 5:00, 7:25, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. (1:20, 2:00) 4:20, 5:00, 7:15, 8:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 2:00, 4:20, 5:00) 7:15, 8:05, 10:00; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 7:00; Sun.-Thu. (3:35) 9:30; **Head of State** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 2:10) 4:25, 5:25, 7:10, (10-10) 111-361 (122, 2110) 4:25, 5:25, 5:25, 5:25, 5:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 2:10) 4:25, 5:25) 7:10, 7:50, 9:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 2:10, 4:25, 5:25) 7:10, 7:50, 9:25, 10:05; **The Hunted** 4125, 5125) 7:10, 7:50, 9:25, 10:05; Ine Hunded (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 5:15, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:15) 7:45, 9:50; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 4:40, 8:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 140) 025; Addinated (N):50, 024 (100) 4:40) 8:25; A Man Apart (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 2:20) 4:15, 5:30, 7:15, 8:10, 9:55, 10:45; Sun. (1:20, 2:20) 4:15, 5:30, 7:15, 8:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 2:20, 4:15, 5:30) 7:15, 8:30, 9:35; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:50, 8:20; Sun. (1:00) 4:50, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:50) 8:10; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:20) 5:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:20); The Recruit (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 9:30; Spirited Away (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (1:35) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35,

4:30) 7:30, 10:05; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 7:25, 9:55; **View from the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:05) 5:10, 7:20, 9:40; Sun. (2:05) 5:10, 7:35, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:10) 7:35, 9:40

### Horton Plaza 14

457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Reader Phone Booth (R); What a Girl Wants (PG); Dysfunktional Family (R); Basic (R); Dreamcatcher (R); Boat Trip (R); Bringing Down the House (PG-13); Old School (R); Chicago (PG-13); About Schmidt; The Diego Hours (PG-13)

### LA JOLLA

### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Phone Booth (R); What a Girl Wants (PG); A Man Apart (R); Basic (R); The Core (PG-13); Head of State (PG-13); Spirited Away (PG); View from the Top; Tears of the Sun (R); Bringing Down the House (PG-13); Old School (R); About Schmidt

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831) Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; Mon. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; Tue. (1:25) 4:10, 9:40; Wed.-Thu. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; **Nowhere in Africa** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:45) 4:55, 8:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:45, 4:55, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:55, 8:05; **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

### **MIRA MESA**

Mira Mesa 18 10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

### **MISSION VALLEY**

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Phone Booth (R); What a Girl Wants (PG); A Man Apart (R); Dysfunktional Family (R); Basic (R); The Core (PG-13); Head of State (PG-13); View from the Top; Dreamcatcher (R); Piglet's Big Movie (G); Agent Cody Banks (PG); The Hunted (R); Tears of the Sun (R); Bringing Down the House (PG-13); Old School (R); How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13); The Hours (PG-13); Chicago (PG-13)

### Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) Adaptation (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 7:20; Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri.-Tue. 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40; Wed. 1:10, 4:15, 9:40; Thu. 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 4:25, 7:05, 9:25; **City of God** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45; **A Family Affair** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 4:10, 9:35; **Ghostbusters** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:25, 9:30; The Hours (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:05, 9:35; Hush (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 7:00; The Pianist (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Phone Booth (R); What a Girl Wants (PG); A Man Apart (R); Dysfunktional Family (R); Basic (R); The Core (PG-13); Head of State (PG-13); Spirited Away (PG); View from the Top; Dreamcatcher (R); Boat Trip (R); Piglet's Big Movie (G); Agent Cody Banks (PG); The Hunted (R); Tears of the Sun (R); Bringing Down the House (PG-13); Old School (R); Daredevil; Chicago (PG-13)

### **STATE UNIVERSITY**

### Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Basic (R) Fri. (1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:40; Sat. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:40; Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30; 9:40; Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:25) 7:30; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; Sat. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 8:00; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:40) 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:35, 7:25; Mon.-Thu (3:40) 7:00; Dysfunktional Family (R) Fri. (1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Sat. (11:40, 1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Sun. (11:40, 1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:40, 5:40) 7:50; Head of State (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:50; Sat. (11:15, 1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:50; Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:30) 7:35; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:05, 10:15; Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 8:05

### Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)

**Cowboy Bebop: the Movie** (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

### UPTOWN

### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100) Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **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; Laurel Canyon (R) 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; **Spun** (Not Rated) 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; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Mon. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Tue. (1:30) 4:10, 9:50; Wed.-Thu. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Call theater for program information

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center** 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 9:30; Sat. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00; Cosmos (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 6:00; The Dream Is Alive (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 7:00; Fires of Kuwait (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 8:00; Grand Canyon (1991) (R) Wed.-Thu. 7:00; Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 5:00; Sun.-Mon. 1:00; Tue.-Thu. 5:00; Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 8:30; Sat. 2:00; Sun.-Mon. 4:00; Tue.-Thu. 2:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:30; **Yellowstone** (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 6:00

### **EAST COUNTY**

**EL CAJON** 

### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, Agent Cody Baiks (FG) FRI-THL (11:55, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20; Basic (R) Fri.-ThL (12:05, 12:35, 2:25, 3:15, 4:45, 5:40) 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:30; Boat Trip (R) Fri.-ThL 9:45; Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-ThL (12:00, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:25; Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:15, 9:45; The Core (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:05, 10:10; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:45) 7:00, 10:10; **Head of State** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:35, 9:55; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:10) 7:25, 10:00; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 9:30; **Phone Booth** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 1:20, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 5:40) 7:10, 7:55, 9:20, 10:20; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 5:00); Spirited Away (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:30) 7:00, 9:50; Tears of the Sun (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 6:55, 9:35; **View from the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:25, 4:40) 7:05, 9:25; **What a Girl Wants** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 1:15, 2:35, 3:50, 5:05) 6:50, 7:40, 9:30,

### LA MESA

### **Grossmont Center**

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100) Basic (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:35, 3:50) 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:40) 7:45, 9:50; Bringing **Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:15, 9:30; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:20) 7:05, 9:40; The Core (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:10, 10:00; Dreamcatcher (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:05) 7:00, 9:55; Head of State (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:25, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:30, 5:35) 7:40, 9:45; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05; Phone Booth (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40, 3:45) 5:40, 8:15, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:20) 7:50,

10:00; **View from the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:25) 5:25, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, (125, 5:30) 7:30, 9:35; **What a Girl Wants** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:25, 9:40

### **Grossmont Trolley**

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri. (1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:15, 4:25) 6:35, 8:45; **Boat Trip** (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00, 10:15; Sat. (11:05, 1:05, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (11:05, 1:05, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:10, 4:15) 6:30, 8:30; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; Sat. (10:55, 1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; Sat. (10:55, 1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10; Mon.-Thu (11:45, 2:00, 4:15) 6:30, 8:45; **The Hunted** (R) Fri. (1:50, 3:55) 6:00, 8:05, 10:10; Sat. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 6:00, 8:05, 10:10; Sun. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 6:00, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:05, 4:10) 6:15, 8:20; **Old School** (R) Fri. (3:35) 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 3:35) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 4:20) 8:40; **The Pianist** (R) Fri. (2:25) 5:25, 8:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:25) 5:25, 8:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:45, 5:40) 8:35; Piglet's Big Movie (G) Fri. (12:45, 3:00); Sat.-Sun (11:00, 12:45, 3:00); Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 1:40, 4:00); **The Quiet American** (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:40, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. 5:40, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 6:00, 8:13, 10:23; Sun, 3:44, 8:13; Mon, -1110, 6:00, 8:10; **Spirited Away** (PG) Fri. (2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Sat. (11:25, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:05; **Tears of the Sun** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 5:35, 10:00; Sun. (1:10) 5:35;

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 4:45) 7:00; Basic (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 5:00, 5:30) 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:15; Dreamcatcher (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:55) 7:00, 10:05; **Dysfunktional Fam**-ily (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:05, 4:20) 7:35, 9:50; Head of State (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15; Phone Booth (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 12:15, 2:00, 2:30, 4:15, 4:45) 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15; Wed. (11:45, 12:15, 2:00, 2:30, 4:15, 5:20) 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15; Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 2:00, 2:30, 4:15, 4:45) 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30); Tears of the Sun (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; View from the Top (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 9:50; What a Girl Wants (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55

### SANTEE

### Santee Drive In

What a Girl Wants (PG): Basic (R): The Core (PG-13); Bringing Down the House (PG-13)

# **SOUTH BAY**

**Cruta Vista 10** Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **Basic** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Boat Trip** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:30; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:452 (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 7:30, 10:45; **Dysfunktional Family** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; **Head of State** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; **Phone Booth** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; **Dirati'r** Bird **Movin** (C) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; **Piglet's Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **View from the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 5:15; **What** a Girl Wants (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30,

3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

## Palm Promenade 24 770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) Phone Booth (R); What a Girl Wants (PG); A Man Apart (R); What a Gin Wants (PG); A Man Apart (R); Dysfunktional Family (R); Basic (R); The Core (PG-13); Head of State (PG-13); Spirited Away (PG); View from the Top; Dreamcatcher (R); Boat Trip (R); Piglet's Big Movie (G); Agent Cody Banks (PG); The Hunted (R); Tears of the Sun (R); Bringing Down the House (PG-13); Old School (R); 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, 2:25, 4:50) 7:25; **Basic** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:35, 2:35, 3:00, 5:00, 5:25) 7:30, 8:00, 9:55, 10:25; **Boat Trip** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:50; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:55, 3:30) 7:00, 9:35, 10:00; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 3:05) 6:55, 10:10; **Dysfunktional Fam-ily** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:20, 4:30) 7:00, 9:40; **Head of State** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:15, 4:40) 7:10, 9:30; **The Hunted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:10, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30; Phone Booth (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:40, 4:50) 7:15, 9:30; The Pianist (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:30, 4:35); Tears of the Sun (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:30, 4:35); Tears of the Sun (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:00, 10:35; View from the Top (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50) 7:10; What a Girl Wants (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10.05

### Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436) Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 6:00: Kangaroo Jack (PG) Fri.-Thu. 4:15. 10:15; Shanghai Knights (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 8:00

### **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) What a Girl Wants (PG); Bringing Down the House (PG-13)

**Sweetwater 9** 1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) Basic (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15, 9:25; Sun. (12:55, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:45) 7:55; **Bringing Down the** House (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:35, 5:55) 8:15; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:50) 7:20, 10:20; Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:15) 8:05; Dreamcatcher (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:10, 10:15; Stosj Dreamcatcher (R) Fin.-Sat. 7:10, 10:15;
 Sun. 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 8:00; Head of
 State (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 2:50) 4:55, 7:10,
 Sun. (12:45, 2:50) 4:55, 7:10; Mon.-Thu.
 (12:0, 3:30, 5:45) 7:55; The Hunted (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:30; Sun (1:05, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:35, 5:55) 8:15; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05; Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:40) 6:10, 8:30; **Phone Booth** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:25) 4:20, 6:15, 8:10, 10:15; Sun. (12:30, 2:25) 4:20, 6:15, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:55, 4:50) 6:45, 8:40; Mon.-Thu (1:00, 2:53, 4:50) 0:43, 5:40, Piglet's Big Movie (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:30) 4:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:45); What a Girl Wants (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:55) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:25, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:40) 6:10, 8:30

### **NORTH INLAND**

### BONSALL

### Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) Basic (R) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Tue. 3:15, 5:45,

# Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 6:15 **RANCHO SAN DIEGO** Rancho San Diego 15

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

**CHULA VISTA** 

Chula Vista 10

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)

Spider - Next to most other David Cronenberg films (Videodrome, Dead

Ringers, Naked Lunch, Crash, etc.), this one seems a model of restraint and decorum: a horror-free, effects-free excursion into the mind of a madman (a twisted, tortured, inarticulately muttering Ralph Fiennes), afflicted with an extreme case of Madonnaand-whore ambivalence toward women. More specifically, toward his mother. Miranda Richardson adopts both personas with equal assurance and frequent brilliance (as well as a third persona, that of a nicer

Nurse Ratched, when she takes over the role assigned to Lynn Redgrave). The device whereby the protagonist occupies the same space with himself as a child is easy enough to grasp, but the replay of scenes from the past at which he seemed not to be present is harder. At times he appears to be his own father (Gabriel Byrne) or vice versa. In short, it is oftentimes hard to gauge the reality of what we are seeing, though not so hard that we cannot foresee the "shocking"

ending. The physical details are laid out in dreadful abundance: the rusty bathwater at the psychiatric halfway house, the dense geometry of the wallpaper, the old newspaper that lines the dresser drawer, the too-short coat sleeves and pant legs, the four shirts worn in layers, the sock stuffed down the front of the pants as a purse, the notebook of private hieroglyphics, cityscapes as strangely depopulated as a de Chirico canvas. And Cronenberg's seamless

8:15; Wed. 3:15, 5:45; Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Bringing Down the House (PG-13) 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; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Sat. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Phone Booth** (R) Fri. 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:15. 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:15, 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15; **What a Girl Wants** (PG) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun, 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

### **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

**Carmel Mountain** 11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770) Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:30, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:30) 7:00; **Basic** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (1:40, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:45, 5:55) 8:05, 10:10; Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (2:25) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:15, 10:05; Sun. (1:05) 4:00, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:15) 8:15; **Dream**catcher (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 9:10; Head of State (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:30, 5:40) 7:05, 10:00; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **Phone** Booth (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50, 3:50) 5:50, 7:50, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:50, 5:50) 7:50, 9:50; The Pianist (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:25, 8:30; Sun. (2:20) 5:25, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:25) 8:20; Spirited Away (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:05, 9:40; **View from the Top** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 3:35) 5:35, 7:35, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:05) 7:15, 9:15; **What a Girl Wants** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:00) 7:05, 9.20

### POWAY

Poway 10 13475 Powav Road (858-646-9423) Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00; Basic (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; Dreamcatcher (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 10:30; Head of State (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 10:30; Head of State (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; A Man Apart (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Phone Booth (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Piglet's Big Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 12:45, 5:00; View from the Top (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:45, 7:00, 9:30; What a Girl Wants (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

### RAMONA

Ramona Twin 626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

### SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)

Mark (700-2712) 11) Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:15) 7:50; Basic (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25; Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55, 4:55) 5:35, 7:35, 8:10, 10:05, 10:45; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:00) 5:40, 8:15, 10:50; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (1:00, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; Tue.-Wed. 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30; Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:50) 7:05, 10:20; Head of State (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 4:50) 7:15, (PG-13) Fri.- Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 4:30) 7:13, 9:40; How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13) Fri.- Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:25,

10:10; The Hunted (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:50) 7:30, 10:15; **Old School** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; Phone **Booth** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; The Pianist (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:35) 6:55, 10:20; Piglet's Big Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00); Tears of the Sun (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:25; View from the Top (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; What a Girl Wants (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:35, 1:45, 2:15, 4:25, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05

### NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

### Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) Basic (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:40, 4:45) 7:00. 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 4:45) 7:00, 9:00; **The** Core (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50)

7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; Phone Booth (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:20, 4:05) 6:00, 7:45, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:05) 6:00, 7:45, 9:30: What a Girl Wants (PG) Fri.-Sun (12:00, 2:10, 4:20) 6:30, 8:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:20) 6:30, 8:40

### DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8 El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

(858-646-9420) Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00; Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 7:30; **Head of State** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30; A Man **Apart** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45: Phone Booth (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00,

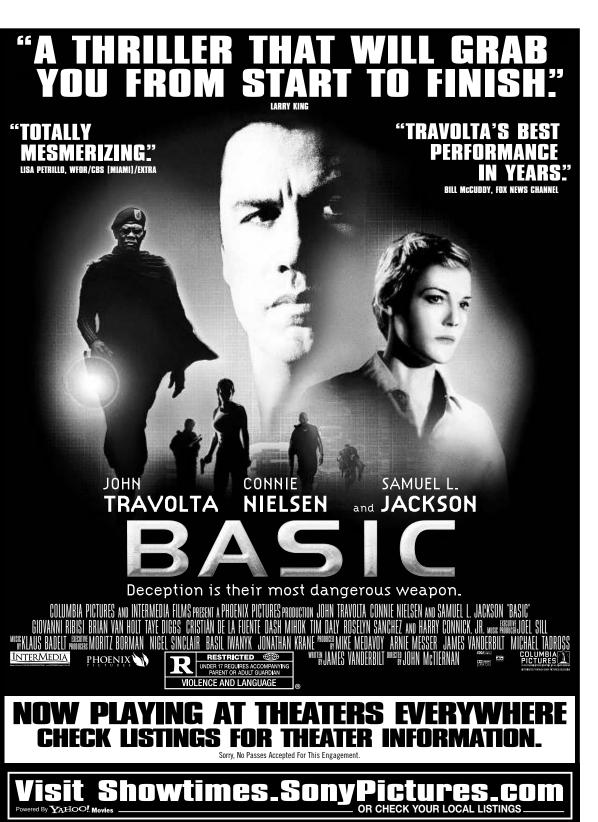
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Piglet's Big Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 12:45, 5:00; View from the Top (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 2:45, 7:00; What a Girl Wants (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Basic (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:16, 5:15, 7:45; Bend It Like Beckham (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, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **The Quiet American** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

### **ENCINITAS**

Encinitas 8 220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)



Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:05, 5:40); Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:15); **Bringing Down the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:55, 5:30) 8:05, 10:35; Sun. (12:25, 2:55, 5:30) 2:05, 5:00 8:05, 10:55, 500 (12:25, 2:55, 5:50 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:10) 7:50; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 4:00) 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (12:30, 4:00) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:25) 8:30; **Head of State** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10, 5:35) 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:50, 3:10, 5:35) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:40) 8:00; A Man Apart (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:50, 5:25) 8:00, 10:30: Sun. (12:15, 2:50, 5:25) 8:00: Mon.-Thu (2:15, 5:30) 8:25; **Phone Booth** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:15, 5:20) 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (1:10, 3:15, 5:20) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:20) 7:45; Piglet's Big Movie (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:00, 5:00) 7:00, 9:15; Sun. (1:00, 3:00, 5:00) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 4:30) 7:20; **View from the** Top (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 8:10, 10:25; Sun. 8:10; Mon.-Thu. 7:40; What a Girl Wants (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:35) 8:10

**La Paloma** 471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 9:00; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00

### LA COSTA

La Costa 6 6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 5:00; Basic (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu, 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 2:30, 7:30; A Man Apart (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **Phone** Booth (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; What a Girl Wants (PG) 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

### **OCEANSIDE**

### **Mission Marketplace 13**

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

Agent Cody Banks (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Basic (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40; Bringing Down the House (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:10; **The Core** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 3:15, 6:50, 10:15; **Dreamcatcher** (R) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 7:00, 10:15; **Head of State** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **A Man Apart** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:45; Phone Booth (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 3:00, 6:30, 10:00; **Piglet's Big** Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:30; Spirited Away (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 3:45, 7:15, 10:30; What a Girl Wants (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 1:50, 4:00, 4:45, 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:30

### Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Phone Booth (R); What a Girl Wants (PG); A Man Apart (R); Dysfunktional Family (R); Basic (R); The Core (PG-13); Head of State (PG-13); View from the Top; Dreamcatcher (R); Boat Trip (R); Agent Cody Banks (PG); The Hunted (R); Bringing Down the House (PG-13): Old School (R): Chicago



direction forges an airtight environment, or less complimentarily an airless one. Of course, this director has been moving away from straight horror and toward greater pretension for some time now. (Toward greater pretension even within the purview of straight horror: the road from *They Came from Within* through *The Brood* and *Scanners* and *The Fly* gets increasingly slushy.) And while the present foray can be said to be masterfully controlled and all of a piece, it can also be said, with little alteration in meaning, to be rather rigidified and monotonous. 2002.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/3)

Spirited Away - Cancellation of the retirement of Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki, whose Princess Mononoke was a worthy valedictory to the traditional handdrawn method. For this addendum to his career, he has made liberal, corner-cutting use of computer-generated backgrounds; and the clash of styles creates perhaps the most overt conflict in the entire film. together with an unwanted undercurrent of sadness and resignation. A contemporary fairy tale about a timid little girl (of indistinct race) who learns to cope - or in other words a textbook metaphor of growth — it lacks something of the drama and the narrative drive of *Mononoke*, though it lacks nothing in visual imagination (a fully realized spirit world where anything goes) and nothing, either, in audacity. No homegrown animated film from Disney, the U.S. distributor, would dare dish up such dreamy inscrutability. Nor would it dare drag on for more than two hours, a bit long by any measure, even though individual episodes have the fascination of a Sunday installment of Little Nemo in Slumberland. Much of the strength of its grip comes from Miyazaki's meticulous simulation of the classical camerawork and cutting of live action filmmaking. The scene construction remains reliably solid, however vaporous the content. 2002.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)



**Spun** — Adventures in the drug world, starring Jason Schwartzman, John Leguizamo, and Mickey Rourke, directed by Jonas Akerlund. (HILLCREST CINEMAS. FROM 4/4)

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)

**Tears of the Sun** — Navy commandos on a mission of mercy in darkest Nigeria: a twofaced 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, daggereyed 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 squeezed from every stone. Then, and only

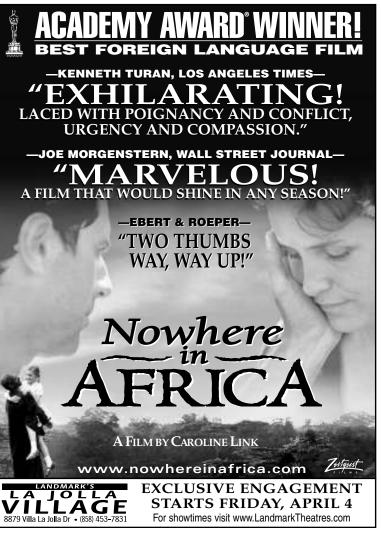
then, come the shrieking iron birds (hooray) and the blossoms of fire (yippee). Notwithstanding the show of concern over the plight of the natives (director Antoine Fuqua, of *Training Day*, has at least the seeds of a reputation to water), the movie's foremost concern is its visual voluptuousness: the 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. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

View from the Top — Bruno Barreto's romantic comedy centered around an aspiring flight attendant, with Gwyneth Paltrow, Christine Applegate, and Mark Ruffalo. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 4/4; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION

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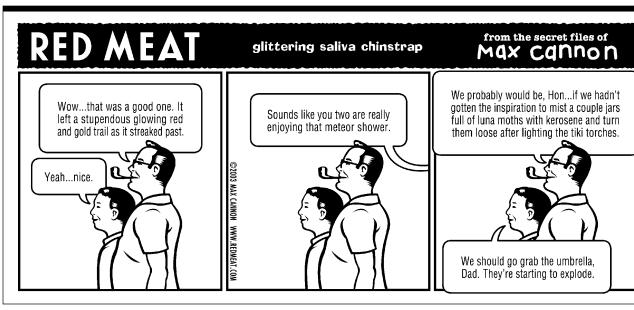
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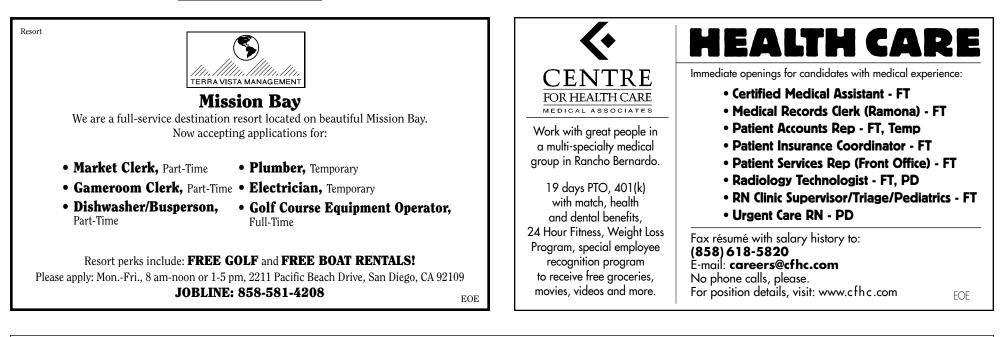
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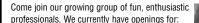


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It was a bathroom disaster. The house I had just moved into was being renovated. The carpenter was installing a skylight, so he cut the hole - it was, like, a nine-inch hole and he had just set it, and he was done for the day, but he didn't seal it. So, it turns out it rained that night, and all the water that had puddled onto the roof began to pour down through this hole. I woke up at 3:00 in the morning to gushing water — not just a little puddle; I've dealt with leaks before, but this was bigger. It was draining into the bathroom, owing down the hallway into the living room. My roommate was irate. The carpenter sealed the hole the next day.

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he sink clogged up, and it had The sink clogged up, and it had been sitting there for about a week and the landlord hadn't sent anyone out, so my roommate and I decided to play plumber. We took the U-lock off the bottom of the sink, and the only bucket that we put under there was a small Oxy-Clean bucket. We had a big one next to it, and we figured we'd dump it into the trash can. So, we pulled the U-lock off, the water swooshed out, flooded the kitchen, probably an inch of water. We called the landlord back and said, "Uh, we really need the plumber." She sent someone out the next day.

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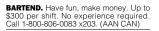
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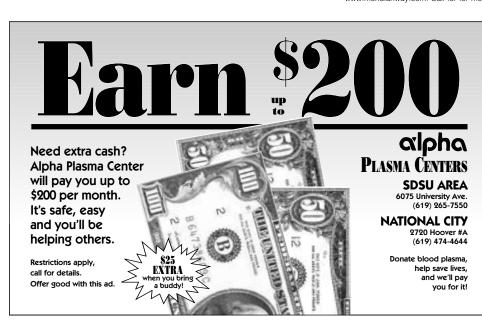
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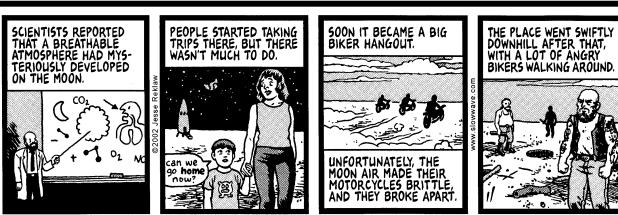
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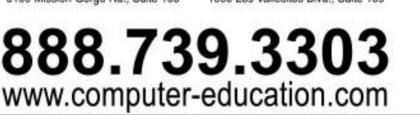
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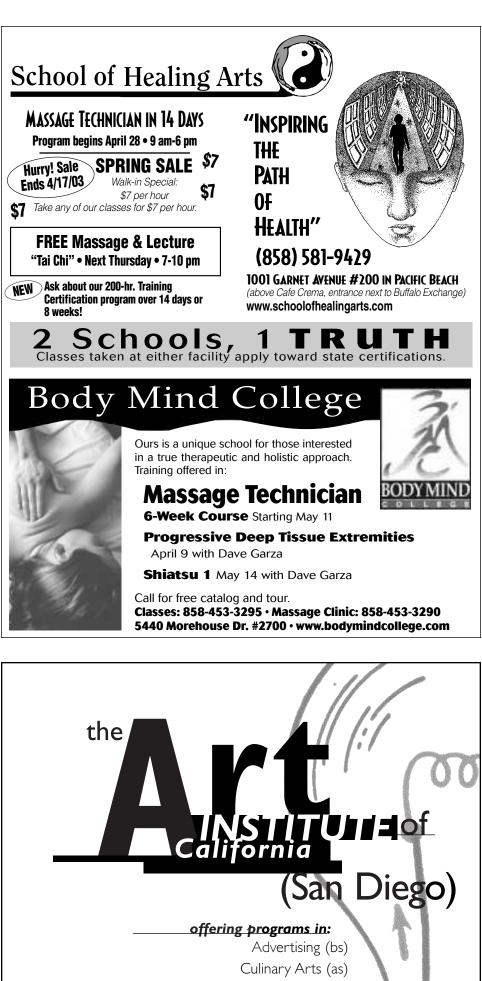
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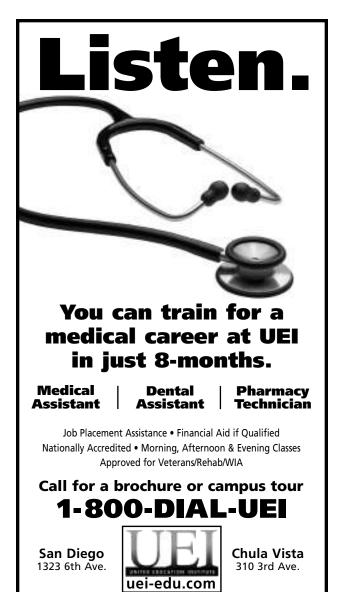
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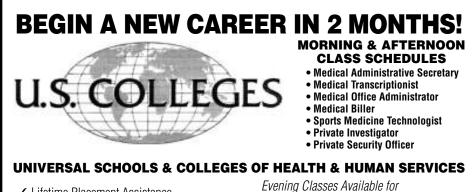


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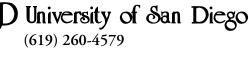
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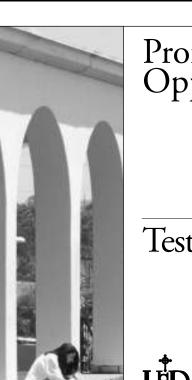
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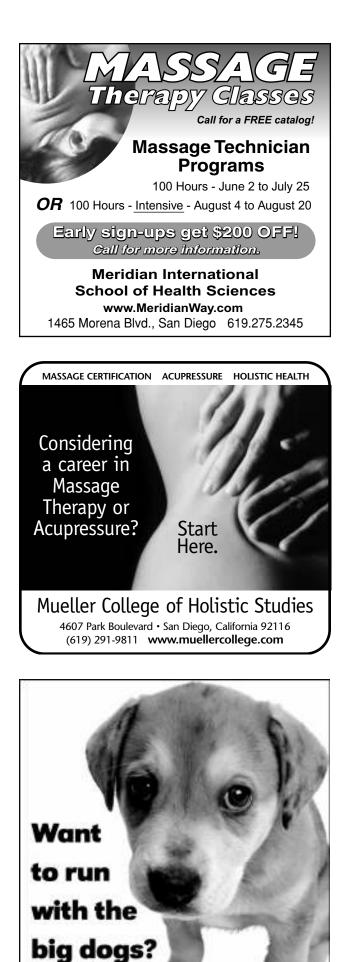
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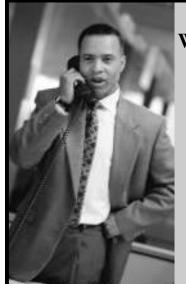
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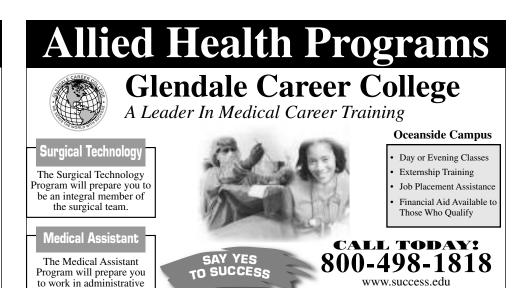
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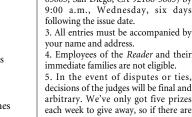
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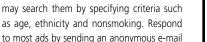
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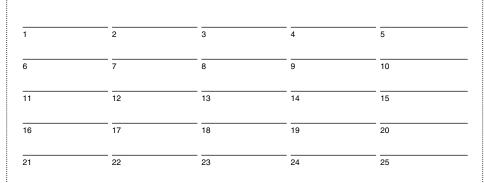
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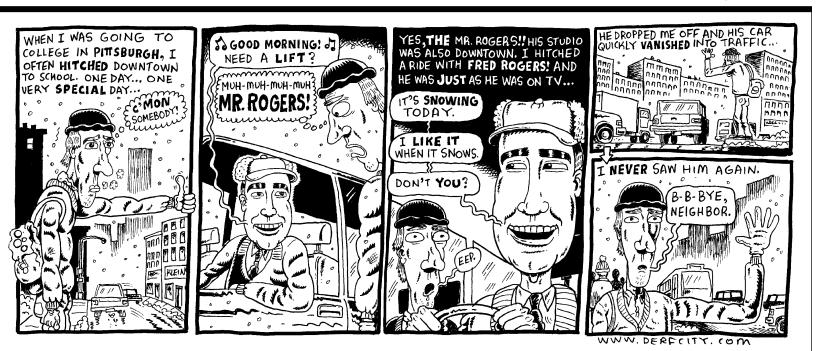
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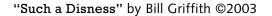
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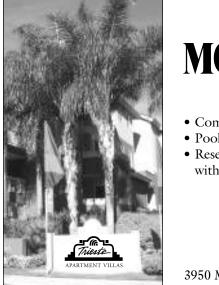


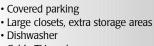
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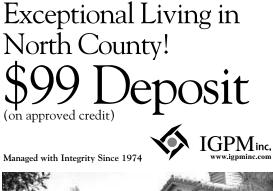


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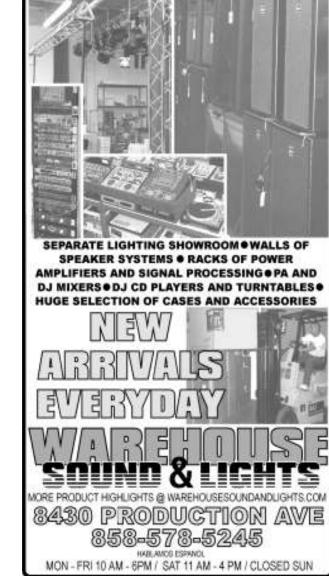
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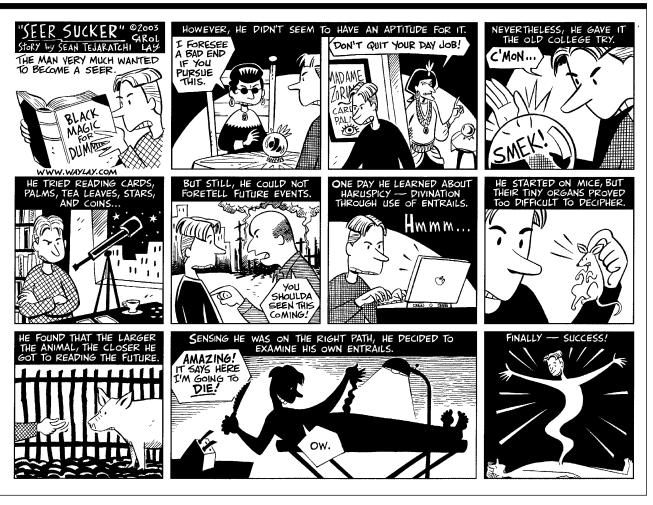
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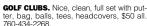
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PLATE COLLECTION. 20 Bradford plates, each registered, original shipping boxes, \$200. 760-929-8238.

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 TRAIN TABLES, 2, 4'x8', HO train tracks, engines, train cars, buildings, trees, etc. Some in great condition, some need re-pair, \$100 takes all. 858-279-9279.

**TRUNK,** humpback, large, with tray, \$1000 retail, now \$500/best. 619-296-5132.

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## GARAGE SALES

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BONITA, hugh garage sale! Saturday, 4/5, 7:30am-3:00pm. Everything imagin-able, kayaks, furniture, small appliances, etc. 3904 Feather Rock Court.

CARLSBAD. Garage sale. 8am-1pm, 4/5. Computer equipment, household, books, hand/hobby tools, organ, exercise bike, pictures. 328 Pine Avenue, 2 blocks east from Coast Highway. from Coast Highway. CLAIREMONT, moving sale, Saturday 4/5 only 8am-12pm. Household items and womens clothing. 3675 Mount Alvarez, look for the signs.

GOLDEN HILL. Saturday, April 5, 8am-noon. Furniture, books. 1936 Broadway.

LA JOLLA, moving sale, 4/5-4/6. Comput-ers, electronics, dining, bedroom, speak-ers, washer/dryer. 2860 Torrey Pines Road, St. Tropez, North of Ardath at light. 619-985-3542. 619-985-3542. LA JOLLA. Moving sale. 4/5-4/6. Couches, dining tables, hutch, bedroom, kitchen, electronics, stereos, speakers, washer/dryer, computer. 2860 Torrey Pines Road (St. Tropex complex). 619-96-9540

985-3542. **LA JOLLA.** Moving sale. 7am-3pm, 4/5-4/6. Floor to ceiling everything must go. Electronics, furniture, camping equip-ment and more. 1752 Castellana Road. LEUCADIA. Moving sale! 7am, Saturday, 4/5. Like new refrigerator, queen bed, shelves, big couch, books, clothes, household/sports stuff, plant pots. 605 Hygeia Avenue. 760-944-7662.

MIRA MESA. Garage sale. 8am, Satur-day. Multifamily, wide variety of items. 10045 Dauntless Street (92126).

NORTH PARK. Yard sale. Saturday, 4/5. Don't miss it! You need it! Lots funky, arty, pretty, useful stuff. Antique, retro, vintage, new. 4070 Kansas Street.

NORTH PARK. Garage/estate sale. 9am-?, Saturday/Sunday, 4/5-4/6. Dishes, fur-niture, wheelchair, too many things to mention. 3749 Herman Avenue. OAK PARK, garage sale, Saturday and Sunday, 4/5-4/6, 8am. Furniture, house-wares, sporting equipment, some elec-tronics, carpeting, tiles, RC cars, much more! 2134 Fieger Street.

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OTAY RANCH. Garage sale. 8am, Satur-day, 4/5. Bedroom furniture, server, couch, clothing, wet suits, Atari 2600, Beanie Babies, old camera equipment. 1283 Stanislaus Drive. 619-482-4755. PACIFIC BEACH. Pacifica Community garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday. Lots of houses on Amity Street, Alto Cerro Circle, Romney Road, and Pacifica Drive. DACIEIC BEACH. Garage sale. 8am.

Romney Road, and Pacifica Drive. PACIFIC BEACH. Garage sale. 8am-3pm, Saturday/Sunday, 4/5-4/6. An-tiques, jewelry, fine art, collectibles, bicy-cles, toys, imported items. 1235 Reed (between Fanuel and Everts, in alley). PACIFIC BEACH. Moving sale. All day Saturday, 4/5. Furniture, clothes, appli-ances, etc. 1641 Grand Avenue (behind KF, Pacific Beach). For more information, call 858-272-9592.

PACIFIC BEACH, moving sale, Saturday 4/5, 8am-12pm. Furniture, TV, coffee table, dining table, chairs. Everything must go. 3889 Haines Street, building 9, apartment 303. 858-837-1839.

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wood Hoad. San DiEGO. Giant yard sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 4/5. Clothing. computer equip-ment, videos, CDs, and more. 6269 Mary Lane Drive (at 63rd and Montezuma Road). 619-582-1949.

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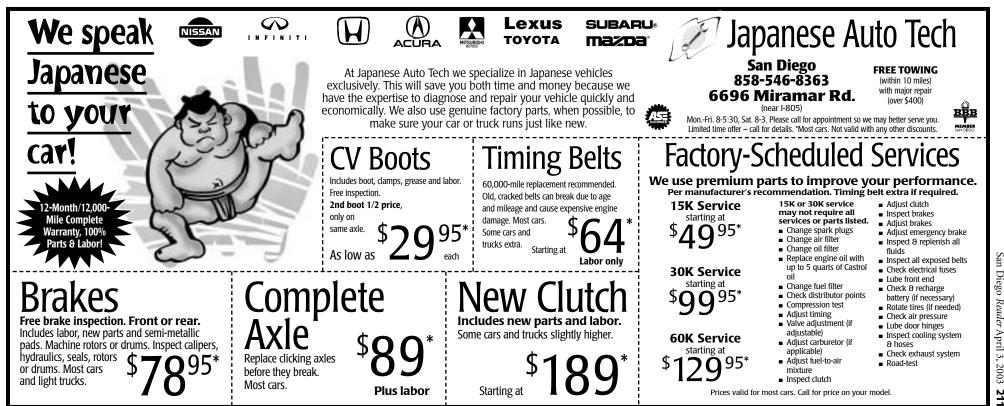
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ARMOIRE, alderwood, 2 years, fits TV, 26"Hx28"Wx22"D. Paid \$1200, asking \$500. Moving overseas. Check out our other items. http://www.geocities.com/ ggmovingsale/760-489-0957.

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**CART,** steel, gray, 24x36x30, 2 shelves, casters, awesome for garage or craft table. \$30. 619-980-3519.

CELLULAR PHONE, Kyocera digital QCP 2035a for Verizon, like new, all paper-2035a for Verizon, like new, all paper-work, in box, may need battery, \$60. Pick up in Vista or Carlsbad. 760-598-1815. CHAIRS (8), matching, solid wood, Dan-ish style, off-white, \$120. 760-741-4945.

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**COUCH,** chair, ottoman, like new, contemporary, floral pastels, polished cotton, large loose pillows, matching 152" valance, \$500/best. Internet picture. 760-598-5112

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DESK WITH HUTCH, large, honey colored

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**DESK,** roll top, \$125. Matching 2-drawe file, \$30. Oak with walnut finish. 619-226

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DINING ROOM TABLE, walnut, 40x40

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FURNITURE. White wicker chest, 6 large drawers, 60"Wx32-1/4"Hx24"D, great shape, \$75. Mirror with plain brown frame, 40-3/4x30-3/4, \$25. 760-436-0254. FURNITURE. TV cart, floor/table lamp, stereo cabinet, \$50 each. 2-drawer and lateral file cabinets, leather recliner, \$100 each. Computer desk/chair, \$125. 619-655 94/49

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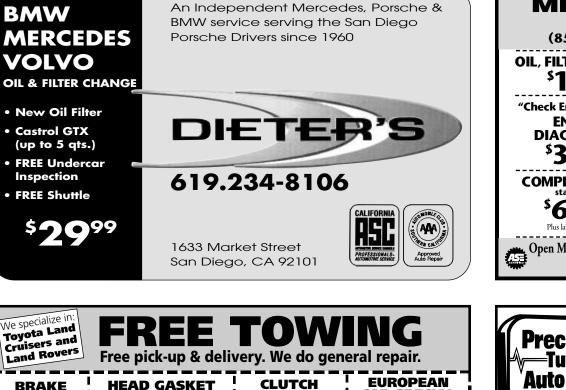
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## LEAD STORIES

- A New York Daily News investigation revealed in March that the U.S. Postal Service has spent at least \$3.6 million of stamp buyers' money in recent years sending its inspector-general staff through a series of executive conferences that featured exercises in wrapping each other in toilet paper and aluminum foil, building sand castles in freezing weather at the beach, and freely making animal noises, all because the conference sponsors convinced Inspector General Karla Corcoran that those exercises would improve iob performance and make the staff work together better. Other therapeutic tasks included dressing in cat costumes and asking make-believe wizards for advice.

 A 36-vear-old man from Arcadia, Fla., checked himself into a counseling clinic in March after being identified as the one who had been pretending in public to be choking on food and persuading women to grasp him in the Heimlich maneuver, after which he would hug them lavishly and attempt clumsily to develop a relationship. A sheriff's spokesman in Charlotte County, site of the most recent reports, said the man probably had done nothing illegal. (Novelist Chuck Palahniuk, author of Fight Club, recently published Choke, whose storyline roughly matches the man's actions, but apparently some Florida incidents predated the book's publication.)

## **Readers' Choice**

- Three men fell to their deaths into a 40-foot latrine pit in Mombasa, Kenya, in March, all because the first man chivalrously climbed down a ladder into the pit to retrieve a woman's cell phone but fell off and suffocated. The other two men then climbed down, but also fell off, attempting to rescue the one before him. A search crew finally brought up the three bodies four hours later, but no cell phone.

### Latest Protests

- Belgian actor Benjamin Verdonck lived nearly naked in a cage with a pig in Ghent for three days in November hoping the pig would "teach' him why there is such strife in the world (results not reported). And James Albert Ernest Togo, 20, of Brisbane, arrested for mooning a policeman, claimed in December that Australia's Constitution gave him the right to stick out his bare but-

tocks in political protest, which he said was part of his aboriginal tradition. And in October, in the midst of a People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals anti-milk demonstration at an Aberdeen, Scotland, high school, about 100 milk-loving students spent ten minutes angrily drenching PETA's cow-costumed spokesman with milk.

## **Compelling Explanations**

- Gerald F. Berg gave police a false name when stopped, saying he had left his wallet at home, but when police spotted the wallet in Berg's pants pocket, along with methamphetamine, Berg quickly professed confusion, telling police that the pants he was wearing weren't his (Spokane, Wash., October). And when Marcus J. Thomas, 20, who was being discharged from jail, was discovered to have eight rocks of crack cocaine in his rectum, he quickly told police that the drugs weren't his (La Crosse, Wis., February).

- Police in Warren, Ohio, arrested Roger A. Hunt, 41, on New Year's Day and charged him with kidnapping his girlfriend, despite his story that the couple were just blissfully headed out to dinner in his truck. Police said their suspicions were aroused when they noticed that the woman was barefoot and Hunt tried to explain that by saying, "She's from Virginia. She doesn't wear shoes [when she goes out to dinner]."

Robert Paul Rice, serving 1 to 15 years in Utah State Prison, had filed a lawsuit demanding that the prison accommodate him as a vampire by providing special "vampire" meals and conjugal visits that would allow him to partake "in the vampiric sacrament" ("drinking blood"), but an appeals court turned him down in October. A prison spokesman said that no one gets conjugal visits in Utah, blood-drinking or otherwise.

## **People Different From Us**

- In March, after someone reported a brick thrown through his window, authorities went to the neighboring home of Phillip and Jerry Logan in Wyandotte, Okla., to question them. The Logans put out the word for other family members to come by and help them, and there soon broke out a series of fights that eventually involved 30 law enforcement officers from eight agencies. Six Logans (including the 61-year-old patriarch and the 55-year-old mother) were taken into custody. According to the Ottawa County sheriff, the immediate members of the Logan family have been charged with 250 crimes in the past five years.

### People Who Don't Keep Up with the News

 The Transportation Security Administration revealed in March that in the past 12 months airline passengers at U.S. airports had been found by screeners to have tried to board with 4.8 million prohibited items, including 1.4 million knives, 1100 guns, 125,000 incendiary items and 40,000 box-cutters. And in February, a 45-yearold Japanese tourist attempted to board a flight at Miami International Airport carrying a canister of gasoline, two boxes of matches and a barbecue grill, and he was taken into custody when he refused to give them up.

### Update

University of Manitoba professor Rod Yellon's appeal of his 1998 traffic ticket for running a stop sign (reported in News of the Weird last year) was rejected in February, and it appears he will now have to pay the fine, equal to about US\$35. Yellon's strategy alternated between complaining of being oppressed and boycotting court proceedings, and in fact he was convicted in absentia. He refuses to pay the ticket because he thinks the word "stop" on a stop sign is too vague and that the government should set precisely calibrated standards of what it means to "stop.

## **Recent Street Prices of Kids**

- (1) \$2000— Virginia C. Ramsey pleaded guilty in January in Seattle to selling hers, using the money to buy two Sony PlayStations and pay a traffic ticket, among other things. (2) \$1150each for twins, plus a used car and other considerations. Kelly Lutz gave up the kids for adoption to a subsequently suspended Medina, Ohio, lawyer, revealed in December court papers. (3) \$500- Kenneth Parnell, who served time for kidnapping, admitted in a January newspaper interview from his Dublin, Calif., cell that he had recently tried to buy a young boy after he got out. Despite the interview, Parnell pleaded not guilty. (4) \$250— Judith Ann Garland was accused by Baltimore police in December of selling hers and using the money to pay her bail on drug charges.

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#### A Nation at War

- Top Pentagon and CIA officials met with the author of The Bible Code, who said Osama bin Laden's whereabouts can be detected by connecting letters from ancient Hebrew (February). And eight hours before the U.S.'s "orange" alert on Feb. 7, four heavily armed Cuban military men wandered through downtown Kev West. Fla., unknown to anyone in Washington. (Turned out they had arrived by boat to defect and were looking for someone to surrender to.) And Jake Greenwald announced he would offer "terror tours" in Israel for \$5000 each to visitors wanting helicopter and simulated-games tours of West Bank bomb and battle sites (but has suspended the venture because of the war in Iraq).

## **Undignified Deaths**

- A 90-year-old woman was fatally crushed when a clumsy, 485-pound circus bear performing at a retirement home tripped over her wheelchair and fell on her (Hanover, Germany, August). A 52-year-old woman delivering newspapers before dawn on her motorcycle was killed when she accidentally ran headfirst into the rear end of a racehorse being walked along a road to a nearby stable (Utsunomiya, Japan, January). And, from a New Orleans Times-Picayune obituary that contains no explanation: "Eric D. 'Big Head' Vicks, a laborer, died Jan. 20 of a head injury.

## Also, in the Past Month ...

- A 43-year-old woman, wanting some fruit, was arrested at around 5 a.m., angrily throwing bricks through the front window of a grocery store just because it wasn't open yet (Hot Springs, Ark.). Hillside Cemetery received a bill in the mail from the phone company addressed to one of its "residents" (buried, 1997) for a call he supposedly made early this year (Auburn, Mass.). A first-grader became the latest kid suspended from school for having a nonweapon "weapon" (a plastic school cafeteria knife), but his parents threatened criminal charges against the school (for arming six-year-olds with weapons) if the suspension stood.

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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

Stories are pretty much everything to me, and maybe I put a little too much spit on them with compulsive reading of even the pulpiest stuff. But it is one of the few things I can point to with confidence as evidence of being a decent father. I read a lot to my son from infancy until about 11 years of age. A sweet memory for me is reading a John Bellairs children's mystery to Geoffrey around the time of his 10th birthday. It was in Mexico in a house I rented on the ocean south of Rosarito, and Geoff was swinging in a hammock on the front porch; the surf and seagulls provided the background sounds to the story.

I remember one occasion years earlier when my son asked me to please stop reading, and I looked up from a page of the original Pinocchio to see his terrified face peering over the covers. The idea of boys turning into donkeys freaked him out, and I felt like a heartless, unthinking sadist.

My own memories of being read to come down to a single incident. I must have been five or six, and my mother was reading to me and two sisters and a brother a short story written by my father. My father was away (again) on a business trip, and he was due home any minute. I remember my mother had fixed herself up nicely with makeup and a dress and heels - a rare thing for her. The story was called "Mario's Masterpiece," a bit of fiction for the Catholic press (Saint Jude magazine or Ave Maria), based on an incident in Dad's childhood. It was about a baker named Mario in an Italian neighborhood in Chicago who baked a giant cake as a replica of Saint Peter's Basilica for the wedding of a local big shot. When the cake was cut, a dozen doves were supposed to fly out of the dome, but Mario substituted pigeons, and the wedding reception turned into a farcical mess.

I don't remember my father reading to me, but he supplied me with a lot of great reading material off the local drugstore racks: Conan Doyle, Sabatini, Thurber.... I don't remember my mother reading us anything else. She was probably too busy making pacts with Satan.

If you've got kids, and you work, and you're in bridge-shot of Coronado, and you want to enjoy a guilt-free Friday night, drop the kids off in the morning with a sitter at the Coronado library at 10:30 a.m. for story time. That way, if you keep the sitter through the evening while you dine, dance, or see a grownup movie, you can justify it by telling yourself you've already provided for Junior's nurturing needs that day.

Librarian Mary Raz-Smith will read to the really young ones in the children's library (three to five years of age), and Ellenjoy Weber will read to the over-five bunch at 10:30 in the conference room. While Raz-Smith might acquaint the children with fundamentals of agriculture with a felt sticky board and the song "Old MacDonald," Weber might give the slightly older ones a grounding course in construction, contracting, or single-family, tract-home development with "The House That Jack Built.

On this Friday morning, Weber opens with a book called, I think, Down by the Cool of the Pool, which involves a frog yelling "Wheeee!" with the help of the children and Weber. The audience sits on the floor, and today there are about 30 kids and maybe half as many parents, grandparents, sitters, and au pairs.

Weber gets them warmed up with laughter, big gestures, funny voices, and a presence like a diva in a Wagnerian opera. The crowd, say 50 all together, grin enthusiastically, calling out, "Wiggle, wiggle, wiggle, and wheee!" How these exclamations apply to the text is unclear to me, but I'm concentrating on a sullen kid picking his nose. I get him in the camera's viewfinder and he stops.

A dog comes "frisking around" in the story and "a pony begins to prance" and "the frog cried Wow! All together now!" There is yet another "Whee" for some reason I miss, and then "a crash and a whoop and a 'Watch out!' and a splash, and into the pond they flapped, they flopped," etc. The narrative is paced briskly enough, but the frog does not seem to grow as a character as in the more serious literature of, say, Seuss or Sendak. The peripheral characters (the pony, the dog) are insufficiently drawn for us to truly care for their fate or relate to their motivation. The use of the pool as a Jungian symbol of the unconscious is, however, well done if a tad heavy-handed. Finally, none of the principals seem to experience consequences for their hedonism in the waters of the unconscious (only "Wheee...!"), and one may be forgiven if one questions the ethical or moral merits of this choice in the Friday-morning curriculum. "And they splished and they



splashed till their dance was done. Then away they drifted and down went the sun." Indeed. The onset of darkness at the end possibly presages adulthood, but the text is insufficiently clear.

Again, during the reading of "The House That Jack Built," there is occasion to question the instructional value of the material. "This is about a house," says Weber. But instead of familiarizing the audience with fundamentals of zoning, subcontracting, foundations and structure, the implementing of reinforcement bars, or the pouring of concrete, we are asked to make sense of a rat eating cheese who pays for his gluttony at the hands of a murderous cat. "And how do you get rid of a cat?" Weber asks. The audience answers in shaky unison, "A dog." And Weber obliges them by bringing a hit-dog onstage to whack the cat. Though the material suggests the dog only "worries" the cat, the reality of the situation is clear. In turn, a cow with a deformed horn then "tosses" the dog. Images of impalement or goring are perhaps inappropriate for this age group and this time of day but are ineluctable.

In sum, while this critic may have experienced difficulty with the prose and poetry introduced that morning, I must give high marks to the presenters. Weber was animated; her cat was played with wily abandon, her deformed cow with sympathy, and one could forgive for a moment the dearth of actual information on construction — or in the previous example, swimming skills.

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 $\mathbf{A}$  slow migration has begun in my house. About six months ago, my oldest daughter, Rebecca, started borrowing my clothes. Rebecca has borrowed my clothes before. To play dress-up. Over the years, dresses and suits that remained from the various stages of my former lives ended up in Rebecca's dress-up box. I have seen Rebecca and her sisters Angela and Lucy play Cinderella in the pale pink, fitted-bodice, spaghettistrapped dress I wore to my junior prom. I have seen my favorite iacket-and-short-dress combination transformed from a work outfit (for me) into a full-length queenly raiment (for them). I never expected Rebecca to be wearing my actual clothes, the ones I like to wear, so soon.

In the ten years since Rebecca's birth, I have worn clothes in a wide array of sizes. From the size 22 tent dress I wore for six months after Johnny was born to the size 10 jeans I poured myself into a year (including seven months at Weight Watchers) after Benjamin's birth. Right now, I am somewhere in between those two sizes. Lately I've been squeezing myself into a roomy pair of size 12 Land's End chinos or some 12/14 petite sweat pants I picked up at Wal-Mart after Christmas.

Sometime in the fall, Rebecca started stealing all my skinny clothes. One Sunday morning, Rebecca sat at the top of the stairs in her pajamas. She slumped forward with her chin in her hands. "Mom," Rebecca explained in a mournful tone, "I have nothing to wear to church." Her unbrushed, golden-brown hair hung over her face.

What about the pink skirt and matching shirt?" I asked as I changed Ben's diaper and stuffed his sturdy legs into his nicest pair of black pants.

"I wore that last week," Rebecca complained. "I always wear the same thing to Mass every single week."

"So do I," I told her. "I have about three church outfits that I wear in rotation.<sup>3</sup>

Rebecca slumped a little lower. All at once, her face brightened and her back straightened. "Can I wear one of your skirts?" she asked.

"Sure," I said. "If you can find one that fits."

Rebecca jumped up and ran into my closet. I buttoned up Ben's white shirt, then followed Rebecca. She stood with her arms folded, gazing up at the row of clothes hanging from a high cross bar. She reached out and fingered the tea-length black velvet sheath I wore to a dinner dance four years ago.

"That's too fancy for church," I told her. "Besides, it's too long for you."

She moved on to a blue floral rayon skirt and looked up at me with pleading eyes.

"No, Sweetie. That's what I'm wearing today."

Rebecca finally settled on a navy blue knit skirt I wore when I'd lost weight after Johnny was born. She paired the skirt with a sleeveless white T-shirt she'd pulled out of my dresser drawer. When Rebecca came downstairs, my husband Jack said, "You sure look nice."

Rebecca beamed.

In the weeks after the first skirt incident, Rebecca returned the clothes every time she finished wearing them. Or I put the clothes back into my closet or dresser when I did the laundry. Rebecca borrowed more clothes. One Saturday morning, she sat down at the breakfast table wearing my favorite pair of navy shorts. "Hey," I said, "who said you could wear those?" "Nobody," she replied. "But you're not wearing them."

"Do they fit?"

Rebecca stood up to show me that they did.

"Okay," I conceded. "But ask first next time."

Every now and then, Jack would notice Rebecca wearing something of mine. One evening when we were taking the whole family out to dinner, Rebecca ran downstairs wearing the blue and black size 8 Old Navy skirt I'd worn to a James Taylor concert Jack and I had gone to my last skinny October. "Isn't that your skirt?" he asked me.

"Yes. I wore it to the James Taylor concert. Remember?"

"Yes," Jack smiled wistfully.

"Who knows if I'll ever fit into it again."

Jack's wistful smile didn't change. Now when I do the laundry, I just put the

navy shorts and the navy skirt and the sleeveless white T-shirt into Rebecca's drawer. The blue and black skirt hangs in her closet. She's appropriated some more shorts and the stretch Capri workout pants I wore during my last Weight Watchers phase. I suppose I shouldn't complain. At least she wears things that I like. She wears things that I love. While other moms worry that their daughters will go out of the house dressed in hip-hugger jeans down to there and belly shirts up to there, I only have to worry if the modest, knee-length wrap-around skirt I might possibly wear again someday will end up in Rebecca's drawer.

This morning, I dropped Rebecca off at school. Her class was scheduled to go on a field trip to the tidepools at Cabrillo National Monument. Instead of her normal plaid jumper and white shirt, Rebecca wore my favorite pair of size 10 jeans. She had rolled up the cuffs so they weren't too long. The jeans looked a little baggy. Rebecca looked just perfect to me.

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