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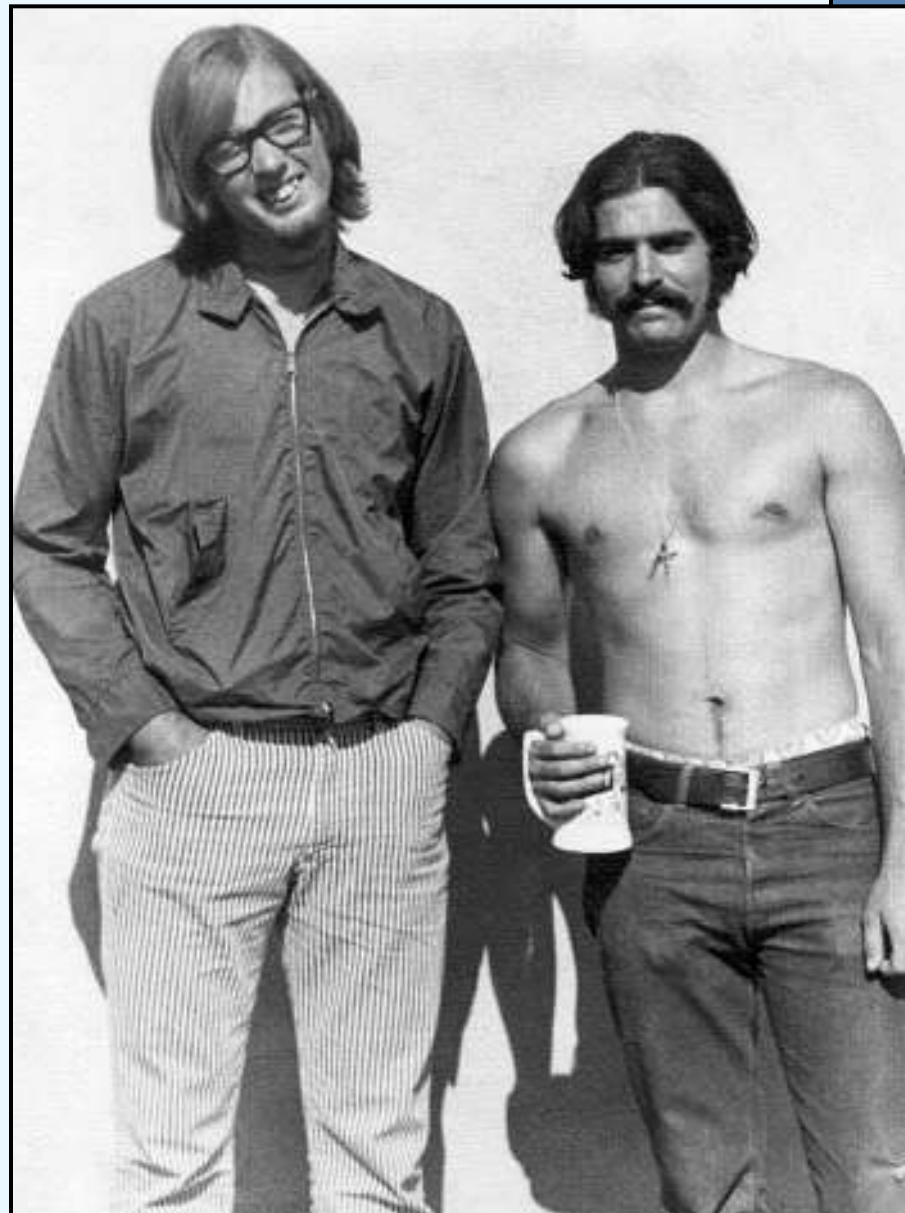
When Brian French jammed the seventh round into the shotgun, it was the last shell he had. The first five he'd shot in warning. The sixth he'd fired 40 seconds earlier, and it had torn apart his roommate's chest, sending him backpedaling into the street where he'd collapsed. That shot had stopped the raging advance of the victim, deep in the psychosis of crystal methamphetamine and with Buck knife in hand.

Then, a scene that could have been painted by Goya, I always think. A hundred people looking on in afternoon sunlight, watching as a man with a gun bends

over to discharge a final shot into an unmoving head.

"The story's a tangled web," Brian French told me the first time I met him. The place was Chuckawalla Valley State Prison, in Blythe, California. It was April 2003. He was 51 and working on his 17th year for second-degree murder.

While every story, every life, is an entanglement of people and events, French's has gotten bound up inextricably with the weaving of my own life. The early center remains the same: Imperial Beach. IB. That southwesterly corner of sand and ocean that's



*Brian French and Tom Hyde, c. 1970*

looking through the fence to Mexico, trying perennially to transform itself into a tony Southern California beach town but never quite making it.

For some, their hometown is a place to escape. For others, it's a place to live out their lives. Either way, it's an undeniable point of reference, and although I went to live far from

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Sci-Fi Females

I have been a science fiction fan for years and have had many conversations with nonscience fiction fans about the literary merits of the field. I was, therefore, pleased to see Fred Moramarco’s article “Why Sci-Fi?” in the most recent issue of the Reader (January 1). I look forward to reading some of the local authors he discovered and am glad he has gotten over some of his prejudice against science fiction. However, I was disappointed by his failure to mention any female science fiction authors. I am delighted that he discussed the misperception that only men are sci-fi fans, but the issue of gender in the field is much broader than that.

There unfortunately remains significant prejudice in the science fiction industry against female authors, on the part of both fans and publishers. This prejudice is often not explicit. For example, it can appear in the form of people perceiving most fans are male and believing that men won’t want to read women authors. Therefore, fewer women authors are published. This is a loss to the genre. Not only in terms of the personal consequences of prejudice, but also from a decreased diversity of subjects and perspectives in published works.

Ursula Le Guin, Octavia Butler, and Lois McMaster Bujold are all examples of excellent writers who have made significant contributions to the genre. I hope that Mr. Moramarco, in addition to reading some of the excellent authors he discussed in his article, will expand his horizons further by reading some of the above as well.

Juliana S. Grant  
via e-mail

Overlooked Nastiness

While the pleasant reminiscence by Jeannette De Wyze was nice to read (“Neighborhood,” December 24), I think she overlooked the other issues for which Pacific Beach is famous: last November, we had the highest number of rapes. We also continue to have the highest number of DUI arrests in the city, thanks in part to our indifferent Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, city council, business improvement district, etc. These entities seem to be oblivious to the connection between cause and effect: the more alcohol licenses we have and their heavy concentration along Garnet Avenue, the more crime.

Al Strohlein

City Heights Disappointment

Re “Neighborhood,” December 24. Did you forget City Heights (once known as East San Diego)? We have everything the other neighborhoods have. You mentioned everyone around us. We are a very diverse place. I was disappointed our area was not included.

Helen Wetzel  
City Heights

Narrow Tolerance

Re Geoff Bouvier’s Ocean Beach article (“Neighborhood,” December 24). It opened sensibly with a statement...“embrace your differences!” I’m not sure why he thought Reader readers might be fearful, but his good start fell flat when he eliminated differences acceptable to him. Apparently if you prefer Starbucks coffee; work out at Gold’s Gym; keep your feline as a house cat; lack hair; have no piercings or tattoos; wear shoes or sandals; wear your hair other than as dreadlocks; are not a transient; are middle-of-the-road politically; eat meat; walk instead of biking; don’t expose your skin to excessive sun; don’t eat tofu, crunchy granola, or wheatgrass; are disabled so skateboarding and other activities are out; read “new” books; invest in crystals and tarot card readings; lack a beer belly; don’t frequent dive bars or pawn shops, etc., ad nauseam, you are not to be tolerated.

He does stand for an ex-

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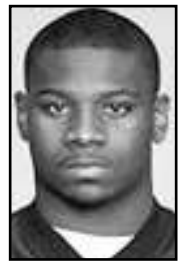
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## Fantasy football

It was a banner season for Chargers star running back **LaDainian Tomlinson** — who makes a reported \$1.75 million or so a year and could get as much as \$38 million over the course of his current contract — but not so good for his mother **Loreane**. According to federal court records, she declared bankruptcy in November 2002 and was



LaDainian Tomlinson

engaged with spouse **Jon Collins** in a fierce fight with angry creditors throughout most of her son's on-field triumphs of last year. Of course, you'd never guess that from Tomlinson's official biography on the Chargers' website: "If you asked LaDainian Tomlinson what he's most proud of, you'd expect him to talk about his record-setting accomplishments on the field or making the Pro Bowl in his second NFL season. But what he's most proud of are the things football has enabled him to do off the field. The first thing football allowed him to do was purchase brand-new homes for his mother, Loreane, and sister, Londria, in Dallas. It was a dream come true for Loreane, who raised three children on her own. Tomlinson took things one step further though. In addition to the homes, he also purchased a pair of vacant buildings in Dallas, one for his mother's real estate company, Eagle Lending, and the other for his sister's daycare center named Miracles and Blessings." But a report dated February 21, 2003, by the U.S. trustee in charge of the Tomlinsons' Texas bankruptcy painted a different picture of Loreane's financial status. "Mr. Collins is a commissioned salesman selling prepaid legal fees. He has only recently begun this endeavor, and his earnings thus far have been meager. Mr. Collins stated he was not required to file federal income tax returns for the few years prior to 2002." Loreane, the trustee reported, "is a mortgage broker. The business was begun some 14 months ago with \$100,000 given to [her] by her son.... Only \$759.69 still remains of the original \$100,000 investment." The report concluded, "The financial documents reviewed and the testimony of the debtors indicate the business will not be successful," "The debtor's business is not viable," and "The continuance of the business is not desirable." More bad news came in a May 21 filing by an agent for Wells Fargo, which claimed that the bank was owed \$238,119.89 plus interest on a back-due mortgage. "Debtor has no realizable equity in the property, in that the principal balance of the [loan] plus accrued interest, late charges, escrow advances, and attorney fees is in excess of the value of the property." Further complications arose with the filing in May by Maretta Collins, who claimed she was married to Jon and that he owed her \$68,000 for "unpaid child support," which she intended to collect through a "contempt action which is pending in the 254th district court of Dallas County, Texas." The IRS, according to a trustee filing, wanted \$57,000; a long line of other creditors included General Motors Acceptance Corporation. In early September, the Wells Fargo agent filed another notice,

alleging that "debtor has failed to remit the August 1, 2003, and September 1, 2003, payments. Debtor has received all allowable notice of right to cure default and is not entitled to further notices of right to cure." The tumultuous bankruptcy case was finally dismissed by the judge on September 29, with creditors unpaid and the debts still owed, according to the filings, due in part to "failure to return the worksheet within the appropriate deadline." Loreane Tomlinson did not respond to messages left at her business and residence, nor did her bankruptcy attorney return calls. LaDainian's Kansas City-based agent, Tom Condon, did not respond to requests for comment.

## Bullets over Market Street

Who is putting those nasty-looking bullet holes all over the big picture windows of the Wells Fargo Bank and expensive neighboring condos at the otherwise peaceful upscale corner of Market Street and First Avenue downtown? Some say it's disgruntled construction workers, others claim



Bob White

drive-by gangbangers. Police are reportedly working the case ... Continuing to enjoy the spoils of victory, **Bob White**, ex-chief of staff to former governor **Pete Wilson** and campaign intimate of Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, will receive the Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of San Diego" award at a downtown dinner on January 20. The SDSU alum, a local power during Wilson's mayoral tenure here, is said to be trying to build on Schwarzenegger's electoral success by expanding his lobbying business to local companies seeking juice in the state capitol.

## Comings and Goings

**Chris Kraul**, once married to a South Bay doctor and one of the standout staff members of the now defunct San Diego edition of the *Los Angeles Times*, suffered serious injury in that New Year's Eve blast at a Baghdad nightclub where he was reporting. The *Times* said that he had undergone surgery, but that his condition was not "life threatening." ... City schools superintendent **Alan Bersin** is running for a seat on the board of overseers at Harvard University. Coincidentally, he's speaking Friday at a Harvard Club meeting at an undisclosed location in La Mesa. Topic: "The crisis public schools are facing and homeland security." Some district watchers speculate that the former U.S. Attorney and **Bill Clinton's** border czar, who reportedly spent part of his summer on unpaid leave in Bolivia weeks before the country's U.S.-backed president was deposed by left-wing insurgents, may be interested in a top post at the Central Intelligence Agency.

— Matt Potter

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## Behind Corky McMillin

By Don Bauder

A cork afloat on the ocean bobs up and down. By contrast, developer Corky McMillin bobs and weaves, to and fro, when

discussing finances. It's time to uncork the secrecy behind the Corky McMillin Companies' financial backer — a Min-

It does some of that fishing from secret offshore tax havens. And disturbingly, through an offshore haven, it



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Corky McMillin

nesota-based group of hush-hush entities specializing in bottom-fishing, or buying junk debt of troubled or bankrupt companies.

has been deeply involved in so-called "death spiral" or "toxic convertible" financing — a process that scholars say is destroying companies and in-

vestor wealth.

The Minnetonka, Minnesota-based operation is EBF & Associates. Under its wing is Merced Partners, which is McMillin's lender at the extremely controversial Naval Training Center (NTC) conversion, now called Liberty Station, and at Otay Ranch. Merced is managed by another EBF operation, Global Capital Management.

Global, in turn, is the general partner of Global Bermuda Limited Partnership, based in the tax haven of Bermuda. In addition, Global Capital is investment manager of Lakeshore International, also sheltered by Bermuda's code of *omerta*. Lakeshore is called "the Offshore Fund" in official filings. In the late 1990s, Lakeshore was one of the major entities involved in death spiral and toxic convertible financing — a process that famed La Jolla supply-side economist Arthur Laffer, who has seen the death rattle firsthand, describes as "terrible. It's not just one guy stealing from another. It destroys wealth. It takes real resources and makes them worthless. It destroys the whole company."

I will describe toxics and the death spiral in more detail below, but one thing is certain: you will get nothing out of

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## Neal Obermeyer





## High Anxiety On Dunbar Lane

By Joe Deegan

**L**onnie Glasco shows off photos of a bevy of 18-wheelers and cars parked up and down his street, Dunbar Lane, in the East County community of Blossom Valley. Pictured also are vehicles strewn all over the hillside field immediately to the east of his home. The scene comes from the time Interstate 8 was shut down due to the Viejas fire in January 2001. It repeated itself with a vengeance during the recent Cedar fire.

In the photo, a large truck with the hazardous materials placard on its side sits directly in front of Glasco's house,

every time a fire occurs in the area, or an accident on the freeway nearby, law enforcement diverts traffic onto Dunbar Lane, the local exit off the freeway. Similar events have occurred at least four or five times since Glasco and his wife built their house and moved into it three years ago.

A group of local residents had been trying to impress these facts onto the Cajon Valley Union School District when the Cedar fire stormed

and reducing it to a blackened hillside studded with embedded boulders.

Now the Cajon Valley District is attempting to turn the logic of this warning on its head. According to the November 14 East County edition of the *Union-Tribune*, Wayne Oetken, assistant superintendent of business, is promising homeowners on Dunbar Lane that the cleared areas, fire-retardant materials, and parking lots of the new Los Coches Creek School, projected to open in fall 2006, will help protect the community should another fire approach. Also, says Oetken, seven fire hydrants planned for installation will allow the school to be "a major tank-up facility for fire crews."

But this tactic sidesteps the issue of any emergency access in and out of the area. "We're



Evelyn Provaznik

does not express a need for secondary access to the school site.

A maze of intersections sits at the base of Dunbar Lane closest to the north side of Interstate 8 and within several hundred feet of the proposed school. Bridon Road descends from the hill to the north before turning abruptly right into



Lonnie Glasco

San Diego, but it is often closed, too, when emergencies occur on I-8, which runs parallel.

Students, parents, and visitors to the proposed school would approach it from the first leg of Dunbar Lane, which eventually jogs to the left, and then onto a new link to Bridon Road running along the

If built, the new school will sit on a plane where a gradual slope now leads to a hilltop. Cut-and-fill work will gash the hill on the school's east side, while on its west, new dirt will raise the level by 20 feet.

Evelyn Provaznik, president of the Dunbar Lane Task Force, cites the danger posed by boulders embedded in the earth higher up the hill. Even before the recent fires burned off ground cover around them, she says, "The environmental impact report stated that the boulders could become unstable in an earthquake or heavy rains. One of those boulders is 10 or 15 feet in diameter. To protect the school property and children, they're putting in a ditch and a berm with a chain link fence on top of it." Provaznik tells a story she heard that a bulldozer working on a nearby hill once dislodged a boulder that rolled down and smashed the contractor's truck. She wonders whether the school's precautions will be enough.

In the current plans for the school, a gate will allow buses to enter its southernmost grounds. And local residents can expect to see many buses, since estimations are that 60 percent of the school's eventual 1200 students will have to be bused in. That's because the Dunbar Lane site chosen by Cajon Valley lies at the eastern limit of its district, almost in Alpine.

District superintendent Janice Cook, who has been on the job a year, explains why her new colleagues chose a middle-school site so far from the center of their jurisdiction. First of all, she says, "It is a challenge to find any place to build a new school in the district. And then, the area around Dunbar Lane is growing."

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Dunbar Lane area, near proposed school site

which is one of the first homes on Dunbar off the freeway. "We couldn't get out," he says, emphasizing that what happened that day is far from an isolated incident. On Labor Day weekend, it took only a small hillside fire on the opposite side of the freeway to cause the same kind of blockage. Ev-

the area, burning 30 homes and other structures on Dunbar Lane. The district has plans to build a middle school next door to Glasco, on the site that his photo shows to be filled with vehicles waiting out the Viejas fire. Unlike that fire, the Cedar fire didn't spare the property, burning off its brush

saying to the school," Glasco argues, "that if there is not a secondary access put in for us to get out, and you come in with all these kids, you could get trapped in here sometime as well." But the Cajon Valley district maintains the environmental impact report written for the middle-school project

Dunbar. Not even a block south, Chocolate Summit Drive intersects it after dropping off an eastern hill. And directly across the street from this point, Old Highway 80 ends at Dunbar. Bridon, Chocolate Summit, and Dunbar all dead-end to the north. Old Highway 80 runs toward

school's western side. "They are saying that they're going to improve the road," says Glasco, "but all they're going to do is realign it. And they're not even widening the street. Dunbar right now is 36 feet wide. Part of the new road that they plan to put in, which isn't a through road, will only be 28 feet wide."



## McMillin

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Minnetonka. EBF does not respond to queries. I left two messages but was told that the company is private and does not talk.

McMillin is no better. I got

no response to multiple calls. Several months earlier, when I first started to work on this project, I was officially told that McMillin and the Merced-related entities were both privately held. Ergo, no talker. In my recent calls, I explained

that, private or not, McMillin and Merced are involved in a very public project, spending taxpayer money. After all, McMillin paid \$8 for property that is worth \$1 billion, and on which the city has spent \$11 million to acquire. And people

are howling that McMillin has not come close to living up to his initial promises.

Sorry. Silence. Predictably, the city attorney's office isn't talking, either. However, there are public documents that the Minnetonka entities and the

sick companies they invest in must file. But it takes time to dig them out online.

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McMillin was asked about Merced and its representative, who had earlier addressed the council. Replied Corky, somewhat disjointedly, "He's from Minnesota. Yes, he's a partner

of ours at Otay Ranch so we have, uh, he has meetings out here every month — either he or his financial agent — and what happens is, uh, it's a lot like, I guess, in a public company. You buy stock in a company, and you own stock in

that company, and if the company becomes worth more money, your stock becomes [worth] more money. What he does is loans an entity that my family is responsible for this money, he loans the money to us, and then the money is

completely within our control." But, added Corky, "We keep him up to date."  
Actually, an expert panel appointed to assess the financial stability of the companies bidding on the conversion job did not recommend McMillin.

In 1993, the Federal Base Closure and Realignment Commission decided to close the Naval Training Center. The city was named local redevelopment authority. In 1997, the city council made the job an official redevelopment

ment project. The city manager appointed a six-person committee, headed by Milton (Mickey) Fredman, to assess bids from five developers.  
The committee chose a subsidiary of Miami-based Lennar Corp., generally considered among the best-managed and most solidly financed American developers. The city manager concurred. The committee pointed out that Lennar would take full responsibility for the "historic core," including spending \$33.9 million on infrastructure and rehabilitation of historic buildings. And Lennar would spend \$14.3 million on similar activities such as rehabilitating the "education core."

Moreover, Lennar could finance the deal internally — not relying on an outside lender, pointed out the committee. And Lennar had experience on other military conversion projects. McMillin came in second.

The committee asked McMillin about its financing but did not get down to nitty-gritty details, Fredman says. "They [McMillin] probably did show us one of their financing partners. The main thing was several items that Lennar offered that McMillin did not. The only reason we left McMillin as second choice is that it was local."

The committee had specifically asked McMillin whether it would match Lennar on the most important particulars, "and they said they wouldn't do it," says Fredman.

Then, recalls Fredman, Lennar and McMillin made their pitches to the city council. Under the ground rules, neither company was to alter the plan presented to the committee. Lo and behold, "McMillin completely changed it and started matching everything Lennar had offered," says Fredman. After McMillin changed its bid, the contract was created. "But when the contract was drawn up, it was not that way. They changed again," says Fredman.

"They [McMillin] were to come up with \$10 million or \$15 million for the arts [section], but now it's a loan, changed in their favor. Council permitted it. Most of us were very upset. We wrote a letter telling [city government] we were very upset — that had not been what they [McMillin] had offered."

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Why the favoritism for McMillin? Councilmembers admitted that one reason was that McMillin has donated very generously to local politicians. Also, the company has

made civic gestures, supposedly for altruistic reasons. Sums up Fredman: "This guy [McMillin] was going to do so much for the city, and so far he has screwed [it] every way he can."

The activist who has kept

track of just how much McMillin has put the screws to San Diego is John McNab of Save Our NTC. He says that in claiming to match Lennar's bid, McMillin promised to spend \$34.3 million on the historic core and \$11.9 million for

the education area. But the final disposition and development agreement, pushed by former councilmember Byron Wear, had McMillin coming up with performance bonds, not cash. Also, "federal, city, and state funds have been uti-

lized to fix the buildings in the historic core," says McNab. The burden has been shifted to taxpayers. Now McMillin is commercializing buildings in the core that were supposed to be provided to the public. "He is putting nothing into the his-

toric core."

Also, McMillin has been relieved of the \$11.9 million commitment in the education area, says McNab, who is now trying to get the city to cough up documents spelling out who wrote the disposition and development agreement that permitted McMillin to renege on the promises made to the council.

The mess at the former naval base is already front and center in San Diego politics. Kathryn Burton, running for the First District council seat against the incumbent, developer-cozy Scott Peters, notes that in midsummer, the council voted 5 to 4 against giving McMillin \$8.5 million for infrastructure upgrades at Liberty Station. "Then the council went into closed session, presumably on the Chargers issue, and later, Scott Peters came out and made a motion to reconsider the McMillin vote," says Burton. "This time it passed 5 to 3 to give the money to McMillin. Peters was excused — out of the room. Did something happen in closed session that precipitated Peters to suggest the motion to reconsider? I wonder if it was connected to the thousands of dollars he has received in campaign contributions from McMillin."

At that point, Peters had received \$4000 from the developer; now it's much more, says Burton. McNab has calculated that over the past five years McMillin is tied for first place in gifts to local politicians. By contrast, Lennar gave almost nothing, says McNab.

"What has happened with McMillin has been a sequel to John Moores and the ballpark," says San Diego lawyer Mike Aguirre, who is running for city attorney. "McMillin made the promises, and step by step he has been relieved of those obligations — sometimes as a result of council meetings behind closed doors. It has been bait and switch. The city should find if there is any way to take back the NTC property."

This disgrace might have been avoided had the city done its due diligence on McMillin's lenders and affiliates — Merced, Global Capital, and the offshore crew. Merced is an acknowledged expert in plunking money into debt of distressed companies. It has focused on debt of financially ail-

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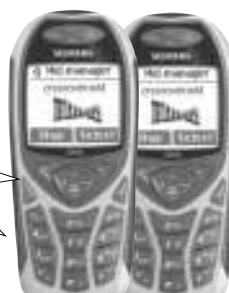
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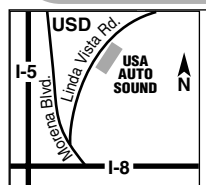
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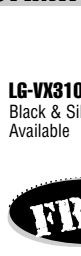


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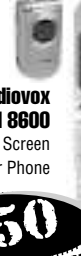
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ing companies since its founding in March of 1990. There is nothing inherently wrong with investing in junk bonds and similar crapshoot paper, but there are often questions when the money manager has offshore affiliates, as Merced has.

And Merced and its related affiliates have put money in some real dandies. Among the bankrupt companies it invested in are U.S. Airways, Owens Corning, Kmart, Spectrasite, Fleming Cos., Dice Inc., Florida Coast Paper Finance, NTL Communications, and Arch Wireless.

Merced and affiliates found some scandal-plagued ones, too. A short list includes Rite-Aid, whose top officers got in deep trouble for phony accounting long before Enron's bubble burst; Nortel Networks, once Canada's darling, whose stock plummeted from \$124 to \$1.50 as more than 60,000 workers lost their jobs and the chief executive retired with \$100 million; Calpine, which was deeply involved in the California energy crisis and has sunk financially; and EasyLink Services, a high-flyer that crashed while the current head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, William Donaldson, was a board member. Donaldson was also a member of the compensation committee when it voted to forgive a \$200,000 loan to the chief executive officer even though the company was losing money by the bushel.

Oh, yes. There was also ML Media Partners, one of whose subsidiaries was in a failed venture with Adelphia Communications, one of the major fraud scandals in recent years. And there was Adaptec, which ran afoul of the Internal Revenue Service for its 1994, 1996, and 1997 tax returns. And in late November, its former president pleaded guilty to giving misleading answers under oath to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which was investigating unusual trading of Adaptec shares.

And there is the bizarre story of Casmyn Corp., which brings us to toxic convertibles and death spirals. Casmyn was a gold-mining company with assets in Zimbabwe and Zambia, among other places, and a board of directors including Laffer and none other than the late Baron Edmund de Roth-

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schild. Casmyn plunged in ignominy as its chief executive disappeared. Before that happened, Laffer had discovered financial mismanagement, written a memo about it, and resigned.

The Minnetonka group bought convertible-preferred stock in Casmyn, and after converting it to common stock, at one point owned 5.6 percent of Casmyn's common. Merced was one of the Minnetonka entities owning Casmyn paper.

Three years ago, two French economists, Pierre Hillion and Theo Vermaelen, published a seminal paper on toxic convertibles. It featured Casmyn prominently. More important, it had eye-popping statistics and conclusions. The economists studied 487 death spirals between 1995 and 1998. An investor who bought the common stock (not the preferred) lost, on average, 34 percent one year after the convertible issue, and stocks of 85 percent of the firms issuing convertibles declined during the period. (And remember, this was happening during a big, rowdy bull market.)

The paper suggested that the holders of the convertible-preferred stock would short the common stock or bet on its decline. The shorting pressure would push the common stock price down hard. The preferred shareholders, getting more common upon conversion, could end up controlling the company, or at least making bucks on both the buy and short sides. These are "a manipulator's dream," said the two French economists. Indeed, the strategy is "almost risk-free."

One interesting facet is that a huge number of the companies buying the convertible preferreds are doing so from offshore tax havens. Many suspect that they short the common stock (borrow shares and sell them, hoping to replace them later at a lower price) under the shadow of secrecy. The company may not even know about the heavy short position piling up and driving its common stock price down.

In a revision coming out shortly, Vermaelen will omit Casmyn, because he thinks it failed for other reasons. But Laffer thinks toxic convertibles were a significant reason for the collapse. He doesn't remember the Merced-Global

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group and doesn't know for certain that the convertible-preferred shareholders were shorting the common, but says, "The only way these guys can lose is if the company

doesn't have any money. If the [common] stock goes down, they get more shares on conversion; they are insulated from the downside."

Several San Diego companies have believed or suspected their common stock was sub-

verted by convertible-preferred shareholders shorting the common shares, sometimes through a web of offshore associates. Among them are Creative Host Services, Mobile PET, and Greystone Digital Technology.

Now hear this: the Hillion/Vermaelen study fingered the operations that had participated in the most death spirals during the 1995-1998 period. Lakeshore International, part of the Minnetonka/Merced web, had participated in 11

such financings, 20th on the list.

When he learned about such activity, McNab sued the city in Superior Court, saying that, under the San Diego charter, anybody doing business with the city must be thor-

oughly identified. The city argued that there was no problem: Merced and Global had said they were based in Delaware.

Believe it or not, that was sufficient, in the city's eyes. (Gawd. Just about anybody can set up a company in Delaware.) Not surprisingly, a superior court judge agreed with the city. Says Aguirre, "The provision of the charter that requires disclosure of principals doing business with the city has not been enforced. The city attorney should be conducting a proper investigation into whom the city is doing business with. Relying on the judiciary to perform the obligations of the city attorney's office is unfair and unrealistic."

The questions remain. Why does McMillin's lender specialize in loans to distressed companies? Shouldn't that have been investigated thoroughly? Shouldn't the city attorney have been concerned about the offshore involvements? Was McMillin's financial position one reason it has wiggled out of corporate promises? Did McMillin select the Minnetonka group because of its penchant for secrecy? Does the city attorney's office know anything about due diligence? Or care? Is the mishandling of the contract still another example of San Diego's government-abetted corruption? ■

## Dunbar Lane

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At one time the district considered a flat area near the Map Center exit off westbound I-8 as the middle school's location. Behind the freeway and to the northwest, sprawling palatial estates are visible. They have been built to stand out: white stucco walls, entry posts, red tile roofs — a few even have horse corrals.

According to Superintendent Cook, the school board rejected the Map Center site for three reasons. "Wetlands are on it," she says, "sewer access there is limited, and the land is too close to the freeway."

But Dick Gadler, former school-site planner for the district, maintains that Cook, whom he admires from her earlier work in the Grossmont School District, is wrong on all three counts. On the Map Center grounds, he says, "There are

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no wetlands as wetlands are defined by the Army Corps of Engineers. There is a stream running through the spot and some olive trees, and that's what the district must mean by wetlands."

Sewer lines at Map Center would be an easier problem to solve than at Dunbar Lane, according to Gadler, because, although they would have to run through an underpass to the other side of the freeway, the "rate of fall" there is greater than at Dunbar. And the Dunbar site, he says, is about as close to the freeway as the Map Center site.

Gadler thinks that putting the school at the far edge of the district rather than on a parcel of land that is even more suitable and closer to established communities defies common sense. He also argues that the project will contribute to ruining the view of scenic mountain areas.

Lonnie Glasco and his neighbors want to halt implementation of the middle school project at Dunbar Lane or at least force the Cajon Valley district to make the school's presence easier on local residents. As part of their effort, they acquired the help of Gadler through the Mountain Defense League, a loose association of activists to which Gadler belongs. They also hired attorney Julie Hamilton to halt the district's plans in court.

Hamilton maintains that the environmental impact report, which the district says justifies its actions, is defective. She says so in spite of an assertion by Christina Becker, the district's director of long-range planning, that 16 service agencies, including the local fire marshal, have signed off on the report. But Hamilton cites failures in the report, among other reasons, to address various problems, including how runoff from the new school will pollute water in the area and how raising the school 20 feet higher than neighboring properties will affect local residents. Most importantly, she says, the report does not adequately address the issue of traffic.

How are people going to get out of the area in case of a wildfire in the future? That is the question that most bothers Hamilton. "The district,"

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she says, "is putting the new school on the primary choke point for people trying to leave the area." Becker, on the other hand, cites a statement by California fire marshal Brian Heyman in Sacramento. According to Becker, Heyman says that state law does not require schools and other public facilities to have more than one access.

Last year LSA Associates, Inc., representing the Cajon Valley district, solicited from the Grossmont Union High School District, in writing, answers to questions about the Dunbar Lane site. At one time the Grossmont district had considered, and then rejected, the same site for building a new high school. The sixth question from LSA reads: "Can you recommend any measures for mitigating project impacts that might be incorporated into the project?"

Grossmont's director of facilities planning, Thomas Silva, responded in a letter dated October 8, 2002. "The new middle school," he wrote in part, "will definitely add to the traffic already on Dunbar Lane, and congestion is very likely. Dunbar Lane should be widened to at least four (4) lanes and allow for two lanes of flow in both directions. It should also have enough room on the shoulder(s) for emergency access."

For a meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission on August 4, 2003, however, LSA Associates prepared a long report with a section called "Project Significant Impacts," in which it stated, "The project will not create significant traffic or parking impacts."

In the meantime, the Cajon Valley Union School District used eminent domain to acquire the 80 acres of land it wants for the project. And local residents have dropped their lawsuit, in part because the district is charging them \$20,000 (approximately \$5 per page) to make copies of all the documents attorney Hamilton says she'd need for representation.

These days a detail about Santee's past pops into Lonnie Glasco's mind. "I watched on TV when Santana High School had that shooting over there," he says, "and all those people started to converge on the school. If something like that happened here, how would parents get in with only one access?" ■



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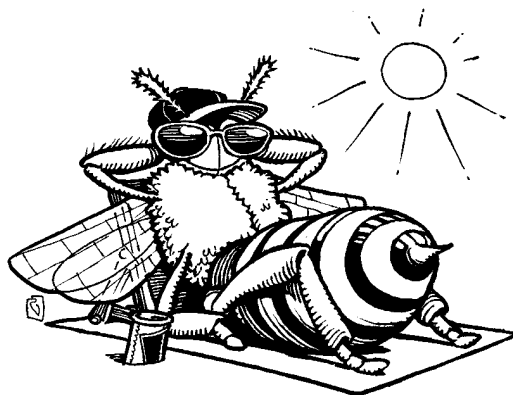


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Hey there, Matt:

Every so often, while walking barefoot on the beach for a sunset stroll, I'll look down to check out the rocks and shells and notice something that makes me put my flip-flops back on. Just sitting there on the sand near the water are bees. Average, everyday bees all by themselves. Never in a group, Not a flower, hive, or happy hour in sight. Are they stressed-out, vacationing bees looking for some R&R, or are they just taking a break to watch the sunset too?

— Mauby, Oceanside

Wow. An actual beach-stroll-at-sunset guy. I always figured that if everybody who listed in his or her turn-ons "walks on the beach at sunset" actually did walk on the beach at sunset, we'd need those bank-queue railings or moving sidewalks to keep crowd tension from turning things ugly. This is one item I'm glad people just talk about and never actually do.

Bees, of course, are great followers of scents. We found this out one day when we had Pa Alice's Barcalounger out on the patio for its annual tune-up. A little airing out, some oil in the hinges. It would be easier to do if Pa would agree to get out of it, but we've given up that fight. Anyway, the elves and I, we've got our WD-40s out of their holsters, squirting away at the lounge innards, when suddenly Pa is flapping and waving and yelling. This is more action than we've seen out of him in years, and when we look up, he's surrounded by bees. Not a hive, not a flower, not a happy hour in sight. We put our science hats on and determined that the sickly-sweet smell of WD-40 was the culprit. It drew all the neighborhood buzzers nearly instantly. Well, bees make this same kind of beeline to their hives at the end of their foraging trips to unload their nectar. Sometimes, that takes them over large bodies of water.

So, I'm sorry to have to be the bearer of sad news, Mauby. If you really are so sensitive that you walk on the beach at sunset, you might not want to hear the ugly truth. But here goes. The lonely, wave-tossed bees are dying or dead (pick one). They're old, water-soaked, wind-battered worker bees crying out plaintively to their fellows, "It's be-e-e-e-n a wonderful eight weeks of life. This final load of nectar was just too much for my feeble wings. I was blown off course in my last dash back to the hive, or my return flight home took me over the ocean (pick one), and I just couldn't make it, though I tried, I tried." Buzzzzzz... splash... gurgle... The end.

Yo, Mattmeister:

What is Boxing Day?

— Jeff Foxmore, La Jolla

The day we're allowed to punch out someone who's annoyed us most in the past year? Unfortunately, no. It's not even a U.S. celebration, though it shows up on our calendars. According to our staff Britwit, Boxing Day (December 26 in England and most of her scattered territories) is an official holiday from work, unless you work in a retail store. If you do, you spend Boxing Day catering to the hordes of shoppers taking advantage of big Boxing Day blow-out sales. That involves a lot of boxes, but they're not what the holiday's about either. Well, not the original holiday.

Pour yourself some eggnog, relax, and go back, back, back to the early 1600s. You're a grimy, raggedy apprentice to an ironworker or a wagon maker. The best day of the year is the day after Christmas, when you are allowed to knock on the doors of all your customers and wheedle a tip out of them. The money goes into a clay pot, called a Christmas box. Back at the shop, the box is broken and the money divided among the workers.

Naturally, a holiday based on officially sanctioned begging was bound to live on forever, so Boxing Day was well entrenched by the mid-1800s. Everybody and anybody who might have simply passed you on the street once or twice during the year came knocking on your door to hit you up for a Christmas box, as the tips were known. After the Victorian era, the begging aspect of Boxing Day faded, and everyone was left with a much less profitable day off from work.

Uh, Matt:

If my invention is the greatest thing since sliced bread, how long would that be? If you get my drift.

— Curious George, San Diego

Not sure I do, George, but why should that stop me. If you've got something up your sleeve that's the best thing since sliced bread, you only have to beat everything invented since 1928. Actually, the commercial bread slicer was invented in 1912, but no bakery wanted the product, since the bread would dry out too fast. It took another 16 years for the inventor to come up with the automatic bread slicer-wrapper combo. The happiest person was perhaps the guy who had invented the toaster 30 years earlier. But my question to you, George, is why has sliced bread become the high-water mark in the world of big thinking?

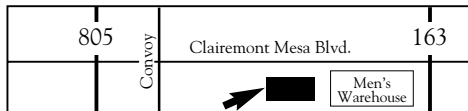
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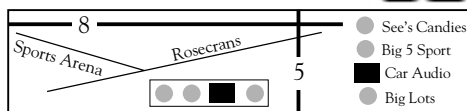
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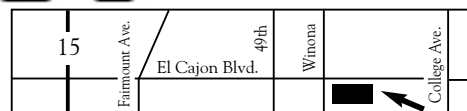
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## SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

# The Hit King

It's the second layer that's interesting, not the headline. By now, you've heard Pete Rose admit to betting on baseball. For readers who have been living out of the country, what follows is a compressed version of Mr. Rose.

September 11, 1985: Rose becomes major league baseball's all-time hit leader.

August 1989: Banned from baseball for gambling, Rose agrees to the ban but can apply for reinstatement after one year.

April 1990: Rose pleads guilty to two counts of filing false income tax returns and is sentenced to five months in prison.

February 1991: Hall of Fame directors ban Rose from their ballot.

September 1997: Rose applies for reinstatement to baseball.

Rose lied about betting on baseball for 14 years. He lied to then baseball commissioner Bart Giamatt, to his teammates, and to his fans. He lied to Roger Kahn, the naive writer who ghostwrote his 1989 book *Pete Rose: My Story*. He lied to every person who ponied up 20 bucks and bought that book. He lied to thousands of reporters over the course of 14 years. He lied on his radio show, lied on television, and his lie reached tens of millions of people.

It's not as if Pete Rose lied to get out of a bad situation and then went on to coach varsity baseball at an East Los Angeles high school. Rose made big money out of his lie. In fact, he has been rapacious about money. The man gets appearance fees of \$25,000 a pop. How about a Pete Rose autographed photo (\$124.99), bat (\$319.99), baseball (\$84.99), baseball cap (\$109.99), pinstripe vest (\$638.46), or a Pete Rose bobblehead "Head First Slide" figurine (\$29.95)? To pick but one of the many classy outfits Pete is associated with, I give you, ta-da, National Sports Agency, who...well, I'll let them tell you.

"THE SITUATION: International Profit Associates wanted to provide an unforgettable surprise birthday party for a senior executive. This senior executive was a diehard baseball fan and the IPA staff desired his idol **Pete Rose** for this special event.

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Now comes Pete's new story, but it's the presentation that dazzles. On Thursday, not-a-house-

hold-name, Rodale Press of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, the proud publisher of *The Secret Lives of Dogs*, and, *Vet On Call*, will publish Rose's newest ghost-written book, the nauseating yet perfectly titled, *My Prison Without Bars*. The first printing will be 500,000 copies. Rose, once again, will make huge money on his lie.

Also, Pete's on the cover of this week's *Sports Illustrated*. Too busy to read? No problem, catch him on ABC's *Primetime Thursday*. Got something else scheduled? Okay, see him on *Good Morning America*, and if you're busy then, don't worry, he'll work it until the last radio station in Northwestern North Dakota refuses to return his phone calls.

Pete's story has gone from "I never gambled" to "I never bet on baseball" to "I bet on baseball, but never on my team" to "I bet on baseball, bet on my team, but never bet on my team to lose." We have by the way, only Pete Rose's word on that last item.

After the news broke an early poll reported that 60 percent of respondents thought Rose should be allowed back into baseball. A common reason given for that good-hearted opinion was that he never bet *against* his team, the implication being that if you bet for your team the game is unaffected by your bet."

Anyone who wagers on sports would disagree. If you're the manager, and you bet on your team to win you're going to look at the game differently than if you have no bet. If you have a bet going, you're only interested in that one game. So, do you put in a starting pitcher with, say, less rest than he normally would have in order to increase your chances of winning? Do you field an injured player early, and in doing so, risk further injury? A manager — and Rose was a manager during this period — can manipulate pitchers, players, and batting orders in order to increase his chances of winning today's game, while hurting his club's chances of winning games over the course of a series, a week, a month, and a season. That's why baseball prohibited gambling, period. Because gambling affects the game, because with their money on the line, players and managers and owners would make decisions based on their bets and not on the natural unfolding of the contest.

It's annoying to be played so obviously by a pig like Pete Rose. It's more annoying to realize his play will work. He'll be reinstated, he'll be in the Hall of Fame, and Carl Lindner, owner of the Cincinnati Reds, has said, he'll hire Pete Rose as manager if allowed.

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**Year founded:** 1998  
**Senior pastor:** Reverend Ron Martina  
**Congregation size:** 40  
**Staff size:** 1 full-time, 2 part-time  
**Sunday school enrollment:** no Sunday School  
**Annual budget:** \$70,000  
**Weekly giving:** \$1500  
**Singles program:** no  
**Diversity:** white, African-American, Asian  
**Dress:** dressy casual to dressy  
**Services:** Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

When I reached Reverend Martina on New Year's Eve afternoon, I explained that the name *Reformed* Baptist confused me, that I didn't associate Baptists with Reformed theology. He wasn't surprised.

Reverend Martina, who serves at Escondido Reformed Baptist Church, told me, "Most Baptists in America have strayed far from their Calvinist roots. We Reformed Baptists probably have most in common with the old Congregationalists. "Unlike other Reformed denominations, we don't believe in infant baptism. We believe in predestination, but we don't believe that our children are automatically Elect. We don't believe that our children have any special privileges. They have to be saved like everyone else."

I didn't tell Reverend Martina that I've never understood predestination. And I am a very uncool, overweight middle-aged man with bad nerves and low self-esteem who tries to take an interest in theology. So I was surprised last Sunday morning when I visited Escondido Reformed Baptist Church and found that most of the 25 or so people present were self-assured and attractive young folk with cool haircuts and/or facial hair.

Escondido Reformed has a spare liturgy. Last Sunday's began with Reverend Martina telling us that the church's pianist had moved to Italy. This proved to be no problem because this group of Reformed Baptists can sight-read music. They sang the morning's three old-fashioned hymns *a cappella* and managed to harmonize.

Reverend Martina's sermon, "Paul Praying for the Church," based on Ephesians 3:14-21, was a close examination of how Paul prayed and what he prayed for.

"Paul grounds his prayer in his knowledge of God's declared purpose. When we

pray we must ground our own prayers in the purposes of God. Paul also prays for the People of God. He's praying for the Church. And we should learn from the Apostle to pray for the Church. Paul is praying that God in his generosity will grant that the power of God will be part and parcel of the believer's life. He is praying for the power that invigorates the inner man, the power for salvation in the fullness of God. He is praying for us to become strong with might. He is praying that the Holy Spirit might pour into the very core of our being."

After the service, a young man named Jeremy introduced himself to me. This 27-year-old father of one explained that he'd been raised in Harvest Christian Fellowship but had drifted away in his teenage years.

"When I started getting back into my faith,

I started reading theology. Spurgeon made a lot of sense to me. I felt more and more drawn to Reformed theology."

A young man standing next to Jeremy, also in his 20s, explained that he, too, had been raised in a non-denominational evangelical church and had found his way to Reformed theology.

"There are a lot of guys like us," he said. "We started out in non-denominational evangelical churches. A lot of their theology is basically Baptist, but they don't take it very far. And nobody ever talks about Calvin."

Reverend Martina, on the other hand, was born and raised a Roman Catholic.

"I was definitely a child of the 1960s. The long hair. The beard. By that time I'd drifted pretty far from the Roman Catholic Church. When I came back to religion, it was at Skyline Wesleyan

Church right here in San Diego. After that I was involved with several charismatic and Pentecostal churches. I ended up among Independent Baptists. They really *hated* Calvinism. But I started reading Calvin on my own and felt myself more and more convinced by Reformed theology."

I asked Reverend Martina what had so touched him.

"Among Christians who believe that salvation can be lost, there's always this fear that they haven't done or said the right thing. And that seemed to me like a lack of appreciation for God's absolute sovereignty. There's this rather high view of man, of the importance of what man says and does. In Reformed theology, God controls all things. God isn't taken by surprise. And once you truly understand that, it really puts you in a worshipping mood."

— Abe Opincar



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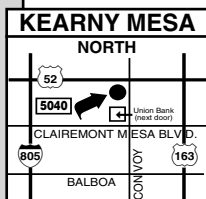
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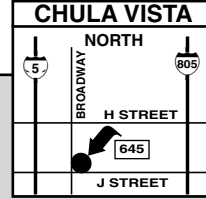
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#### Dear Aunt Trudy,

While at my sister's for a family dinner during the holidays, I excused myself to use the downstairs washroom. I inadvertently walked into the downstairs area where her 13-year-old son, my nephew, spent the whole evening before and after dinner "playing" on his computer. I was shocked to see that he was looking at hardcore homosexual bondage-type pornography. This was a very extreme and disturbing picture, and I am not a prude. He clicked it offscreen the moment he realized I was there. I just said, "Excuse me" and returned to the adults' gathering without further comment. I have not told anyone what I saw, but I wonder whether I should speak about this to his mother, or to my nephew, who is a quiet boy, an only child who has never been in serious trouble that I know of. I am single and have no children of my own and really don't know the right thing to do for the family. How do I decide? What should I say?

SHOCKED AND PERPLEXED IN CARLSBAD

#### Dear Shocked,

This is a tough one. On the one hand, in many instances older children deserve to have their privacy respected. On the other hand, if what you saw on-screen really alarmed you, it could be that your nephew would welcome someone to discuss what he saw with. If it disturbed you, it may have freaked him out as well. You could take a private moment with your nephew and calmly say, "I got a glimpse of what you were looking at on the Internet the other night. It looked like you were viewing some pretty intense stuff. I was sorry to have accidentally walked in on you, and I just wanted you to know that if you ever want to talk about anything — even if it seems difficult, confusing, or frightening, including the sites you're looking at on the Internet — I'd be very happy to do that." That leaves the door open without forcing the issue. Hopefully, you can begin a dialogue this way and reserve judgment while getting more information. If later on you decide his mother must be told, then let junior know you feel you need to bring her into the discussion.

#### Dear Aunt Trudy,

I've been dating the sweetest girl who is also a heavy cigarette smoker. My problem is I find cigarette smell physically repugnant. She smokes so much that she always smells bad even when she isn't smoking, and quite frankly I get disgusted and sickened when I kiss her because of the ash-tray taste in her mouth. She is a beautiful person who I would like to stay with, maybe even get married to eventually. But if there isn't some way

for her to change her gross smell I will probably have to break up with her. When I've mentioned little things about her smoking, she makes it clear that smoking is something she really likes to do. I know it seems shallow to make such a big deal about smell, but I really don't think I can get used to this, and I don't know what the nicest way to say this is. Can you help me?

SICK OF SMOKE IN VISTA

#### Dear Sick of Smoke,

Smoking is such a lethal habit. I'm tempted to suggest you have a talk with Ms. Sulfurous, not so much about how smelly smoking makes her but about how much you care for her and how you are terrified about what she is doing to her health. I know nicotine is one of the hardest addictions to kick, so I don't say this lightly. It's also a free country so if you express your concerns and her response is something like, "I'm happy you're worried about my welfare, but I choose to smoke anyway," then you are going to have to live with it. A dentist might know of some particularly effective smoke-breath-stench-abators. Sometimes health food stores stock chlorophyll drops whose makers claim their products can freshen the rankest of breaths, if you want to propose something like that. The fact is, though, that if someone is a heavy smoker, then all the perfumes in Arabia, or all the mouthwash in drugstores across America, are going to do little more than partly mask the strong odor that clings to her hair, clothes, and body. If she is willing to try to give up cigarettes, you could offer to help pay for whatever kind of quitting program she'd like to try if you are financially able. Otherwise, sad to say, you're either going to have to put up with the whiff of the ash pit that follows your sweetheart around, or find a girl with a less odoriferous vice.

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**M**y personal history is littered with embarrassing little foul-ups, but last weekend's was a doozy. My husband Patrick and I were visiting friends in Sacramento. It was early morning, and I was searching in their cabinets for a coffee cup. With a perfect lack of caffeine-enhanced grace, I jerked a door open directly into my face, smooching my glasses against my cheek and brow. My friend Melanie, rinsing grapes in the sink, pretended not to notice. I slunk back to the guest bathroom to put in my contacts.

The following Monday, I hurried over to Pro-Mec Eyeglass Frame Repair in North Park (619-295-2221). Owner Heidi Janda was kind — she had heard of bigger doozies than mine. “Dogs love to chew on glasses. People bring in glasses that have been run over by tractors or cars. One fellow had his run over by a garbage truck — he left them on the can. People have slammed their car hoods on them. Most people sit on their glasses. Glasses come in here that are so bent, you can hardly believe it. It’s amazing how we can sometimes straighten them out,” often using little more than needle-nose pliers, or special nose pliers “that have a notch so you can grab hold of the temple.”

Janda took me through the anatomy of an eyeglass frame. “The arms are called the temples. At the end of the temple is the temple cover,” to protect the ears. “The part across the nose is the bridge. Around the lens is the eye wire. Then the nosepiece and nose pads and, last, the hinges. The most common repair we do is replacing temples. We have our own parts. We don’t carry manufacturer’s parts because there are too many different frames out there, though sometimes, we do have the manufacturer’s part.” People send her old, broken frames, which she can mine for parts like old cars. “We always do a really good match. Sometimes, our parts are better than the manufacturer’s.” Besides temples, Pro-Mec replaces hinges, screws, nose pads, and temple covers.

“A lot of people come in for a tune-up,” said Janda. “We tighten the glasses up, straighten them out, replace hinges and screws if needed, and replace temple covers and nose pads. We use a mild soapy water to clean the lenses. If they’re really dirty, we’ll use an ultrasonic cleaner. In that case, we are very careful to note any scratches on the

“Dogs love to chew glasses.”

lenses when people bring the glasses in. A lot of people don’t realize they’re scratched, because dirt will fill in the scratches.” Tune-ups cost \$10. (The shop also sells tools for tune-up do-it-yourself types: screwdrivers with screws range from \$5 to \$20, nut-drivers cost \$5, and lens cleaner runs \$7.)

I was lucky; a tune-up was all I needed. But Pro-Mec could have handled worse. “If you have a broken metal frame, we’re going to solder it. Most frames break in the temple. If we’re unable to solder the temple, we’ll replace it.” The cost for a solder job (or other major repair) is \$25, and that includes a tune-up. “If we have to solder a bridge, then the lenses come out and the nose pads and temples come off, so we don’t melt anything. When we solder, we’re using a piece of gold or silver and melting it in there. If the frame discolors, then we touch

it up with either gold or nickel plate. Also, a lot of frames with enamel require touch-ups with different colors. There are a lot of nail polish colors out there, so it won’t always be exactly like the frame, but it’ll be close.”

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“To straighten plastic frames, we use a hot air machine — like a blow dryer,

but hotter. The plastic becomes very bendable, and we can form it. We just straighten for repair,” she noted. “The final adjustments need to be made by an optometrist.”

“Now, if a plastic frame breaks in half, we’ll splint it. We’ll drill pins into it, put it together and glue it. We’ll build it up a bit with glue and plastic powder, and we’ll buff it.” Such repairs are more iffy, she noted, especially around the eyepieces. “Sometimes, we can’t fix it. Then we’ll put the lenses in a replacement frame that matches their size. Thirty years ago, when everybody wore big frames, there were so many different styles. Nowadays, frames are very common. They’re kind of unisex, so we might have a frame to fit your lens.” Replacement frames run \$40.

The most difficult frames to repair, said Janda, are ones made from flexible titanium. “Titanium is not usually repairable. The material doesn’t take the solder too well. We have a fifty-fifty chance.”

Pro-Mec is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, but they do offer a 24-hour drop box. “There are little envelopes by the box. People fill out the form, drop off the glasses, and we call them when they’re ready for pickup. Or we can mail the glasses to them.”

1. Broken glasses and tools
2. Heidi Janda
3. Nail polish for touch-ups

# BACK WHEN

## *In the Reader*

### Thirty Years Ago

What *is* the story with Duncan Shepherd's black dot review of *The Harder They Come*? I'd been warned about Mr. Shepherd's forthright and hard-edged opinions, his shrieking eccentricity, when I first came to San Diego not long ago, but this is a man who responded to the greatness of *The Culpepper Cattle Co.*, — a man whom, you would suppose, you could count on for some notable discrimination.

— LETTERS: "WHO IS BEING EXPLOITED?"

*Les Wolf, January 10, 1974*

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

Regarding your issue of December 21 ("Year in Review"), I was appalled by the quality of journalism on the front page. George Mitrovich commits the greatest of all injustices by erroneously deducing that because "the largest percentage of airplane crashes involve small, private planes, they simply do not belong in the same air space as commercial planes."

— LETTERS: "JUST PLANE NONSENSE,"

*Geoffrey J. Martyn, January 11, 1979*

### Twenty Years Ago

In June of this year Remeika was out in a nameless desert wash with George Miller, a long-time resident of Canebrake who teaches paleontology at Imperial Valley College in nearby Brawley. After half a day spent searching for fossils, Miller and Remeika were driving back to S-2 when Miller pointed to a faint path through the desert scrub and casually remarked that it was the track of the Butterfield stage. Remeika returned to the spot later that same afternoon and sat in his jeep, staring at the trail. Slowly it sank in: In the dry desert air the 125-year-old road had been preserved in virtually pristine condition. "I couldn't believe it," he recalls. "I kept thinking, 'Damn! It's still here!'"

— "NOTES FROM A WAGON SEAT,"

*Gordon Smith, January 12, 1984*

### Fifteen Years Ago

The mind records these things: Hispanic male. Twenty-four years old. Sixty-four inches in height. One hundred fifty pounds. Black hair. There is a black mustache. The tip of the tongue protrudes between the upper and lower lips. He was working one job and going to school to support his mother and sister, who reside in Oaxaca, Mexico. He had never known his father.

He worked ten hours a day, six days a week. He pulled weeds, mowed lawns, built fences, painted walls, planted flowers.

He went to night school to learn English.

He lived with a dying woman and her



San Diego Reader, January 12, 1989

son for more than two years in Point Loma.

The decedent's death preceded the mother's by four months. It is no easier surrendering someone diminished in detail than to set down the burden as a whole.

And then the bare-handed moment. But there is no way of interposing one's self between time and soft skin. No way of taking his tongue, pressing it back into his mouth, make it speak; gathering all the blood, wringing it from the clothes and towels, force it back into his veins. And even if you could close the wounds by a force of will, find and kiss his heart to make it beat, time would undo these efforts.

— "SURRENDERING," *Abe Opincar, January 12, 1989*

### Ten Years Ago

Responding to the gun control mania, an organization called Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership has circulated a paper that is said to unearth evidence that the "Nazi Weapons Law of 18 March 1938 was cloned to produce the U.S. Gun Control Act of 1968." The JPFO guys are convinced that gun control has been the prelude to every genocide in this century.

Just two years ago I frightened an intruder out of my house by noisily cocking my shotgun. Perhaps you can divine what side I'm on.

— HELLA., *Adam Parfrey, January 6, 1994*

### Five Years Ago

As an undergraduate, I studied the literature of England and America and fell in love with the charge of rhythmic language, the Anglo-Saxon drum of verse, the symphonic progress of prose. Entering graduate school many years and a few professions later, I hoped to rekindle that love. But I succumbed, like every other student I knew, to the doctrinaire theories of feminism, historicism, and Marxism, the great critical isms of the time, which tested the novels and poems I had so admired.

— "EVERLASTING UNCERTAINTY," *Thomas Larson, January 7, 1999*

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## HUSTLE AND HURRY

by Josh Board

**W**hen my brother called to invite me to a party that the San Diego Food and Beverage Association was having, I was on the fence. When he told me it was at the Hustler Bar and Grill downtown, it piqued my interest a bit, although I'm one of the few people who's never even gone to a Hooters. But I found out the party was on the same night as an event around the corner at the Bitter End that I was going to crash.

The Hustler Bar and Grill had a surprisingly classy look inside. A few statues, brick walls, and lots of their magazine covers blown up on the wall. And the food the chef brought around was excellent. He'd tell you a little about the item before you grabbed it. There was shrimp, steak shish kebabs, and smoked salmon. As he was walking back to the kitchen with an empty tray, I heard him say, "They're like vultures. They're like carnivores eating everything in sight."

A table was set up with cheeses, egg rolls, and other appetizers. Tickets were passed out that said the beer and wine were hosted, but spirits were sold separately. As a child, I hated the toys that had "batteries sold separately" on the tag, with no batteries on



Christmas morning; as an adult, it's the spirits sold separately that get me.

The conversations varied among the people in this trade association. I heard two guys talking about some bills that were being passed in Sacramento and San Francisco that could possibly affect bars and restaurants in San Diego. I heard another guy ask, "Does that waitress have fake tits?" I couldn't tell, but the waitresses



Top right: Hustler partiers; bottom left: pantsless guitarist; bottom right: Andrew (speed-dater orchestrator) and his assistant

was a homeless guy who had wandered in from downtown.

The guy sang songs by Elvis, Simon and Garfunkel, and the Beatles. When he walked by, I jokingly yelled out, "Free

and lighting a match or lighter. He said, "I do know one real popular American tune you'll know."

He went into "American Pie," and I said to my brother, "Great, he's going to be here for the next 15 minutes singing." The guy laughed and said, "I do an abbreviated version; it's only a few minutes long."

When he left the table, somebody said to me, "When there's a person singing at your table, what is the proper etiquette? At the Mexican restaurants in Old Town, I can't hear

**"When there's a person singing at your table, what is the proper etiquette?"**

were all attractive.

There was a little skin for the ladies. A good-looking man came in with a guitar and a poncho but no pants. He was singing loudly, and my brother wondered for a second if he

Bird!" With a British accent, he said, "Oh, I don't know that song. Who sings it?" I told him Lynyrd Skynyrd, and when he still seemed confused, I explained a little about fans yelling out songs at concerts

the people I'm with if a mariachi band is playing. And is it rude to talk while people are singing to you? Is it rude to stare right at them when they are only a few feet from you? And are you supposed to tip?" His questions were starting to sound like a *Seinfeld* episode. I quickly moved on.

I ran into one of the owners of this place. He started peppering me with questions about why the *Reader* won't take advertising from his bar and grill. He said, "Our magazine fought for the freedoms that allow magazines like the *Reader* to write what they write and for freedom of speech."

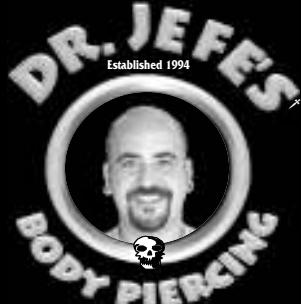
I thought Larry Flynt was fighting more for his rights to sell pornography and for some reason became a poster boy for free speech. Larry is one of the owners of this place, and his brother Jimmy runs it.

I was asked if I wanted to meet Jimmy Flynt, and I asked, "Is that Larry's brother?" The man introducing us said, "Did you see the movie *The People vs. Larry Flynt*? If you did, you'd know who he was."

I spoke briefly with Jimmy, and the conversation was going well, even when the GM said, "This guy is from the *Reader*. The magazine that

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# Crasher

won't let us advertise." Jimmy smiled and talked a little about how their advertisement would be classy and only promote the bar and grill — without mentioning their men's magazine. Since I don't work in the *Reader* advertising department, I just kept saying, "Sure, that would be great. I'll see what I can do."

There was an attractive woman in her 40s standing near me the entire time smiling. As I was leaving, I heard her say, "It's such an honor to meet you." I turned only to see she was talking to Mr. Flynt, not me. Oh well, my ego will survive.

I walked around the corner to the Bitter End for the next event. It was called San Diego Fast Dating. The guy who runs this, Andrew, was telling me a little about it. "You have nine minutes to talk to each person. Then we ring a bell and you move to the next person. You meet a lot of people, and where else can you go into a bar and come away with that many phone numbers, or know whether they are single? You may end up in other places, buying drinks for women all night and not getting a phone number."

Ah, but it's not that

easy. Some guys have gone to this event and didn't get any phone numbers. Andrew explained, "You get a sheet of paper. Any person you want to see further, you mark 'yes.' If they mark 'yes' on their sheet, then we give you their phone number. If they don't choose you, then you don't get their number. I've had some people that nobody chooses. And we don't encourage them to come back. If we have ugly people here, it hurts things."

I asked, "Isn't that rude, that just because somebody isn't chosen at an event, that you aren't interested in them coming to the event again?"

"It's survival of the fittest," Andrew told me. "We once placed an ad that we didn't want any fat women, because men don't generally find them attractive. That time, we had more men sign up than ever before. And that's another thing. We need the exact same ratio of men to women. We've had too many women before, and if a few are sitting there with nobody to talk to, they don't like it."

I was taking notes as people walked in. I heard Andrew say, upon one handsome man's entrance, "This guy gets all the numbers. The women love him." He seemed awkward

as Andrew said this, and I wondered why — if he's met so many women in the past — why wasn't he with one now?

Another woman walked in asking how long the process takes. When Andrew told her two hours, she did not seem thrilled.

I heard others walk in saying, "I'm only doing this because I'm here with a friend." And when I decided to do the rotation and talk to the different women, I heard the line, "I've never done anything like this before" at least four times.

The first woman I talked to was an attractive African-American. She was singing along to a Michael Jackson song that was playing on the sound system. I asked what she thought about his legal troubles, and she got upset. She said, "I don't know you well enough to talk about that. I'll discuss the verdict after the jury does." I tried to say something else about it, being as nonconfrontational as possible. But she still seemed bothered and asked why I was continuing on. We ended up having a few laughs, but I was saved by the bell. Andrew walked around ringing it, and I gladly moved to the next table.

My next date was an attractive blonde, and

when I sat down, I joked about these sheets we carry around. You write down the person's name and whether or not you like them. I say, "Isn't that weird, if somebody is saying something boring, and you circle 'no' right in front of them?" She said, "It's like going in for a job interview, huh?" I asked her what movies she liked, and we talked a lot about novels and films. I found she had good taste in the arts. That time, it seemed as if Andrew rang the bell too soon. I asked him later, "Is nine minutes enough time to really get to know somebody or impress someone?" He said, "It's enough time to decide if you like them well enough to go on a real date."

Another lady told me she talked to a guy who told her at least five times that he was a doctor. I said, "Hey, if I spent ten years in medical school, I'd want to make sure the woman knows I make a decent living." She said, "Yeah, but five times? I got the point after the first time he mentioned it. And why does everyone ask the same questions? They ask where you work. Or, with my accent, they ask where I'm from. I hate that." I smiled and said, "Okay, I won't ask where you're from. Ah, I'm a Libra, what

sign are you?" We both laughed, and I noticed her name tag had fallen off. As I picked it up for her, I said, "Hey, they should have you write all those things on your name tag. What your sign is, how much money you make, and your age." She liked all but the age part.

I talked to a nice lady who lives in Orange County. I told her, "Nobody is going to pick you if they have to drive that far to pick you up for a date." She agreed but was in town and wanted to see.

Another lady, a pretty Filipina, seemed kind of quiet. When I said something I thought was funny, she didn't laugh. I didn't mind that so much, but I expected at least a polite smile at my attempt at humor.

Another lady told me about the different guys she's met. She said one seemed way too creepy. Another she thought was good looking and nice, but when he stood up, she saw he was very short. The funniest thing was when she said, "There was one guy that showed up and he only had one eye! He said he forgot to bring his glass eye. It was weird."

During the break they had after the seventh "speed date," people were walking around talking or ordering drinks at the bar.

I thought the people were generally good looking, although I saw some of the men looking at each other. I wondered if they were scoping out the competition. And when I saw the woman with the accent at the bar, I offered to buy her a drink. She said, "You're not supposed to pick me up here at the bar." I asked why an attractive woman like her needed to go to an event like this. She told me, "I don't meet a lot of men where I work, and I'm really picky with the men I meet." I found out later she picked four different people at this event. She had at least eight guys pick her. Andrew told me, "The people that are picked by everyone, we like them to come back. We make it cheaper for them." I said, "For the people that nobody picks, why not have an event for them? It could be all the people that nobody else picked." He said, "Are you crazy? That would be a disaster. Even the ugly people at these events — if you look at their sheet, they don't pick the unattractive people. They pick the good-looking ones, just like everybody else." ■

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# THE POOR MAN'S HIGH

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE    Imperial Beach — Barcelona, Paris, Sydney, New York —  
the slight tremblings of early memories never ceased to stir me.

By the time I was in fifth grade, my father was habitually drinking, fighting, losing jobs, and getting us evicted, in a steady push farther and farther south — from lower Chula Vista to Otay and finally to Imperial Beach. A drunk construction worker with an abused wife and three kids in tow, our so-called family landed in IB in the summer of 1957. I once counted over 20 ramshackle houses, duplexes, trailer courts, motels, and garages we lived in over the next six years. In 1963, my dad left the state on the lam, allowing me to live during my last two years of high school with a friend whose father was a Baptist preacher.

Yet, back in 1957, at ten years old, I became an acolyte of the tumbledown city with dirt streets, sucking up the local mythology, mesmerized first by the Little League heroes in white uniforms who paraded their feats at the immaculate park of sparkling grass and broom-swept infield up on Coronado Avenue. Soon the football field, track, and outdoor basketball courts at Mar Vista High School would capture countless hours of my time. I would stand quietly and ogle the irrepressible athletes at their practices — so big, so handsome, so talented, so cool in their green and gold regalia.

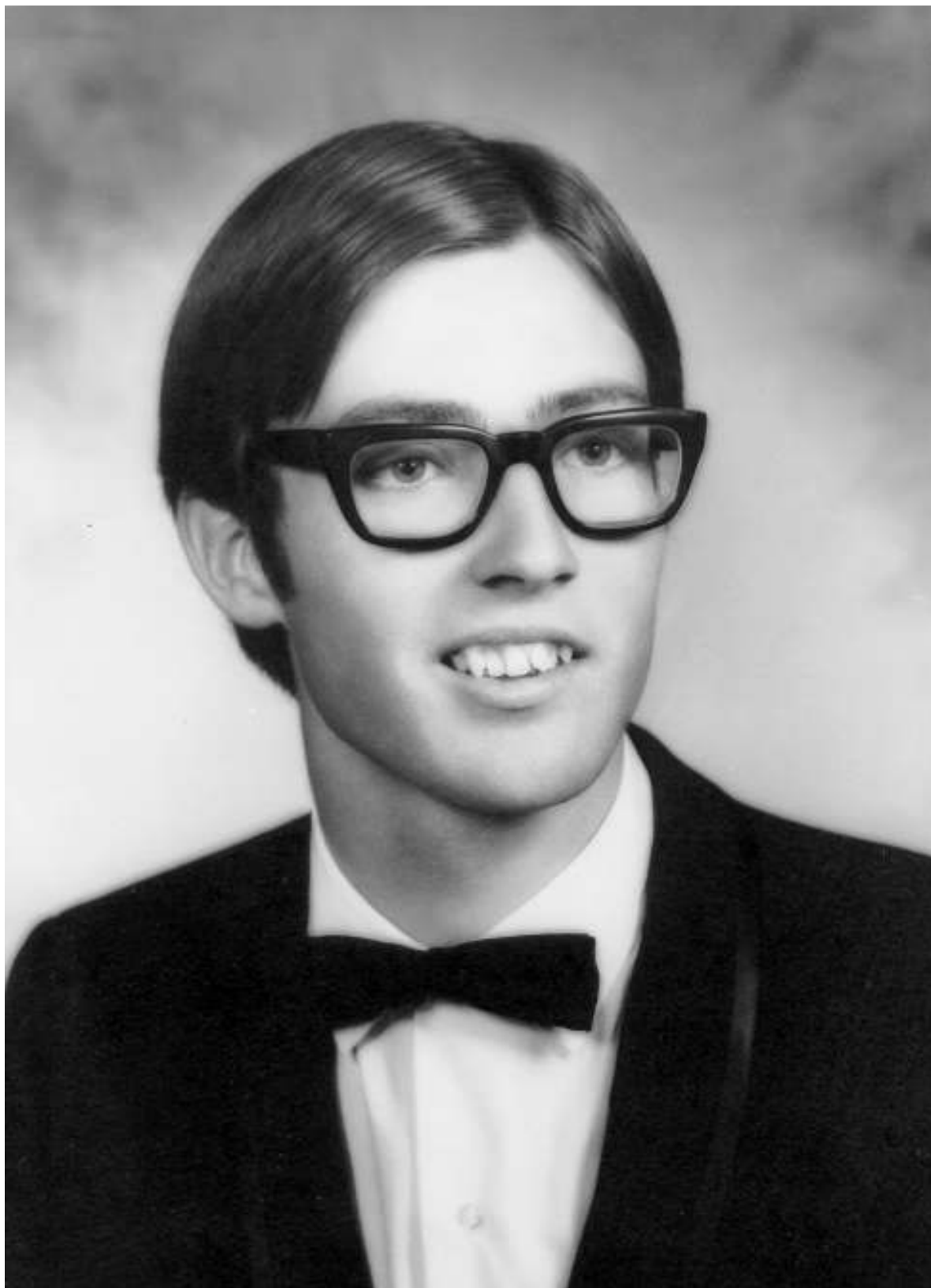
Among those titans there was the added honor of being tough, of being able to fight. If you could kick someone else's ass, you went up a

notch on the social scale, and that was true for the kids my age as well. It was my introduction to the primal contest for primal dominance, I suppose. James Dean and Marlon Brando had modeled the American version on screens across the nation, as well as at our local Palm Theatre. Still, I had been brought to a low-income community with a sizable Navy base — two elements that make for a tough town. Which it was, and it would get a lot tougher.

So in the late '50s we had our role models. Jake Trammell was one. Star fullback at Mar Vista, and no one would even think about squaring off with Trammell. An old IB friend of mine recently recounted having seen Trammell in the locker room after practice spitting on the forehead of the best running back on the junior varsity team in an act of initiation. As teammates uneasily tittered and studied the glob slowly sliding down to the terrified sophomore's eyebrow, Trammell calmly admonished him, "Don't wipe it off."

He didn't.

The advent of the '60s brought surfers into the scene, which was a new cool and a hybrid of the athlete-battler dichotomy. At once rebellious, surfers tested manhood on 20-foot waves breaking a mile out at the Sloughs, where the Tijuana River emptied into the ocean. When the Summer of Love in 1967 ushered in the peace and



*Brian French, Marian High School, 1969*

love zeitgeist making haircuts anathema, it also made fighting uncool for a while — at least for a lot of the town's youth. As in the rest of the nation, drugs soon flowed, unleashing sex and rebellion, and before long the "Imperial" of the town's name would sometimes be replaced by "Immoral" or "Venereal."

But it was in the '70s that the drug wave really broke on Imperial Beach, establishing it as one of the methamphetamine capitals of the nation. Up the road in ritzy Coronado and La Jolla, the drug of choice was cocaine, but in IB it was crystal — the poor man's high. If less cash was paid for it, meth exacted a heavy price in other ways. Crank users were staying up days and nights without sleep, taking apart radios

and putting them back together or spending a day with a toothbrush, scrubbing spotless the veins in a porcelain sink. The nervous system was so fired that something had to be done: gabble a blue streak or perform senseless chores around the house. Rasped nerves led to alcohol to blunt the edge, which led to another line of energy. And on and on and on.

In that decade, bikers seemed to show up more and more, and their particular nexus with crystal was established. You could ride, you could drink, you could screw, you could fight on the stuff. You could even hold a job, if so inclined, and not worry about sleep, if that was a concern. More bars opened near the beach, more Harleys parked outside, more meth was

Brian French threw down the gun and placed his hands above his head.

cooked up, more skulls were cracked, and more knives and guns were carried.

Bikers and dealers made for a surly concoction, but the '70s brought another recalcitrant element to the town. Vietnam vets. Local grunts drafted into the Army returned as less than hometown heroes, but there was also a covey of Navy SEALs, trained eight miles north in Coronado, who returned disillusioned too. In the bars along First Avenue, a vet could quietly anaesthetize a psyche bruised from that horrible war experience. He could also feed a picked-up addiction to drugs or an acquired taste for violence.

Geography had a hand in another way. Imperial Beach in that era was a floodgate for the thousands of illegal immigrants who crossed from Mexico, many passing through the town in their northward trek. Helicopter surveillance and Border Patrol cars proliferated year after year, while the separating fences and ditches got higher and deeper. Prior to the '70s, IB was low-income, yet largely white. Not one black student graduated with me in 1965, and of the estimated 15 percent of the class who were Mexican-American, most lived in San Ysidro, about five miles away. Before long, the huge illegal influx helped to feed an already budding white supremacist sentiment. Increasingly, some of the tattoos on arms hoisting glasses of draft beer in



It was a volatile mix  
of men.

Early in 2003, Aaron French, a young man in his 20s, called me to inquire about a coaching position. As director of Starlings Volleyball Clubs, USA — a non-profit program for girls from low-income backgrounds — I found him to be plenty qualified to coach one of our 40 teams in San Diego, so we grabbed him. The fact that he grew up in Imperial Beach piqued my interest. So did his last name. In my era, there were two French clans in town. Bob French came from one of them. He was a superb natural athlete whom I played with in junior and senior high school. The other French family all went to

Eventually I asked Aaron about his uncle, Brian. Aaron had seen him in prison a few times as a kid but didn't have many details on his current status. His uncle was now in state prison in Blythe, Aaron told me, and he recounted his received version of the crime: that Brian had killed a crazed drug fiend who was threatening him with a knife. He shot him, then for some reason shot him a second time in the head after the guy was on the ground. Which cooked his goose. Aaron described a gifted, highly intelligent man who wrote brilliant letters home to family members. He also said that Governor Wilson and then Davis had taken a political "tough on crime" stance whereby murderers effectively no longer had any chance of



parole. Brian and his family had expected that Brian would be paroled years earlier.

It struck me that something was wrong with the system, and here was a guy from my hometown with whom I

felt a kinship. I asked Aaron which family members would be most willing to talk to me in depth about Brian's story. He gave me the phone numbers of his grandmother and his mother, Brian's older

Taking that slip of paper, I drove home with a vague intuition that I was headed for some deeper involvement with Brian French. Sure enough, that first lengthy call to Brian's sister was the beginning of a pell-mell ride into a world I never imagined I'd be in. Her account of Brian's character and his crime was much more detailed than Aaron's, and it stirred my compassion. I had to jump in and learn more. My chat with Brian's mother nudged me further. Still, there were obstacles I would have to get over if I was going to take on an advocate role for this guy. First, I detest guns. And although I have a dim view of formalized religion, I quite highly esteem the sanctity of life. So what the hell would I be doing trying to help a guy get out of prison...who'd committed the ultimate trans-

In part, I suppose it's what French himself described in a letter: "Basically, Byron's an old hippie morphed into a present-day social-conscious liberal who's fallen into a certain area of the modern prison reform movement. Fortunately for me he has fallen into the area that deals with me: lifer paroles." Another factor is that French's from IB; more so, he's become a friend. Above all, today there are 25,000 term-to-life prisoners in California penitentiaries. Of those, 6000 are eligible for parole, including French. He and many other convicted murderers — in fact, most of the 6000 have committed murder — are getting a raw deal as defined by state laws. French was sentenced to a term of 15 years to life. That represents a huge span of time. At the time of his plea bargain, he

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So I've come to know the life of Brian French quite well. He grew up in a modest house three blocks from the beach, one of seven children of an enlisted Navy man. His childhood was basically "a happy one." His mother, Ramona — an intelligent and energetic woman — was active in the local St. Charles Catholic Church and in its school, where she enrolled her children. French, the second oldest, emerged from Marian Catholic High School in 1969 at six feet four, 220 pounds, a superb athlete in three sports, with letters of interest from major colleges. I remember hearing murmurings of the talent this big kid from Marian had.

Great high school athletes who never took the next step: French was one of many I had seen before and would hear of again and again from my hometown. To be fair, when I was growing up in Imperial Beach, only a small number of athletes were ever in a position to turn down a full ride. Not many college scouts ventured to the isolated Mar Vista High School in the smallish Avocado League. Further, few kids in town entertained the idea of going to college — usually only those rare ones who had a parent with a degree. That all changed in the early '60s with the proliferation of junior col-

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I have learned that there's a lot to be said about staying in a place. Not the *modus vivendi* I chose, but it was French's. Even today he confesses "to love IB and wouldn't live anywhere else." He's a man who likes people, and they like him. His size, his smile, and his easygoing nature make for a likable

recipe. Ingenuousness oozes from him, and it's this sense of innate honesty that most strikes me, even more than a quiet, unusual intelligence that is consistently noted in the many legal reports I have read — compiled by attorneys, psychiatrists, counselors, and parole commissioners. Perhaps the fact that the average inmate in California has a seventh-grade reading level sets French apart, but he speaks and writes eloquently, holding forth on the politics of the Middle East or making

an informed opinion on the budget deficit of California. He listens to National Public Radio as well as to the most conservative AM radio jocks in an effort to get both sides of issues.

French has spent much time trying to learn about himself and how to cope with his transgression and "the reality I deal with in here." He usually rises at 4:00 a.m. It's the only chance an incarcerated man can get for quiet time and study in the barrackslike living situation French is in. Part of

that time is spent in meditation, which he learned through Siddha yoga and a correspondence course he began about a dozen years ago. "I wanted to learn how to deal with conflict better. When I first went to prison I would get worked up if I was shown disrespect or aggression. But that happens every day in here. It's so compact. Someone is always testing you. There's just no escape from people." He shakes his head. "You can go either way: find a peaceful way to deal

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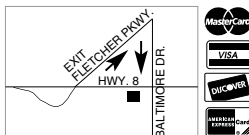
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with it or get caught up in the violence, which is what I did the first few years. Then I found that meditation keeps you centered in a higher state.”

Self-examination has also become a continuing exercise. As a result of the Alcoholics Anonymous program, French makes a daily assessment of himself

and his place. “I use it as a daily guide for myself. It’s also the chance to let my mind just go where it will.” I’m sorry to learn that the notebooks he’s filled have been tossed out due to storage limitations for inmates.

Yet there is a pervasive sense of vulnerability at French’s core, a streak of fatalism that marks French and seems

to have always been there. He confesses that his biggest failure has been disappointing those he loved by not rising to the level of abilities he was given. “My parents would continually ask me why I didn’t achieve more. I’d tell them, ‘Look, I don’t wanna change the world.’ ”

Occasionally my

probe goes deeper. Why didn’t he take those scholarship offers and go for greatness? He stares ahead in contemplation before gently responding. “No backbone, I guess.”

No backbone? I study again the log-sized forearms and upper body of the man who today weighs 280 pounds. I call up his rep-

utation for fearlessness and toughness and try to square all that with his answer. Perhaps it’s in the psychological evaluations of him that I have studied. The first one, performed two years after his crime, is the most thorough as well as the most revealing. The appointed psychiatrist provides the results of various intelli-

gence exams, including an IQ test. All of the test scores were “exceedingly high,” and his full-scale IQ score placed him “in the superior range of intellectual functioning.”

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former Olympic athlete and French’s high school football coach, Jan Chapman. “He told me I could play in the NFL,” French recalls. “I was good with my hands as a kid. So I played split end and defensive end. In tenth grade, my aggressive nature came out on defense. I saw I could hurt people. I mean, I could pick guys up, throw ’em to the ground, and spit on ’em. But I didn’t like that in myself. Besides, about that time sports took a back seat to partying. So I quit the next year. Coach Chapman talked me into playing my senior year, but I wasn’t very into it.” Coming of age in the Summer of Love, French was introduced

to not only the new mantra of universal peace but also to drinking, pot, and rebellion. “I got caught up in the counterculture. Vietnam War, the whole thing. I always had an inquisitive mind, so now I questioned everything and everybody, especially my teachers, who were priests.” A seminal event was when he picked up a book, *Manchild in the Promised Land*, by Claude Brown. Published in 1965, the best seller is a raw narrative of a black kid transplanted from the South to the jungle of Harlem, where he must learn to negotiate his way among killers, prostitutes, and drug dealers. “It had a big effect on me,” French recalls. “The struggles that Brown went through were fascinating, and the idea to work with troubled kids began to intrigue me. But by the time I graduated, I was sick of school. Eventually I enrolled at Southwestern junior college and declared criminology my major, since that would be closest to counseling kids with problems.” His wistful smile recognizes the irony. “But I wasn’t really into it. The partying continued, and I dropped out.” Like many of his childhood buddies, French turned to construction for a living. “I worked hard, and I also partied hard. In those days, making money was to have a good time.” Romance became a big

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part too when he fell in love with a girl who was the daughter of an attorney in Coronado. Although they had both attended Marian High at the same time, French's amorous interest in her developed a few years later. "We loved each other a lot," he recalls.

They also had a son. "She left me when he was two. I was devastated but had only myself to blame. Drinking and hanging out with my friends too much." The adventure-some woman decided to relocate to the West Indies and take her son with her. "In letters, she'd tell me I'd love it down there and to come and check it out, but I couldn't really see it. San Diego was already like paradise to me."

His lifestyle stayed simple: pound nails all day until the evening, when the beer and drugs

flowed. "Look, I always lived a little on the left side of the law. That was my choice, and I made it clear to my friends and family. 'I ain't John Q. Citizen, and I don't wanna be Mr. Success. So don't expect that of me.' "

Of course, honesty cuts both ways, and Brian French has had time to look long and hard at things. He doesn't sidestep the most penetrating questions, and when they're posed there is a moment when his mouth puckers and his eyes contract in laserlike intensity. He draws a deep breath and exhales, then speaks with a ferocity of concentration and conviction. Given his stature, it is a formidable sight. "I can tell you that I never woke up a day in my life with the intent of hurting someone." He summons more gravitas.

"Including the guy I killed." Numerous family members and close friends who know French well have said the same about the man.

In 1978, smarting from his girlfriend and son's departure, French looked for a new beginning by enlisting in the Navy. His job as an aviation electronics technician he found stimulating, and "I worked my ass off for six years in the Navy." Indeed, his military record bears out an exceptional work history with commendations, but French's predilection for after-hours pot and booze remained with him. Following a welcomed transfer from out of state to Miramar Naval Air Station in 1984, he was granted leave, and following a couple of weeks of hometown revelry, he reported to a new assignment — as

well as a new policy of random testing for marijuana. French was popped on the spot. Disenchantment with that event coincided with his mother's hospitalization for a stroke, and he went AWOL. Faced with reduction of rank, he eventually settled for a less-than-honorable discharge and went home to IB.

Now in his mid-30s, adrift but in no hurry to attach any permanent moorings, French returned to construction jobs. Alcohol and pot were the normal fare, but for the first time, he began using crystal methamphetamine. "After coming home from the Navy, I began using meth," French says. "I liked it because it made you think hard. And everything seemed good. You come up with all these great ideas at the time, while reality is

lowering the chances of ever realizing them." He began a serious relationship with a woman.

I believe Brian French might still have turned out the happy citizen like some of his close childhood friends who eventually gave up the partying life. Matured to the point of working on a steady basis with his strong hands or his exceptional mind, he might have married a girl, raised some kids, and bought a humble IB house, then watch its value appreciate with the years. He might have grown as a person in his own manner and at his own rate.

Might have. Had things not drifted off center, then finally corkscrewed into a crazed afternoon of unfettered violence, rage, and remorse. Tragedy finally, and usually the tragic event

spreads a dark, indelible stain over the lives of many. It also can present to the same unwellcoming eyes many questions that demand examination and maybe...enlightenment.

TIN CAN  
It started one evening in 1986 with three guys at a bar.

I knew the setting: the Rathskeller. When I was growing up in the '60s, it was called the Beachcomber, one among a bevy of IB bars my dad had habituated. In those days it was still called a "beer joint," with shuffleboard, jukebox, Hamm's or Schlitz on tap. It was one of many watering holes for construction workers and sailors.

By the early '70s, the place had a new name and new clientele as well. In time, the "Rat" grew to become

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That evening in 1986 began innocently enough for French with a visit to the annual bazaar of St. Charles Catholic Church. He left and went to the Rathskeller looking to buy some speed. His source not around, he ordered whiskey after whiskey while he waited.

The conversation of the two adjoining drinkers pricked his attention. The one who was a biker was talking about the brutal beating he had recently given some local guy. Now he wanted to kill him.

Although French hadn't heard about the beating, the loser of the fight, Barry Webster, was a friend of his. Eccentric by nature, Webster reputedly was a Special Forces Vietnam vet who returned from the war without being able to fully stop living it. He continued his intensive military training while running through the streets of Imperial Beach in full combat gear, haunting the local bars, although he disdained

drugs and rarely touched alcohol. He was also very feared. Brian French's brother, Larry, remembers, "He was a trained killer. I saw him more than once use martial arts to clean up two or three bikers at a time. So I was shocked when he later told me some guy had hospitalized him and broke his ankle." The rest of the town would be shocked too. Word would get out about this biker and ironworker from New York known as Tin Can. His real name was Tom Megill.

French ordered another whiskey and interrupted the conversation. "Hey, none of my business, but that guy you're talkin' about is a

friend of mine and a good guy."

Megill turned to him, "You're right. It's none of your business."

French shrugged. "Man, I ain't lookin' for trouble. I just know Barry, and he's cool. Sounds like you already beat him pretty good anyway."

Megill shook his head slowly. "Not good enough. Next time I see him I oughta cut off his f\*\*\*\*\* head."

As French drained a dozen glasses of the amber liquid, he let the subject go. "I was a happy drunk, as they say. Sure, if I had to get busy with someone, I would. But I didn't look for it." My brother, Danny Shewman, often

ran into French at the beach or some party. He recalls, "Mellow guy, but everyone said don't mess with Brian French."

Finally, about two o'clock and with no speed to sustain the night, French stumbled toward the back exit. Almost to the door, he barely saw the fist flying from the side. Next, he was on his back, trying to ward off the blows. "I was so drunk I couldn't get hold of him. I remember turning my head and seeing Megill's boots pointed away from me, so he wasn't in on it. He was just guarding his friend in case anyone else tried to get in. But I got the beating of my life. It took me about a month and a

half to recover." After his bloodshot eyes cleared and the piercing headaches ceased, French returned to the Rat in search of the guy who jumped him. "I had a pretty good reputation in town, and I wanted to uphold it. Revenge was eating me up." Oddly enough, it was Tom Megill and a local biker, Tom Sweeney, who talked French out of a rematch. Weeks later when Megill's friend surfaced, they both agreed to drop it. "One good thing came out of it," French admits today. "It made me decide to quit drinking. I never wanted to be in that state again where I couldn't defend

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myself.” He continued to frequent the Rat, ordering nonalcoholic drinks while speeding on crystal. He enjoyed the demimonde of the dark bar, a crossroads where drifters and grifters, homeboys and fighting bikers, dealers, derelicts, and mad hatters could cavort and spew. A place where pretense had no place, or if it appeared, was quickly discouraged and sometimes pounded out. On one particular evening, French mentioned his interest in finding a new place to live. Of all people, Megill told him of a spare bedroom in the house where he was living in San Ysidro, about a mile from the Mexican border. Tom Sweeney and Jim Powers, the owner of the house, were living there too. “I’d been spending a lot of time with my girlfriend, Tani,” French says, “and she was pushing the idea of living together. I wasn’t quite ready for it. I knew Sweeney since we were kids, and I had gotten to like Tin Can, so I moved into the house.”

Many events in the life of Brian French have seemed ill-starred, but the timing of his move to San Ysidro in early December 1986 was darkly ominous. Not at the onset. “We all got along. I was only doing crystal on weekends. Usually we’d stay up all night doing a jigsaw puzzle.” By the end of that month, French saw serious changes in Megill’s behavior. Tin Can always had money, and the story was that he had just gotten a cash settlement of \$50,000 from the ironworkers union. He’d gotten injured, and when not allowed to return to work, he’d sued the union.

In French’s view, “Tom loved his work. But when he took the settlement and couldn’t work anymore, it emasculated him. He went off

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period, he progressively got worse until he ended up in madness.”

In her October 8, 1987, *Reader* cover story, “Murder Charge,” Marianne Kelly detailed the nightmarish atmosphere that enveloped the house. The article refers to the preliminary hearing in a San Diego courtroom where Sweeney testified that he began to notice a change in Megill even prior to French’s arrival. Sweeney related an incident when he had spent several hours repairing plumb-

ing in Megill’s living quarters, which were attached to the house but had a separate entrance. After the repair, according to the article, “Megill then accused him of rigging the toilet with explosives so that when he sat on it, it would explode.”

The uninterrupted snorting of meth heightened Megill’s delusions as the weeks passed. “He came to think we were snitching on him to the police,” French says. “We tried to reason with him. But it only got worse. Another time he came at me with a framing ax. We told him, ‘Tom, you gotta get some sleep, man!’ ”

At one point, French and Powers had convinced Tin Can to check into a rehab at a hospital in Chula Vista. Indeed, a special meth rehab — that assured anonymity — had been set up there since crystal-meth abuse had

become epidemic in the South Bay. “We had him in the car,” French says. “And on the way, when we stopped at a stop sign, he jumped out of the back seat.”

Wild-eyed and disheveled, meanness seeping from his pores, Megill could do a lot of damage even in the best of moods. Now he was leaving a trail of punch-outs and blood behind him. A bartender at the Rat, Renee Hartley, is quoted in the *Reader* article:

“Brian was a gentle giant. I trusted him to babysit my daughter. There aren’t very many people I trust with her. But I trusted Brian. I never knew him too well before about six months ago, when he started coming into the Rat. He didn’t drink, but he’d just come in and talk. I have a VCR, and sometimes he’d come over, and we’d watch movies.”

The story she told of Tom Megill’s behavior was much the same one she testified to at French’s preliminary hearing after the shooting: “If you ask me, Tin Can [Megill] was a dirty old man. He didn’t like women very much. A couple of weeks before he died, he threatened to kill me three times because I parked my car in the motorcycle parking spot at the Rat for about eight minutes one day, when he wanted to park his bike there. He came knocking on my door and said that I was a ‘dead bitch.’ That I was ‘on my way to the cemetery.’ ”

Tin Can started looking like the time bomb he was. Again, from the *Reader*:

Megill’s room...is barren, with cin-

derblock walls, and a stained velvet couch is the only piece of furniture. “That was Tin Can’s bed,” Powers said, pointing to the couch. “In the end, he really didn’t own anything. He’d buy a new set of clothes and just wear them until they fell off. He didn’t care what he looked like.”

Back in the living room, Sweeney claimed that when Megill’s son and brother arrived from New York after the shooting, one of his son’s first comments was, “This man was not my father. My father would never have lived in a place like this. My father would never have dressed like this.” The son eventually accepted the inevitable and rented a van to carry his father’s Harley-

Davidson back to New York.

While Marianne Kelly documents Megill’s descent into a psychotic maelstrom, there are also official accounts of his behavior. One was the probation officer’s report, filed on February 24, 1988:

On the other side of the coin, law enforcement and investigation reports paint a picture of the victim, Tom Megill, as a person who was a heavy drinker, addicted to crystal methamphetamine and who bullied and picked fights and threatened everyone around him. Witnesses state that he was constantly fighting, carrying knives, and was rumored to own a .22 caliber Ruger, which he threatened to shoot

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people with at different times. There are reports in the DA file confirming that Tom Megill broke a man's ankle in one of his terrorizing rages and fights, struck a female bartender with his fists in her face and pulled a knife on another victim threatening to kill that victim.

**BLOODY SUNDAY** Brian French lay on the couch in midmorning, lazily perusing a magazine. A Sunday morning: March 1, 1987. Jim Powers and Tom Sweeney were still sleeping in their bedrooms. The jigsaw puzzle French and Powers labored on Friday night lay unfinished on the table. French's mind suddenly jerked. He heard the high whine of a Volkswagen bus as it approached the house. Its owner was Tom Megill. A wave of dread passed over French.

Within moments the front door cracked open. Megill flew into the house bellowing, "Where in the f\*\*\* is Tom?" Then he burst into Tom Sweeney's bedroom. The muscles of French's body tightened.

"Have you ever heard the sound of someone's skull cracking?" he asks me. Always one to jump to the defense of a friend under attack, French, for the first time in his life, got to his feet without resolution. "I was paralyzed with fear. I went to the door and stood wondering what I should do. I knew Sweeney had a handgun, but he was being pummeled."

Suddenly Megill leaped up from the bed and rushed toward the door brandishing a Buck knife. French stepped backward against the wall as Megill advanced and planted the knife's blade against French's throat. "I'd been in the drug culture since my

teens," French says. "Seen it all. Done it all. But I'd never seen this. A guy's eyes actually vibrating. Looking in them I became petrified."

Then, inexplicably, Megill's hand dropped, and he left in his van.

French had Powers drive him to a friend's house in IB where he borrowed a 12-gauge Mossberg shotgun and a clutch of rounds. Larry French comments, "One of my brothers and I grew up with guns, since we hunted, but Brian never liked them. So that was another shock when I heard about what happened, that Brian had killed someone with a gun."

Larry French's best friend growing up, Hal May, today owns his home and has raised a family in Imperial Beach. He graduated from Marian High School like the French kids. "Larry and I were a couple years younger than Brian, but he was always our hero growing up. He was the biggest and strongest, the best athlete of anyone we knew. I can also tell you one thing. Brian French had no fear of anything or anyone. So I couldn't believe he had to use a gun to stop him. All I could think was that this musta been one bad dude."

It's a question that many who knew French have pondered, as did former commissioner Brett Granlund of the Board of Prison Terms, who presided over French's last parole hearing, in 2002. In the transcript, Granlund begins the hearing with questions about the crime. He inquires about the size of Megill, who was five feet nine and 200 pounds.

*Presiding Commissioner Granlund:* Which is basically — he's my size. I wouldn't want to tan-

gle with you today. So what I'm trying to understand is how — what was it that would cause a man much smaller than you in stature, in physical stature —

*Inmate French:* His condition.

*Presiding Commissioner Granlund:* He was ten years older than you.

*Inmate French:* He was ten years older, and I'll tell you, as you say, I'm six foot four and 220, and you wouldn't want to tangle with me. By the same token, sir, if I looked at you and your eyeballs were vibrating and I had seen you damage people because you had this incredible strength that I know for a fact was coming from amphetamines, that — I would be afraid to deal with you. And I was afraid to deal with that person.

French today reflects, "This wasn't about a fistfight and who would win. It was about a madman who was gonna kill someone. Probably one of us."

When French returned to the house, he locked himself in his room with the shotgun, having loaded five shells into the magazine. Sweeney was locked in his room as well. Jim Powers was at the table finishing the puzzle when the VW bus pulled up at about 3:00 in the afternoon. Megill, according to the *Reader* article, had spent most of the afternoon in the Rathskeller drinking and spouting nonsensical comments. Later, the article goes on, the autopsy report "showed a blood-alcohol level of .18, nearly twice the legal limit when operating a motor vehicle. Traces of methamphetamine were found in his brain, liver, and urine."

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line. First, how to get out of this?

When Megill plowed through the front door, French was sitting on his bed and holding the loaded gun. Tin Can saw Powers at the table and this time screamed, "Where in the f\*\*\* is Brian?"

Then French heard again the vicious, hollow sound of fist on flesh. He pushed open his door to see Megill strad-

dling the helpless, semi-conscious Powers, his riveting fist holding the same Buck knife. French trained the gun on him and yelled, "Get the f\*\*\* off him!"

"Some people don't realize that I coulda shot him right there," French says today. "He jumped up and ran out the door, and I fired a round above it. I followed him out of the yard and fired two more rounds into

the air as he ran down the street. I yelled, 'Come back here, m\*\*\*\*\*', and I'll kill you!" I turned around and noticed his van was half parked on the sidewalk, still running. That enraged me more because I realized he was on a hit-and-run kamikaze raid. I shot two rounds into the van."

The thundering shots brought people in the crowded neighborhood to their windows and into their yards. Back inside the house, French quickly told his two startled roommates,

"Man, if you guys are holding any dope or anything you don't want the cops to see, you better get rid of it now, 'cause they'll be here any minute."

Were it so. "I shot off those rounds hoping the cops would come to clean up this mess. We lived right next to the border, off Interstate 5, and the neighborhood crawled with law officers of all types at all hours. Here it was Sunday afternoon, and a hundred people watching. It didn't matter who got arrested. Me, Megill, whoever. Just so they'd

come and end it. They didn't."

French inserted the remaining two rounds into the shotgun and walked out to the porch, praying Tin Can would not return. "I knew he'd come back. I knew he couldn't let this thing go." Sure enough, French watched Megill turn around at the corner and start back. A hundred yards away he crossed over to the far side of the street, then continued until he was directly facing French. "I could see he was carrying the knife in his right hand. When he crossed

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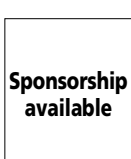
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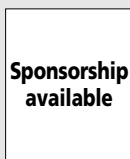
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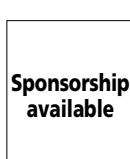
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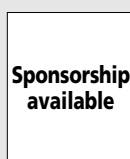
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the street again and approached me, he put his hand behind his back. He then tried to sweet-talk me. 'Bubba, Bubba, I ain't got nothin' against you. It's

Tom and Jim, man.' " French yelled as his adversary started to reach for the gate to open it. "You're f\*\*\*\*\* crazy, man! Don't come in here! Don't come in!"

"Hey, bro! Lighten up. We got no problem!" Tin Can reached again for the gate. French remembers, "When I drew the gun down on him he went

ballistic." "You won't shoot, you f\*\*\*\*\* coward!" McGill pointed the finger of his left hand at French. "You're dead, mother\*\*\*\*\*! You are

dead!" "You're gonna kill me, m\*\*\*\*\*?" French screamed back. "I've tried to be your friend, and you're gonna kill me!"

"You're dead, mother\*\*\*\*\*! I'm gonna bury all of you f\*\*\*\*\*!" McGill pushed the gate. French fired. "He yelled 'Ahh-hhh!' and threw his hands up to his chest," French remembers. "His yell kinda shocked me. For a second I realized he was really shot. He stumbled back into the street and fell."

Jim Powers came out to the porch and saw French searching the grass for something. He cried, "Brian! Brian!"

French looked up. "Why did he make me do this?" Powers stood stunned and waited. French spoke again, "I gotta put him out of his misery."

Today French recalls, "I had no awareness of Tin Can. Of nothing other than finding that last round. I put it in the gun and then walked over to him. He wasn't moving and was in a fetal position. I pointed the gun at his head and fired."

It was over.

Only 40 seconds transpired between the first and second shots; it was likely the first shot killed him, as the autopsy revealed a three-inch hole rupturing the aorta. "The second shot was his big mistake," recalls Deborah Carson, the woman who was appointed his defense attorney by the County of San Diego. "Since the victim was on the ground and no longer a threat, it made the difference between manslaughter and second-degree homicide. The photos of the crime didn't help either."

"Why the second shot?" I asked French.

"Law officers, counselors, psychiatrists, all kinds of people have asked me," French says, "and they all want it to be black and white. But it isn't. It can be gray. I killed a guy who was threatening my life as well as my roommates."

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But there's another reason for what I did, and that's where it gets gray. Tom had been a friend. But he was so far insane he wasn't coming back. He was living in hell, man! One he created. In my mind, I had to end it for us, for me, and for him too."

After firing the second shot, French threw down the gun and placed his hands above his head. Immediately law officers surrounded him, guns drawn, while sirens blared.

At the San Ysidro substation, French sat chained to a bench, flummoxed and forlorn. One of the officers asked him if he wanted a soda. Handing him the cool can suddenly became a token of human compassion. French crumpled into a shaking mass of sobs. "I cried until I was empty. I don't know, maybe an hour without stopping. I didn't cry for me. For the guy I killed, for his family, for my family, for everyone. I poured all my grief out then."

His feelings swung widely as he was taken to downtown San Diego for questioning. "Now my emotions centered on why I was here. Why had I ended up in a position I never intended? A friend who I tried to help had come unglued to the point that he was going to kill someone. And if no one was going to stand up and stop it, I decided I had to."

Waiving his Miranda rights, French confessed immediately. "No attorney. I knew exactly what I had done and had to accept it. I have never once tried to hide from it."

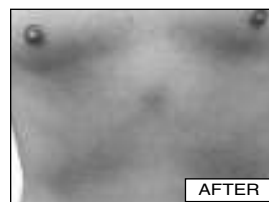
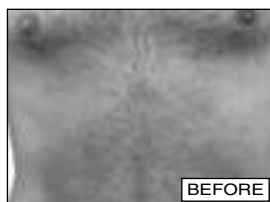
In French's mind, his forthrightness was soon met with sleight-of-hand tactics by the two interrogating officers. "I'm here confessing total truth to these guys, and they start screwing around with

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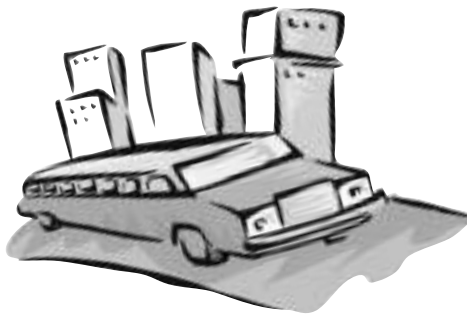
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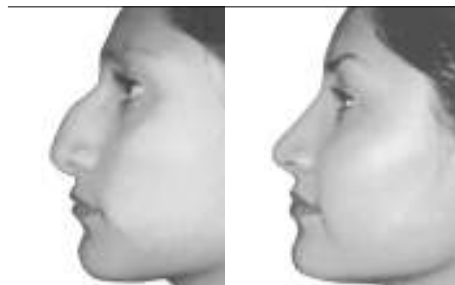


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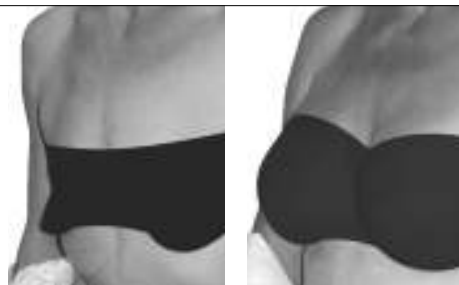
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the facts. It caught me off guard, until I realized they were trying to frame a guy who didn't even need framing. It started with the knife."

According to French, one officer asked the other, "Frank, do you remember anything reported about a knife?"

The second detective, the nicer one, feigned surprise. "No, I don't remember anything about a knife." Hostility rose in French's gut as he saw their transparent intent.

He recalls, "Here I had killed a guy holding a knife, and these guys are saying, 'What knife?' In fact, they didn't even include the knife in their evidence report. Only later did my defense attorney investigate that and get it included."

detective asked.

"Actually, I tried to get them involved. Don't you think shooting five rounds off on a Sunday afternoon on a crowded street where some bikers live woulda gotten a cop there?" French glared at the officer. "Where the f\*\*\* were they! Down at Dunkin' Donuts?"

"They arrived as soon as they could. There aren't enough police to protect citizens everywhere, all the time, Mr. French."

French shot back, "Protect! I know what you guys do. You bring in 20 cops to unload their guns into some poor guy and take him away in a green plastic bag. You don't protect anyone."

Every word of French's diatribe was

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Instantly the prisoner erupted. "Listen, you motherf\*\*\*ers! Don't try that cheap TV cop routine with me. What the f\*\*\* are you trying to pull?"

The good cop responded, "Okay, Mr. French. Calm down."

The tougher one queried, "Mr. French, there were alternatives to shooting this man. Why didn't you call the police?"

"Hey, I grew up in IB in the '60s, and as a kid, you learned to fight and protect yourself. In that town, you learned that the cops were not your friends. Especially those idiots down there. Besides, ratting out someone was the last thing you'd ever do."

"So you decided to do their job?" the same

recorded in the police report. Upon reading it, his defense attorney muttered, "Oh, Brian!"

Of the more than 50 murder defendants Carson has represented, French is one of the few she remembers vividly. "First, I remember he was such a big man. I'm small, but to me he was," she searches for words, "a gentle giant. He was very respectful and accepted full responsibility. He never asked for anything. I also remember the unusual number of people who showed up for his hearings. He had a lot of support." She goes on to tell me that she'd be more than happy to write a letter of support for French or even attend his next parole hearing if that would help.



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For the next year, French waited in the San Diego County jail. Hearings and discussions between Carson and deputy district attorney Mark Pettine continued until the options became clear. Carson presented them to her client. Going to court meant facing a first-degree murder charge. The thought of dragging his family through such an ordeal had no appeal for French. Instead, he could plead guilty to a second-degree murder charge and get 15 years to life. Since he'd used a gun in the crime, he also faced a gun-enhancement charge that meant two more years added to his sentence — something that would be eliminated if he pleaded guilty. At the time, such a sentence with good behavior in prison usually meant a parole in 9 or 10 years. He took it.

After sentencing French to 15 years to life, the judge asked Carson if she would like him to write a letter on French's behalf for early release. "That's the only time that a judge has ever offered that to one of my clients," Carson says.

Judge Wayne Peterson wrote the following to the Department of Corrections:

I am the Judge who sentenced Brian Richard French in the above-referenced matter. Although I rejected his attorney's plea to place the defendant on probation and sentenced him to State Prison, I recommend that Mr. French be given every consideration for release at an early date, so long as his performance within the Department of Corrections is deemed acceptable by the authorities. I base this recommendation on the defendant's age and the fact that he

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French spoke, "You gimme those or I'm gonna f\*\*\* your world up, man! Right now." The guy mumbled something and handed them over.

"My first day in jail reinforced what my vision of jail already was. It alarmed me. Am I gonna have to live like this? Am I gonna have to kill another guy to survive in here? Fighting becomes inevitable. In time I learned to let it go. Today a guy could tell me, 'F\*\*\* you!' and I could let it go."

In May 1988, French was sent to Chino State Prison. His exceptional intelligence and 45 units of college helped him get a clerical job processing prisoners in the state penal system. With a view to the future, French took advantage of a program that trained him in Voca-

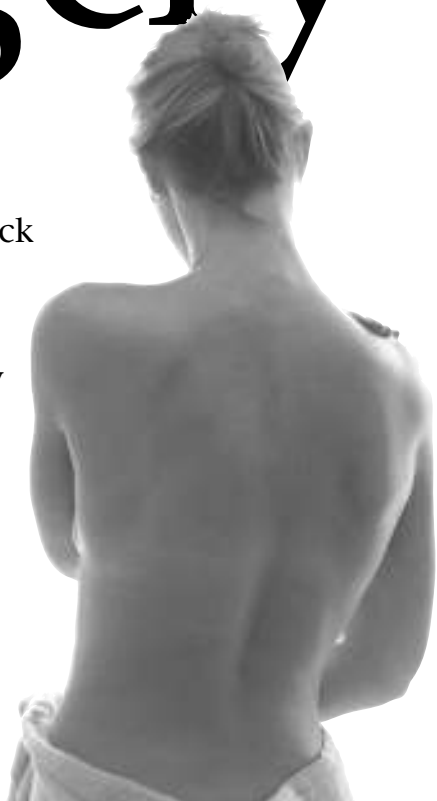
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tional Mill and Cabinet over the next three years. After 2000 hours of vocational instruction, he was granted a certificate of completion from the State of California. "Chino was pretty good to me. My family, including my son, would come up, and we'd have picnics on the grass. I was a workout fiend. I ran, played ball, and would hit the punching bag for hours. It got rid of my aggression as well. The guards would say, 'Man, how long can you do that?'"

In 1998, French was transferred to California State Prison in Lancaster. It was a stark change. "We were locked down every other day, it seemed. Because of riots. Riots and most violence in prison happens along racial lines. By definition you are a member of a race and expected to stand up for each other. In Chuckawalla, Hispanics have the largest number, followed by blacks, then whites. The Mexicans are the most feared in any prison. When it all does break down, the 'Eses' don't mess around. They bring out the shanks, and everyone knows it. Physical stature is nullified when a guy gets stuck. They stay together. If a Mexican fights another Mexican, their own people will beat the shit out of both of 'em. A guy was shanked to death in here last Thanksgiving."

He pauses in thought, then displays his unusual trait of tolerance. "Don't get me wrong. There's some bad people in here. But even in this setting most guys are decent. Even the gangbangers. The young guys show respect to elders. It's just those times when it boils over."

After a year in Lancaster, French was transferred to Chuckawalla Valley State Prison in Blythe. "I put in for a transfer because after

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my second parole hearing in 1998, one of the few things my board suggested was psychiatric therapy. The only place I could get it was here. A month after I got here the funding was cut and the psychiatrist was let go. That's the game played in here, and it finally beats you down."

The morning I'm to meet French is beautiful. Palm trees, punctuated by shrubs, stretch up on each side of the isolated road I drive to the prison. It could almost be a desert resort in the distance. In the visitors' center, my apprehension heightens. I see mostly Hispanic and African-American visitors, maybe 10 percent male. I remember, when I was

five, going the first time to visit my own father in jail. Seeing him behind a thick, square window, I was struck by how pale he was. He frowned at my mother. "Why'd you bring him?"

Passing through heavily barred gates, I follow an asphalt sidewalk a couple of hundred yards long lined with razor wire that crowns a 30-foot-high fence. In the visitors' room, up to 70 people sit at round tables; 10 more people are outside on the patio. I grab a vacant chair and wait, surveying this new world. The prisoners are easy to spot: light blue denim short-sleeved shirts, nicely pressed. Darker blue denim

pants. Tattoos are in abundance, some on the scalps of shaved heads or encircling necks. A few kids play checkers with their fathers. A long

my eye, I see a big man approach the desk. Having played beach volleyball with one of French's younger brothers, I'm struck by the resem-

arthritic knees.

Through the glasses he wears, he stares at the visitor's chit. I know he's wondering who in the hell is visiting him. He turns around, and I stand up. He approaches with a quizzical look on his face. We shake hands.

"Hey, Brian. I'm Byron...Shewman. An old IB guy. I think you know my brother, Danny."

His smile broadens, and immediately my anxiety is gone for good. "Yeah. I know who you are! You're famous." Maybe in IB!, I acknowledge to myself. Apparently my years playing on the USA Men's Volleyball Team and professionally in Europe had become hometown lore.

By December, I've spent several five-hour sessions with French. A dozen times I've driven from Blythe back to where I live in Leucadia to start anew, calling wherever and to whomever the path leads — mostly to dead ends. Attorneys, cops I've known, an old teammate who's a DA for the County of Los Angeles, writers, and even a filmmaker. Politicians too. I try the office of local state senator Dede Alpert, and the offices of state senators John Burton and Gloria Romero, who are on the California Correctional System committee. I dial up the Board of Prison Terms. I study French's file downtown at the

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blance, and I know it's him. I see his 51 years and the 16 years of incarceration. His arms are huge. There's a suggested sag in the gut and a slight limp from

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Superior Court. I talk with some of French's family members. I go by and meet his parents and have several long tête-à-têtes with his engaging mother, who gives me the old *Reader* article. I run down a guy who worked for a while with Tom Megill. Close friends of French's I chase in IB, as well as some who will give him job offers, if and when he comes home. I jump in the huge reservoir of information that is the Internet. I drive by the fateful house in San Ysidro several times, running back the reel of events filtered through my own imagination. I find myself talking about French's story incessantly.

On my three-hour drives to Blythe, I think of questions to pose. On one visit I notice a guy about 50 years old walking the patio with a female visitor. Slightly built, maybe five feet nine and 140, sans the blue tattoos and blue denim uniform, he could pass for a manager at Home Depot. I ask French how such a guy survives in here.

French grins. "CPAs on speed, we call 'em. A guy like him is gonna be okay. He'll be confronted from time to time, usually by some bully. What he has to do is stand up for himself. Not let anyone bitch slap him. Then the other white guys will jump in if he's getting hurt bad.

But he'll be taken care of if he does the right thing. It's just like in any situation in life: if you use your head, you can usually avoid trouble. If that's what you choose. But a certain amount of violence can't be avoided in here. If you see a guy walking around the yard with a black eye from time to time, you know things are pretty normal."

French gives me a poignant summation. "What's most lacking in here is the feminine touch. To make it softer. It's all guys in here. Since there's no woman's influence, it becomes a much harder, unforgiving place."

My fascination leads me to questions about

the racial strife. "I don't have a problem with it," French says. "I played basketball on the yard in here with black guys my first two years. If a white guy played with blacks in Lancaster, he'd get beat down or stabbed. But even in here it became an issue with some white guys who didn't like it. It wasn't worth having it escalate, which would happen if I kept playing. Lately I play on a team with mostly Mexicans. But as a white guy, you can't sit down in here and eat with a black guy. Or play cards with him. Just the way it is."

Eventually I tell French how when I begin a visit with him he speaks with a distinctive

cadence as well as a tincture of the accent associated with Spanglish — what's spoken in East LA. But within a few hours he loses it. He nods and smiles. "Just the other day a Mexican guy in here was telling me that he heard two dudes behind him talking. Black guys, or *morenos*, as they call them. He said he turned around and was shocked. 'Man, they were Mexican!' What can I tell you? In here you're like a lizard. When he jumps to that tree, he's blue. When he jumps to that one, he turns green."

From time to time I send French articles on the Starlings program, which he shares with

some of his friends. "Hey, the guys like reading those. Volleyball is really popular in here with the Mexican nationals. I guess they learned it in Mexico."

Then, what most men wonder, and fear: What about rape? "Nah, I think that's a perception created by media and movies. I haven't really witnessed it. It's not like what you hear on the outside."

He appreciates the little things. "If you have to be locked up, this is a great place. Some guys don't think so, but I think it's human nature for some people to complain about everything. There are guys in here who complain about what's for dessert! Can

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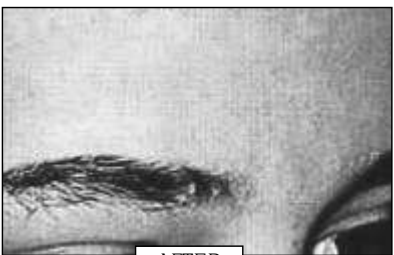
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you imagine any prison in the world where there is a discussion about choice of desserts? Or that even have dessert?" We both smile.

In a world where allegiance to a group is expected, and enforced, French has found a kind of self-dependence, laced with that same fatalism. "You know, a lot of guys in here get bitter. They only focus on the system and how unfair it is. That's all they talk about. For me, I plan on dyin' in here, but I don't wanna end up bitter. My goal is to ride out this karmic storm with my chin up. With whatever dignity I can."

Existentialism in the flesh, I reflect. In Sartre's own words, "There is no exit."

In early June I cross the Rubicon, and together, French and I engage an attorney for French's next parole hearing. The very same day her services are enlisted, I receive a letter from French. He says he has sent off the signed agreement to the lawyer, he thanks me effusively for my help, and then:

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in the case of one ‘courageous soul.’ ”

Oh, God! I call the attorney, and she’s not overly alarmed. She wants to investigate the incident.

During my visit that weekend, French fills me in. The prison uses well water, and some of the wellheads are broken and are not being fixed, so there’s a shortage of water. The result is that the number of showers was dramatically cut. “It gets to be 120 degrees in summer here. That’s outside, and it’s hotter inside without air-conditioning. The only relief you have is that few minutes of a cold shower. Our prisoner reps went to the administration to protest and

were shut down.”

Subsequently, a group of inmates organized a strike for two of the four yards — about 1600 prisoners. They all refused to go to work except for the brave five. “Was it worth it to me or the other lifers in here to strike? Hell, no! Not over something that petty or trivial, but there was no choice. Well, you could choose to go to work and later get stuck when you’re not looking. So about 800 guys got 115s. But the guys who organized it are in transit or are parole violators, so a 115 means 30 days of extra time. Big deal. For lifers a disciplinary 115 can ruin years of good behavior. Meaning no parole. Which is my

case. I’ll appeal it, but...,” he shrugs, and I know the answer.

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given wide discretion in determining if a man or woman is “suitable” for parole. French’s attorney is a brilliant woman who has represented clients for over a decade. Her view is that “it’s just too arbitrary. One commissioner will make a judgment on a prisoner’s suitability that is entirely different from another’s. And that’s the unfairness in this system. It’s not necessarily the commissioners who are to be blamed. There needs to be a more objective criteria for parolees.”

Shortly after meeting French, I pick up my new *Scientific American* and find an article titled “Reducing Crime: Rehabilitation Is Making a Comeback.” Fascinating.

It reviews criminal policy from the pre-1970 era, when rehabilitation was in vogue, to the subsequent period of tough-on-crime sentencing laws that exploded the prisoner population. Interestingly, studies of late show that rehabilitation does in fact work when the proper programs are used. The article states, “Rehabilitation therapy is expensive in the short term; still, it is far cheaper than the criminal justice system, which incurred direct costs of \$147 billion in 1999.” My eyes fall upon two graphs in the article that apply to French’s plight. The first reveals that of all felons released, the group with the lowest

number of returnees to prison is murderers. Next, I see a graph supporting what I already know: only about 2 percent of men paroled after age 55 return to prison.

Research also shows that older guys in the big house are more costly to put up. The trail leads me to an Associated Press article from 2002 that reports that in California, the 5800 inmates 55 or older “may cost three times as much as the price of housing younger inmates.” Makes sense. Cancer, diabetes, and dementia are expensive.

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that a recall vote of Governor Davis became a reality. As the tax and spending cut continuum is now being studied, prisons are also being looked at. It currently costs \$28,439 a year to keep someone in state prison, while the California Department of Corrections, which runs the largest prison system in the Western world, has a budget of \$5.3 billion. The future looks far bleaker. With longer sentences and more and more three-strikes offenders coming into prison, the tab will go into the stratosphere.

The history of the growth of penal institu-

tions in California is enlightening too. Between 1852 and 1984, the state built 12 prisons. By 1996, there were 28; today we have 33. The number of prisoners is growing at an even faster rate. In 1977, the state housed 19,600 inmates. Today, over 150,000 have a prison address. And that ain't all. All the prisons are overflowing. A look at the data from the Department of Corrections shows that the average is 191 percent of capacity.

When French copped to a second-degree murder plea in 1988, conventional wis-

dom said that he would probably be paroled in nine years, provided he maintained a clean, rehabilitative record. A year later, in 1989, 54 murderers obtained parole in California — even under the get-tough Governor Deukmejian. But when get-tougher Pete Wilson took office in 1991, the faucet was squeezed to a trickle. In 1992, the number of paroled murderers shrank to 17. It got a little more squeezed until Democrat Gray Davis took over in 1999 and held true to his campaign pledge that “no murderer will walk out of

prison on my watch.” In his first year in office, none did, despite the fact that the pool of lifers eligible for release had been growing by 300 to 700 inmates per year during the preceding decade.

How was that pulled off?

The critical turning point came in the 1988 presidential election, when the pendulum of politics and public sentiment swung widely to the right on the issue of crime and punishment. Willie Horton, a convicted murderer who had spent 11 years in a Massachusetts state prison, had been given a

weekend pass in 1986 through a rehabilitative furlough program supported by Governor Michael Dukakis. When Horton didn't return on Sunday night but instead went out to commit rape and another murder, his story — and photo — became a national symbol of George Bush's tough-on-crime campaign. Widely successful, that campaign occasioned policy shifts at state levels, including in California.

Politics was one big player in parole-policy change, but money played a significant role too. In truth, the ex-Marine Gray Davis was no softie when it came to crime. But it costs big money to get elected, and Davis was a proven

fund-raiser. One of his staunchest allies was the prison guards' union, or California Correctional Peace Officers Association — not a group overly sympathetic to lifers' rights. On May 13, 2003, a column in the *Los Angeles Times* discussed the “union that's fattened Gray Davis's political piggy bank by more than \$3 million in five years.” Influence on policy was one payback; another was “a sweetheart pay-raise deal for its members, who'll be getting 37% more by 2006.” French doesn't blame the guards. “Some of them are decent guys and sympathetic to us,” he says. “But in union matters they're just cogs in the machine.”

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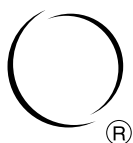
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logjamming the parole hearings. For over a decade, governors were glacially slow in filling vacant commissioner positions. What dammed it up even more was the rule that two commissioners and one deputy commissioner had to attend each hearing. The hue and cry of the families of ignored lifers finally reached the office of the liberal-minded state senator John Burton, who got a bill, SB778, passed in 2001 allowing a single commissioner and a deputy commissioner to conduct parole hearings. The river started running faster. Davis's first year in office saw 1951 lifer parole hearings. In 2002, there were some 5000.

During Davis's watch of five years, lifers eligible for parole appeared before the Board of Prison Terms to plead their causes over 12,000 times — many of them in repeat performances. Yet, in the end, the increased stream of hearings hardly mattered. Under Davis, only 294 paroles were granted by the board to lifers who committed murder. And for those 294, rejoicing was short-lived, since in California a parole date granted to a lifer can be overturned by the governor. In fact, California is one of only four states where the governor has such power. Here, it was a result of Proposition 89 — a measure passed in 1988 with the strong support of Governor Deukmejian. Proposition 89 became a tool increasingly employed by Deukmejian and his successors, but Gray Davis used it most. Out of the 294 lifers convicted of murder who were found "suitable" and given a parole date by the Board of Prison Terms, Davis reversed all but 8 of those decisions. Four of the 8 were battered women who killed

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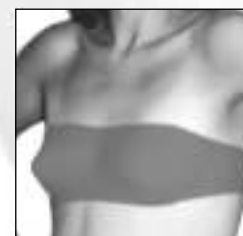
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French's attorney sees lifers who have murdered as "society's least favorable children. And that's why it is so easy for their rights to be trampled on." French knows the history and the reality. "I've had three hearings. After my last one I gave up. You do your time, and you go before the board. They make sure you are remorseful, which I am. Then they tell me how well I've done in prison. No disciplinary write-ups. Self-rehab has been followed. Two vocational degrees. 'But we'd like you to do this other thing and we'll look at it again next year.' You smile and say 'thank you.' Since my last hear-

ing, I resigned myself to the fact that I was gonna die in here. I'm not gonna ask my family and friends again for letters of support. Hey, I sunk my own ship. I know that. What's left is to go out the back door positive."

His comments jibe with one of his close friend's remarks: "Brian quit communicating a few years ago. I got the sense he gave up hope of getting out."

"Two things will always bother me," French says. "That I'm viewed by the legal system as someone who wakes up with the intent of killing someone. I did kill someone, but it was never my intent. And I've willingly paid my

debt for it. The other is that so-called plea bargaining misleads you into a deal when they know there is no parole possible. It's deceitful and wrong."

Still, French trundles on toward that stated goal of dignity. "My electronics class keeps me going. I love learning that stuff. My favorite time is when the other guys come to me and ask, 'Frenchie, how does this work?' A few guys know the technical part but can't explain it. I can take it through progressive steps so they understand it. I guess it's a natural gift," he explains. "Funny, older guys in here ask me about 'my kids.' Because I'll see a 22-year-old

gangbanger in vocational classes who doesn't get involved. They're just there because they have to be there. I tell them, 'You're smart enough to learn this stuff, man. You can go out and get an entry-level job somewhere. You don't wanna be in here all your life.' Some listen. Some don't."

French is now an associate certified electronics technician. His vocational instructor, D. Parker, noted in his evaluation, "French is a pleasure to have in the class, never disruptive, never late and is a tutor and model for the other students."

**TOMORROW**  
My last visit to French in

early December is fortunate for a couple of reasons. It's not 110 degrees, and, with the election of Arnold Schwarzenegger, hope is astir for lifers. By December, 18 parole decisions for review have landed on the rookie governor's desk, and his early record has lifer tongues' wagging — 6 approved, 11 reversed, and 1 sent back for further investigation. Not counting the latter case, that's about a .353 batting average for the Terminator in letting paroled lifers who committed murder out of prison. Not bad put up against Davis's record of less than .03! I've never seen French beam as he does when he tells me,

"Man, for the first time, I really think I might get outta here."

The subject turns to the eventuality of his freedom and what it would be like. It strikes me how apprehensive he is, particularly about the prospect of earning his own living. I realize that 17 years of being institutionalized takes its toll. Then I relay a message from a mutual friend who wants to support French's cause and has offered him a job upon his release. Our talk drifts to our hometown, and I describe how Imperial Beach has changed, how the rising tide of real estate has raised even IB's boat. The old lifeguard station is torn down, and most

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of the beachfront he would not recognize. Even the Rathskeller, long boarded up, has just been acquired by a surf shop.

Yet, nostalgia doesn't change the odds of his parole, which are still formidable. The prevailing view remains "throw away the key." And truly, many of the 6000 lifers who committed murder shouldn't be released. But some should. I hear stories of men and women who have sat for well over 30 years waiting for a second chance. No disciplinarys. Model prisoners. Already found suitable by the Board of Prison Terms and given a parole date. Cases where they were only a driver, thus accomplice, in a murder. French's lawyer is representing one such woman right now. On the legal level, challenges by lifers are winning and moving up in the courts, but it's a long, slow process.

On January 21, French's next parole hearing will take place, and he is preparing himself with cautious optimism. The San Diego County District Attorney's Office and the San Diego Police Department will have input at the hearing. In a county recognized as one of the most conservative and tough on crime in California, their anticipated recommendations will not be favorable to parole. Indeed, my hope is that the parole board will not focus on the "brutal, callous crime," as is so often the case, but rather on what French has done in his last 16 years. Is he suitable to return to society? I certainly believe so. However, that argument will be the job of French's attorney.

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will help, and the letters of friends and church have already been sent in plenty. More crucial to the parole board is a job waiting on the outside, so employment offers are necessary. Five job offers have come forth, and in more than one field, including electronics.

The days tick off, and January 21 looms like the end of a fascinating journey for me. Yet, as unique as this road that I'm on is, there are others traveling it. Anne Rogers is currently producing a documentary film, *Lifers*, about term-to-life prisoners still incarcerated long after their terms have been met. She tells me the experience has "transformed" her. She recounts, "At the beginning of this project I sat in a room with a dozen people, and ten were convicted murderers. That freaked me out. But after getting to know some of these people, I came to realize their crime was often due to one of two things: a momentary lapse of judgment or an ignorance of conflict resolution. Who of us hasn't been guilty of one or both? But for the grace of God..."

There has been a larger insight for her. "It leveled the playing field for me. It has showed me how interconnected we all are. And that includes the families of the victims. Twenty years of hatred and revenge will do a lot of damage. The ones I've seen with real peace are those who have learned to find reconciliation, sometimes even forgive."

Interconnectedness. People, events, time. Both good and evil have long tentacles.

Sometimes I follow the long, silky threads of the past untangling my own web as I drive through the run-down trailer courts I once lived in. Astoundingly, there

are two in Chula Vista and one each in Otay and Imperial Beach, still hanging on in decrepitude. I see how lucky I am to no longer be there. At the same time, it saddens me to see the kids who are living there today, but I tell myself that with life there is hope.

And there is both life and hope in Blythe — despite the heat. And a basically good man there who committed the worst deed a mortal can. He like me, like all of us, is lucky enough to live in a land where the laws are as just as in any country on earth. We forget too often that privilege. Yet interpretation and enforcement are subject to political power and money. At times things get out of whack and beg to be drawn back into line. Until they are, Brian French and some others are quietly running out their lives behind bars, long after paying the price our laws exacted. It suggests that of late something else is slipping from the collective memory of the nation. A great historical virtue: clemency. Our willingness to understand. And forgive.

I can't say much more. Except for two visions that have visited me: the first is of Brian French ambling up the sidewalk of that same house he grew up in, quivering in trepidation and the onslaught of too many emotions, steps away from where his elderly parents and family members so anxiously await inside.

The other is of this huge guy in his 50s, unsteady on a big board and having trouble paddling through the beach break of IB on a sun-drenched afternoon, a two-foot grin on his face with thoughts of God's bounty. And forgiveness. ■

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treme, narrow attitude that obviously does *not* tolerate anyone failing to be allowed into his rigid fraternity, which is every bit as restrictive as one on any college campus or as exclusive as any New England socialite club.

Loosen up, Geoff. There's nothing to fear about those who fail requirements of your exclusive clan.

Fred J. Crowe  
via e-mail

### Omission Shocked

I am an avid reader of your weekly and have always enjoyed using it as my prime resource for all sorts of entertainment. In your December 24 issue about all the various neighborhoods of San Diego County ("Neighborhood"), I found it fascinating to read about many places that I have always thought about visiting but for whatever reason have not had the time, etc. This was truly educational. I noted one omission regarding the list of neighborhoods, however, and it happens to be my neighborhood: North Park. Being a centrally located area with numerous cultural amenities and a very diverse ethnic mix, I found it mildly shocking that this area seemed to be completely overlooked. Hillcrest and Normal Heights were mentioned, but by not covering North Park I feel that this is quite an oversight. I will always consider the *Reader* to be the authority on entertainment and classifieds for the county, and so I would just like to bring this oversight to your attention.

Kenn Hunter

### Point Loma Positive

I enjoyed the glimpses into many of San Diego's neighborhoods ("Neighborhood," December 24). I was pleased to see Point Loma included but so disappointed after reading it. There was a negative tone to even the little positive said about Point Loma.

Mary Montgomery of Point Loma does not live in my neighborhood. For the last decade, I've lived a couple of blocks from the "village" and a block from the

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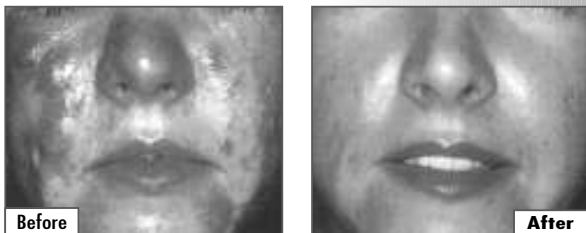
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bay. I've delighted in my status as a thousandaire in a millionaire neighborhood. Living in close proximity to doctors, lawyers, and successful entrepreneurs, I am (forbid) a teacher.

For the last many years, poor Mary has missed the fall Cultural Faire, when several village streets are closed for a day. Artisan booths, musician stages, a kid and a food zone are enjoyed by all.

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rights), I feel lucky each day living in what I consider the best neighborhood around!

Colleen Casey

## College Area Upgrades

In response to your December 24 article about the neighborhoods in San Diego, I would like to comment on the actual characteristics of what Jay Allen Sanford calls "College Area."

I live in the area which he negatively characterized as being ridden by unsuccessful businesses, crackheads, and prostitutes. Mr. Sanford wrote about the business district, not the neighborhoods here. El Cerrito (not College Area), which is bordered by College Avenue on the east, 54th on the west, Baja Canyon on the north, and University Avenue on the south, is an eclectic professional community that is probably the best-kept secret in San Diego.

I invite Mr. Sanford to actually drive through the neighborhood, where he would be welcomed by the beautiful Blessed Sacrament Church at the threshold of our community. Mr. Sanford would find the quaint coffeehouse the Living Room and great independent eateries and music venues, including Toshi Sushi and the Hot Monkey Love Cafe. Custom homes here showcase beautiful architecture dating all the way back to the early 1900s (just look on the corner of Adams and 55th Street). Classic Spanish Colonial

and Craftsman qualities dominate the majority of homes which were built in the early '30s. My neighborhood is made up of many professionals, including attorneys, professors, architects, professional artists and musicians, medical professionals, and teachers. On top of that, this neighborhood boasts a small-neighborhood feel where everyone really knows one another. I have never lived in such a great place in all my life, and I have lived in College Area (the real one), Linda Vista, Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Point Loma, and Loma Portal.

On top of the wonderful mix of homeowners, this community is upgrading, adding on, and is developing an active role in cleaning up El Cajon Boulevard. With the recent passing of the Crossroads Redevelopment Plan, El Cerrito will continue to be one of San Diego's best neighborhoods to live in.

Please print this in your next publication. Those of us that live in the community would appreciate a more accurate portrayal of our wonderful neighborhood.

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midnight dreary,  
while I pondered,  
weak and weary,  
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*a quaint and curious volume of forgotten  
lore —*

*While I nodded, nearly napping,  
suddenly there came a tapping,*

*As of someone gently rapping, rapping  
at my chamber door —*

The rapper is, of course, the raven, central symbol (to use many an English teacher’s favorite phrase) of Poe’s famous poem.

Some of Poe’s other greatest hits include “The Fall of the House of Usher,” “The Black Cat,” “The Cask of Amontillado,” and “The Pit and the Pendulum.” Inventor of the modern horror tale (Stephen King should thank him) and the science-fiction genre

(ditto the many practitioners of that form), Poe also created what we know today as the detective story.

As for Astin, he is best known for his role as Gomez Addams, Morticia’s Latin lover/husband on the original TV series *The Addams Family* (1964–66).

Astin would seem to be out of his element in Baltimore. What was he doing there in mid-December instead of L.A., his home? The 73 year old had just finished his fourth semester as a visiting professor of drama and directing at Johns Hopkins University. It was a logical hire. Hopkins is Astin’s alma mater (B.A., ’52). His hirer was Poe scholar John Irwin, author of *Mystery to a Solution: Poe, Borges, and the Analytical Detective Story*.

It’s also true that Baltimore is the place where Poe lived and died and where he is buried.

The son of minor stage actors, Poe was born in Boston. At age three, he was orphaned after his father abandoned him and his mother died of tuberculosis. A string of important women in his life would succumb to that disease, including his wife and first cousin, Virginia, whom he married when he was 27. She was 13.

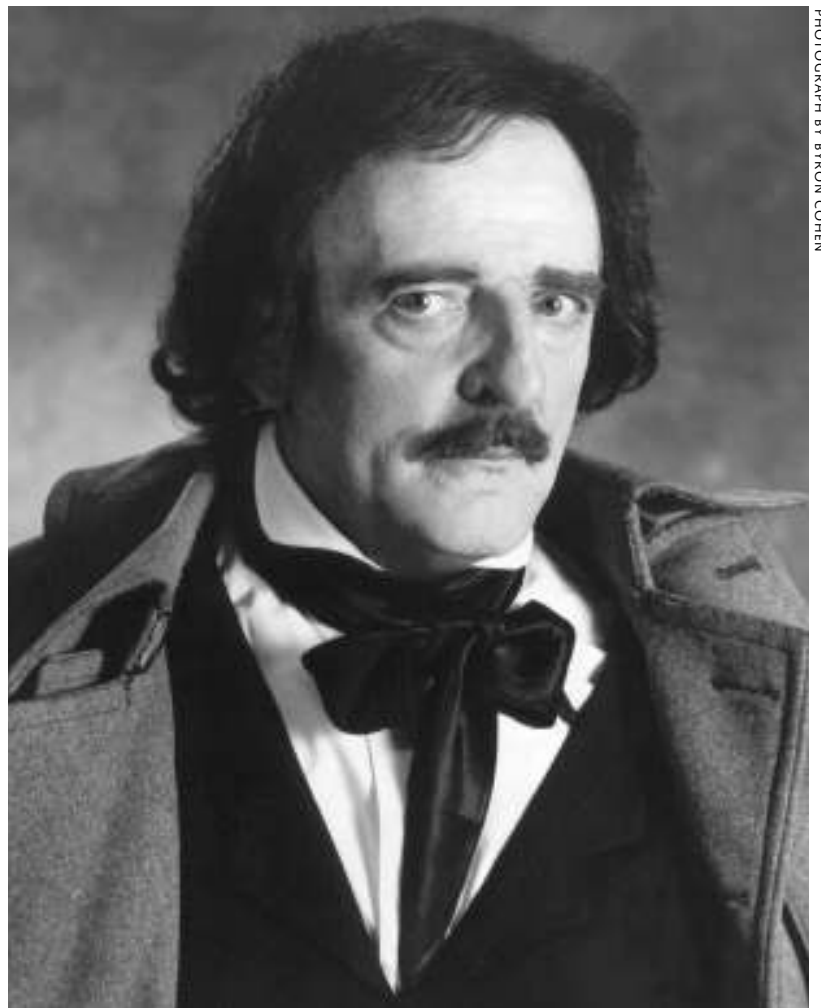
“It wasn’t all that unusual to get married so young in those days,” said Astin. “Nor was it so unusual to marry one’s first cousin.”

The prolific Poe died at 40, exemplar of another commonality of the period: early death. “No one really knows his direct cause of death,” said

Astin. “He went into a decline during his last three months. There was a sense of desperation about him. And there were some elements that one might describe as paranoiac. He claimed to a friend that he was being followed. In fact, he shaved his moustache in order to avoid detection.”

Astin worked for years on the Poe material with playwrights Paul Day Clemens and Ron Magid, studying it as closely as they did. He travels the show now, when he isn’t teaching.

To judge by his publicity photo, Astin looks remarkably like the well-known daguerreotype of Poe, in which the writer’s moustache is intact. Besides getting into his costume and makeup, how else does Astin prepare for this role on the day of a performance?



John Astin as Edgar Allan Poe

“Because there are so many events of a serious nature in Poe’s life, I have to spend quite a few days preparing for it,” he said. “And I usually take the entire day of the performance to prepare. I lock myself up and simply work on the play.” Technically? Emotionally? “In a way, I’m not sure I separate the technical aspects from the emotional ones,” he said. “It’s all one package. Many people think a performance is made up of many separable elements, but ideally they are one fabric, with everything woven together.”

The macabre seems to attract a certain kind of recognizable fan. Are there Poe fans that show up at his performances? “Yes, we do have a number of groupies. They wear dark capes and black hats and long evening dresses in black.” He said he has seen them at “scores of shows.” The same people? “No, but similar ones. And if I’m in an area where I’ve generally played before, yes, there are a number of repeaters. In fact, in some areas,

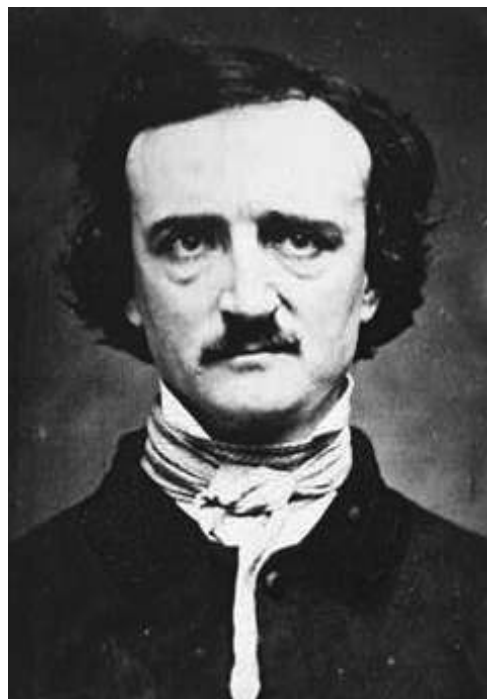
we’ve had people come back five, six, seven times.”

Are there John Astin fans, as well? “Sometimes the way they’re dressed, we’re not sure whether they’re there for Poe, for John Astin, or for a combination.”

Astin’s answer to a final question — what are the special challenges of acting in a one-person play as opposed to other kinds of drama? — is appropriately cryptic. “I rarely think of it as a one-character show,” he said, “because for me, all those other people are there with me on the stage.”

— Jeanne Schinto

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days, 5 and 8 p.m. on Sundays. \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

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See *Mothers* on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. *Camila's Story* presented Thursdays at 8 p.m. and at 7 p.m. on weekends. Sushi Performance and Visual Art, 320 11th Avenue. Through Sunday, February 1. Tickets: \$18 general ("pay what you can" one hour before performances Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday). 858-386-5101. (DOWNTOWN)

**Belly Dance Gala** with Gypsy dancer Linda Kitara, as well as Maya, Elana, Lucia on Thursday, January 8, 7:30 p.m., Club Cleopatra, Nagi's Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Assembling"** presented by Megill and Company on Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Collaborative dance and music event features original music, modern dance company Quinto Elemento, dancers from University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. \$10. 760-805-1880. (OCEANSIDE)

**Contradance**, Martha Wild calls, Continental Drifters make the music for contradance, Friday, January 9, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear



Dr. Sanjay Nigam signs Transplanted Man at UCSD Bookstore, January 14 (see In Person)

soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

**Nations of San Diego** International Dance Festival spotlights ethnic dances in 11th annual show, January 9-18, in Mandeville Auditorium (9500 Gilman Drive). Over one dozen dance troupes with more than 250 dancers and musicians featured in live performances. \$15-\$25. 619-230-8623. (LA JOLLA)

**Bellydance Dinner Show** featuring Aleia, Karyna, Ravynnah, Elizabeth, and live music by Middle Earth, Friday, January 9, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

**Hailing from Lake Charles, Louisiana**, L'il Malcolm and the House Rockers rock for dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club in Recital Hall, Saturday, Jan-

uary 10. Dance instruction at 6:20 p.m., live music from 7 to 10 p.m. Recital Hall is located on Presidents Way off Park Boulevard. \$12 cover. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

**Renaissance Through Regency**, English country dancing "to haunting baroque music" takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Dance Academy in Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. Free for first-timers; \$6 per class thereafter. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

**Friendship Set to Music**, learn modern square dancing with Ruffles 'n Beaus Square Dance Club at beginners' class, Sunday, January 11, 6 to 7:45 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. First class is free, \$3 thereafter. Partners not required. 619-469-4865. Open enrollment continues through January 25. (BALBOA PARK)

**Arabic Style Bellydance**, quick-start workshop taught by certified instructors on Sunday, January 11, 1 p.m., at Art/Dance Academy (1401 El Camino Real, at Oceanside Boulevard). Six classes: \$70 in advance. 760-757-4470. (OCEANSIDE)

**Swing and Jitterbug Mix Dance Party**, Pattie Wells Dancetime Center hosts party Sunday, January 11, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for open dancing 7 to 9:30 p.m.; dance lesson at 7:10 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$6; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

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**Dance Argentine Tango** every Wednesday night, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., at Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Admission: \$5. Introductory dance lesson, 7:30 to 8:30 (\$5). 619-970-6620. (HILLCREST)

FILM

**The Coming-of-Age Tale** *Tutto L'Amore Che C'e* by Sergio Rubini screens in Italian with English subtitles, for film night hosted by Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street), Friday, January 9, 7 p.m. 619-237-0601. \$2. (LITTLE ITALY)

**The Saint** of Fort Washington — starring Matt Dillon and Danny Glover — screens Saturday, January 10, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue), reflecting themes of the Gospel reading for next day at services. Discussion of insights and implications of film and Gospel themes follows. 619-298-7261. Free. (MIDTOWN)

**Venture into the Psyche of Meg**, a "gifted but emotionally scarred 18-year-old" in *Blue Car*, a 2003 movie starring Agnes Bruckner and David Strathairn. See the flick when it screens for Film Forum, Monday, January 12, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Autumn Spring** (*Babí léto*)" screens Monday, January 12, 7:30 p.m., for World Cinemas Series at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). The bittersweet Czech comedy tells tale of Fanda, "an old man who refuses to grow up." \$10 at door. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)



Big Wednesday at La Paloma Theatre, January 15 (see Film)

**Ethereal Cinema**, Carlsbad Library film series continues with *Winged Migration* on Wednesday, January 14, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**Classic Surf Stories**, series concludes with the 1978 John Milius flick *Big Wednesday* — starring Jan-Michael Vincent, William Katt, Gary Busey — on Thursday, January 15, 7 and 9 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). \$7. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Australia: Land Beyond Time, Coral Reef Adventure, Bugs!* Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

**"The Next New Old Thing,"** photography dealer Alan Klotz discusses new directions in fine art photography and "current auction trends," Thursday, January 8, 6:30 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$9. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Hearing and Enjoying Great Music"** is subject when conductor, teacher, and musicologist

Charles D. Yates presents lecture-demonstration for "History Alive at Lee" series on Thursday, January 8, for Lemon Grove Historical Society. \$2. Program starts at 7 p.m. in H. Lee House (3205 Olive). 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

**What's in Store in 2004?** The annual predictive panel hosted by San Diego Astrological Society, Friday, January 9, 7:30 p.m., Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Panelists include Keith Burke, Terry Lamb, Jim Shawvan. Fee: \$12 for nonmembers (\$6 for first-time visitors). 888-405-6825. (HILLCREST)

**"Master Painter of Light and Color"** Susan Sarback presents demonstration for Carlsbad Ocean-side Art League, Friday, January 9, 1:30 p.m., at Calavera Recreation Center (2997 Glasgow Drive). Free. 760-434-8497. (CARLSBAD)

**"Art of the Moghuls"** highlighted when Kimberly Kamaroff, curator of Islamic art at Los Angeles County Museum of Art, speaks for docent guest lecture series on Friday, January 9, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

**Oil Pastel Painting** demonstrated by artist Laurel Hillary Elting for Clairemont Art Guild on Saturday, January 10, 12:15 p.m.,

at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

**Japanese Vocabulary for Arts and Culture** subject for class by Heather Campbell, Saturday, January 10, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. \$15. Registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

**One-Day Refresher** and beginning genealogy course taught by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, January 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Materials provided. Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

**Finding the Voice** in your writing is topic when children's author Julie A. Peters presents workshop for Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Saturday, January 10, 2 p.m., Manchester Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Bring a manuscript to work on. Fee: \$60. 858-673-1984. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Rising from the Ashes: A Fire-Writing Workshop"** led by author Lonnie Hewitt, Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m., at Lakeside Community Center (9842 Vine Street). Bring pen, paper, memories. "No writing skills are required." RSVP: 619-443-1660. Free. (LAKESIDE)

**Writing Workshop** hosted by Magee Park Poets on Sunday, January 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Reservations required: 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

**The Collaborative Process**, photographic influences, and philosophical intentions in the making of their imagery explored in illustrated lecture by photographers Shana and Robert ParkeHarrison at Museum of Photographic Arts, Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m. \$9. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)



"En e'cho" for Fresh Sounds at San Diego Museum of Art, January 15 (see In Person)

**Introduction to Pine Needle Basketry** presented by Carol E. Lang, Sunday, January 11, noon to 5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art, School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). \$65 includes materials. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**Academy Award Winner** Paul Berkos chronicles experiences in motion picture industry when he presents "The Sound of Movies," Sunday, January 11, 3 p.m., for People to People International, in Green Hall at Alliant International University (10455 Pomerado Road). Free. 858-484-6069. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

**"Organizing Space in the Garden"** into a series of rooms by creating positive and negative spaces is subject when Gary Koller presents slide-illustrated lecture for San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, January 12, at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m. Plant forum follows talk. 858-756-2579. Free. (DEL MAR)

**"Four Hands Fantastique,"** piano duetists Barbara and Gerhardt Suhrstedt perform music by composers Bizet, Debussy, Fauré, and Ravel along with slides of paintings by Degas, Gauguin, Monet, and Renoir in performances on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at San

Diego Museum of Art. These "Meet the Masters" lecture/concerts begin at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$38 with lunch) and 6 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Legends of Broadway"** divulged by pianist, humorist, storyteller Bruno Leone in series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Take a look at "The Birth of the Broadway Musical" on Tuesday, January 13, 7:30 p.m. Fee: \$52 for series, \$15 per talk. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**"The Tragedy of War: A Father's Story"** told by Fernando Suarez del Solar, with Jorge Mariscal, on Tuesday, January 13, for "Matters of Controversy" dialogue series. Del Solar is father of young U.S. Marine who died in Iraq last March. Program starts at 7 p.m. at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). 858-459-4650. Free. (HILLCREST)

**"Technology for Genealogists"** discussed by Andy Pomeroy when Computer Genealogy Group of the North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets Tuesday, January 13, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad

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# Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

**What a Clown!** Annual beginning clown classes — covering all facets of clowning — offered by San Diego All-Star Clown Club every Tuesday and Thursday, January 13 through April 1, at Congregation Beth El (8660 Gilman Drive). \$85. 858-450-1533. (LA JOLLA)

**Learn to "Write and Sell Your First Book Fast"** when author Judy Cullins leads classes on her "fast-forward technique" on Tuesdays, January 13 through March 30, 12:30 to 4 p.m., at La Mesa Senior Center (8450 La Mesa Boulevard). Registration: 619-466-0622. (LA MESA)

**Perspectives on Ocean Science,** lecture series at Birch Aquarium-Museum continues when Chris Charles examines "Rapid Climate Change," Wednesday, January 14, 7:30 a.m. "Is climate viability affected by the ongoing addition of greenhouse gasses to Earth's atmosphere?" \$8. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**"Under a Perfect Sun: Firestorms of Class and Power"** presented by co-authors Mike Davis, Kelly Mayhew, Jim Miller in discussion on Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Trio is author of *Under the Perfect Sun: The San Diego Tourists Never See*. Free. 619-538-8165. (MIRA MESA)

**"Iraq: Should There Be a Long, short-, or no-occupation policy?"** Discuss the topic, Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

**Floral Designs** relating to "Art Alive" at San Diego Museum of Art in May presented by floral designer David Root when Point Loma Garden Club meets, Wednesday, January 14, 10 a.m., at Point Loma Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-276-0209. (POINT LOMA)

**"The Art of Light and Color"** presented by painter and author

## Roam-O-Rama

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

One of California's historic hot spots, Placerita Canyon Park hosted the state's first gold rush (1842), farming, oil exploration, and movie-making. You can contemplate these historical details as you visit the park's superb nature center — housing exhibits on the history, prehistory, geology, plants, and wildlife of the area — and take a hike along Placerita Canyon's melodious creek.

The park is easy to reach once you get beyond the L.A. Basin traffic. Head north on the Golden State Freeway (Interstate 5) through the San Fernando Valley, and veer right on the Antelope Valley Freeway (Highway 14). Take the second exit, Placerita Canyon Road, turn right (east), and continue to the park's main gate, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The park's must-do hike, 3.6 miles out and back, is a leisurely streamside stroll of two hours or less. Begin at the main parking lot near the nature center. Cross a bridge, and pick up the trail heading east up Placerita Canyon's live-oak-shaded floodplain. Down by the grassy banks you'll see wild blackberry vines, lots of

willows, and occasionally sycamore, cottonwood, and alder trees. In this current transitional season, you'll see both remnant autumn color and plenty of bright, green vegetation popping up from recent rains.

Eventually, the canyon narrows and becomes a rocky gorge. Soaring walls tell the story of thousands of years of natural erosion, as well as the destructive effects of hydraulic mining, which involved aiming high-pressure water hoses at hillsides to loosen and wash away ores. Used extensively in Northern California during the latter Gold Rush, "hydraulic mining" was finally banned in 1884 after catastrophic damages to waterways and farms downstream.

After about a mile you reach a split in the trail. The right fork climbs a little onto the chaparral-clad slopes to the south, while the left branch connects with a trail going up to a parking area on Placerita Canyon Road and then goes upstream along the willow-choked canyon bottom. Follow either branch but take the other during your return leg of the hike.

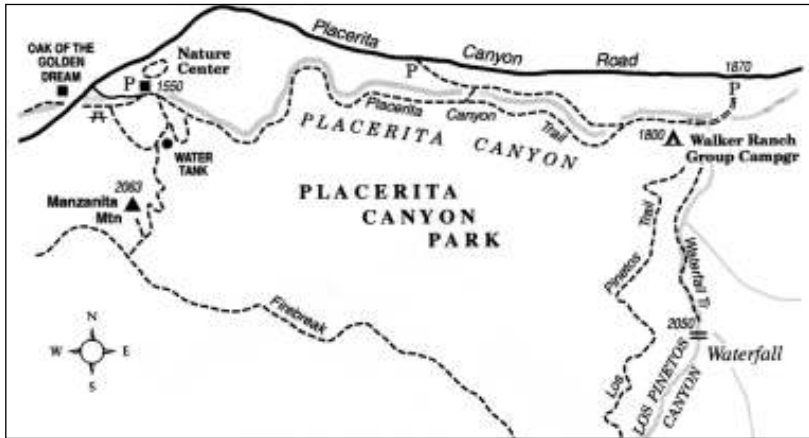


*Bigleaf maple leaves, Placerita Canyon*

Using either route you arrive at oak-shaded Walker Ranch Group Campground, which contains the scant remains of early-20th-Century cottages hand-built by settler Frank Walker, his wife, and some of his 12 children. Back by the nature center stands another cabin built by Walker but modified later for use in the television series *Hopalong Cassidy*.

Make Walker Ranch the turnaround point for the 3.6-mile hike — or, if your legs aren't complaining, the following options are available: (1) Use the Waterfall Trail, south from Walker Ranch, to reach a small waterfall in maple-dotted Los Pinetos Canyon. (2) From the main parking lot, follow the wheelchair-accessible Heritage Trail west under Placerita Canyon Road to the "Oak of the Golden Dream." According to legend, this is where gold was discovered in 1842 by a herdsman pulling up wild onions for his after-siesta meal. (3) Explore a number of other short "nature trails" departing from the main parking lot and nature center.

Placerita Canyon Park was nearly closed in 2003 due to budget shortfalls. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has temporarily taken over administrative control of the park. To make certain the park is open when you visit, you may call the park's nature center, 661-259-7721, or visit [www.placerita.org](http://www.placerita.org).



Susan Sarback, Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Conflict, Gender, and Human Rights: Lessons Learned in the Field"** with Ambassador Donald K. Steinberg presented on Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Steinberg is director of Joint Policy Council at U.S. Department of

State. Free. RSVP required by January 9. 619-260-4236. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Ornamental Trees of San Diego"** are both the subject of slide-illustrated lecture on Wednesday, January 14, and title of book by horticulturist Steve Brigham and gardener Don Walker. Talk starts at 6 p.m. at San Diego Natural History Museum. Booksigning follows. Free. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Renaissance"** discussed by docent Debby Callahan for Insight

Gallery series, Thursday, January 15 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, January 18 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**Portraits by French Painter** Jacques-Louis David examined when scholar and curator Philippe Bordes speaks in conjunction with current exhibit "Portraiture in Paris Around 1800" on Thursday, January 15, at Timken Museum of Art. Catered reception at 6 p.m.,

lecture at 7 p.m. \$45 general. 619-239-5548 x12. (BALBOA PARK)

## IN PERSON

**Acoustic Singer-Songwriters** Harvey Reid and Joyce Andersen appear in concert Friday, January 9, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$17 at door.

760-431-9542 or 760-720-2460. (CARLSBAD)

**Described as "England's Premiere Hypnotist,"** Barry Jones performs with guest comedians, Friday, January 9, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$10, \$15. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

**Old-Time Acoustic Music** promised when clawhammer banjo master Adam Hurt and guitarist Dakota Dave Hull perform Friday, January 9, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Diego (1036 Solana Drive). \$10. 858-755-9255. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Winter Pops,** San Diego Symphony and conductor Larry Blank present "Salute to Hollywood and Broadway," January 9 and 10. Vocalists Dale Kristien, Valerie Perri-Lipson, Chris Groenendaal perform "a collage of hits" from *That's Entertainment 3*, along with Broadway songs by Cole Porter, Jule Styne, Harold Arlen, and tribute to Judy Garland.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$15 to \$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Edgar Allan Poe — Once Upon a Midnight"** presented by John Astin, Saturday, January 10, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). The one-person play based on life of Poe "blends the historical with the supernatural" to journey through Poe's imagination. Tickets: 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

**Voice Coach** and author Arthur Joseph signs *Vocal Power*, Saturday, January 10, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

**Contemporary Acoustic Musician** Jeff Moats plays the 6- and 12-string guitar, 5-string long-neck banjo, and harmonica. Catch Moats in concert sponsored by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, January 10, 7 p.m., in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). \$12. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

**Champion Snow Boarder** Todd Richards signs and discusses his book *P-3: Pipes, Parks, and Powder*, Saturday, January 10, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (2615 Vista Way). 760-529-0270. (OCEANSIDE)

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**Late Bloomers** interactive comedy troupe performs Saturday, January 10, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$5. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

**The Sterling Flute** choir, an ensemble of Coastal Communities Band, performs Saturday, January 10, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

**“Mancini at the Movies”** presented by Monica Mancini and the Henry Mancini Institute Alumni Orchestra, Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Concert includes clips from movies. Tickets: \$34, \$44. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Ocean Authors Day** celebrated on Sunday, January 11, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Featured authors include Rod Fujita (*Heal the Ocean*), Judith Garfield (*The San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park Ecological Reserve*), Deborah Lee Rose (*A, B, Sea*), Markes Johnson (*Discovering the Geology of Baja California*), others. Included in regular museum admission. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**The Cool Club Jazz Quartet** — with Art Johnson (guitar), Chris Vitas (violin), Robert Cartwright (rhythm guitar), Bob Magnusson (bass) — performs for San Diego Mini-Concerts, Monday, January 12, noon, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

**Medical Thriller Author** Alan Maisel, M.D., signs and discusses *Brain Chicane*, Monday, January 12, 4:30 p.m., at UCSD Bookstore (Price Center, UCSD). Free. 858-534-3149. ;(LA JOLLA)

**Staged Reading of** *The Women*, written by Clare Boothe Luce, on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13 and 14, 7:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Readings feature “array of well-known San Diego actors.” \$30. 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

**Singer-Songwriter** Eric Himan — the Bruce Springsteen of “new gay generation”? — performs Wednesday, January 14, 8 p.m., at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804

## TWO POEMS BY BILLY COLLINS

### Dear Reader

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and Fielding calls out to you every few paragraphs  
as if to make sure you have not closed the book,  
and now I am summoning you up again,  
attentive ghost, dark silent figure standing  
in the doorway of these words.

Pope welcomes you into the glow of his study,  
takes down a leather-bound Ovid to show you.  
Tennyson lifts the latch to a moated garden,  
and with Yeats you lean against a broken pear tree,  
the day hooded by low clouds.

But now you are here with me,  
composed in the open field of this page,  
no room or manicured garden to enclose us,  
no Zeitgeist marching in the background,  
no heavy ethos thrown over us like a cloak.

Instead, our meeting is so brief and accidental,  
unnoticed by the monocled eye of History,  
you could be the man I held the door for  
this morning at the bank or post office  
or the one who wrapped my speckled fish.  
You could be someone I passed on the street  
or the face behind the wheel of an oncoming car.

The sunlight flashes off your windshield,  
and when I look up into the small, posted mirror,  
I watch you diminish — my echo, my twin —  
and vanish around a curve in this whip

of a road we can’t help traveling together.

From *The Art of Drowning*; University of Pittsburgh Press, 1995

### Introduction to Poetry

I ask them to take a poem  
and hold it up to the light  
like a color slide

or press an ear against its hive.

I say drop a mouse into a poem  
and watch him probe his way out,

or walk inside the poem’s room  
and feel the walls for a light switch.

I want them to waterski  
across the surface of a poem  
waving at the author’s name on the shore.



But all they want to do  
is tie the poem to a chair with rope  
and torture a confession out of it.

They begin beating it with a hose  
to find out what it really means.

— Billy Collins

From *The Apple That Astonished Paris*;  
University of Arkansas Press, 1988.

## SPECIAL

**The 16th Annual San Diego Boat Show**, featuring in-water and on-land displays, boating lessons, seminars, kids’ activities, “Women at the Helm” exhibit, Twiggy the water-skiing squirrel, more than 300 boats and luxury yachts to peruse. January 8-11, at San Diego Convention Center and Marriott Marina.

Show hours: noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. (Marina portion closes at 6 p.m. each night.) Admission: \$9 general; \$4 children (under six free). 858-274-9924. (DOWNTOWN)

**Community Drum Circle** led by Frank Lazzaro for all levels and ages, Thursday, January 8, 7 p.m., at 101 Artists’ Colony (25 East E Street). Extra drums available. Donation. 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

Adams Avenue at Idaho). \$10. 619-584-3593. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Nephrologist and Fiction Writer** Sanjay Nigam, M.D., signs and discusses his latest novel, *Transplanted Man* on Wednesday, January 14, noon, at UCSD Bookstore (in Price Center at UCSD). Free. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

**Fresh Sound Concerts** return with a performance of “En e’-cho” — described as a cycle of settings of seven short poems by Emmanuel Hocquart written in collaboration with composer Philippe Manoury — by soprano Juliana Snapper and Miller Puckett (electronics) on Thursday, January 15, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets: \$20, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Info: 619-298-5255. (BALBOA PARK)

**Songs of Hope, Redemption, and Glory** from late 18th-Century tunesmiths performed by a cappella group Anonymous 4 on Sunday, February 1, for St. James Music Se-

ries. Program includes music from Southern shape-note tunebooks of 19th Century, gospel hymns. Concert begins at 4 p.m. at James-by-the-Sea, 743 Prospect Street. \$20. 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

## SPORTS

**Borrego to Seas**, R&B Bicycle Club hosts events, Saturday, January 10. Bicyclists choose from two paved road rides, with 50k and 100k distances. The 100k includes a ride to Salton Sea and back to start point at Palm Canyon Resort in Borrego Springs. The 50k is mostly flat, 100k includes “some rolling terrain.” Registration: 7:30 a.m., both rides depart at 8:30 a.m. 760-765-2200. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

**O.B. People’s Market Ride** hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists on Saturday, January 10. The peppy 46-mile outing starts at 8:30 a.m. at

Robb Field. Lunch at conclusion of ride. 858-974-4871. (OCEAN BEACH)

**The San Diego Sockers** host Milwaukee Wave on Saturday, January 10, 7 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

**Dog Paddle**, bring your dog out for a paddle hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, January 10. Event starts at 7 a.m. at Hike Bike Kayak (2246 Avenida de la Playa). \$20 fee includes lifejacket for your pooch. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

**Ice Skating Outdoors!** The ice rink is open for skating daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Monday, January 19, at Horton Plaza (225 Broadway). Admission: \$6, skate rentals: \$2. 619-234-1031. (DOWNTOWN)

**Everything from Tin to Tiffany**, Del Mar Antique Show and Sale hosted by Calendar Antique Shows, January 9-11, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Antique dealers offer all manner of wares. Appraisal booths (\$5 per item), repair and restoration artisans.

Admission is \$8, good for duration of show. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. 800-943-7501. (DEL MAR)

**Modern-Day Freedom Fighters!** The American Library Association hosts midwinter meeting, January 9-14, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Meeting features lectures (Richard Rodriguez, Bertice Berry and Angeles Mastretta), Patriot Act Forum, technology showcase. Details: 800-545-2433 x5. (DOWNTOWN)

**Linda’s 53rd Teddy Bear, Doll, and Antique Toy Show and Sale**, January 10 and 11, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Over 200 dealers will be on hand; identification, repair consultations. Show hours: 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. \$5. 760-434-7444. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Yoga and Discipline**, learn to link yoga’s principles and personal will to increase health and harmony in four-part lecture by Jaroslava Solyova beginning 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 10 (concluding January 31). Single class: \$30; four sessions: \$80. La Jolla Bridge Club, 1160 Coast Boulevard. 858-456-9964. (LA JOLLA)

**Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference** at Alexandra’s BookStore, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, January 10 and 11. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

**Celebration of Life of Martin Luther King Jr.** promised when Cecil Lytle is featured speaker for service on Sunday, January 11, 10 a.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). The pianist will also present tribute to King with

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# READING

## Theodore Dreiser and Sister Carrie



Theodore Dreiser

nie’s husband, and their infant; find work. — “She realized that hers was not to be a round of pleasure, and yet there was something promising ...”

On the train while “green landscape” passes in “swift review,” traveling salesman Charlie Drouet — “flush, colourful cheeks, light moustache, grey fedora hat” — flirts with Carrie. “Her figure is evidently not bad, and her eyes were large and gentle.” Carrie at first remains distant, but Drouet wins her over, and she gives him permission to call on her in Chicago. — “Let him [Drouet] meet with a young woman once and he would approach her with an air of kindly familiarity, not unmixed with pleading, which would result in most cases in a tolerant acceptance.”

Minnie lives in a neighborhood “inhabited by families of laborers and clerks, men who had come, and were still coming, with the rush of population pouring in at the rate of 50,000 a year.” Minnie’s husband is “a silent man, American born, of a Swede father, and now employed as a cleaner of refrigerator cars at the stockyards.” Her first evening there, Carrie feels “the drag of a lean and narrow life.” She recognizes in Minnie and Minnie’s husband “a settled opposition to anything save a conservative round of toil.” She writes to Drouet, tells him he can’t call on her.

Next day, she begins her search for work. The city “was all wonderful, all vast, all far removed, and she sank in spirit inwardly and fluttered feebly at the heart as she thought of entering any one of these mighty concerns and asking for something to do — something that she could do — anything.”

Drouet has received Carrie’s letter, and “laid aside all thought of Carrie.” He is “floating around having what he considered a gay time.” He visits the elegant saloon, Fitzgerald and Moy’s. He “leaned on the splendid bar and swallowed a glass of plain whiskey and purchased a couple of cigars.” He chats with Mr. G.W. Hurstwood, Fitzgerald and Moy’s manager, a man slightly under 40, with “a good, stout constitution, an active manner, and a solid, substantial air, which was composed in part of his fine clothes, his clean linen, his jewels, and above all, his own sense of his importance.... He had risen by perseverance and industry, through long years of service, from the position of barkeeper in a commonplace saloon to his present altitude.... He knew by name, and could greet personally with a ‘Well, old fellow,’ hundreds of actors, merchants, politicians, and the general run of successful characters about town.”

Carrie finds a job at a wholesale shoe house, punching eye holes in the upper part of shoes. Her pay: \$4.50 per week, \$4 of which she must give to Minnie for board. Carrie “studied over the problem of finding clothes and amusement on 50 cents a week. She brooded over this until she was in a state of mental rebellion.” And when she receives her first pay, she “pockets her 50 cents in despair.”

After several months of six-day weeks in the noisy, dirty factory, winter wind blows in cold over the city. Carrie, without jacket or boots, falls ill. Misses work. Loses her job.

Back on her feet, Carrie again looks for a position. Three chilly days pass. On the fourth, she runs into Drouet. He takes her for lunch. “As he cut the meat his rings almost spoke. His new suit creaked as he stretched to reach the plates, break the bread, and pour the coffee.”

He is not a bad man, Drouet. Not “a cold-blooded, dark, scheming villain.” And he talks Carrie into letting him take a flat for them where they will live as man and wife. Carrie agrees. “She was alone; she was desirous; she was fearful of the whistling wind. The voice of want made answer for her.”

Carrie blooms: Drouet buys pretty dresses and shoes and jackets for her. She becomes more confident, sensuous: “Her form had filled out until it was admirably plump and well-rounded.... Her dresses draped her becomingly for she wore excellent corsets and laced herself with care.”

Drouet invites Hurstwood to the flat to meet Carrie. Hurstwood suspects Drouet and Carrie are not married. His own marriage is precarious. (Carrie does not realize Hurstwood is married.) He determines that he must have Carrie. He begins to visit her while Drouet is out of town on selling trips and Carrie, although she does not “give ’way” to him, nevertheless begins to compare Hurstwood and Drouet, and Drouet compares less favorably. And Hurstwood, who respects “circumspectness,” who “lost sympathy for the man that made a mistake and was found out,” nevertheless begins to behave carelessly, putting marriage and position at risk.

Drouet, thinking to give Carrie something to do, proposes her for a part in an amateur play being given at the Elks lodge. Taking the stage name Carrie Madenda, she so convincingly, so poignantly plays the heroine that the audience is struck silent. She begins to consider a stage career, but her naivete is such that she has no notion as to how to commence.

Carrie and Hurstwood begin meeting secretly in a park, and Hurstwood urges Carrie to take a post office box so that they can correspond. They write to one another almost daily.

Meantime, one day while Carrie is out, Drouet’s and Carrie’s maid (who finds Drouet attractive) tells Drouet that in his absence, Hurstwood has been paying calls on Carrie. Drouet confronts Carrie. They argue. In the course of their quarrel, Drouet

church choir. Free. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Walk ‘n Write** with Jan and Jo’el, Sunday, January 11. Gather at Upstart Crow (835 West Harbor Drive) at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, introductions, writing prompt; then walk at leisurely pace through the village, with stops for writing. \$7. Reservations: 619-293-7156. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

**Historic Home Tour** hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society on Sunday, January 11, 1 to 4 p.m., includes 1892 Troxell Manor, 1895 Williamson Ranch House, 1897 Plumosa Ranch bungalow, 1906 Treganza Homestead, 1928 H. Lee House. \$12. Tickets and docents available at each site on self-guided tours. Locations: 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

**San Diego Stamp Show**, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, January 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

**Ecumenical Study Group** meets to discuss Neale Donald Walsch on Monday, January 12, 7 p.m., at University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue). Group is made up of people interested in findings of Jesus Seminar (Westar) and Center for Progressive Christianity. Free. 619-449-9381. (HILLCREST)

**Experience a Traditional Tea Ceremony** when Sohya Ayako Stott and assistants present demonstrations, Tuesday, January 13, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.,

at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in garden admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

**Grand Avenue Writers’ Collective** gathers for fiction/prose critique every second and third Wednesday of the month, including January 14, 7 p.m., in Fountain Estates Apartments Clubhouse (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

**Take a Taste of 18th-Century Shipboard Life** when *Hawaiian Chieftain* replica tall ship and 112-foot brig *Lady Washington* visit the Maritime Museum January 14-25.

Tours offered 4 to 6 p.m. weekdays (except January 16), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays,

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, January 19. Tours included in regular Maritime Museum admission: \$8 general, \$6 for seniors and those 13-17, \$5 for kids 6 to 12, free for those 5 and under.

Battle reenactment sailings with costumed crews take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Fee: \$45 for adults, \$25 for children. Reservations and information: 800-200-5239. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). (DOWNTOWN)

**“The Dr. Seuss You Never Knew,”** exhibit in celebration of 100th birthday anniversary year of author Theodore “Seuss” Geisel continues through Saturday, March 27, at UCSD’s Geisel Library. The show features early work from Geisel’s school days at Dartmouth and Oxford, advertising and magazine work from the 1920s and 1930s, and illustration work for other authors. 858-534-2533. (LA JOLLA)

**Rare Books and Unique Art Showcased** through January in

Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Exhibits focus on early 20th-Century photographs of American Indians by Edward S. Curtis, 18th- and 19th-Century exploration of Pacific Ocean, and colorful prints of North American bird species by Andrew Jackson Grayson (1818-69). Free. Hours: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**Board the 88-Foot Pacific Queen** and journey to Coronado Islands to see whales during outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. Orientation: Thursday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.; expedition: Saturday, January 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee: \$78 for nonmembers. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**More Than 150 Shape Note Singers** from around the country gather for All-California Annual Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Saturday and Sunday, January 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Templar’s Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Beginners

and visitors welcome to take part in this a cappella music sung in four-part harmony. Free. 619-890-5717. (POWAY)

## FOR KIDS

**“The Three Wishes:** The Silly Story” told by Puppet Express through Sunday, January 11, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Bitsy’s School Adventures*, January 14-18.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Center. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

**Caught between Feuding Families**, William Shakespeare’s young, star-crossed lovers *Romeo and Juliet* may be seen in the next production by San Diego Junior Theatre, running through January 18.

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tells Carrie that Hurstwood’s married.

Drouet takes a room in a nearby hotel. A desperate Carrie doesn’t know what to do. Although the rent is paid and Drouet has left her money, she knows she will have to find work. Shocked, angry, hurt by Hurstwood’s lies to her, she decides to cut contact with him and does. They were to meet the next day. She does not go. She stops writing to him.

Hurstwood’s wife, long suspicious of her husband, tosses him out and demands money. A frenzied, lovesick Hurstwood resolves to ditch his job and “elope” with Carrie. He steals money from Fitzgerald and Moy’s safe, rushes to Carrie’s flat, tells her Drouet has been hurt and spirits her off in a carriage and thence onto a train bound for Canada. When the train stops in Detroit, he confesses his ruse, promises to marry her and take her to live in New York City. Carrie, away from home now for a year and a few months, succumbs.

In New York Hurstwood uses part of his stolen money to buy a partnership in a saloon. He rents an apartment; Carrie keeps house. Several years pass. Carries becomes disenchanted with Hurstwood. In Chicago, he seemed such an impressive gentleman; against the canvas of a larger city, he seems small. Then he loses his partnership, has insufficient money to buy another. Looks for work. Finds nothing he considers “in his class.” His will sapped, he begins to sit at home, rocking in the rocking chair, reading newspapers.

The couple is nearly destitute. Carrie takes a job in the chorus line of a comic opera at a popular theater. Her charm and innocence delight audiences. She leaves Hurstwood. Carrie rises, Hurstwood falls. Reduced to beggary, Hurstwood undergoes a heart-breaking, hideous decline. In rags, he shambles through the heaped and sooty city snow, stopping before a poster showing Carrie in her triumph. Finally, he kills himself.

“Of Hurstwood’s death she was not even aware. A slow, black boat setting out from the pier at 27th Street upon its weekly errand bore, with many others, his nameless body to the Potter’s Field.”

The book ends with Carrie, wealthy, famous but not happy. “And now Carrie had attained that which in the beginning seemed life’s object, or, at least, such fraction of it as human beings ever

attain of their original desires. She could look about on her gowns and carriage, her furniture and bank account. Friends there were, as the world takes it — those who would bow and smile in acknowledgement of her success. For these she had once craved. Applause there was, and publicity — once far off, essential things, but now grown trivial and indifferent. Beauty also — her type of loveliness — and yet she was lonely. In her rocking-chair she sat, when not otherwise engaged — singing and dreaming.”

His era’s Tom Wolfe, Dreiser heaps up physical detail, vividly, pictorially describing minutiae of turn-of-the-century American life. He opens hearts, lays bare motive. As when Carrie, hungry and shivering cold, clad in flimsy jacket and thin poor shoes, trodding through Chicago’s snow in search of work, gives in to Drouet’s invitation to be his mistress: “The voice of want made answer for her.” Then there is Hurstwood’s decline. Every day, downtown, we see beggars, men and women who show glimmers of once fine faces and gestures and speech that we associate with privilege. Many are alcoholics or drug addicts. Some aren’t. About the latter, we wonder, “What happened to him, to her?” Dreiser’s Hurstwood can help us to understand.

Carrie left me curious about the man who was able to bring all this to paper. Back to the bookstore. A great find. Not only a used paperback copy of W.A. Swanberg’s biography of Dreiser (on the worn cover “At Last — The True Inside Story! The Stormy Passionate Life of a Tormented American Genius!”), but volume I of Richard Lingeman’s two-volume biography *Theodore Dreiser: At the Gates of the City, 1871–1907* and a new copy of volume II (*Theodore Dreiser, An American Journey, 1908– 1945*) and a brand new book with several chapters about Dreiser, *American Nervousness, 1903*.

Dreiser, born in Indiana, into a large, troubled and poverty-stricken family, began *Sister Carrie* several years before his 30th birthday. He had been a newspaperman and freelance writer, selling articles to the era’s popular magazines — *Success*, *Harper’s Weekly*, *Ev’ry Month*.

*Sister Carrie* was Dreiser’s first novel. The plot follows events familiar to Dreiser. One of his four sisters “lived in sin” first with one man, then another. The second of her lovers, like Hurstwood, stole money from his employers to pay for their elopement. And

for most of his life, Dreiser had been poor and longed to be wealthy.

Like Drouet and Hurstwood, Dreiser — over six feet tall, buck-toothed, with an eye that tended to cross — was a successful womanizer, approaching women with Drouet’s “air of kindly familiarity, not unmixed with pleading.” Dreiser wrote, about himself, “Love of beauty as such — feminine beauty, first and foremost, of course — was the dominating characteristic of all my moods. ... Nature has given me a cross of passion.” Like Hurstwood, Dreiser did not let marriage stop his womanizing. He staggered veritable shifts of amatory affairs, always seeking, Richard Lingeman notes, “The ideal woman, who would forever be younger, prettier, richer, more loving, more brilliant, more sacrificing than the woman he was with.” His obsession was so powerful, Lingeman adds, that “there was some feeling in [his] family that he was abnormal, even talk that he should be sterilized.”

Dreiser’s struggle after *Sister Carrie*’s publication is as absorbing and heartbreaking a story as *Sister Carrie*. Doubleday, Page editor (and novelist) Frank Norris enthusiastically bought *Sister Carrie* for publication. But almost immediately, trouble began. Frank Doubleday, in Europe at the time Norris bought Dreiser’s novel, on his return home read the manuscript and hated it. Not only did Doubleday not wish to publish Dreiser’s book under his imprint, he thought it so filthy and so morally wanting in its portrayal of Carrie’s “fall from virtue” — not with one man but two — that he believed no one should publish it. American readers in 1900 were accustomed to a literature in which virtue was rewarded and vice punished; that Carrie managed to skate through two illicit romances *and* go on to success, even in the low profession the stage was felt to be,

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*Dreiser heaps up physical detail, vividly, pictorially describing minutiae of turn-of-the-century American life. He opens hearts, lays bare motive.*

days, at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Casa del Prado Theater. January 17 performance is American sign language interpreted. Tickets: \$10 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$9 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

**Choo Choo!** The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, January 10 and 11, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 25 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48” must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

**Seaside Stories**, listen to Marcus Pfister’s *Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale* and discover the differences between fish and whales, explore the ocean food web, during events for kids (kindergarten through first grade), on Saturday, January 10, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum.

Fee: \$25. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**“Thar She Blows with Ms. Frizzle!”** Discover wonders of ocean, sing sea songs, investigate whales, make fishy art project, Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Nonmembers: \$13. 619-232-3821 x203. For kids four through six years old. (BALBOA PARK)

**Make Alka-Seltzer Rockets** when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday, January 10, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

**Whale of a Tale**, how big is a whale? Discover how whales have adapted to life in the sea during class for kids in grades one through three at San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, January 10, 1 to 3 p.m. \$13. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**World Festival of Plays for Children** offered in various locations within the San Diego State University Performing Arts Plaza. Plays,

music, mimes, jugglers, clowns, face painting. Program includes Theatre for Youth touring production *Fire and Mist* and *Carnival de Calaveras*, among many others.

Festival opens with performances on Friday, January 23, at 6 p.m., continues all day on Saturday, January 24. Tickets: \$6; all-day passes \$20; family passes \$50. 619-594-6884. (SDSU)

**Busytown**, hands-on, bilingual exhibit based on Richard Scarry’s books and TV series comes to Reuben H. Fleet Science Center (1875 El Prado) on Saturday, January 31. Exhibit includes a grocery store, factory, shipyard, power plant and construction area for visitors aged 2 through 6 to explore, play and learn through Sunday, May 9. Adults \$6.75, kids \$5.50. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**MUSEUMS**

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

**Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum**, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 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. 619-267-5141.(BONITA)

**Campo Railroad Museum**, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and

development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, “Jim Crow” segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

**Chinese Historical Society and Museum**, view artifacts from San Diego’s Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord’s bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

**Chula Vista Heritage Museum** the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

**Creation Museum**, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

**Gemological Institute of America Museum**, unlike gemstones, which form deep within the Earth, organic gems are the products of living organisms, formed by biological processes. Organic gems such as amber, coral, ivory, jet, and pearls are showcased in “All-Natural, Organically Grown Gems from Plants and Animals,” on view through April. Exhibit includes a

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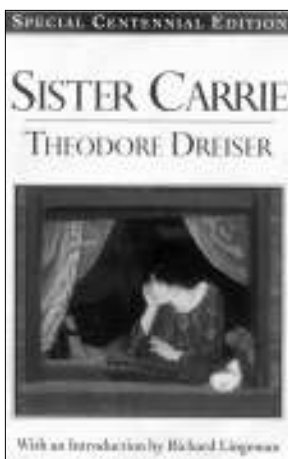
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made the novel seem obscene.

Dreiser refused to let Doubleday, Page renege on its contract. So the book was published. But Doubleday declined to advertise *Sister Carrie* or to list it in the Doubleday catalogue. The book was published in a brick-red binding that Dreiser biographer Richard Lingeman suggests "would have been more appropriate on a plumbing manual." A thousand copies were printed, and 450 of those were not bound. Four hundred fifty-six volumes were sold in the first 18 months.

Frank Norris was determined that *Sister Carrie* would have a chance. He sent over 100 copies to reviewers. He accompanied each copy with a personal letter. Think of it! In an era before word processors, to write over 100 letters! Because of Norris's efforts, the book was fairly widely reviewed. And not entirely unfavorably. (The Seattle *Post Intelligencer* wrote about *Sister Carrie* that "You would never dream of recommending it to another person to read. Yet...as a work of literature and the philosophy of human life, it comes within sight of greatness.") But Dreiser had a wife to support, and *Carrie* brought him no money.

A year after *Carrie's* publication, Dreiser signed a contract with J.F. Taylor Company



for a second novel (which in 1911 would be published as *Jennie Gerhardt*). At the same time, the English publication of *Carrie* was being praised by that country's leading critics.

Toward the end of 1901, advance in hand for the second novel, Dreiser sent his wife home to her family in Missouri, left New York, and headed for a boarding house in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains to work on the new book. No sooner had his Taylor editor received pages from this novel than that editor wrote Dreiser, "To the majority of readers some moral coloring seems essential. One of the criticisms, for instance, which some of the women readers have brought against your story of *Carrie* is that it points no moral."

Over the next 18 months, Dreiser would fall deeper into despair. Work on *Jennie* faltered. He left Virginia, moved

on to Philadelphia. His wife stayed with him a while and then returned again to Missouri. Dreiser became increasingly depressed. Couldn't sleep. Wrote little. The Taylor editor pressed for the manuscript. The money from the advance dribbled away.

As Dreiser found himself progressively paralyzed, exhausted, unable to work, with symptoms including insomnia, constipation, indigestion, skin irritations, and headaches, he came to believe that he suffered from "neurasthenia," or "American nervousness." At the turn of the century, neurasthenia had acquired a notoriety similar to that captured in our day by Epstein-Barr disease or Yuppie flu. In *American Nervousness*, 1903, Tom Lutz writes: "By 1903, neurasthenic language and representations of neurasthenia were everywhere: in magazine articles, fiction, poetry, medical journals and books, in scholarly journals and newspaper articles, in political rhetoric and religious discourse, and in advertisements for spas, cures, nostrums, and myriad other products in newspapers, magazines and mail-order catalogs."

Dreiser wasn't alone. Medical wisdom had it that neurasthenia afflicted only those with the most refined sensibilities. Among turn-of-the-century luminaries who claimed neurasthenia were Mark Twain, Henry and William James, William Dean Howells, Theodore Roo-

sevelt, Edith Wharton, W.E.B. Du Bois, Hamlin Garland, and Frank Norris.

Lutz writes that physician George M. Beard, "the father of neurasthenia," developed a theory of mental and physical health modeled on economic theory. "People were assumed to have a certain amount of 'nerve force' or nervous energy, which was subject to a strict bodily economy. When the supply of nerve force was too heavily taxed by the demands upon it, or when the available nerve force was not properly reinvested, nervous bankruptcy, or nervousness, was the result. Some spending of nervous energy — productive work and procreation are prime examples — was considered to be effectually a reinvestment, a reinvestment that led eventually, Beard said, to peace and 'finer and spiritual things.' Other ways of spending one's nerve force — the paradigmatic examples are masturbation, gambling, and other forms of illicit sexual or financial activity — constituted a waste, a drain on nerve force without any corresponding reinvestment."

The theory that sexual activity drains people of their vital force, Lutz notes, has a long history in America. "Dreiser accepted this view of a 'spermatic economy.' ... [He] was convinced that his condition worsened after every sexual encounter. He wrote in his diary that on one occasion he was 'foolish enough to indulge in copulation, which put me back

a number of days, no doubt, in my recovery' and three weeks later: 'Nervous condition rather worse this morning owing to a foolish hour of trifling with Mrs. D.'"

Lutz adds that Dr. Beard urged patients to replenish "nerve force" with "electric treatments that would send new currents coursing through the system. Heidelberg Electric Belts, with genital attachments, were available through the Sears, Roebuck catalog and sold in stores and through mail order. The ad in the Sears catalog for the \$12 belt promised 'a wonderful cure for seminal or vital weakness, nervous debility, or impotence, which stops almost immediately; the unnatural waste or loss of vitality.'"

Dreiser found a Philadelphia doctor who treated neurasthenics, albeit not with the Heidelberg Electric Belt. The physician prescribed scopolamine, chloral hydrate, and "a standard tonic of the day, a cocktail of small amounts of arsenic, strychnine, and quinine" (Richard Lingeman) for his neurasthenic patients. Dreiser took the drugs. He worsened. Again, his wife returned home to Missouri. Perhaps it was that Dreiser couldn't support her and perhaps that he feared his desire for her, probably both.

Alone, Dreiser sat in the boarding house rocker and rocked, back and forth, back and forth, as Hurstwood did in *Carrie*. To cut expenses, he quit eating boarding-house meals (which were costing \$4.50 per week) and made do on a bottle of milk and half a loaf of bread a day, together with an apple or potato he would grab up from the gutter outside a produce market. He lost 25 pounds. He regularly considered suicide. With \$32 left and *Jennie* aban-

doned, Dreiser packed his trunk and moved to a cheap Brooklyn boarding house.

In New York, he hoped he would find an editorial job, but no one was hiring. Imagine the scene — the chilly city, wind blowing, Dreiser tramping into Manhattan to look for work. On an afternoon when he was down to \$3.31 and on his way back to the Brooklyn boarding house from a fruitless search for work, his hat blows off his head. He chases after the hat. But it's lost. In those years, gentlemen wore hats. To be seen on the street without a hat was to be seen as a bum. A new hat, like that blown from his head, would cost at \$2. Dreiser compromised; he bought a workman's cap for 50 cents.

Unlike Hurstwood, Dreiser was able to save himself. In 1907, *Sister Carrie* was republished by B.W. Dodge and Company and received acclaim from reviewers and readers, establishing Dreiser as an important American novelist. In 1920, Dreiser looked back on his post-*Carrie*, neurasthenic months: "I wandered here and there, unable to write. My mood made worse by the fact that the money that was being sent me was being used up, and I was getting nowhere." And Lingeman writes, about this period, "Instinctively, Dreiser was groping his way out of the cave; his desire to write was the guiding thread that would lead him to daylight." After *Carrie*, Dreiser wrote seven more novels, a play, several travel books, and several volumes of essays. In the mid-1930s, he came to live in California, where he died in 1946. He was buried in the Whispering Pines section of Forest Lawn, next to the grave of cowboy star Tom Mix.

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**George White and Anna Gunn Marston House,** historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

**House of Pacific Relations,** International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

**J.A. Cooley Museum,** an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an “Industrial Product Collection,” with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with “some classics and a concept car.”

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum,** housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

**Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove,** “Founding Parents: From the Kumeyaay to the Lee House” traces community history from the late Stone Age (12,000 B.C.) when the



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Kumeyaay first inhabited the area, to 1928 and the building of the H. Lee House. Exhibit includes murals, century-old woven baskets and pottery, fossils, pictographs, more. Continues through June.

Concurrently, see “A Sea of Lemon Trees,” showcasing the city’s agricultural heyday, when millions of tons of fruit were harvested and shipped to the Midwest and Eastern U.S. Ongoing exhibits include “Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State,” “The Story of Lemon Grove,” “The Parson’s Study.” Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,** retrospective exhibit “Reaching for the Stars: The Fleet’s First 30 Years” documents the history of the Fleet. Each decade of the past 30 years is highlighted through graphics, photographs, and artifacts taking visitors on a visual journey of the center’s accomplishments. Through Sunday, January 18.

Over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display in “ExploraZone 4,” on exhibit through Monday, May 31. The exhibition’s themes are forces and structures, light, and rotation.

Ongoing exhibitions include “Technovation,” “About Faces,” “Smoke and Mirrors,” and “Skyscapes II.” The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Journey “To Worlds Beyond” in the planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Automotive Museum,** more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the mu-

seum’s permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Hall of Champions,** current exhibits include one built around photographs from *Sports Illustrated* magazine, featuring 35 San Diegans who made the cover; “San Diego Ground Zero,” “Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight.” The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Historical Society Museum,** through costumes and ephemera, the “Wedding Belles: Traditions and Attire” exhibition chronicles San Diego wedding fashions from the 1850s through the mid-20th Century. “Belles” showcases examples of the evolution and style and of “proper attire.” Show includes an 1848 Viennese wedding dress to a tulle and lace garment from the 1950s. Through May.

“From Blueprints to Buildings,” an exhibit of San Diego architecture, traces this region’s architectural history from early Indian bark houses to modern and postmodern buildings. The exhibit showcases the most significant examples of various architectural styles and types of structures. See the historical artifacts, photographs, and ephemera through Sunday, February 15.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Maritime Museum,** visit the H.M.S. *Surprise* while the ship used in film *Master and Commander* is on exhibit through Tuesday, November 30. See artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego’s waterfront and the building of the West

Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

**San Diego Museum of Man,** “The Turquoise Path/El Camino Turquesa: The Story of Turquoise in the Native American Southwest,” on display through April 2004, focuses on historical, social, cultural, and economic implications of the age-old stone. Turquoise jewelry-making techniques documented, and pieces from the museum’s extensive collections exhibited.

“Inuit: People of the Midnight Sun,” continuing through April 2004, brings to life the *iliqqusiq* or “ways and habits” of the Inuit (previously known as Eskimo). Artifacts include tools for hunting and sewing, hand-made games, clothing, masks, and kayaks, offering an in-depth look at aspects of modern and ancient Inuit culture.

“Efe: Archers of the Congo” examines one of the most enigmatic and little-known groups on the planet. The Efe are one of about 12 pygmy tribes living in African rainforest. The more than 200 items include bows, arrows, quivers, wrist guards, hunting nets, musical instruments, utensils, and bark cloth paintings. Through summer.

Ongoing exhibits: “Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance,” focusing on reality of torture in world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. Collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some extremely rare, primarily used from 1400s up to early 1800s. Pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Permanent anthropology exhibit “Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution” features “more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human,



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**Valley Center History Museum,** the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as “the only one on view in San Diego.” Also on view: model of an 1862 settler’s cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and

aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

**Villa Montezuma,** built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

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# Uncommon Things

*No one really sounds like Neruda.*

My chief reason for attending the recent concert of the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus was a desire to hear a big orchestral-choral work by contemporary American composer Cary Ratcliff. But it was also invigorating to be reminded of how authentically good this “amateur” ensemble is. Neither Harvey Sollberger’s orchestra nor David Chase’s chorus sounds like a bunch of amateurs, for whom one must make indulgent excuses. These are evidently musicians with thoroughly professional skills, who have chosen some other profession but who enjoy keeping their hands in by playing or singing in a first-rate organization.

To hear (for example) the violin section engaged in a unison passage in which every single player is right on pitch, with the resultant blooming and lustrous sound of 25 violins playing as one, is not an experience an inveterate concertgoer is going to look down on. The winds, too, are of professional quality, technically assured and (notably the woodwind soloists) gifted with sensitive musicianship; and when have you last heard a live orchestral concert, even by a famous orchestra, in which the entire evening went by without a solitary glitch from the horns? You could have heard it in this lively program at Mandeville Auditorium. It was particularly engaging to witness Geoff Brooks, better known to local music lovers as the Athenaeum’s music director, identifying himself moment after moment as an inspired master of the kettle drums.

Brooks had ample opportunity to show off his prowess in the first two items on the program. The unifying theme of the evening was Hispanic music, which meant music by Spanish and Latin American composers or inspired by those traditions. Naturally, one expected colorful orchestrations, exciting dance rhythms, and the fiery Latin spirit, and the works that began the program — *La Fuerza del Mariachi* (A Mexican Overture) by American Jeff Nevin, *Huapango* by Mexican José Pablo Moncayo, and the Dances from *The Three-Cornered Hat* by Spaniard Manuel de Falla — copiously supplied what was wanted. Indeed, the first two might well have been defined as short concertos for

percussion and orchestra, which is why I singled out Geoff Brooks for his remarkably prominent part.

*La Fuerza del Mariachi* and *Huapango* were in fact very much alike, in spite of the radically different backgrounds of their composers. Moncayo (1912–1958), from Guadalajara, was in the direct line of the folklore-inspired style so eloquently promoted by his teacher, Carlos Chávez. The unusually diversified young Jeff Nevin, in contrast, holds a doctorate from UCSD’s avant-garde music department, is a professional trumpeter and a college professor (at Southwestern College), and has played with such pop artists as Kenny Loggins and the Moody Blues. But he is no stranger to the Latin American tradition, having founded his own mariachi band and extensively written and lectured on mariachi music. In his lively and vividly scored *Mexican Overture*, he spoke the musical language of Chávez and Moncayo as if it were his own.

Nevin also served as conductor for the first half of the concert, where he and the orchestral musicians seemed perfectly attuned to each other in their striving for precision, brilliance, and propulsion. Perhaps the more refined (read “French”) manner of Falla’s Hispanicism could have been treated with greater nuance, but the vital center of these excerpts from the composer’s great ballet score was never in doubt.

After the intermission came the Ratcliff work, for which David Chase took Nevin’s place at the podium. *Ode to Common Things* is a large-scale composition setting a selection of poems from Pablo Neruda’s monumental *Odas Elementales*, in which the ancient poetic tradition of odes composed to commemorate grandiose figures and heroic actions is converted into a series of tributes to anything the poet feels enthusiastic about, from love, life, energy, and hope to scissors, artichokes, onions, and bread. Neruda’s style, here as everywhere in his work, is a heady mixture of earthiness, sensuality, simplicity, bold dislocations of rational thought, and sudden eruptions of the profound and the cosmic in the middle of the concrete and everyday. He is Walt Whitman transformed by Surrealism. But no one really sounds like Neruda:

Pan,  
qué fácil  
y qué profundo eres:  
en la bandeja blanca  
de la panadería  
se alargan tus hileras  
como utensilios, platos  
o papeles,  
y de pronto  
la ola  
de la vida,  
lo conjunción del germen  
y del fuego,  
creces, creces  
de pronto  
como  
cintura, boca, senos,  
colinas de la tierra,  
vidas,  
sube el calor, te inunda  
la plenitud, el viento  
della fecundidad,  
y entonces  
se inmoviliza tu color de oro...

(“Bread, how simple and profound you are; on the bakery’s white trays your rows stretch out like utensils, plates or papers, and all at once, the wave of life, the joining of seed and fire, you grow, grow all at once like waist, mouth, breasts, hills of the earth, lives, the heat rises, fullness inundates you, the wind of fertility, and then your golden color is infixed...”) Has any other poet ever conceived of the baking of bread as a sexual act?

Of course, Neruda has his shortcomings. This great poet was a sucker-up to Stalin, praising the Soviet dictator at the height of the purges and massacres. In this respect, he was like Ezra Pound, another great modern poet and a sucker-up to Mussolini. And there have been many others like them. But, as W.H. Auden pertinently remarks, time

Worships language and forgives  
Everyone by whom it lives;  
Pardons cowardice, conceit,  
Lays its honors at their feet.  
Time that with this strange excuse  
Pardoned Kipling and his views,  
And will pardon Paul Claudel,  
Pardons him for writing well.

Auden’s comments could just as well refer to Neruda; and it is not Neruda the self-deceiving, morally culpable communist (who died 30 years ago) but Neruda the magnificent, generous, life-affirming poet (whose verse will endure in perpetuity) whom Cary Ratcliff celebrates in his equally magnificent *Ode to Common Things*.

Ratcliff, judging by this triumphantly expressive and accessible piece, is one of those



Pablo Neruda

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composers who have avoided the avant-garde fashions that riddled the 20th Century, and whose works have suffered the consequences by remaining virtually unknown to the community of serious music lovers. How can it be that a composer of this quality, capable of the inventive and often thrilling writing that manifests itself in his Neruda settings, should not have a single entry in the major printed or online catalogues of classical music recordings?

Admittedly, his music is not atonal, not pandissonant, not mind-numbingly repetitive, not bound by an abstract formula. It is filled with harmonies, textures, colors, and melodic phrases that express and induce feelings. Like Neruda’s poetry, it remains in contact with the world. When in the text someone is riding horseback, you can hear the galloping in the orchestra. When — in the “Ode to Bread” that concludes

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the work — Neruda turns from the sensual and the sexual to the political, and invokes the worldwide human struggle to make sure there is “*tierra y pan para todos*” (“land and bread for everyone”), Ratcliff comes up with a musical setting of comparable nobility, that stirs the heart and mind without any hint of sentimentality or hokeyness. Throughout, his music is radiant with imagination, and again and again one has to use that taboo word to describe it: beautiful. No wonder it’s neglected.

In the Mandeville performance, David Chase conducted with immense authority and passion. Once again the orchestra rose to the occasion; the three soloists (soprano Victoria Mature, mezzo Ava Baker Liss, and tenor Marco La Bastida) sang exquisitely; and the splendid chorus seemed to revel in Ratcliff’s wonderfully idiomatic choral writing.

However, it must be said that the conditions of performance were far from ideal. Everyone (except its designers) knows what a horrible hall Mandeville Auditorium is, and in this case its irremediable defects were more deleterious than usual. Although the chorus is a vast one — well over 100 strong — the acoustics of the hall, combined with their placement way upstage, grossly unbalanced the relationship between chorus and orchestra. It was not that the orchestra played too loudly. The trouble

was the perpetual veil over the choral sound, so that the impact of the choral parts (which, after all, are the heart of this music) was greatly diminished. I also regretted the idea of replacing the rolled Spanish *r* by its American equivalent, a decision that rendered the enunciation of Neruda’s delectable words even more unintelligible. (To make up for it — partially — an English translation appeared on a supertitle screen.)

Still, why quibble? The signal accomplishment of the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus was to have allowed us to hear this wonderful (and heretofore unknown) music in the first place, and to have performed it with so much skill and devotion. ■

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**Strings in the Galleries,** Italian-born classical guitarist Aniello Desiderio performs on Thursday, January 8, 7 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. The pianist has won 18 first-place international awards. 619-696-9169. \$20. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Light and Dark:** Music of Haydn and Boccherini” performed by Galatea Trio, Friday, January 9, for San Diego Early Music Society. Program includes baroque violin, cello, and fortepiano music in search of answer to question: “Can a modern audience still hear the contrast between Enlightenment and mystery?” \$18. Reservations: 619-291-8246. Concert begins at 8 p.m. at St. James by-the-Sea, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Winter Pops,** San Diego Symphony and conductor Larry Blank present “Salute to Hollywood and Broadway,” January 9 and 10. Vocalists Dale Kristien, Valerie Perri-Lipson, Chris Groenendaal perform “a collage of hits” from *That’s Entertainment* 3, along with Broadway songs by Cole Porter, Jule Styne, Harold Arlen, and tribute to Judy Garland.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$15 to \$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Places of Hearing:** Musical Subjectivities, Sonic Environments” presented by Steven Schick at UCSD. Each concert involves faculty and graduate students of the music department. Schick performs John Luther Adams’s “Mathematics of Resonant Bodies” on Friday, January 9, 8 p.m., in Warren Lecture Hall studio A.

Schick is joined by Luciane Cardasi and Kathleen Gallagher to per-

form Morton Feldman’s “For Philip Guston” at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 10. Tickets for either concert: \$8.

The free lectures begin at 2 p.m. on Friday and at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Alaskan composer Adams will discuss his music along with panelists Mitchell Morris, Schick, Richard Lepert, and eco-philosopher David Abram. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

**“Sing in the New Year”** with Pacific Camerata. The vocal ensemble presents medieval and Renaissance sacred works in concert on Saturday, January 10, 7:30 p.m., at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church (3025 Denver Street). Program includes pieces by Hildegard von Bingen, Praetorius, three settings of “O Magnum Mysterium,” including versions for double choir by Gabrieli and Handl. \$10 general. 619-527-4457. (CLAIREMONT)

**Solo Violin Works by Beethoven** and Mozart performed by David Torns in homecoming concert, Sunday, January 11, 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4781 Cass Street). Torns will be joined by violinist Mary Oda Szanto and organist Robert Plimpton in “Concert for Violin, Cello, and Organ” by Joseph Rheinberger; Gareth Guest (clarinet) plays Milhaud’s “Suite for Violin, Clarinet, and Piano.” Offering. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Noise at the Library,** series highlighting 20th-Century classical music features Noise Ensemble presenting retrospective of works by Anton Webern on Sunday, January 11, including “Three Pieces for Cello.” Program includes premiere of new work by Peter Edwards.

Preconcert lecture at 7 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m. \$15 general. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Old Masters in Music and Art,** vocal music of Renaissance showcased when Pacific Camerata performs Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Composers include Victoria, Handl, Gabrieli, Taverner, Praetorius, Aichinger. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**“American Soundscapes”** presented by Westwind Brass during concert on Sunday, January 11, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-944-1866. (LA COSTA)

**The California Quartet** performs works by Schubert, Hindemith, and Dvořák on Sunday, January 11, 2:30 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Busy on Sunday? The group returns in concert on Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Donations accepted. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**The Mezzo and the Organist,** mezzo-soprano Martha-Jane Weaver joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert at Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Violin Virtuoso** Itzhak Perlman in concert, Tuesday, January 13, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Perlman’s latest release is *Classic Perlman: Rhapsody*, with chamber and symphonic music, as well as film themes. Tickets: \$60 to \$75. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**“Four Hands Fantastique,”** piano duetists Barbara and Gerhardt Suhrstedt perform music by composers Bizet, Debussy, Fauré, and

Ravel along with slides of paintings by Degas, Gauguin, Monet, and Renoir in performances on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at San Diego Museum of Art.

These “Meet the Masters” lecture/concerts begin at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$38 with lunch) and 6 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**Acclaimed Swedish Mezzo-Soprano** Anne Sofie Von Otter presents a program of songs by Petersen-Berger, Stenhammar, Poulenc, Chaminade, Berlioz, Mahler, Korngold, and Weill for Celebrity Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Wednesday, January 21.

Preconcert talk at 7 p.m., concert at 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets: \$35, \$60, \$85. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

**Songs of Hope, Redemption, and Glory** from late-18th-Century tunesmiths performed by a cappella group Anonymous 4 on Sunday, February 1, for St. James Music Series. Program includes music from Southern shape-note tunebooks of 19th Century, gospel hymns. Concert begins at 4 p.m. at James-by-the-Sea, 743 Prospect Street. \$20. 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

**Superstar Mezzo-Soprano** Cecilia Bartoli presents benefit recital for La Jolla Music Society, Wednesday, February 11, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$45 to \$200. 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

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### GALLERIES

**"DNA/ART: Two Generations"** examines "bodies of work by groupings of established artists — those bodies intimately connected yet separated by one generation (parent/child)." Exhibition includes works by Andy Moses, Amanda Farber, Kiki Smith, Bill Scanga, Eddie Ruscha, others.

The exhibit opens with reception on Friday, January 9, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Continues through Saturday, February 14. (LA JOLLA)

**Drawings and Sculpture** by Giacomo Manzù — spanning the years 1942 to 1990 — go on exhibit with reception Friday, Jan-

uary 9, 6 p.m., at Tasende Gallery (820 Prospect Street). Show closes Saturday, February 28. RSVP for reception: 858-454-3691. (LA JOLLA)

**"Becoming a Woman,"** an exhibit of color photographs by Melissa Inez Walker involving "various aspects of the artist's understanding of womanhood," opens with reception Friday, January 9, 6 p.m., at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). Exhibition continues through Friday, February 27. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

**The Collective of Artists** at the Brokers Building offers an exhibit and reception on Friday, January 9, 7 p.m. Find Third Floor Gallery at Broker's Building Gallery, 402 Market Street (at Fourth Avenue). Viewing hours: 619-239-1639. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**"Life Dances,"** an exhibit of colorful collage and acrylic paintings by Judi Sim are on exhibit through January at Joseph David Gallery (760 Eighth Avenue). Reception: Friday, January 9, 5:30 p.m. 619-702-6290. (DOWNTOWN)

**"The Exceptional Vessel 5: Baskets and Beyond"** is on view through Saturday, February 21, at La Jolla Fiber Arts (7644 Girard Avenue). Reception for artists: Friday, January 9, 6:30 p.m. 858-454-6732. (LA JOLLA)

**"Time to Exhale,"** a juried watercolor art exhibit, opens with reception on Friday, January 9, 5 p.m., at San Diego Watercolor Society Showcase Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 102). Through January. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

**"Take a Story, Leave a Story,"** with work by four artists, is on view through Monday, January 19, at Phantom Gallery (2121 North Coast Highway, suite E). The show of "paintings and photographs will be colored by Tibetan prayer flags and the saffron of Buddhist robes."

Artists' reception: Friday, January 9, 5 p.m. 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

**The Digital Art Guild** exhibits latest work by members through January at Avalon Gallery (3803 Ray Street). Reception for artists: Saturday, January 10, 6 p.m. 858-774-2977. (NORTH PARK)

**"The Innovating Collage,"** an exhibition of collages by Anna Tewes, is on view through January at Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery (845 Main Street). Reception: Saturday, January 10, 4 p.m. 760-789-3682. (RAMONA)

**"Seekers: A Metaphorical Search for Meaning,"** featuring acrylic paintings and monotypes by Victoria Chick, opens with reception for artist on Saturday, January 10, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Chick focuses on image of cats in her art. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

### ART MUSEUMS

**Mingei International Museum of Folk Art**, useful and beautiful wooden objects — chairs, tables, benches, cabinets — are on view in "George Nakashima, Woodworker — A Retrospective." The objects are exhibited along with paintings and drawings by Nakashima's friend Ben Shahn. Closes Sunday, May 30.

"Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding," on view through Sunday, February 8, includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals.

"Mingei of Japan — The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of objects from the museum's collection by known and unknown craftsmen from throughout Japan continues until January 25. Included: *tansu* (Japanese chests), pottery, calligraphy, woodblock prints, stencil work, kimono and other textiles, baskets, toys.

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 San Diego, Downtown**, Los Angeles artist Wendell Gladstone's "Cerca Series" exhibit — through Sunday, January 18 — explores the interaction between abstract sculpture and figurative painting. His canvases hang behind stark minimalist sculptures, bringing the narrative content of the paintings into three dimensions, with an intentionally humorous approach.

"Of the Moment: Recent Acquisitions for the Permanent Collection," on display through Sunday, January 25, showcases new additions to the museum's collection, acquired through "generosity and support of museum members during the last five years."

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 Photographic Arts**, stories of loss, struggle, and personal exploration within landscapes scarred by technology and overuse are told in "Robert Parke-Harrison: The Architect's Brother," on view from Sunday, January 11, through Sunday, April 4. "The images and the process of their construction embody

aspects of theater, sculpture, painting, photography, and performance."

Twelve tints used in the film *Cold Mountain* are on exhibit through Sunday, March 14, in "Stephen Berkman: Cold Mountain and Other Journeys." His imagery is populated with "fictional oddities"; his intention is to "undermine the authority of the image and to evoke wonder and bewilderment."

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Museum of Art**, "Sculpture in Silk: Costumes from Japan's Noh Theater," offers opportunity to examine elegant designs and exquisite workmanship of layered costumes. Display includes more than 40 robes and accessories created during Edo period (1601-1868), as well as 100 modern examples of Noh costumes created using Edo-period designs and techniques. Continues through Sunday, January 25.

"The Later Mughals: Theaters of Power" presents more than 20 seldom-seen images telling the story of the waning of India's greatest dynasty. Through Sunday, January 25.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**Timken Museum of Art**, "Portraiture in Paris Around 1800: Cooper Penrose by Jacques-Louis David" explores "the profound influence" of the French painter (1748-1825). The exhibit features works on loan from L.A. and New York, along with paintings from Paris-based collections "that have never before been seen in the United States." Through Sunday, February 15.

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#### Brave Smiles...Another Lesbian Tragedy

Diversionary stages the San Diego premiere of this slap at "Hollywood's dizzying array of tragic lesbian icons," written by the New York performance group the Five Lesbian Brothers and directed by Kirsten Brandt. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 15, AND 22 AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

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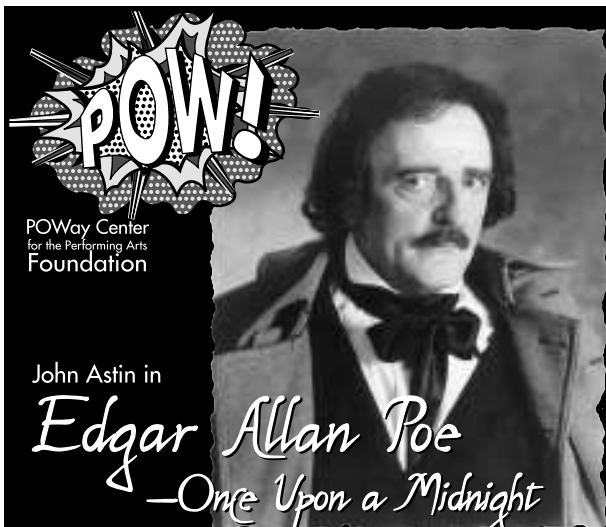
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### Late-Night Catechism

Every Monday night, during summer, the Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult catechism class," taught by a sister from the old spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting for the regular teacher (it's his poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to have the job but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is



Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

just that, part of a course on Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The results, the two times I've seen the show: a. an almost non-

stop evening of comedy; and b. a thought-provoking look at education, religion, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding. (Note: the Laguna Playhouse has extended the show's run four times.) **Worth a try.**

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National Comedy Theatre

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#### Lovers and Executioners

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#### National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms

and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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#### The Rainmaker

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#### San Diego Theatresports

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making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more fre-



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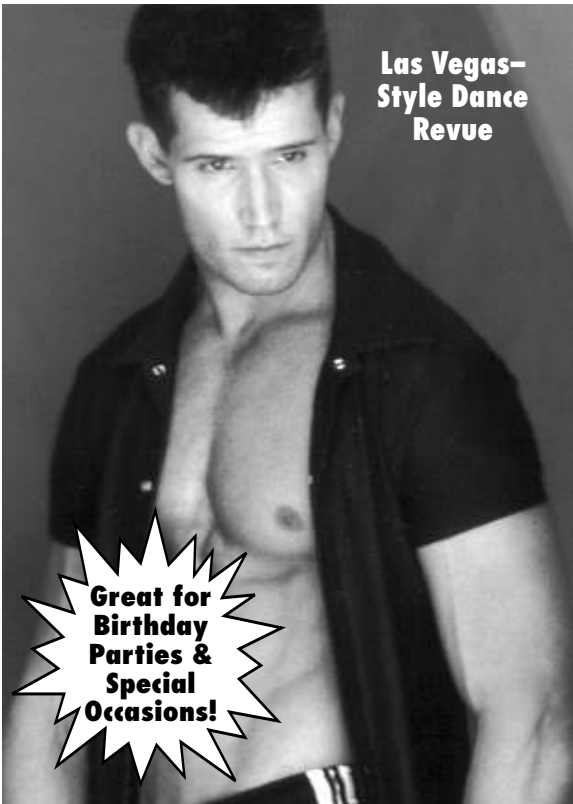
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hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

### Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

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**"Do you have any drawings of Michael Jackson in bed with little boys?"** asked the voice on my home phone November 29.

'N' Roll Comics, a series I wrote in the 1990s and still market.

"No," I told the woman. "The comic came out in 1991. It's a straightforward bio."

"Well..." Long pause.

"Can you draw some pictures of Michael Jackson in bed with little boys? We can pay you."

"Um, what would that

uniforms and little boys' underwear hanging off the horse."



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Not that I wouldn't like the money, but I declined the assignment.

— Jay Allen Sanford

ILLUSTRATION BY JAY ALLEN SANFORD

**"Our label can't even announce that they signed us** because we don't have a name yet." Early Times bassist Mitch Ballatore says his four-man Pacific Beach band is under the gun to pick a new name.

Lead singer and songwriter Vic Fuentes said the five-year-old hardcore punk band signed with Equal Vision, the New York indie label that first

broke Saves the Day (and is currently on a roll with Coheed and Cambria), December 12 after label reps saw the band play at Soma a few months earlier.

Fuentes said Equal Vision has agreed to pay for the recording and promotion for their first album, due out this summer. "[The label] didn't say we had to change it. But our lawyer said it looks like we may have to spend a lot of time and legal arguing and money if we kept it, and it could delay the work on the

record.... We told the label we knew [the name issue] would come down someday. It's a whiskey company. Plus we found out there was some guy who does blues-rock out of New York who legally changed his name to Early



THE BAND FORMERLY KNOWN AS EARLY TIMES

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Times."

The band is hoping to

find a new name before their next gig.

"I just got through looking at a crossword puzzle book. I went through a poetry book and the Bible. Vic is off right now to go to Borders to look at some books."

The band formerly

known as Early Times appears January 16, 7:30 p.m. at Soma with the Chemistry, Yesterday's Rising, Lower Definition, and Lance's Hero. Admission is \$8.

— Ken Leighton

**KUSS-FM 95.7** is Clear Channel's new country station dedicated to God, family, and country, according to program director Mike O'Brian.

"We saw what it spelled out," said Mike Glickenhau, Clear Channel's San Diego vice president, in the *Union-Tribune* last Saturday, "but very few listeners use the call letters.... There is no planned irony there."

But perhaps fodder for future radio humor. KSON may be first to poke because



KUSS SNARES TONY & KRIS

it lost its longtime morning team, Tony Randall and Kris Rochester.

# blurt

## the inside track

The voice continued, "I know you guys did a Michael Jackson comic book, but does it have stuff about him molesting children?"

Within hours of the announcement that a warrant was being issued for Michael Jackson's arrest, VH1 was already compiling footage in order to create a *Behind the Music*-style special on the singer's newest legal woes. The associate producer at the network declined to be quoted by name, but she did ask about a back issue of *Rock*

entail, exactly? What are you looking for?"

"Nothing X-rated; just some art that is obviously him, in bed, under the covers maybe, cuddling with little boys."

"You mean like multiple little boys?" I asked. "All in one bed?"

"Yeah, yeah! With their naked little feet sticking out from under the covers so it looks like they're all naked under the covers. And a rocking horse next to the bed with, like, Cub Scout

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"They were offered an extraordinary amount of money," said Darrel Goodin, general manager of KSON. "They were offered more money than most people make in their entire lifetimes. Who could blame them for accepting the offer?"

Tony and Kris (as the ten-year-old team is known) started at the new "U.S. 95.7" four days ago.

Clear Channel moved its oldies station from 95.7 to 99.3, while the country station, formally known as "Bob 99.3," dropped the Bob handle (after trying it out for a year), moved to 95.7, and added Tony and Kris.

In April Tony and Kris won the Country Music Association award for morning show of the year.

Goodin lamented, "There was a time when they said they would never work for Clear Channel."

— Ken Leighton

**Earl Thomas** was able to make the down payment on his condo from royalties received on the Etta James

cover he wrote, "I Sing the Blues." It's the first song on her 1992 album *The Right Time*. Thomas uses his experience of writing a

profitable song when he teaches his "How to Survive If You Don't Get a Grammy" course at UC Riverside, Humboldt State, and Loyola

Marymount University in Los Angeles. Thomas is in negotiations with San Diego City College to teach the course locally.

Half of Thomas's four-hour class is set up as a rehearsal with live musicians. He also teaches students how to hire musicians for road gigs.

"I show them how to rehearse a band of strangers, how to pick sheet music, [and how to] walk into a rehearsal hall...and present yourself."

"For instance," Thomas continues, "if I book a gig in Northern California, I don't travel with a bunch of musicians. I hire them [there and]... I send my sheet music ahead, usually about a month."

Thomas admits there have been times when he's had to get a real job. "There's a couple of times that I went

and took a job as a dental assistant...when I knew I was only going to stay there for a month."

According to Thomas, his



EARL THANKS ETTA FOR HIS CONDO

last CD, *The Elector Sessions*, was financed by processing dental X-rays by day. "The day that record came out, I didn't even give notice. I called up and said, 'I'm not working; mail my check to this address.'"

Normally Thomas advises his students, "Give them two weeks' notice.... One thing I do tell them is, 'Don't screw [employers] over, because God doesn't like ugly.'"

A release party for Earl Thomas's new CD, *Soul'd*, will take place at the Hard Rock Café in La Jolla on January 17 at 9:30 p.m. Thomas performs with the Jezebelles and jazz vocalist Steph Johnson.

— Pat Sherman

**"Everybody was sleeping with each others' boyfriends,"** admits Jackie Jones, recalling

the pressures surrounding last spring's breakup of Nectarine. The all-woman band called it quits after a band meeting at a Mission Valley restaurant erupted into a shouting match.

Jones attributes some of the stress to the fact that "people like to tell us what to do.... Guys in the audience tell us what and how to play. One guy was telling us how to sell the T-shirts. We had a sound guy call us a 'bunch of bitches.' We have a trail of disgruntled sound men." They even get fashion advice. "You don't look good in



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NECTARINE LEAVES TRAIL OF DISGRUNTLED MEN

those pants, baby,' " Jones recalls hearing. The band has appeared in everything from Elvis attire to WAC outfits. A squabble with a Marine at Bub's Whiskey Dive in Oceanside arose over his insistence that the band was

tainting the WAC image. At the Longboard in Pacific Beach, it was worse. "We were paid to stop playing," Jones says.

Nectarine put aside their jealousies long enough to schedule their first appearance in nine months, last Wednesday on New Year's Eve at O'Connell's. For more info, go to [www.nectarinemusic.com](http://www.nectarinemusic.com).

— Randy Hoffman

**"Here I am, day after Christmas,** the storm went bye-bye, the wind's a-blowing, and I'm jamming away here, trying to make a few bucks," sang the guy sitting on the Ocean Beach Pier and strumming a cheap acoustic guitar. The guitar's dark blue finish had "Love Here" etched into it. He almost had to yell because the waves were crashing.

"I can barely hear you play and sing," I said.

"It's the music of nature, dude," he told me. "The ocean is my backup band. *BOOM-BOOM-BOOM* — like drums, you know?"

"Do you make any money out here?" I asked. "I usually see you over by Starbucks."

"Cops chase me away.

Too close to the ATM machine, makes people nervous. Hell, some lady the other day left her bank card in the machine, and I coulda cleaned her out. But no-o-o-o-o, I turned it in to the bike

cops. That's the *right* thing to do. I'm an honest dude just trying to make some coinage."

I asked if I could take his picture.

He eyed me. "Why?"

"Why not?"

"Cost you \$20."

"Can I owe it to you?"

"I'll play you a song," he said. "A Dylan song. Like to hear a Bob Dylan song?"

He played "Like a Rolling Stone." He had the chords down but got lost in the lyrics.

I gave him what I had in my pocket: a buck and a quarter.

He said, "If the darn coffeehouses 'round here would let me play, I probably could actually make a livin'."

— Michael Hemmingson

### POD's latest album

*Payable on Death* features new guitarist Jason Truby (ex-guitarist of Living Sacrifice). Produced by Howard Benson (Sepultura, Motörhead), the CD was released November 3 and debuted at number nine on *Billboard*'s album top 100 chart. At this writing, the first single, "Will You," is at number three on *Edge*'s Christian radio chart [[cmradio.net](http://cmradio.net)] but appears nowhere on the *Billboard* pop charts. A video for "Will You" premiered on MTV December 20, directed by Marc Webb, who also

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hemed videos for Poway's Unwritten Law. POD begins a seven-week tour with Linkin Park January 16; a local date is said to be in the works for early February. The band is also talking with Dave Matthews about a possible summer festival tour, though San Diego was not among the proposed locales (Las Vegas will probably be the closest to San Diego County).

In an interview posted December 24 at [livedaily.com](http://livedaily.com), POD's singer Sonny Sandoval expressed bitterness over the departure of original guitarist Marcos Curio last year. Curio had been with POD since its 1992 formation in San Ysidro, having played on eight albums (the latter two on Atlantic, with 2001's *Satellite* going quadruple platinum on the strength of the hit single "Youth of the

Nation"). Curio's new group, Accident Experiment, is currently recording tracks and planning a Southern California tour this spring, with a San Diego date still to be scheduled.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**I called 'Canes and asked, "Hey, that Led Zepagain show coming up — is it the original tribute band or the new one?"**

"What?" the woman on the phone said, over loud music. "They do Led Zeppelin songs, uh-huh."

"But which one are they?"

"Uh, I don't know. Let me find out."



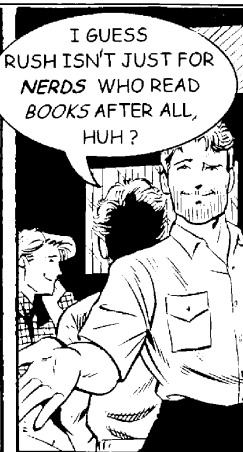
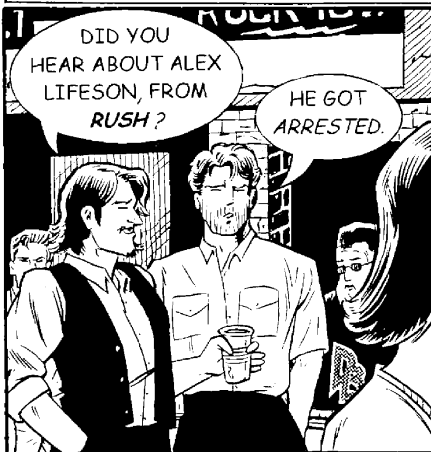
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I was put on hold much too long and never found out.

"It's not us," said Lenny Mann of Ventura's Led

## OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: BRICK BY BRICK

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



Zepplica, formerly known as Led Zepagain. Mann has been in a Zeppelin tribute band since 1989. I had simply contacted their booking line, and there was their guitar player answering the phone. He "plays" the part of Jimmy Page.

"It's our ex-singer's project," he told me.

"Swann Montgomery?"

"Yeah."

I explained this matter to my girlfriend while we ate dinner.

"Their singer, a Robert Plant copycat, split from the band, formed another tribute act with the very same name. Now there's a lawsuit in the system about the name, so in the meantime, the original cover band changes its name

to Led Zepplica. Their website claims tarnished images and hordes of fans being ripped off because they paid to see a certain tribute band but got another — with the same old singer. And they play the same venues. Zepplica was at 'Canes a month or so ago, and Zepagain will be there January 10. It's just like in that Mark Wahlberg movie, *Rock Star*."

She said, "It's more like Philip K. Dick."

— Michael Hemmingson

**Dave Matthews**, who plays Cox Arena January 14, still remembers the time Jason Mraz drove a pickup truck from San Diego to Seattle a little over a year ago,

just to open for Matthews's band.

"That was the first day we met; his album had just come out or was about to," says Matthews. "I caught his set from the sidelines.... He was really good, and I ended up inviting him on tour the next year. I don't think he ever got paid that day; he did it for free, that's how he got the gig."

I mention Mraz recently sold a baseball jersey on eBay that he was wearing that day — along with a Polaroid of their meeting, which was published in *Rolling Stone* — for \$800.

"Damn. He ended up making more than I did!"

— Jay Allen Sanford

**These concert tickets** were available at various ticket resale websites as of January 2.

Dave Matthews, Cox Arena, January 14, floor EEE, row 6 — \$364.50 each ([www.southbaytickets.com](http://www.southbaytickets.com)). Face price \$52.50.

Temptations, Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, January 14, floor section, row A — \$225 each ([www.advancetickets.com](http://www.advancetickets.com)). Face price \$40.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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*"When four people that love rock and not much else start jamming to a hip-hop song, you know it's good."*

1. "Hey Ya!" — Andre 3000 of Outkast
2. "I Will Play My Game beneath the Spin Light" — Brand New
3. "So Alive" — Ryan Adams
4. "Falling" — Death on Wednesday
5. "Hands Down" — Dashboard Confessional

## SONGS OF '03 STUDENT PICKS

I'd rather be trampled in a mosh pit than break out a couple of dance moves, so it was unexpected that "Hey Ya!" prompted me and every other conscious individual to "shake it like a Polaroid picture" in 2003. At first I was embarrassed to admit that I was a fan of Andre and his neon-pink furs; however, his catchy chorus and varied breakdowns fueled my love for the song and convinced me to share my passion with my parents.

Early one Sunday morning, Andre's voice broke the crumpling of newspaper pages and I revealed my secret. "Ahh! I love this song!" My parents, who associate every modern African-American artist with rap (and loathe the genre), were shocked. They were shocked not because their daughter had been nurturing an obsession for Outkast, but because they were tapping their toes. My mom laughed at the music video, and my dad let his newspaper fall to his lap to join Andre's backup dancers with his own set of dancing fingers. Now listening to "Hey Ya" is a Sunday-morning tradition in my household, and my dad is considering downloading it as his phone's ring tone.

Lamest song of 2003: "Crazy in Love" by Beyonce. This single helped Beyonce to become the favorite of every award show, and she earned enough recognition to drop her last name. Critics described her sound as "groundbreaking." However, I wonder what is so groundbreaking about a song that repeats "Got me lookin' so crazy right now / your love's got me lookin' so crazy right now" over 12 times and says little else? When Beyonce's repetition is combined with how many times this song was played on the radio, there's

no doubt that "Crazy in Love" was the most mindless and annoying song of the year.  
— *Megan Burks, El Capitan H.S.*

1. "She Don't Want Nobody Near" — the Counting Crows
2. "Harder to Breathe" — Maroon 5
3. "The Hardest Button to Button" — the White Stripes
4. "Unwell" — Matchbox Twenty
5. "It's My Life" — No Doubt

I love the song "She Don't Want Nobody Near" because it reminds me of my first real concert — last summer at Coors Amphitheatre with the Counting Crows and Maroon 5. Adam Duritz is an amazing showman, and every time I hear this song I think of him and the show. Listening to it makes me want to get up and DO something.

The worst song of 2003: "Me Against the Music," by Britney Spears. Not only is this song the worst of the year, it is definitely one of the worst ever. Ms. Spears has no talent, and it shows. You can't even hear her voice; it's synthesized. Even worse is the music itself; it's a weird techno/dance-club-type song that doesn't suit her at all. Yes, Britney, it is you against the music, and the music won.

— *Anne Baker, Carlsbad H.S.*

1. "Get Low" — Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz
2. "Me Myself and I" — Beyonce
3. "Like Glue" — Sean Paul
4. "Milkshake" — Kelis
5. "Damn!" — Youngbloodz ft. Lil Jon

"Get Low" has to be my favorite song because it doesn't get old. Most songs on the radio get old pretty fast, especially when you have them on CD. Then it's "played out," and the artist usually releases another single and the old one is stored away. "Get Low," on the other hand, has been playing on the radio for months, and whenever I hear it, I listen and dance. The song reminds me

of going to Club Fusion in Escondido with all my friends. When not many people were on the floor, the DJ knew what song to put on. As soon as "Get Low" started blaring over the speakers, people headed to the floor. I would grab my friends as soon as I heard the beat, and we would go out and have a good time.

The lamest song would have to be "Stacy's Mom" by Fountains of Wayne. It's annoying. I hear it a lot at school because on Fridays we play music at lunch and we have to include a mix of music, and since it's one of the most popular pop songs, we play it. It's so repetitive and meaningless. The video is dumb, and the concept of the song irritates me.

— *Shonna Gillis, El Cajon Valley H.S.*

1. "Girls Not Grey" — AFI
2. *Resurrection* (the whole album) — Tupac
3. "The Hardest Button to Button" — the White Stripes
4. "California" — Lil' Rob
5. "Hey Ma" — Cameron

AFI's "Girls Not Grey" is my favorite for a few reasons: (1) The chorus is catchy as all hell and the music is high-caliber rock. This is not the poppy punk that blink has inspired, but how punk should sound in this day and age. (2) This song makes me want to go out and break something. (3) I listen to this song when I go skateboarding. It pumps me up and inspires me to attempt tricks that are out of my skill range.

Lamest song of 2003: "Hail Mary," by Ja Rule. I don't care about what beef exists between Ja Rule and Shady Records, but I agree with Shady about one thing: Ja Rule murdered this classic Tupac track with his weak lyrics to dis a record



Andre 3000 of Outkast

company. Ja should have left this one alone, but he decided to ruin a hit anyway. Tupac would roll over in his grave if he heard this garbage.

— *Nick Toft, Mira Mesa H.S. graduate, 2003*

1. "Hey Ya!" — Outkast
2. "It's My Life" — No Doubt
3. "Did My Time" — Korn
4. "Are You Gonna Be My Girl?" — Jet
5. "Bandages" — Hot Hot Heat

"Hey Ya!" was my number-one song because it has such a catchy tune and it reminds me of when my friends and I were driving up to Disneyland and it came on the radio and we all

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Lamest song of 2003: "Milkshake," by Kelis. I'm sorry to fans of this song, but not only can Kelis not sing, but the song is about nothing. I'm sorry if I don't understand it, but why is your "milkshake better than mine"? And why does it "bring all the boys to the yard"? And can you "teach me"? Oh, wait...never mind...you "would have to charge," right?  
— John Twilla, Hilltop H.S.

1. "Crazy in Love" — Beyonce and Jay-Z
1. "You and I Both" — Jason Mraz
2. "Hey Ya!" — Outkast
3. "The Hardest Button to Button" — the White Stripes
4. "The Scientist" — Coldplay
5. "Stupid Girl" — Cold

I had two number-one songs because I couldn't decide which one was better. I picked "You and I Both" because I went through a messy breakup with a person that I had been dating for almost a year. If I could put all my feelings about the situation into a song, it would be this one. I also picked "Crazy in Love" because it reminds me of all the dances I went to over the summer. When I hear it I think of blaring music, a thumping bass-line, and me shakin' it with my friends, not caring if anyone else is around. When this song comes on the radio, I can't stop myself from being happy.

The lamest song, by far, was Clay Aiken's "Invisible." I don't like Clay, I don't like his song, and I don't like *American Idol*. I watched that show once, and it was a waste of time. Clay's song sounds like he's whining. I can't even understand what he's saying. For the longest time I thought he was singing about being "invincible." I thought in pop-star school they taught people how to enunciate. Whenever this song comes on, I cringe, and when I'm done cringing, I change the station.

— Allison Williams, Granite Hills H.S. ■

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**The Temptations** *[937]:* Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, January 14, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

**Eric Johnson** *[458]* and **Tony Furtado:** 4th & B, Wednesday, January 14, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Jordan Knight** and **Jai-Da:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 14, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

### EXTENSION 4001

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### JANUARY

**Jonny Lang:** 4th & B, Thursday, January 15, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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**Gaelic Storm:** California Center for the Arts, Saturday, January 17, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Peter Case** *[613]:* Normal Heights United Methodist Church, Saturday, January 17, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**"Fiftieth Anniversary** *[181]:* **Rock Around the Clock"** with **Bill Haley's Original Comets** and **Wanda Jackson** *[773]:* East County Performing Arts Center, Sunday, January 18, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**Jay Farrar** and **Canyon** *[145]:* Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 21, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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**Lizz Wright:** Mandeville Auditorium, Thursday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

**Hank Williams III** *[775]:* The Casbah, Friday, January 23, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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**The Greyboy Allstars** *[675]:* 4th & B, Friday, January 30, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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**"Bob Marley Day Festival":** San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 16, 1 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

**Linkin Park, P.O.D., Hoobastank [440],** and **Story of the Year:** Cox Arena, Tuesday, February 17, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

**Bette Midler:** San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, February 18, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

**Micky Finn:** Sycuan Casino Showcase T heatre, Thursday, February 19, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.



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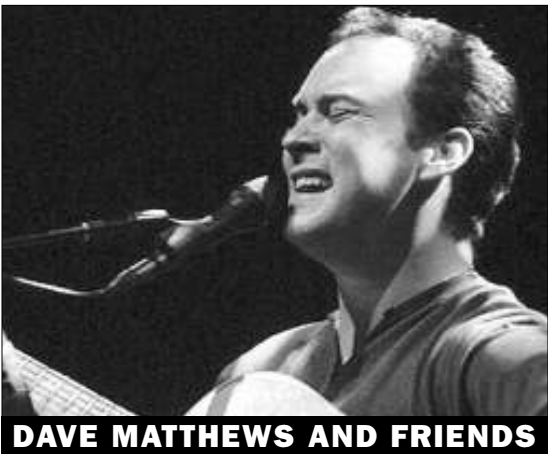
BY DAVE GOOD

The story goes: While recording his first album, various record label execs stopped by the studio to visit **Dave Matthews**. In their company was an attractive woman. She and Matthews found themselves alone in the kitchen. "And then I noticed that she had this little booger on her nose," says Matthews in a transcript posted online by a concertgoer. "I didn't want to say anything, because she was real pretty, you know." To make a long story short, he points it out anyway and she wipes her nose, but the situation doesn't improve. Matthews? "I did what any good citizen would do. I grabbed the booger."

In concert, Matthews is a funny guy between songs. He can do perfect Monty Python and he invents words, but it's stuff

that's lost to the casual listener. To wit, a few weeks ago on the last leg of a walk around Crown Point a friend asked me why Dave Matthews was so popular. I told her that he had built a following on the college circuit by playing long and generous shows and that he was vulnerable and complex along the lines of, say, a Jeff Buckley. I left out Matthews's comedy. I also left out **Tim Reynolds**.

If Matthews is a joker, then Reynolds is a magician. He can make his guitar do just about anything. Matthews and Reynolds met in Charlottesville when Matthews was a bartender; Dave and Tim have in fact been playing smaller venues without the full band ever since. They open the Dave Matthews and Friends show. A different animal than standard Dave Matthews Band outings, DM and Friends features guest players like **Trey Anastasio** and **Tony Hall** and is said to jam



harder and longer than usual. A sneak preview of the set list includes DM standards like "Bartender" and "Dancing Nancies," plus covers of songs by the Beatles, Paul Simon, Peter Gabriel, and Billy Preston.

**DAVE MATTHEWS AND FRIENDS, Cox Arena, Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429. \$52.50.**

## MARCH

**Britney Spears [603]:** San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

**George Winston [768]:** East County Performing Arts Center, Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**Sarah Brightman [610]:** San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 10, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

**"Newport Jazz Festival":** East County Performing Arts Center, Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**Big Head Todd & the Monsters [417]:** 4th & B, Wednesday, March 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Engelbert Humperdinck:** Grand Cabaret, Wednesday, March 17, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

**Little Anthony & the Imperials:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

**San Francisco Modern Jazz Collective** with **Joshua Redman:** Mandeville Auditorium, Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

## APRIL

**Boney James:** Pechanga Theater, Sunday, April 11, Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

**Engelbert Humperdinck:** Grand Cabaret, Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

**Kathy Mattea [771]:** California Center for the Arts, Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

## MAY

**¡Cubanismo! [676]:** California Center for the Arts, Friday, May 14, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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## EXTENSION 4002

## ALTERNATIVE

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- The Blackletter Days:** Soma
- Bumbklaat:** The Casbah
- Bury Your Dead:** Epicentre
- Bus Ride:** Tiki House
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- Flood the Sky:** Dreamstreet
- The Flying Putos:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Fu Manchu [170]:** The Casbah
- Glasgow Smile:** Epicentre
- The Glossines [134]:** The Casbah
- Dexter Grove:** Winstons
- The Heartaches:** The Casbah
- Heaving Grooves:** Brick By Brick
- Heinous:** 'Canes
- The Hesh:** Dreamstreet
- Ill Prepared:** Brick By Brick
- Larger Than Leon:** Blarney Stone Pub
- Lodus:** Soma
- Magnuson:** Soma
- The Mexico City Rollers:** The Casbah
- Misty & the Mobys:** Pounder's
- Mother Jones:** Winstons
- Netzer:** Soma
- Nowheresville:** Soma
- One Theory:** Brick By Brick
- Gregory Page [186]:** Lestat's Coffeehouse
- Pale Black:** Dirk's Niteclub
- Pocket:** Winstons
- Premonitions of War:** Epicentre
- All Pride Aside:** Soma
- The Red Onions:** The Casbah
- Sevntimes:** 'Canes
- Sixth Day:** 'Canes
- Slewfoot:** Sham Rocks Shack
- Stellar:** Dreamstreet
- The Suicidegirls:** The Casbah
- The Teeth:** The Casbah
- Tomorrow's Son:** The Casbah
- Trophy Wife [555]:** The Casbah
- Vertibird [169]:** Java Joe's
- The Vexors:** The Casbah
- The Wastrels:** Dreamstreet



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Jonathan Lethem's novel *The Fortress of Solitude* is about two boys growing up in New York. But its most compelling character may be Barrett Rude, a fading R&B star who came to fame with a fictional vocal band called the Subtle Distinctions, led it through the days of matching suits and choreography into the era of psychedelic funk and political soul, and then slowly destroyed himself with cocaine. While Marvin Gaye and many other real-life figures inspired Rude's story, the Subtle Distinctions are clearly modeled on the **Temptations**.

One of the greatest acts to come out of the Motown era, the Temptations were formed out of two vocal groups, the Primes and the Distant, and joined forces with

Motown Records song-writer-producer Smokey Robinson to create classic, cheerful, early-1960s numbers like "My Girl." But in mid-decade, tenor **David Ruffin** joined the band and steered it toward rougher sounds. The Temptations' 1966 hit "(I Know) I'm Losing You" is the "Sympathy for the Devil" of Motown love songs, full of the rage and paranoia inherent in a failing romance.

The Temptations were able to come out of that bad trip to produce lovely, upbeat hits like "Just My Imagination" and politically inspired songs like "Ball of Confusion (That's What the World Is Today)." In fact, the band's ever-changing lineup kept having hits long after funk and then hip-hop nearly wiped out classic soul. Many Temptations were lost along the way. Ruffin died from cocaine. Another member was lost to suicide, and others died from natural causes. Many more have simply moved on to other



TEMPTATIONS

projects. Only **Otis Williams** remains from the original lineup. Still, the Temptations are living history.

(To hear a sample of the **Temptations**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4937.)

**TEMPTATIONS, Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, January 14, 8 p.m. 619-445-6002, x1139. \$20.**

- Watch It Burn:** The Kensington Club
- The Weekend Blacks:** The Casbah
- The Wise Monkey Orchestra [101]:** Winstons
- With All Sincerity:** Epicentre

## EXTENSION 4003

## ROCK

- The Abuse [441]:** Brick By Brick
- Balwolf:** JP's Pub
- The Bandits [451]:** Tio Leo's Lounge

- Blue Rock:** Island Sports & Spirits
- Brain Bucket:** Tiki House
- The Decoys:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
- DJ Beer:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
- DJ Frances:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- DJ Jalil:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- DJ T:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
- DJ Tone Capone:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- DJ Tony A:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- Dr. Strut:** Humphrey's
- The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons
- The Evil Twins:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
- Fish & the Seaweeds:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Flavor Spot:** Dirk's Niteclub
- The Full Circle Band:** Surf N'Saddle Tavern
- The Groove Ensemble:** Belly Up Tavern
- Hera's Olive [461]:** Dick's Last Resort
- Hot Rod Lincoln [547]:** Tio Leo's Lounge, Coyote Bar and Grill
- Hush:** Humphrey's
- Hwy 61 Revisited:** Winstons
- The Jackson 3:** Bub's Whiskey Dive
- Jiggawatt:** Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

- Eric Johnson [458]:** 4th & B
- The Jen Knight Band:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- Red Lane:** Coyote Bar and Grill, Patrick's II
- Led Zepagain:** 'Canes
- The Ledesma Brothers:** The Latin Room
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**The Rhythm Method:** Coyote Bar and Grill  
**The Rockoholics:** Second Wind (Santee)  
**Rockola:** Humphrey's

**R.O.K.:** Second Wind (San Carlos)  
**The Rollin' Radio Show:** Island Sports & Spirits  
**The Scavengers:** On The Rocks  
**Eve Selis** [410]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille  
**The Shambles** [454]: The Casbah  
**The Siers Brothers:** Dick's Last Resort  
**Synopsis:** On The Rocks  
**The Texas Twisters:** Patrick's II  
**Triple X:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub  
**Unbound:** Soma  
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## POP / TOP 40

**The Corvelles:** Viejas Casino, Humphrey's  
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**Peter Robberecht/Pianoman** [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits  
**The Superfreaks:** Jimmy Love's

## EXTENSION 4005

## JAZZ / BIG BAND

**Agua Dulce** [711]: The Kensington Club  
**The Archtones:** Croce's Jazz Bar  
**The B-Side Players** [649]: Belly Up Tavern  
**The Ray Barrie Big Band:** The German-American Societies, Viejas Casino  
**Blurring the Edges:** Dizzy's  
**Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado  
**Amelia Browning:** Dizzy's  
**John Cain** [703]: Hotel del Coronado  
**Greg Callahan:** Dizzy's  
**The Jorge Camberos Quintet:** Croce's Jazz Bar  
**Gilbert Castellanos** [667]: Onyx  
**The CREDIT Union:** Neimans Bar and Grill  
**Jo Dark:** The German-American Societies  
**The David Patrone Quartet** [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)  
**The Aubrey Fay Band:** Redfields Lounge & Bistro  
**Larry Fogel:** Moray's Lounge

**Hollis Gentry** [644]: Coyote Bar and Grill, Humphrey's  
**Randy Graves:** Dizzy's  
**Justin Grinnell:** Dizzy's  
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**Tony Lasley:** Hotel del Coronado  
**Joe Marillo** [645]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge  
**Sean McVicker:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge  
**Jerry Melnick:** Rancho Bernardo Inn  
**Merge:** Dizzy's  
**The Shep Meyers Quartet** [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar  
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**Yavaz:** Croce's Jazz Bar

## EXTENSION 4006

## REGGAE / SKA

**Common Sense** [736]: Belly Up Tavern  
**Maiz:** Winstons  
**The Mystic Roots:** Squid Joe's  
**NZ Rough:** Hennessy's Tavern (PB)  
**Starshak:** Surf N'Saddle  
**Stranger** [730]: Belly Up Tavern  
**The Tribe of Kings:** Galoka, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)  
**Vegetation:** Squid Joe's

## EXTENSION 4007

## COUNTRY

**The Band in Black:** The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant  
**Calico Ridge:** Mulvaney's  
**The California Rangers:** McCabe's Beach Club  
**Chess Set:** Don's Cocktail Lounge

## EXTENSION 4008

## ACOUSTIC / FOLK

**Fred Benedetti:** Dizzy's  
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**Angela Correa** [876]: Lestat's Coffeehouse  
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**Bottoms Up:** Fridays, good vibes, house, breaks, drum 'n' bass, hip-hop. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tivolis, corner of Sixth Avenue and Island Street, Gaslamp. 619-232-6754.

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**Church of Noise:** Second and fourth Mondays of the month, new noise mixed with alternative rock classics with DJ Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**Club '80s:** Thursdays, DJs Bryan P, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.

**Club 911:** Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, hip-hop, house, and trance featuring "Goliath," a monster sound system. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340

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**Deep:** Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with residents Wallcrawler, Skyler Mic, and Probable Cause. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Tom Foolery's, 3191 Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena. 619-222-5233.

**Delete:** Saturdays, drum 'n' bass with weekly guest and rotating residents Izm, Jason, Largehuman, and more. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**Dub Dynamite:** Mondays, reggae in a dub style — roots, stepper, and UK with Kid Natty and Lionel Judah. No cover. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

**Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop and R&B; on the patio, DJ battles featuring underground hip-hop and a B-boy showdown. Sunday, January 18, Martin Luther King jam. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

**Galileo 101:** Fridays, DJ ALA spins soulful funky house, hip-hop, and R&B with weekly guests. Saturdays, *Xposed Saturdays* featuring DJs from around the globe. 100 Harbor Drive, Suite 101, downtown. 619-702-7101.

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**Plush Fridays:** Room 1: Top 40, hip-hop, and R&B. Room 2: dancehall. Room 3: house, hard house, and progressive. Fridays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aubergine, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100.

**The Pompeii Room:** Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins dirty South, hip-hop, and reggae. Fridays, hip-hop, reggae, and alternative rock with guest DJs. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, reggae, and hot Latin jams. Sunday, January 18, Martin Luther King jam. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

**Remix:** Sundays, real hip-hop with DJs Mike Czech and Myxzlplix. No cover; 21 and up. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

**Sabbat:** Saturdays, DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, Lance Boling, and weekly guest DJs. 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.

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**Album Name:** *Aura* (2003)

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**Price/Where Available:** *amazon.com* for \$9.99

**Band Members:** Lee Harding (vocals, guitar, frills), Jon St. John (bass, backing vocals), Nate Schaedler (drums, percussion)

**Extra Info:** The members of Echo Revolution recently signed a licensing agreement with Bunim-Murray Productions to have their songs played on MTV's *Real World* and *Road Rules*.

**Website:** *www.echorevolution.com*

The true talent of alternative rockers Echo Revolution lies in the pageantry found in the sparkling production of their debut album, *Aura*.

Each painstakingly melodic track is dripping with over-the-top emotion that grows tiresome after a length of time.

The group's conventional blend of alternative and acous-

indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

**Underworld:** Sundays, pre-'99 gothic and industrial. 21 and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500. Information, 619-465-5827.

**Unleashed/Unlabeled:** Every second Saturday of the month. DJ Joy spins alternative '80s inside; DJ Josh spins trance, lounge, and electronic outside. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown. 619-296-6789.

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tic rock styles stifles anything remotely innovative. They don't utilize the ability of the instrumentals. An understated saxophone recurring intermittently throughout the album alludes to a muted, jazzy element that, if it had been brought out, would have given the sound more complexity.

"On a Heartstring," "In My Dream," and "Moonlight Divine" all fade away after their three minutes or so of grandeur, leaving only faint memories of a vapid fusion of repetitive guitar chords and soft, sappy male vocals. It is eerie, though, how similar the vocals of front man Lee Harding are to those of U2's Bono. Echo Revolution uses that similarity to their advantage.

"Born into the new world / too bad his mother wanted a girl / surprise surprise the boy has gone to war to see what cause he can die for / so hold

Friday and Saturday, *The Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop. Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop.

**Belly Up Tavern,** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana B0each. 858-481-9022. Friday, 9:15 p.m., *Common Sense* and *Stranger*, reggae. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., *B-Side Players* and *The Groove Ensemble*, Latin jazz/groove. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Jordan Knight* and *Jai-da*.

**Boar Cross'n,** 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, Y3K, classic rock.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Hot Club of San Diego*, jazz.

**Bub's Whiskey Dive,** 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Saturday, *the Jackson 3*, rock.

**Carvers,** 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-



Echo Revolution

on to your faith / what else can't they take?"

The lyrics are stronger than the melodies. Perhaps stripping back the emotion and letting the words speak for themselves would create a stronger reverberation.

(To hear a sample of *Aura*, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4234.)

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2400. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock.

**Coyote Bar and Grill,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweed*, classic rock/funk. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Hollis Gentry*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues.

**Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad),** 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, *Wonka Bar*, classic rock.

**The Kraken,** 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Blues Brokers*, blues.

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## SAN DIEGO

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, *Jenn Grinels*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.



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**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Ill Prepared* and *Heaving Grooves*. Saturday, *The Abuse*, *Downspell*, and *One Theory*.

**Caffe Calabria**, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Sue Palmer*, jazz.

**The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant**, 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-2818. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Band in Black*, country.

**Epicentre**, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Curl Up & Die*, *Bury Your Dead*, *Embrace Today*, *Premonitions of War*, *With All Sincerity*, and *Glasgow Smile*.

**The Gordon Biersch Brewery**, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues.

**Humphrey's**, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, *The Soul Persuaders*, soul/dance. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Hush*, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dr. Strut*, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, pop. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Calvin Romance* and *Hollis Gentry*, jazz. Monday, *The Big Mo Blues Band*. Tuesday, *the Corvelles*, R&B. Wednesday, *Mem Shannon & the Membership*, New Orleanean blues.

**The Inn Suites**, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

**JP's Pub**, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, 9 pm, *Baywolf*, classic rock.

**Java Joe's**, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Thursday, *Vertibird*, alternative. Friday, *Tristan Prettyman*, acoustic/folk. Saturday, *Jose Sinatra & the Troy Dante Inferno*, alternative. Sunday, Miff's Jam Night. Tuesday, open mike. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Saturday, *Watch It Burn*, alternative.

**Lestat's Coffeehouse**, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk.



**MUSIC** ► big band, swing, standards

**SPECIAL NIGHTS** ► Moonlight Serenade Orchestra on Thursdays; once a month a Vietnamese band plays; a DJ plays big-band music when there's no band

**CLIENTELE** ► average age mid-50s; 50% Caucasian, 40% Asian, 10% African-American

**COVER** ► usually \$6; sometimes more when the Vietnamese band plays (up to \$15)

**HOURS** ► 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m. every day

**DRINKS** ► no happy hour and nothing on tap; ten different bottled beers – Corona, Heineken, and Tsing Tao are \$3.25; Budweiser, Coors Light, and Miller Lite, \$2.75 (they used to have a drink minimum, but not anymore); full bar

Thursday, *the Biddy Bums*. Friday, *Annie Dru*. Saturday, *the Urban Tribal Dance Co*. Sunday, *Tom Brousseau*, *Angela Correa*, and *Ryan Blue*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Angela Correa*, *Gregory Page*, and *Kovo*.

**Marriott Hotel**, 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-230-8909. Molly's: Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.



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**DRESS** ► no dress code; I saw a guy in blue jeans and sandals, but most were dressed up; suits (one guy in all white) and fancy dresses; only two T-shirts in the place

**DANCE FLOOR** ► 40' by 40' (at one point, 25 couples were dancing on it comfortably)

**FIRE EXITS** ► four; the main entrance, two on the sides, and one from the back dining room (which is usually closed after 9:00 p.m.)

**BATHROOMS** ► men's had one urinal and one toilet; women's had one toilet; both had one sink, paper towels, and were clean; another set of bathrooms near the stage that I

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub**, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the Decoys*, classic rock. Saturday, *Nite Life*, blues.

**The Ould Sod**, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

**Pal Joey's**, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

didn't go into

**CAPACITY** ► 390

**SPECIAL AREAS** ► a smaller dining room off to the side (but doesn't have view of the band)

**FURNISHINGS** ► eight tables in the small dining room, 25 tables in the main room; bar has 20 seats; very spacious (one couple was even dancing around them); carpeted everywhere but the dance floor; lots of torches with fake fire on the walls

**DECIBEL LEVEL** ► 109 with lots of horns from the Moonlight Serenade Orchestra; 103 last week at Galoka; Lucky Star owner tells me, "The Vietnamese band that plays here is a lot louder."

**QUOTABLE** ► "Who the hell would've thought you'd see ballroom dancing in a Chinese restaurant?"

I was surprised, when I walked in, to see two security guards. I didn't think ballroom dancers got rowdy enough to warrant such measures. I was more surprised though when the Moonlight Serenade Orchestra

**Second Wind**, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, *R.O.K.*, classic rock.

**Sham Rocks Shack**, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live alternative/rock.

**Soma**, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/heavy rock. Friday, *Netzer*, *Blackletter Days*, *Lodus*, *All Pride Aside*, *Nowheresville*, and *Magnuson*. Saturday, *Unbound*.

saxophone player, Roger Klemm, collapsed. A nurse came up from one of the tables, and the guitarist performed CPR. The paramedics took him to the hospital.

After a short delay, the 15-person (give or take a few) ensemble continued, with wonderful songs by Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, and Artie Shaw.

One guy, who looked to be 85, told me, "I come here from Vista. It takes me 45 minutes to make that drive. But I'm here every Thursday."

He took my date out onto the dance floor and later told me, "It was great to dance the fast songs with her. Some of the older women can't keep up." The waiter overheard this and said, "That guy is like the local Fred Astaire. There are always women lined up to dance with him."

Sad to say, I found out the next day that Roger Klemm had died of a heart attack.

–Josh Board

**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln* and *Bandits*, rockabilly. Friday, *Billy Watson*, blues. Saturday, *The Flying Pintos*, alternative. Monday swing, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues.


**Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company**, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Friday and Saturday, live acoustic/folk. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

## DOWNTOWN

**The Bayou Bar & Grill**, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Friday, 5 p.m., *Lady Dottie & the Sliders*. Saturday, 9 p.m., and Sunday, 5:30 p.m., *Fred Heath & the Slidewinders*. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Battalion of Saints*, *The Teeth*, *Mexico City Rollers*, and *Bumbklaat*. Friday, *The Heartaches*, *The Glossines*, *The Red Onions*, *The Weekend Blacks*, and *The Vexors*. Saturday, *Fu Manchu* and *Filth Juggernaut*. Sunday, *Suicidegirls*.



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**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, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

**Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Sue Palmer*, jazz. Saturday, *Eve Selis*, roadhouse rock.

**Dakota Grill and Spirits**, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*, pop/Top 40.

**Dick's Last Resort**, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, *the Siers Brothers*, pop. Friday and Saturday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop, jazz.

**Dizzy's**, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Amelia Browning*, *Justin Grinnell*, *David Pschaida*, and *Melonie Sacalamitao*, jazz. Friday, 8 p.m., *Blurring the Edges* featuring *Peter Sprague*, *Fred Benedetti*, *Tripp Sprague*, and *Hall Sprague*, jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Merge* with *Randy Graves*, *Greg Callahan*, *Nima Rezai*, *Brad Ranola*, and *Dan Heftin*. Monday, 8 p.m., *Jeremy Pelt & His Quartet*, jazz.

**5ifth Qtr.**, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Saturday, *the Disco Pimps*.

**4th & B**, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Wednesday, *Eric Johnson* and *Tony Furtado*, acoustic.

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**Kalahari Cafe**, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-234-5555. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Nostalgia*, jazz.

**The Latin Room**, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Thursday, 7 p.m., *the Ledesma Brothers*, rock.

**Martini Ranch**, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Sunday, *the Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

**Onyx**, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Tuesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*, Latin jazz.

**Patrick's II**, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Texas Twisters*. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Texas Twisters*, 9 p.m., *Lafayette & the Lease Breakers*. Saturday, *Teresa Russell & Cocobilly*. Sunday, *Johnny Viau & the Blue Allstars*. Monday, *Red Lane*. Tuesday, *Bayou Brothers*. Wednesday, *Blue Four*.

**Princess Pub & Grille**, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Broucharde*, piano.

**Redfields Lounge**, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Aubrey Fay Band*, jazz, R&B.

**Rock Bottom**, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop.

**Sassafras Bar and Grill**, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Friday, *Kippy Marks*, violinist. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Victoria Rose*, classical guitar and Celtic harp.

**Sevilla**, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Thursday, *Rico Tumbao*. Tuesday, *Orquesta 8.8*. Wednesday, *Orquesta Guayao*.

**The Westgate Hotel**, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Sunday and Monday, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Faith Page*, piano and vocals.

**The Wyndham Emerald Plaza**, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, pop.

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**The Butcher Shop**, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

**Cafe LaMaze**, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222.

Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring *Sandy Chappel*, *Sammy Canonizado*, and *Burnett Anderson*.

**Club Caribe**, 5080 Bonita Road, Bonita. Call club for information.

**Di-mond Jim's Nightclub**, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Thursday, *DJ T* and *DJ Beer*, rock. Friday and Saturday, *Triple X* and *the Evil Twins*, rock.

**Edelweiss Restaurant**, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., *Gordon Kohl*, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

**Hotel del Coronado**, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West*. Monday through Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *John Cain*.

Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Friday through Sunday, and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Daniel Jackson*, jazz.

Crown Room: Thursday, noon to 7 p.m., *Kippy Lee Scott*, harpist. Ballroom: Thursday, noon to 7 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist.

**Island Sports & Spirits**, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *the Rollin' Radio Show*, rock. Saturday, *Blue Rock*.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill**, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Harmony Road*, folk. Friday, *Coupe de Ville*, blues. Saturday, *4-Way Street*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Jim Moore*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

## EAST COUNTY

**Casa Picante**, 10757 Woodside Avenue, Santee. 619-258-5557. Call club for information.

**Dirk's Niteclub**, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday, *Flavor Spot*, rock. Saturday, *Pale Black*, alternative.

**Don's Cocktail Lounge**, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Chess Set*, country.

**The German-American Societies**, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

**Mulvaney's**, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Saturday and Sunday, *Calico Ridge*, country.

**On the Rocks**, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday, *Synopsis*, rock. Saturday, *the Scavengers*, rock.

**Rix Bar & Grill**, 7353 El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-460-7499. Saturday and Wednesday, live '80s rock.

**Second Wind**, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Rockoholics*, classic rock.

**Viejas Casino**, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Corvettes*, R&B. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Pacific Brass & Electric*, pop. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Ray Barrie Big Band*.

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# Kowloon on Convoy

Jews and Chinese have plenty to agree about, starting with a basic principle: We both love Chinese food. Every Christmas Day, nearly all the non-Orthodox Jews of New York City spend the afternoon at the movies and then pour into their favorite Chinese restaurants. And the rest? They get Chinese takeout. Caught up in the spirit of a holiday that's not our own, Jews, Buddhists, Taoists, Confucians, et al., naturally band together to create an alternate feast day: Jewish Chinese Dinner Night.

When I first moved here, Kay introduced me to Marty and Dave, fellow New York natives. We soon discovered common ground in a shared passion for Bobo's, the illustrious Chinatown restaurant of our youth, and we've been eating out together happily ever after. But as the holidays approached, I realized I hadn't seen Marty and Dave for awhile. Neither had Kay. A Chinese restaurant reunion, we decided, would be just the thing. Marty and Dave couldn't make it on Christmas Day — they always bring the holiday ham to another friend's party — so we decided to meet and eat a couple of days later. "China Max..." I started to say. "We love it! We go there all the time," Marty burst out. So much for my role as Culinary Columbus.

As soon as it opened, China Max had me jazzed. "Serving 100 different seafood dishes and Hong Kong delicacies," their ad said, every word zeroing in on my salivary glands. I've eaten in Paris, and I've eaten in Hong Kong, and I miss Hong Kong cooking more — especially the seafood. Most Chinese, whatever their home region, regard authentic Cantonese cuisine as their country's best, and Hong Kong-style Cantonese as its quintessence. In the final few years before I moved to San Diego, San Francisco's Sunset District (where I lived) became a magnet for émigrés from Hong Kong, including chefs. Terrific eateries sprang up all over the neighborhood, serving fabulous food in casual settings. I miss those even more than Hong Kong restaurants — I could walk to them!

In China Max, I finally found a San Diego restaurant that fulfills my yen for this cuisine. Occupying a big white corner building, China Max is the new anchor tenant of Convoy Street's most authentically Asian strip mall, home also to Spicy City, serving real Szechuanese food; Han



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Bat, a tiny Korean restaurant offering "black goat stew"; and at least two additional Chinese restaurants with live fish tanks.

My sweetie and I first checked out China Max at an early lunch. We found a rather plain family-style restaurant with windows on three sides and bright fluorescent lighting throughout (also in the two private banquet rooms). The floor is uncarpeted, and the tables of various sizes are so closely set together you're likely to bump into your neighbor. Even at midday, most tables are full, and the sound level is hearty, to say the least. The only grace notes are on the ceiling: a perimeter of chartreuse lighting surrounds a central rectangle of blue light. (The napkins are blue cloth, almost matching.) The menu is trilingual, with Vietnamese as the third column.

## REVIEW NAOMI WISE

Our opening appetizer of pan-fried crab cakes proved sensuous, with lightly crusted exteriors around gooey centers boasting intense, sweet crabmeat flavor. Since it wasn't even noon yet, I chose the traditional breakfast of thick, warming rice porridge (*jook*) with pork meatballs, plus a side of Chinese crullers (a traditional accompaniment to the porridge, they're not much different from

American fried crullers). "You know what our porridge is?" asked our perky, ponytailed waitress, sounding worried. I reassured her that I cook it at home whenever one of us is sick. "Oh, yes, it's very good for the digestion," she agreed. "We eat it after we've had too much rich food or too much drink, to clean the system." China Max's version proved to be light and tasty, based on water rather than chicken stock (either liq-

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**CUISINE & BEVERAGES:** Authentic Hong Kong Cantonese cuisine emphasizing seafood. Short, just-adequate list of California super-market wines and Chinese rice wines; Asian and American beers.

**PICK HITS:** Crabmeat cakes, wonton soup, crispy squab, Peking duck, steamed live-tank fish, sautéed "pea-pot" leaves.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Dinner reservations strongly urged, especially for weekends. Peking duck and crispy squab must be ordered a day ahead. Very loud when busy.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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uid is normal). The meatballs are delicious, well-seasoned spheres that taste just like the stuffing of *siu mai* dim sum.

Our Jumbo Shrimp in Lobster Sauce offered very tender prawns in the minced-pork-and-egg sauce traditionally used for lobster Cantonese (hence, the "lobster sauce" title for a dish that contains no lobster). The sauce that day seemed hastily cooked, and the eggs alarmingly loose. Later, over our shared dinner, Dave and Marty mentioned that they'd loved the dish when they'd eaten it. Given the daunting crowds packing into

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a very new restaurant, dish-to-dish and day-to-day consistency is obviously still a problem for China Max.

The weekend after Christmas, our gang reunited as planned, including Kay and Walter (if not Jewish, at least honorary, with ten years in Manhattan under his belt). Every table was full, and more patrons were waiting in the doorway. I overheard Japanese, Korean, and (probably) Mandarin along with Cantonese on the line. A family of New Jerseyites — their accents a dead giveaway — hadn't made reservations and, facing an hour's wait, skipped off to San Tong Palace at the opposite corner of the mini mall.

With reservations, our wait was under five minutes. Once we were seated and working on our order, the hostess herself came over to pour our wine and beers. We began with an appetizer of Fried Bacon Shrimp Rolls: six cylinders of bouncy shrimp mousse wrapped in crisp, sugar-cured American bacon, lightly glazed with sweet-and-sour sauce. (Good thing we're not kosher.) This is meat-candy, delicious in small quantities. Choosing a soup was harder. "We've tried the Subgum Winter Melon Soup," said Marty. "Ehhh, it was kind of bland," Dave chimed in. The shark-fin soups were way over my budget, and I don't really appreciate them enough to pay the premium. We finally decided to follow ancestral tradition and go with wonton soup. And what wontons! The stuffing was so ample, it burst through the skin in places — delicious balls of minced pork and shrimp, with the classic ginger-garlic-scallion-pinch of sugar seasoning. The broth was less easily analyzed. "This doesn't taste like

chicken," said Dave. I speculated that it might be "high broth," made with a combination of chicken and pork bones. Everybody agreed that's what it tasted like.

Crispy Fried Squab and Peking Duck are special treats that have to be ordered at least a day ahead because they require special preparation. The restaurant is serious about this — only by a stroke of luck can you get the duck spontaneously, usually it's available only if somebody else has canceled. Either fowl is absolutely worth a phone call: China Max's extraordinary renditions are fully up to the quality of the squab at Fook Lam Moon and the duck at Spring Deer, both in Tsimshatsui (Hong Kong's densest restaurant district). The squab is lacquered — painted with a seasoned soy marinade — and then dried overnight. This hardens the skin so that it'll fry up crisp, without excessive splatters when the bird hits the hot oil. The result, ideally, is a wonderfully brittle exterior covering rich, moist flesh. Snap, crackle, and pop: This met the ideal. Better yet, the bird itself tasted fresh, without the faint off-taste of the previously frozen fowl I've encountered at other local restaurants. The kitchen had neatly divided it into six small serving pieces for us, plus the head-neck piece, and sent out the simple garnishes of a wedge of lemon and a ramekin of roasted salt and pepper. I awarded myself the "guest of honor" head (all edible but the beak, and singularly delicious) and handed over the crunchy neck to my sweetie.

Peking Duck is even more labor intensive. Regular Chinese "barbecued" duck is typically blanched, dried, lacquered, and redried before it's

roasted. Peking Duck requires an additional step: separating the skin from the meat and inflating it like a balloon to dry out thoroughly, inside and out. (Modern chefs use a bicycle pump. In olden days, the cook blew through a straw.) The whole duck arrived, its golden skin perfuming the air with the anise notes of five-spice powder. Alongside came a bowl of a dark, hot-sweet, scallion-flecked colloid (an amended Hoisin sauce) and a plate of steamed white flower rolls, thin and round with scalloped edges. Our waitress donned plastic gloves and expertly sliced off the outermost layer of duck skin. She then dressed the flower rolls with the sauce and assembled six tiny sandwiches. The duck skin offered crackly crispness with the thinnest cushion of fat; the flower rolls were soft and slightly sweet, albeit a little doughy. The combination brooks no comparisons. It's so haunting, so utterly addictive, that before the next sunrise, I woke up craving another dose.

You can get your Peking Duck served in one course or two. "Last time we ordered it as one course, and we got to take home all the rest of it," said Marty. "I made a wonderful duck soup." Added Dave, "And we had at least a pound of duck meat from it, too." Mindful of that, but with a crowd to feed, I ordered the traditional two-course service, culminating in the delicacy of minced duck in lettuce cups. It was *very* good but, for myself alone, I'd order the one-course version and gladly take the luscious leftovers home.

A card on the table lists all the live fish in the restaurant's tanks. We chose Sable (a.k.a. black cod), a species that's one of the foundations of the Jew-

ish/Chinese culinary conspiracy. For both peoples, it's a delicacy, with its rich, sweet flesh, while most Americans still see it as a trash fish because it's so bony. A server brought our fish over, live and squirming in a plastic bucket. Walter turned away, saying, "I don't want to meet my dinner face-to-face." Kay gave him an odd look. Then the fish went back to the kitchen, where the staff treated it with utmost respect. It reappeared on a platter, gently steamed in a thin, subtle sauce scattered with shreds of ginger and scallions. The waitress adroitly lifted out the spiky backbone and then partitioned the flesh among us, warning, "Watch out for little bones!" The meat was soft, moist, flawless.

A natural accompaniment to the fish was our chosen veggie, a bowlful of Sautéed Pea Pot [*sic*] Leaves — the tendrils of young snow pea vines. They're wonderful greens, with a taste that melds the greenness of spinach with the sweetness of peas. Here they're cooked as they should be: quickly and very simply, with nothing extraneous to interfere with their flavor. Our other vegetable, if you want to call it that, was Fried Bean Curd stuffed with shrimp. This dish is an invention of the Hakka, a seminomadic people originally from North China, who formed a colony on the Kowloon Peninsula (just north of Hong Kong and its nubbin of peninsular territory). The version here isn't quite as interesting as at genuine Hakka restaurants (i.e., Gen Lai Seng downtown) but is still pleasing. Each large tofu square is topped with a shrimp-shaped dollop of shrimp mousse, then battered and quickly fried, leaving the center as trembly as *crème brûlée*. "This has got to be the best tofu

I've ever eaten," said the enraptured Kay. "I never thought tofu could be like this."

"You just get the grease hot enough," Dave answered, "and it melts the inside like a marshmallow. Chinese and Jews live on hot grease."

"Really?" I wondered. "My mom had such a fear of frying, she wouldn't even make *latkes* (potato pancakes) for Hanukkah!"

At my scouting lunch, I'd envied some dishes I saw on other tables, especially the Assorted Seafood Pan Fried Noodles and the Beef Stew with Turnip clay-pot. At our feast, these dishes were happily delivered last — happily because both of them pinpoint the very areas where Jews and Chinese part culinary company.

When you shop at Chinese markets, there's a section of each store where your nose is whacked with the scent of dried seafood of all sorts — squid, scallops, shrimp. These are "delicacies" that I haven't yet learned to love, and the sauce of the seafood chow mein had the same scent. It also had too much cornstarch, and the thin noodles were soggy with it. It was getting late on a very busy night, and the kitchen was gearing up for late supper.

As for the beef stew — the turnips in it were delicious, soaking up the rich, thick braising liquid with its enticing hint of star anise. The beef in the bowl is cut from the belly and ranges from tender chunks of brisket to those alien-looking white strands of anatomy that keep the cow's tummy from falling to the ground. These are the weird bits they used to try and feed us in the stews at summer camp — fatty off-white cylinders, chewy rubber-band slabs. They're even more daunt-

ing when you're armed only with slippery plastic chopsticks. As a change from rice, Chinese gourmands love texture for the sake of texture (this explains their delight in sea cucumber, tree-ear and wood-ear fungi, and probably even shark fin). Hence, many Chinese menus offer a substance called "beef tendon," but if a *guei lo* tries to order it, the server will invariably refuse, saying, "You don't like that!" Until now, I have always suspected that this mythical "tendon" might be an X-rated portion of a bull's anatomy. Now that I've finally learned better, I realize the servers are telling the truth: Odds are, you don't like that.

But all's well that ends well. Instead of stupid fortune cookies, China Max serves the genuine Hong Kong finale — a plate of juicy orange slices. They are perfect, as is so much else here.

Jews and Chinese are both pragmatic and peripatetic peoples, and to our mutual good fortune, the Chinese open restaurants wherever they settle. Their food is such an intimate part of the urban Jewish experience that if we ever find ourselves suffering culture shock 5000 light-years from home, we won't hunger for hamburgers — we will look for, and no doubt find, a Chinese restaurant to solace us with our native cuisine. When manned spacecraft finally reach Alpha Centauri, by the second voyage, there should be a branch of China Max ready to feed them. At least I hope so, because the China Max here has bestowed on me my first local taste of "home."

*On a final note:* In the "bests" two weeks ago, I accidentally misnamed Chef Hoehn of California Cuisine Jason rather than Justin. Sorry, Justin.■

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# Immigrant Pluck

“‘Lien’ means ‘lotus flower,’ and ‘Hong’ means ‘pink,’” says Mr. Le. “This is my pink lotus flower.”

Somehow, the empty restaurant suits my mood. Start of a year and all that. It's late, around eight, and I'm waiting for fate to point me to food. I've traipsed the Gaslamp. There was nowhere cheap and open. The girls outside the swank restaurants didn't even bother trying to draw me in.

But this side — the north side — of Broadway, we're talking low-rent. I spot a long eatery called Chowtown Chinese Buffet. Inside, it's totally empty, except for the lady cashier up front. “All U can eat, \$6.75,” says the sign. And that's a buck up from the lunchtime price. “Very slow tonight,” says the lady between the large black Chinese screen and the big brass laughing Buddha. “One dinner for here?”

I nod and hand over a \$10.00 note.

“Tea?”

“Chinese tea?”

“Of course,” she says.

She gives me my change and a tray with a soup bowl and a main plate. “Take as much as you like,” she says.

“Please,” says a notice on the wall, “return the tray and dishes to the bus tray. Don't waste your food. No doggy bags. Thank you.”

Okay. I pass framed 3-D artwork on the walls — rampaging horses and Chinese kids hauling along a cart with some honored guest on board. I get to the buffet table at the back and start

loading up. Lord. We've got — I count 'em — 19 different chafing dishes plus salad items. So I start the way I bet everybody does, with a scoop of orange chicken. Just looks so wickedly sweet and rich. Then a pile of egg-fried rice, some curried chicken, a slice of watermelon, some egg flower soup. I take that to a table to start with. There's so much more I want to try, like the barbecued pork in black bean sauce, the fried wontons, the chicken with green beans, the beef broccoli, the garlic-fried shrimp.

I sit down. The lady has brewed me a pot of tea, and I drink lots of it, mainly to separate the rich tastes. Now an Asian gent comes to do some paperwork at a nearby booth. The owner. The three of us start talking. They are husband and wife, Chinese-Vietnamese. Came from Saigon in '75. They first ended up in New York. Worked for three years in a restaurant in Chinatown there. “But New York was too cold for my children. So we came here. Beautiful city,” he says. His name is Tai Thanh Le. “‘Tai’ means ‘easy to make money,’” he says. “That's what my mother wanted for me. She is still in Saigon. She is 92.”

His wife is Lien Hong. That sits me up. I once fell heavy for a gal called Lien, except she was from Holland. “Ooh! Must be a good lady,” says Lien Hong. “‘Lien’ means ‘lotus flower,’ and ‘Hong’ means ‘pink,’” says Mr. Le. “This is my pink lotus flower.”

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Mr. Le went back to Saigon in 1996. His mom didn't want him to leave again, but he had to. “I have roots here now. I am an American citizen. I have three daughters who are doctors. We have our business to run. And I love San Diego.”

All this time I'm chowing down on my piled-up plate. The egg-fried rice is great, so is the curried chicken, and the tea is the perfect palliative, as Carla would say. “Is it all right if I go get more?” I ask.

“Sure, sure,” says Mr. Le.

“Use the new plate,” says Lien Hong.

That's when I notice she gave me two plates at the beginning, one on top of the other.

This time I pick up some chicken in green beans, some beef broccoli, the garlic-fried shrimp, some chicken chow mein, and sweet-and-sour pork.

Mr. Le says he has run three all-you-can-eat restaurants on Broadway since 1982, one at Eighth, the next at Seventh and, since 2002, right here. I ask him about being on this side of Broadway, when all the money is across in the Gaslamp.

“And all the high rents too,” he says. “This side is going to be good soon. My son works with us. And in about a month he will open a sushi bar, Sumo Sushi, right next door. I show you.”

He leads me through to a room joined to this one. It has a huge oval counter still being built.

“This will be a *revolving* sushi bar,” he says, “with moving water pushing 40 boats around...”

“Boats?”

“Sure.” He picks up a black-and-red foot-long dory-shaped model boat with three slots in its deck.

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By now a couple of workers from a worksite around the corner on Broadway have come for some takeout. Plus it's nine. They're closing. We part like old friends. “Bye-bye. We love you!” shouts Lien Hong.

Out on the street, I look back. Jeez. Here are people who came with the proverbial nothing, worked like hell, and now — a revolving sushi bar, three doctors. Get off your butt, Bedford! Go home and tell your wife this year you're gonna do something with your life.

‘Course, till I do, it's comforting to know these guys will be here. What a great off-Broadway production. ■

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# Cheap Paradise

*"We drank it with potato chips and onion dip! What was I thinking?"*

**H**appy New Year. By now, perhaps, the first of the bills have started rolling in, the first inducements to forehead-slapping exclamations along the lines of "Vintage 1990 Charles Heidsieck Champagne? For dinner at my barbarian in-laws? We drank it with potato chips and onion dip! What was I thinking?" Your refusal to count the cost was undoubtedly noble, but if your wine budget is anything like mine, such acts of high-minded generosity have left January stretching out in front of you like a patch of parched Sahara.

Ken Mills feels your pain. Once upon a time, he worked as a food and beverage manager with Hornblower cruises, a position that left his palate "accustomed to \$40, \$50 wines. We got a lot of samples and bought a lot of wine at lower prices." When he left the hospitality trade and began working in real estate, he found his wallet struggling to keep up with his palate. He and his wife Wendy "drink wine probably four nights a week with dinner, and so we had to find bottles that were ten dollars and under so we could afford to do that." Mills discovered that his friend Mike Bartley, another ex-Hornblower man, was in the same predicament, and the two began slogging through the swamps of plonk, searching for inexpensive gems. When they had finally found a bunch, says Mills, "we thought, 'There needs to be a store where these are all together.'" That

was the inspiration for Wine Steals, a wine shop specializing in value-oriented wines that recently opened on University in Hillcrest.

A little further thought led Mills and company to realize that "no one is going to buy these unless they can taste them." It's easy to get burned at the sub-ten-dollar level, and Wine Steals was hoping to sell the California crowd on wines from Argentina, Australia, Bordeaux, Chile, Italy, the south of France, New Zealand, Spain, and even Lebanon (as well as California). A tasting bar would

take some of the guesswork and blind faith out of the proposition. They installed a bar in the front half of the shop, bought good glassware, and chalked up a list that generally offers eight whites and eight reds ranging up to eight dollars (most between three and six dollars for a five-ounce glass, half that for tasting pours). Tasting flights are build-your-own. "We start working with the customers, finding out what their palates are like, what they're looking to find." The resulting flight, which may include a few wines new to the consumer, "is a selling tool for us, and it's an educational tool for them."

So far, the formula has been a hit. "Basically, we're selling a case to each customer or group. We've had people come in here, and we've loaded up five or six mixed cases of stuff for them. It's getting to the point where they walk in and say,

'Build me a case.' We say, 'What are your price ranges and types of wines?' They don't say Cabernets or Merlots; they say 'Medium.' We're based more on the weight of the wine than the varietal." Post-tasting, some customers have begun to actually shy away from California labels in favor of more esoteric offerings — flavor winning out over familiarity. Some wines have sold out to the first taster; Mills has begun an e-mail list to keep customers apprised of what's due to arrive. They may not be expensive, but "some of these wines are like allocated wines. You have to hear about them before they get here or they're gone."

The tasting bar setup proved attractive to people on the importing and distributing end of the business as well. "They've really been supporting us. Some of these smaller importers and brokers are coming in, and they're giving us better prices because they think they can sell their wine here — and they can. They see us moving wines that are great wines but that have no other avenue. Maybe hand-selling in a restaurant, but never in a store, a case at a time." Mills points out a Chilean Chardonnay labeled Cultura at \$11.49. "It doesn't have a recognizable label. It doesn't have any points [from wine critics]. How on earth are people going to sell it? We put it up on our tasting board, and every single person who has tasted it has bought at least a bottle."

Some wines do sell on points — critical acclaim at low prices, what's not to love? (I bought my first Vina Alarba at the Wine Bank based on Robert Parker's 89 points and the price tag at around four dollars. I've bought caseloads since.) Stephen Tanzer, generally stingy with his high ratings, gave 91 points to Spy Valley's New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, selling at \$12.49. "It's one of our best sellers," marvels Mills, who pours the grapefruit-scented wine to patrons who come in asking about White Zinfandel. Mills plans on playing up wines



Ken Mills at Wine Steals

from Robert Parker's annual list of Best Values, a compilation that practically rates as a public service from a man normally associated with the crème de la crème of the wine world. (Mills also plans on running wine-education classes in the coming year and perhaps expanding the bar's cheese-and-sausage fare to include "pâtés, quiches, tarts, and stuff.")

Most of the wines in Wine Steals are under \$15; most of the rest are under \$20. But there are exceptions. About the \$30 Diorio Rioja from Valsacro, he says, "The producer set aside eight barrels' worth of fruit from all his vineyards and made this, just babied it along. No one's ever seen it before, but I'll explain it to them, and they'll ask, 'Can we open it at the bar and decant it?' Then

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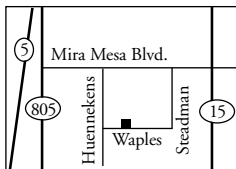
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they'll taste the whole bar on the wine. It's been cool to watch. We're going to double the size of our higher-end stuff because it's been selling. This 95-point Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape is still a steal at only \$30. We're going to stay focused on value. That doesn't mean the prices are always going to be low; it just means you're going to get a lot for your money. I think that with the wine glut and the world wine market, there are going to be values out there forever." ■

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expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

**Calypso Cafe** 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladiere* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

**Del Mar Pizza** 211 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar, complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available, as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

**I Trulli Trattoria** 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat am-

bitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

**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, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we do do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

**Paul's Place** 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a

salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

**St. Tropez** 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade nicoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

**Teriyaki 101** 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or

veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

**Tip Top Meats** 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**Vigilucci's** 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and

Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01)

**The Village Grill** 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommy-burgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

**Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant** 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

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**Delicias** 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

**Miiki Japanese Restaurant And Sushi Bar** 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**Onami Japanese Restaurant** 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Faire, Escondido, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

**GOLD COAST**

**Epazote Southwest Restaurant** 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-

roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

**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. The sidewalk is under reconstruction right now, so it's doubly hidden away — you'll have to reach it through the back side. 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)*

**Nobu Japanese Restaurant** 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

**Tony's Jacal** 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the

Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the “La Colonia” combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And “Jacal”? It means “shack.” Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

LA JOLLA

**The Cheese Shop** 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. “The cheese trade is dead,” says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its “overstuffed” meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Daily's** Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**French Pastry Shop** 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with “early bird” bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

**George's At The Cove** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high-quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive,

George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W. (9/99)*

**Harry's Coffee Shop** 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich “Hot Creamy Oatmeal” with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**India Palace** 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. Also, 694 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 691-294-8886. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veg-

gies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — *N.W. (6/01)*

**The Pannikin Cafe** 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the “in” spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and “panwiches” such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**Sushi On The Rock** 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in

# Restaurant Coupons and Menus

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**Pacific Beach, Mission Beach & Ocean Beach**

Atoll at the Catamaran Hotel  
Bahia Café **Prime rib buffet \$16.95**  
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Chateau Orleans **2 for 1 entrée**  
Coaster Saloon  
Costa Brava **2 for 1 lunch tapas**  
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Great Moon Buffet  
Gringo's **20% off champagne brunch**  
Hanaoka **20% off sushi & hand rolls**  
Lahaina Beach House **Free breakfast**  
Moondoggies P.B. **50% off lunch**  
Ocean Beach Grille **Free appetizer with lunch**  
Pacific Beach Bar & Grill  
Saska's **2 for 1 entrée**  
Surfside Sushi **1/2 price appetizer**  
Taylor's Restaurant & Brewery **Free entrée**

**La Jolla**

Aurora Trattoria **Free dinner entrée**  
Beach House Brewery **Free entrée**  
Brockton Villa  
Cafe Milano **Free tiramisu**  
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Pampas Argentine Grill **Free empanada**  
Pride of Italy **Italian Feast for 2 \$19.95**  
Rosie & Joe's Mexican **Free chips & salsa**  
Sipz Fusion Café  
Thai Time II & III **Free dessert•**

**Downtown**

Alambres **Free soup**  
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Boathouse **2 for 1 lunch or brunch**  
Dancing Dog Deli **\$1 off Egg Scrambles**  
Field **Free dessert**  
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Olé Madrid **2 for 1 brunch**  
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Paradise Yogurt **Free topping**  
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Seau's  
Shanghai Chinese **\$1 off Mongolian BBQ**  
Tio Leo's **Free dessert•**  
Todai **10% off lunch or dinner**

**North County**

Americana **Wednesdays 1/2-price wine**  
Axis Martini Bar/Restaurant **2 for 1 dinner entrée**  
Calypso  
El Callejon  
Greek Village **Free saganaki**  
Jay's Gourmet **15% off entire bill**  
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Mikko Japanese **50% off sushi**  
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Barbecue Pit **\$6.99 BBQ beef dinner**  
L'Escale at Marriott **25% off entire bill**  
Tamales Ancira **Free tamale**



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## RESTAURANTS

back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time

menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**Adam's Steak N' Eggs** 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat al-

most as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brickly, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**Aladdin's Cafe** 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

**Dumpling Inn** 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 848-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-

the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**The Good Egg** 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy Street), Kearny Mesa,

858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

**New Shanghai** 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

### THE BEACHES


**Chateau Orleans** 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating

in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crabcakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

**China Inn** 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous

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**Jared's** 880 East Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-5030. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First-rate bread and bread pudding. Dinner only, Wednesday through Sunday. Reservations required. Expensive. — E.W.

**Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine** 825 Garnet Street (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

**Ranchos Cocina** 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

**Sportsmen's Seafoods** 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**World Famous** 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the

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**El Comal** 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Jyoti-Bihanga** 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "In-

finite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Mama's Bakery And Lebanese Deli** 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajj*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N. (11/99)*

**Vesuvio Gourmet** 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

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**Antonio's Hacienda** 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday through Thursday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (4/03)*

**Downtown Cafe** 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican

What the Chef Eats

QUICK JAMAICAN "RICE AND PEAS" WITH LEFTOVER RICE

BY NAOMI WISE  
Reader *Food Editor*

I like to cook a different cuisine every night, to make dinner interesting and to keep my palate tuned to a range of seasonings. Rice is a staple of some of my favorite dishes — Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American, and Caribbean. Since it's impossible to cook only enough rice for two people, there are always leftovers. Sometimes I'll turn them into a rosewater-scented Persian rice pudding and give most of it to my favorite tooth-impaired neighbor, but

when I'm feeling nostalgic for Caribbean flavors, I make Jamaican "Rice and Peas." You can start with plain steamed rice or buttered pilaf; it doesn't matter. If you want to start with raw rice, just give it some time to cool after it's cooked, or this treatment will make it gluey.

"Peas" means "beans" in the British Caribbean. Rice and beans together form a complete protein, equivalent to meat, so this dish works well as a side to, say, a tropical veggie entrée like eggplant curry. It's also

great with curried shrimp, chicken, pork or (best of all if you can find the meat) Jamaican-style "curry goat." It's also perfect with Jamaican Jerk. Just buy a bottle of Walker's Wood or Busha Brown's jerk marinade (at supermarkets or Cost Plus), dilute with some cooking oil, and marinate some boneless pork loin or chicken a few hours or overnight. Grill the meat indoors or out. We can't get Jamaican allspice-wood here, but mesquite does fine. (Just don't use



"match-light" charcoal, which leaves everything tasting like auto exhaust.) Add a simple salad or stir-fried veggies, and you'll think you're on a tropical island.

The classic drink with Caribbean food is local beer, e.g., Jamaican Red Stripe or Trinidadian Carib. Amber rum and Coca-Cola with a twist of

patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

**Tyler's Taste Of Texas** 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows

well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

FAR EAST

**Badlands Market/Cafe** The Mall, 561 Palm Canyon Drive (south side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-4058. This is an epicure's oasis in the desert, a combination of gourmet deli and serious café where you can find a lively breakfast, scrumptious picnic lunch, or (on weekends) a light, savory dinner from an imaginative, daily changing menu. Great cheeses, pâtés, extra-virgin oils, artisan breads, delicate pastries and full-bodied French Roast coffee are among the delights that make this the Garden of Eatin' in a town where both grocery stores are pretty dire. Open Sunday to Thursday for breakfast to late lunch; Friday and Saturday until 7 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**Old Oak Inn** 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of the way-out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. The food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open daily, lunch and dinner; kitchen closed from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

**Pablito's of the Desert** 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in

green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ** 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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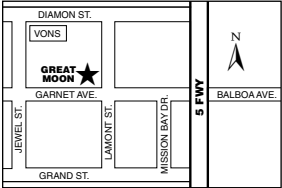
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lime works too. But if you want wine (as I usually do), look to fruity mittel-European bottlings like Gewürztraminer or Spätlese Riesling.

**HOW TO DO IT**

Let rice come to room temperature. Drain beans, reserving liquid.

Film a smallish (8 or 9 inch) nonstick deep skillet with oil, and heat it. Add scallions, garlic, and black pepper and sauté,

stirring, over medium heat until scallions are softened. Add beans and rice, and just enough bean liquid to moisten well. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover and heat over a low flame until well flavored and warmed through (about 10 minutes). Uncover and cook off any excess liquid over very low heat (about 5 minutes). Serve.

Feeds two to four, depending on other dishes.

**INGREDIENTS**

*2 cups leftover rice*

*1 8-ounce can kidney beans (or half a 15-ounce can)*

*1 tablespoon peanut, sunflower, or corn oil*

*1 large scallion, trimmed, washed, and chopped, including crisp green tops*

*1 medium clove garlic, smashed, peeled, and minced or pushed through press*

*Half an habanero pepper or 1 serrano pepper, seeded and minced*

*Large pinch dried thyme*

*½ teaspoon ground allspice*

*1 tablespoon minced fresh chives*

*2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro*

*Note: I use 2 minced leaves of the authentic thick-leafed Caribbean herb called “Spanish thyme” (a.k.a. “Cuban oregano”) instead of standard thyme. Plants are available from [www.Richters.com](http://www.Richters.com) and will grow in a pot on a windowsill — but regular dried thyme substitutes well, if you’re not a Carib-fanatic.*

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strongly advised. Prices moderate. —  
N.W. (11/00)

**Lotus Thai** 3761 Sixth Avenue (at  
Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272.  
Ironically, the best dishes at this id-  
iosyncratic, vegetarian-friendly Thai-  
Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled  
beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad) featuring a  
tender cut in a tangy marinade. From  
the long list of house specialties try the  
lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the  
chile-fierce “Crazy Duck” salad, or the  
savory (if slightly dry) “three-flavor”  
whole fried fish accompanied by a gar-  
lic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though,  
are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and too  
many dishes are oddly bland (even  
when they’re spicy). The flesh compo-  
nents (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste  
like they’ve been parboiled in plain wa-  
ter and tossed into the pot at the last  
minute, with nothing left to give to or  
gain from the sauces — so if you crave  
soup or curry, you’re best off with the  
elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch  
and dinner daily. Low moderate. —  
N.W. (4/01)

**Mission Hills Cafe** 808 Washington  
Street, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010.  
Belgian waffles are your natural intro  
here. Why? Because François, the  
owner, is Belgian. The man knows waf-  
fles. But the thing is how cheap this is  
for a sophisticated eatery, with its linen  
tablecloths, waiters in long aprons, and  
bread baskets. (The bread’s incredible.  
It’ll fill you before you spend a dime.)  
Dishes like Thai chicken or shrimp  
salad over shredded jicama, cucumber,  
and carrots are usually rich folks’ ter-  
ritory. Ditto the “Pear Cambozola”  
salad, with strawberries, pecans, and a  
Camembert/Gorgonzola-style cheese,  
or “François’s Famous Vegetarian  
Lasagna.” And check out François’s art  
on the wall — he always cooks one part  
in his oven, like the baked bread horses  
stuck on his piece called “Sea Biscuits.”  
Daily, three meals. Inexpensive by day;  
more expensive at night, but reason-  
able. — E.B. (9/03)

**Trattoria Mamma Anna and  
Ristorante** 228 Washington Street  
(at Albatross Street), Mission Hills,  
619-220-7070. The food is Sicilian and  
the ambience is “neighborhood.”  
“Mamma Anna” herself appears on  
and off at the eponymous restaurant, a  
popular Gaslamp spot before she re-  
tired and then, months later, revived  
the restaurant two miles north. The  
cooking, too, is somewhat on-and-off,  
but the best dishes can be marvelous.  
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N.W. (10/02)

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and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate.  
— E.W.

**Bay Cafe** 1050 North Harbor Drive,  
downtown, 619-595-1083. If you’re  
hungry at the city ferry landing, you  
can eat in the bare-bones interior or  
take your tray upstairs to a handsome  
bayview terrace (with no wheelchair  
access). After a chilly crossing, try the  
enjoyable New England-style clam  
chowder, which is milky, clean, and not  
over-thickened, with tender clams and  
tiny diced potatoes. The menu features  
breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches,  
variations on fish and chips including  
prawns, and chili dogs (all served with  
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way” — for a few extra cents each, the  
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N.W. (8/01)

**Chive** 558 Fourth Avenue (near Is-  
land Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483.  
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dren’s half-order. For a splurge, order  
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grilled seafood plate. Open weekdays,  
lunch Monday through Thursday, plus  
early dinner Friday. Inexpensive to  
moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

**Gargoyle Gallery & Cafe** 1845 In-  
dia Street (at Fir Street), Little Italy,  
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**Nagi's Bar and Grill** 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

**Nutters** 428 C Street, Suite 101, downtown, 619-239-7075. They say the kid in you never dies. Find out here, where they have invented a zillion varieties of peanut butter applications to turn into lunch. Peanut butter sandwiches, peanut butter salads... First, decide which peanut butter: creamy, crunchy, or "natural style"? Then, what flavor? Super honey crunch? White chocolate? Carob? German chocolate? Cinnamon raisin? Super honey infused with M&M's? Then, which bread? (My favorite: *challah*, a big egg bread.) Then (sigh) the sandwich itself. "Dad's Way" — peanut butter with crushed Oreos? "Mom's Way" — peanut butter and bananas? Or the "An Elvis Sighting" — *grilled* peanut butter topped with bananas, honey, and bacon. Lunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

**Rainwater's on Kettner** 1202 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — A.M. (6/03)

**Spice House Cafe** 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Original branch at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028, also serves dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**St. Tropez Bakery and Bistro** 926 Broadway Circle (at Second and Broadway), downtown, 619-696-8695. (Also in Encinitas; see North Coastal listings.) Bright is the word. Bright yellow-and-blue murals of St. Tropez's life and bright sidewalk seating outside. A true sidewalk café. Sitting on the sidewalk here is almost as nice as Nice. Plus, you can eat, drink, or just nurse a coffee for hours. No pressure. But then you'd miss the delish *croque monsieur* (toasted creamy sauce-topped cheese sandwich, French-style) or *croque madame* (same plus fried egg) or *salade niçoise*. It's a bakery too, so the morn-

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## RESTAURANTS

ing croissants are to die for. Must-tries: the “Marseille” (ratatouille on roasted bread) and the salmon salad. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

### SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**Crown City Grille** 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burglary is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it’s that they’ve got the burger basics right. The bun’s crisp, the meat’s lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie’s always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with “sport peppers” is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

**Crown Room** Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let’s face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you’ll make

anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It’s only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you’re-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain’t. It’s either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn’t great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

**Da Kine’s Plate Lunches** 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You’ll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, “Aloha Maid” Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn’t cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; open Mondays in summer only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

**Island Pasta** 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado’s world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Lydia’s Cafe and Nightclub** 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like

*taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**McP’s Irish Pub & Grill** 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP’s patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

**Primavera** 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This stand-out in Coronado’s culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera’s accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — *M.N. (11/98)*

**Tomatoes Plus: A California Bistro** 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-8494. If you blink between the Baskin-Robbins and the market in the Bonita Center, you could miss this place. A mistake. Tomatoes charms you with an atmosphere somewhere between mumsy and whimsy. And it bulges with dishes that are healthy but not preachy. This is not thinly disguised rabbit food — not with dishes like chicken and eggplant salad, which comes with delicious roast eggplant and chicken strips bathed in tingling chipotle (mesquite-smoked jalapeño) vinaigrette. Or chicken Florentine (breaded chicken breast with tomatoes — of course — plus spinach, cheese, and sautéed mushrooms. To use up more tomatoes, they have lotsa pasta dishes too. And if you’re feeling broke, the chili or clam chowder in an edible bread bowl will definitely fill you. Sunday champagne brunch usually has

a surprise or two, and the everyday apple sausage omelet breakfast is a sweet-savory treat. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (4/02)*

### BAJA

**From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant’s seven-digit number.**

**Big Boy Restaurant** 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja’s heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food’s no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won’t — you’ll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho “royal” hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Cafe la Especial** 718 Avenida Revolución (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana’s bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila’s aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That’s still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**Cien Anos** Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262, altacocina@cien-a.com. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual “destination restaurant” serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcals, and you can try them too when they’re in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you’re also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations (phone or e-

mail) are strongly advised; ask for directions. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

**La Baguette** Blvd. Lazaro Cardenas 1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn’s between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**La Espadana** 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée are available in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (*brocheta de filete*), baby back ribs (*costillar de puerco*), and leg of lamb (*pierna de borrego*). The portions are mammoth and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed in Spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.*

**La Fonda** Km. 59, Baja Highway 1 (Alisio exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It’s hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda (“The Inn”), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Bajagrown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**La Vuelta** 8210 Avenida Revolución (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at “the turn” (“*la vuelta*”) where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/03)*

**Malecon de Puerto Nuevo** Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized “lobster village” before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it’s owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine “daily catch” with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that’s all. The

first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it’s simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

### MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**Anthony’s Fish Grotto** For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony’s still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. — *E.W.*

**California Pizza Kitchen** 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit “the premium pizza segment.” Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain’s first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you’ve got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order “Hawaiian” pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**Joe’s Crab Shack** 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry’s) based in southern Louisiana wouldn’t survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe’s is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food’s not bad. One tasty starter is “crabioli,” fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese (“crab Rangoon” by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin’, raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

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A professional is needed, more bluntly someone induced by monetary compensation, to provide a steadying hand.

A file clerk, for example, or a statistician, would do quite nicely. But as a public service, and as a counterweight to my own subjective selectivity last week, and finally because *Girl with a Pearl Earring* just got postponed from this week until next, I am volunteering to do it myself.

By my count — and the monetary compensation is not sufficient to beat every bush or turn every stone — no fewer than thirty films currently on exhibit in New York and Los Angeles come in for some sort of superlative in relation to the annual allotment of releases.

*Cold Mountain*, within the space of one ad, is “One of the best pictures of the year” (Kenneth Turan, *Los Angeles Times*) and “One of the best pictures of the year” (Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*) and “One of the best pictures of the year” (Richard Corliss, *Time*) and “One of the best pictures of the year” (Rex Reed, *New York Observer*) in addition to, less redundantly,

“The most nominated motion picture of the year” (Golden Globe Awards).

*The Triplets of Belleville* consolidates even greater numbers under the single quotation, “One of the year’s best” (Jami Bernard, *New York Daily News*; A.O. Scott, *New York Times*; Elvis Mitchell, *New York Times*; Steve Pearsall, *St. Petersburg Times*; Bob Longino, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*; and Ella Taylor, *LA Weekly*).

*The Fog of War*, yet to open locally, follows a similar strategy verbatim as “One of the year’s best” (Roger Ebert, Richard Roeper, *Chicago Sun-Times*; Michael Wilmington, Mark Caro, *Chicago Tribune*; Lisa Schwarzbaum, *Entertainment Weekly*; Kenneth Turan, *Los Angeles Times*; and Susan Granger, SSG Network).

*Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* is “One of the best pictures of the year” (National Board of Review) and again “One of the best pictures of the year” (American Film Institute) as well as “The best movie of its kind ever made” (Michael Wilmington, *Chicago Tribune*).

*The Barbarian Invasions* is “One of the best pictures of the year” (David Ansen, *Newsweek*) and once again “One of the best pictures of the year” (Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*), besides being merely “One of the most intelligent entertainments of the year”

## REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD



*House of Sand and Fog*

(Andrew Sarris, *New York Observer*).

*Big Fish*, while mustering less support, is also “One of the best films of the year” (Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*).

*The Station Agent*, ditto, is “One of the best pictures of the year” (National Board of Review).

*Seabiscuit*, to narrow the field of competition further, is “One of the ten best films of the year” (National Board of Review, seemingly composing separate lists of best pictures and best films).

*Calendar Girls* likewise is “One of the year’s ten best” (Steve Oldfield, Fox-TV).

And *Shattered Glass* is “One of the

top ten films of the year” (Kenneth Turan, *Los Angeles Times*).

But *The Last Samurai* gains even wider recognition as “One of the year’s ten best” (National Board of Review, American Film Institute, and Broadcast Film Critics).

*The School of Rock*, to squeeze the competition still further, is “One of the top five films of the year” (David Ansen, *Newsweek*, and Owen Gleiberman, *Entertainment Weekly*).

*House of Sand and Fog* also is among the “Top five films of 2003” (National Board of Review, *Los Angeles Times*, *Movieline Magazine*, and

CNN Radio), not to mention “One of the most important films of 2003” (John Anderson, *Newsday*), and, hardly worth mentioning at this point, “One of the best movies of the year” (Paul Clinton, CNN).

*Mystic River*, though it has its murmurous chorus of “One of the year’s ten best” (National Board of Review, American Film Institute, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Observer*, and Broadcast Film Critics), is more adamantly the “Best picture” (National Board of Review again) and “The most acclaimed drama of the year” (unattributed).

*Monster*, another latecomer to our town, is similarly not just “One of the year’s ten best” (American Film Institute) but absolutely the “Best film of the year” (Roger Ebert, *Chicago Sun-Times*).

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## MOVIES

of the year" (National Board of Review, American Film Institute, *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, Rex Reed, Jack Mathews, *Newsweek*, *People*, *Movieline*, New York Critics Online, Jami Bernard, and Leonard Maltin), and singles out one source (Richard Roeper, *Ebert and Roeper*) to endorse it as both "One of the best movies of the year" and "The best picture of the year," leaving us to ponder whether in his vocabulary a picture is something less than a movie.

*Lost in Translation*, "The year's most celebrated film" (unattributed), tops "One of the five best pictures of the year" (Lisa Schwarzbaum, *Entertainment Weekly*) with three citations as "Best picture" (New York Film Critics Online, San Francisco Film Critics Circle, and Toronto Film Critics).

*21 Grams*, over and above "One of the five best pictures of the year" (National Board of Review), is "The crowning work of this year" (Elvis Mitchell, *New York Times*) and "The best movie of them all" (Jack Mathews, *New York Daily News*).

*The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, if a tad impersonally and institutionally, is another "Best picture of the year" (New York Film Critics Circle, Southeastern Film Critics Association, and Washington, D.C., Film Critics).

*Dirty Pretty Things*, marshalling smaller forces, is "The best picture of the year" (Stephen Farber) and, ho-hum, "One of the best pictures of the year" (David Ansen).

*American Splendor* is "The best film of the year" (David Ansen, *Newsweek*).

*The Company*, yet another late-comer, is yet another "Best picture of the year" (*Slant Magazine*).

And *Mona Lisa Smile*, making up for its lone voice by its loud voice



Peter Pan

(David Sheehan, CBS-TV), is "The best picture of the year *by far*" (italics mine).

But *City of God* is "One of the best films you'll ever see" (Roger Ebert), a quotation presumably not excerpted from introductory remarks to a special screening arranged for patients in the terminal cancer ward at a children's hospital.

Some films must be content with more qualified superlatives:

*Peter Pan* is only "The best live-action family film of the year" (Clay Smith, *Access Hollywood*) and, with a little less qualification, "The best family film of the year" (Shawn Edwards, Fox-TV), and then again, "Not only one of the finest films of the year, but the first terrific children's film of the new century" (Dan DiNicola, *Daily Gazette*).

*Something's Gotta Give* is "One of the best adult romantic comedies of the year — or the last few years, for that matter" (Paul Clinton, CNN) and "The most consistently crowd-pleasing movie of the season" (Phoebe Flowers, *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*).

*Bad Santa* is "One of the funniest

films of the year" (Mike Clark, *USA Today*) and "One of the funniest films of the year" (Joel Siegel, *Good Morning America*) and "The funniest Christmas send-up I have ever seen" (Andrew Sarris, *New York Observer*).

*Stuck on You* is "2003's funniest comedy" (Thelma Adams, *US Weekly*).

*Honey* is "The feel-good film of the year" (David Sheehan, CBS-TV).

And *Capturing the Friedmans* is "Best documentary" (New York Film Critics Circle, San Francisco Film Critics Circle, Boston Society of Film Critics, Southeastern Film Critics Association, Toronto Film Critics Association, and Seattle Film Critics).

Of course superlatives are relative, and we require more descriptive and evaluative nouns and adjectives and adverbs to be sure where we stand. So be assured: we stand in the clouds.

*Peter Pan* is "pure magic" (Dan DiNicola, *Daily Gazette*), "magic like you haven't seen before" (Dean Richards, WGN-TV), "a magical adventure for all ages" (Melanie Moon, WB-TV), with "some truly magical images" (David Ansen, *Newsweek*), and simply "magical" (Shawn Edwards, Fox-TV).

If that doesn't add up to a consensus, I don't know what would, unless it might be *House of Sand and Fog*: "A powerhouse of a film" (Leonard Maltin and Joyce Kulhawik, *Hot Ticket*), "stunningly powerful" (Paul Clinton,

CNN), "powerful" and "stunning," to say nothing of "devastating" (Clay Smith, *Access Hollywood*), "riveting" and "stunning" (Stephen Whitty, *The Star-Ledger*), just "riveting" (Claudia Puig, *USA Today*), "harrowing" (Rex Reed, *New York Observer*), "heart-breaking" (Leonard Maltin and Joyce Kulhawik again, apparently in unison) and "heartbreaking" (Richard Schickel, *Time Magazine*), and "astonishing" (Richard Schickel again).

*21 Grams*, not to be outdone, "astonishes us" (Roger Ebert), and is "astonishing" (Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*), "stunning" (Jack Mathews, *New York Daily News*), "riveting" and "uncommonly exhilarating" (Claudia Puig, *USA Today*).

Words, needless to say, will mean different things to different people, and a reader is compelled to question definitions when *Paycheck*, too, can be "stunning" (Earl Dittman, *Wireless Magazine*) and "exhilarating" (Paul Fischer, *Dark Horizons*), even though bereft of the better superlatives, nothing more than "One of the most exciting films of the year" (Dean Richards, WGN-TV) and "One of the best and most inventive thrillers of the year" (Paul Fischer again).

"Masterpiece" seems to encompass *The Barbarian Invasions* (Richard Roeper, *Ebert and Roeper*), *Big Fish* (Glenn Whipp, *Los Angeles Daily News*), *Capturing the Friedmans* (David Denby, *The New Yorker*), *Cold Mountain* (Rex Reed, *New York Observer*), *The Fog of War* (*Chicago Sun-Times*), *The Last Samurai* (Clay Smith, *Access Hollywood*), and *Mystic River* (Andrew Sarris, *New York Observer*).

"Work of art" fits *Mystic River* (David Denby, *The New Yorker*) and *In America* (Richard Roeper, *Ebert and Roeper*), while *Cold Mountain* is "a work of greatness" (Rex Reed, to buttress his earlier designation of "masterpiece"), and *The Lord of the Rings* and *Seabiscuit* are alike "a great movie" (Lisa Schwarzbaum, *Entertainment Weekly*, and Joel Siegel, *Good Morning America*, respectively).

*Cold Mountain*, what's more, is "a stunning epic" (David Ansen, *Newsweek*) and "stunning entertainment" from which "you come out feeling both shaken and wildly happy" (David

Denby, *The New Yorker*). *The Station Agent* is "an absolute stunner" (Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*), and *The Fog of War* is both "stunning" (*Entertainment Weekly*) and "astonishing" (*Vanity Fair*). And *Monster*, or at least Charlize Theron therein, is "astonishing" (Jeffrey Lyons, NBC), and it showcases "one of the best performances in the history of the cinema" (Roger Ebert, *Ebert and Roeper*), this according to the same critic who determined that "acting does not get any better" than that of Benicio Del Toro, Naomi Watts, and Sean Penn in *21 Grams*.

One puts down the entertainment section of the daily paper with a mental image of an army of film critics emerging from all these masterpieces and great works of art, staggering around like the zombies of *Night of the Living Dead*, collectively stunned, astonished, harrowed, devastated, shaken, and heartbroken. One wonders how they all managed to find their way to their computer keyboards and to master their fingers.

But still as a public service, I feel I ought to put in a word of caution about taking critical advice, and about the possible side effects of disappointment, disillusion, distrust. (Consumption of alcohol may aggravate these symptoms.) It would not be too strong a warning were it to be headed by a skull and crossbones. Hype is poison. It pollutes the atmosphere, it infects the mind, it impairs vision. The necessary thing to remind oneself about critical blurbs is that they are not criticism, they are advertising copy. Some critics could stand some reminding, too. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

*All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.*

**Bad Santa** — Sick and twisted (and god-dam proud of it) Christmas comedy by Terry Zwigoff, whose *Ghost World* instantaneously takes on the appearance of a fluke. It was the characters, even more clearly now than before, who "made" *Ghost World* — them, and their literary or quasi-literary creator, the graphic novelist Daniel Clowes. And although the director maintains his allegiance to misfits and marginals, it's the characters who unmake *Bad Santa*. One of them is more than enough: a guzzling, cussing, lusting department-store Santa (Billy Bob Thornton) who puts up with the parade of grasping brats only so that he can crack the office safe on Christmas Eve, with the help of his dwarfish elf (Tony Cox), the brains of the operation. The wonder of it is that, whether wetting himself in the Santa chair or stumbling over the papier-mâché reindeer in an alcoholic fog, he can hold on to his job long enough to pull off the bigger job. A dose of half-apologetic pathos seeps into it in the form of a self-described "dipshit loser," a bullied, runny-nosed fat boy (Brett Kelly) by the name of Thurman Mer-man, whose devotion to Saint Nick, either the Platonic ideal or this grotesquely flawed facsimile, brands him a borderline imbecile. The tenuous bond between the two ("It made me feel good about myself," glows Santa after beating the boy's teenage tormentor to a pulp) raises the emotional temperature only a degree or two: not enough to alter the one-joke monotony. Bernie Mac, Lauren Graham, John Ritter, Cloris Leachman. 2003.

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**Big Fish** — Big bore. Tim Burton, to inhibit erosion of his "fan base," needed to

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bounce back in a big way from the commercial conservatism of *Planet of the Apes*, and in Daniel Wallace’s slender novel he has found a fund of peculiarity: the sententious and sentimental memoirs of an Alabama fabulist, none of whose tall tales and fish stories — literally tall in the case of a twelve-foot giant, literally fishy in the case of a freshwater Moby Dick known as The Beast — explains how the moles on his cheek and forehead vanished between the time he was Ewan McGregor and the time he was Albert Finney. (Helena Bonham Carter remains roughly the same age opposite each of them.) The narration-heavy narrative is inescapably bookish, demoting the director to an enslaved illustrator, much the same, come to that, as in *Planet*. And inasmuch as his come-and-go visual gifts have on this occasion mostly deserted him, there is not a lot to recommend it. The perilous parachute mission into a Red Chinese encampment in the middle of a variety show (ventriloquist for warm-up, Siamese twins for headliners) is funny, but not notably Burton-y. With Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Alison Lohman, Danny DeVito, Steve Buscemi. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/9)

**Blue Car** — A paradigm, practically a parody, of the American Independent Film, the coming-of-age of a vulnerable high-school girl (the conventionally “pretty” Agnes Bruckner, whose discomfort is contagious), with an overtaxed mother (“You’re an ungrateful brat!”), an absent father, a self-mutilating little sister, a nose-ringed bosom buddy, and a caring English teacher who tutors her for an upcoming poetry contest in Florida, where he expands the tutorial to the subject of sex. The increasing degrees of intimacy leading up to that moment are well marked by writer-director Karen Moncrieff, and the sex scene itself is nicely played, with the conflicted teacher constantly checking with his unenthusiastic pupil (“Is this okay?... You all right?”). Any favor gained in that scene is immediately frittered away in the corny revelation about the teacher’s own writing ambitions, and in the embarrassingly public retribution. David Strathairn is excellent throughout, and Frances Fisher all but steals the show in a brief and belated appearance as his difficult wife, grandly savoring the first sip of cocktails in the afternoon

(“Let the relaxation begin!”), and cuttingly correcting the teacher’s pet on the number of syllables in the word “poem.” With Margaret Colin. 2003.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1/12, 6:30 P.M.)

**Calendar Girls** — Disneyfied recounting of the human-interest story (ca. 1999) about the matronly members of a Yorkshire Women’s Institute who posed for a charity cheesecake calendar. An abundance of tit-tety comedy, but some darker tones, too, and nice plump roles for the capable Helen Mirren, Julie Walters, and others. Directed by Nigel Cole. 2003.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Chasing Liberty** — Romantic comedy starring Mandy Moore as the rebelling daughter of the U.S. President, directed by Andy Cadiff.

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**Cheaper by the Dozen** — Unrecognizable update of the 1950 film (and 1949 book) of the same name, set originally around the turn of the century, now a sort of Fox-TV sitcom quadrupled. The messiness of the family life (in a family of fourteen) is neither adequate camouflage nor alibi for the messiness of the filmmaking. With Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt, Hilary Duff, Piper Perabo, and (uncredited) Ashton Kutcher; directed by Shawn Levy. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Cold Mountain** — The hardships and heartache of the American Civil War, cushioned in the plushness of the production: the crane-happy camera, the spendthrift special effects, the “painterly” washes of color and “dynamic” compositions, the vi-

sual poetry and bombast, the chiselled and sanded faces of the A-list romantic leads, Nicole Kidman (with her Orientalized eyes) and Jude Law (blue lagoons). Paying customers will likely feel they are getting a lot for their money, and no doubt they are getting a lot of money for their money. They will also be getting, by way of the prize-winning novel by Charles Frazier, spools and spools of storyline, strung out to a slight sag: back and forth in time, from the Siege of Petersburg in 1864 and its immediate aftermath, to the antebellum quietude of the North Carolina hills; and then, after the convergence of the two time lines, back and forth in space only, from the eventful homeward trek of a wounded Confederate deserter, to the struggle of the womenfolk to keep the home fires burning. On both fronts, it’s the gentle sex who bear the heaviest burdens, particularly moral and philosophical ones: “[If] I had my way, they’d take metal altogether out of this world, every gun, every blade.” No doubt, too, the film gains interest as a companion piece to director Anthony Minghella’s earlier *English Patient*, in once again promoting personal priority over general cause, and the lover over the fighter. The large cast has plenty of interest of its own. Renée Zellweger, as an Erskine Caldwell — or even Al Capp — poor white trashy Southerner (strike up the fiddle and banjo), runs rings around Kidman’s well-bred belle once she is let loose almost an hour into the film; and there are strong contributions from Eileen Atkins (a backwoods goatherd meticulously realized down to the dirt beneath her fingernails), Kathy Baker, James Gammon, Ray Winstone, Brendan Gleeson, Donald Sutherland, and Natalie Portman. But then again, the cast also has Philip Seymour Hoffman and Giovanni Ribisi in it. 2003.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Cooler** — Las Vegas fairy tale, from first-time director Wayne Kramer, full of hand-me-down ideas about the old-school gangster who still believes in busting kneecaps to keep order, the failed showgirl and the tail-for-sale, the poor-man’s Sinatra and “the next Harry Connick, Jr.,” the changing economic landscape: “There comes a time to decide whether you’re running a museum or you’re running a casino.” The title character, tailor-made for William H. Macy, is not so smudgingly marked by fingerprints: such an accursed loser that he

is employed by the Golden Shangri-La to contaminate its customers by his mere presence, like the passing vampire who withers the flowers in his path. After one good roll in the hay with a willing cocktail waitress (Maria Bello), he loses his “magic,” however. And suddenly the always empty creamer for his coffee is brimming over, and his flattened hair has acquired some fluff. Completely unacceptable, completely unswallowable from its opening premise to its final outcome (one hates to agree with the hero’s ne’er-do-well son: “It don’t compute”), the textbook script lays tracks for an emotional roller coaster, depressing in its regularity and predictability. Because the film is an “indie,” the sex is smellier than in the mainstream, but the sentiment no less flowery: “You put me up on a pedestal. It sure puts the gutter in perspective.” Alec Baldwin, Shawn Hatosy. 2003.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**En la Ciudad sin Limites** — Spanish suspense film with Leonardo Sbraglia, Fernando Fernán Gómez, and Geraldine Chaplin, directed by Antonio Hernández.

(HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 1/9)

**Gothika** — A whydunit, rather than whodunit, to do with a beautiful prison psychologist (Halle Berry) who is flabbergasted to wake up in a cell herself, with no memory of having chopped up her beefy husband three days earlier, and only a fragmentary mem-

ory of having swerved into a ditch on the way home in order to avoid a bloody young blonde standing in the middle of the road and the midst of a downpour, and then bursting into flame at the touch of a hand. The blonde, if she is in any sense “real,” can only be a ghost, and the psychologist and her colleagues do not believe in ghosts. But then: who fogged up the glass in her cell and finger-wrote the words “NOT ALONE” in the frost? And who carved that same message into her forearm in the shower room? (As unprurient a women-in-prison shower scene, incidentally, as you could ever wish to see, despite the participation in it of Halle Berry and Penelope Cruz.) The mounting sense of dread in the movie has little to do with any terrors that may await, and much to do with the perceived unlikelyhood of a satisfactory wrap-up. (“I wouldn’t look for a real-world explanation,” we are warned. “It’s a dream. It’s a delusion.”) The sun-glasses-indoors style of photography fosters no confidence in the filmmaker’s — Mathieu Kassovitz’s — interest in elucidation, and indeed the predictable climax falls far short of satisfactory, being both over-obvious as far as it goes and incurious to go any farther. The appearances of the ghost, however, greatly enliven a grind-it-out plot in which the ghost proves to be all but gratuitous. Savor her for herself. With Robert Downey, Jr., Charles S. Dutton, John Carroll Lynch. 2003.

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● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

**Honey** — No, not a dramatization of the Bobby Goldsboro tune. Rather, the big-screen coming-out party for TV’s Dark Angel, Jessica Abs — oops, Jessica Alba — as a nightclub bartender, record-store clerk, and hip-hop instructor who dreams of making it in music videos. First-time director Bille Woodruff, who has already made it in music videos, has not really raised his sights. Mekhi Phifer, Lil’ Romeo, Joy Bryant, David Moscow, Missy Elliott. 2003.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

**House of Sand and Fog** — The house in question, a modest bungalow within a stone’s throw of the Pacific, has been inherited by a subsistence-level housecleaner currently undergoing drug rehab, who gets evicted through a bureaucratic error and her own neglect to open her mail. It is then bought for a song at auction by a former Iranian colonel currently reduced to road repair in Northern California, who is simply looking to make a quick turn-around on the real-estate market after the construction of an ocean-view deck. A sticky situation, for sure, but the best-selling novel (thank you, Oprah) by Andre Dubus III doesn’t seem to

lend itself to playable scenes, with a meager handful of exceptions: the former occupant’s self-injuring attempt to halt construction on the deck, her new boyfriend’s attempt to intimidate the present occupant with his police uniform, and the latter’s extreme expression of paternal love at the climax. The parallel construction, pingponging between the languorous sensuality of Jennifer Connelly and the rigid asceticism of Ben Kingsley, produces little tension and a bit of parallel corn: simultaneous sex scenes. Ponderously directed by a new name, Vadim Perelman; atmospherically photographed by an old hand, Roger Deakins. With Ron Eldard, Frances Fisher, Kim Dickens. 2003.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

**In America** — The immigrant experience in Manhattan, more precisely the Sheridan Family experience, as revised and related by Irish filmmaker Jim Sheridan (*My Left Foot*, *In the Name of the Father*, etc.). Never a dull moment, it would seem; or anyway never a relaxed, a calm, a common, a mundane, a prosaic one; instead a gaudy parade of overheated vignettes such as would make late-period Fellini look like a strict neorealist. (E.g., the family’s first look at the lights of Times Square, to the nudging accompaniment of the Lovin’ Spoonful’s “Do You Believe in Magic?,” is more an effect of camera acrobatics than of carefully aimed shots.) The real-life sisters Sarah and Emma Bolger are delightful as the little girls of the family (“Don’t ‘little girl’ me! I’ve been carrying this family on my back for over a year!”). But Paddy Considine, the Jim figure, seems several storeys over the top as the unemployed head of the family, an aspiring stage actor. His diagnosed “problem” is that he shut down emotionally after the death of his son — “That’s why ya can’t get a job acting, Johnny, because ya can’t *feel* anything!” — and yet he acts offstage like an amalgam of Tim Roth and Gary Oldman: not bits and pieces of each of them, but the totality of *both*. He may not be able to feel, but man, can he ever express! The elder daughter, who believes she has inherited three wishes from her departed brother, addresses the problem touchingly with her third and final one. Samantha Morton, Djimon Hounsou. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSS-

MONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**The Last Samurai** — Tom Cruise as “one of the most decorated warriors this nation has ever known,” *circa* 1876, a tormented Civil War vet and Indian fighter who is hired as a mercenary to train the troops of the Japanese emperor to combat a renegade samurai, and who is then taken captive by his new enemy, learns their strange ways, masters in a few lessons their martial arts, and joins them in their hopeless fight against the forces of progress. In short, a sort of *Dances with Akitas*. This glossy, glamorizing, vulgar, overblown, pompous, and presumptuous epic is, in addition to all that, intermittently stimulating. The cornerstone Japanese theme of trampled tradition in the onrush of Westernization is knowledgeably handled. And Ken Watanabe cuts a fine figure as the hidebound samurai. In the last analysis, though, the sprawling, transpacific, two-and-a-half-hour war story is all about Tom. Even as he gives himself up to his fascination with the enemy (who allow him to live only because of their fascination with *him*), it is the fascination itself, and not the objects of it, that rivets the camera: never mind what’s so fascinating, let’s fix our sights on who’s so fascinated. (Cruise’s head looks about to burst from the effort.) And despite his embrace of Bushido — his spiritual growth, his embodiment of the lost concept of “honor” — he remains a bit of a dilettante and a poseur. (Where does his humility, his subservience, come into it?) In the larger view, despite the lip service paid to an alien and ancient culture, despite the stacking of the deck in that culture’s favor, the horning-in hero remains a sterling representative of the American imperialist, similar to the interlopers and appropriators in such cultural hybrids (highbrow and low) as *The Challenge*, *The Karate Kid*, *Ghost Dog*, *Bulletproof Monk*, and *Kill Bill*. The quest is ultimately not so much for his peace of mind as for his piece of the action. Timothy Spall, Tony Goldwyn, Billy Connolly; directed by Edward Zwick. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** — Peter Jackson grinds out the final 200 minutes: “Things are now in motion,” intones Gandalf, “that cannot be undone.” From this promontory, you can look back and see the immensity of the enterprise, indeed so immense — nine hours and two years — that you can barely remember whence you have come, or why. One measure of the immensity, over and above the increasing confusion, is the increasing dependence on the expeditious head shot, a time-saving mainstay of the made-for-TV quickie. Astoundingly enough, the filmmaker manages to crank up some excitement as the end approaches, or maybe it’s only some eager anticipation of relief. Whatever it is, it gets discharged over the last hour and a half or so, when the movie seems to be forever on the verge of ending; and the twenty minutes or so after the conclusion of the hostilities amount to sheer torture. Even at that, there’s no time set aside to get back to Saruman for a reaction from the losers’ locker room. Or for that matter, no time for a pre-game pep talk or a halftime strategy adjustment, either: Christopher Lee is nowhere to be seen. Part Three certainly has its moments: the relay of the signal fires (“Hope is kindled”) across the mountain peaks is really quite thrilling (“And Rohan will answer”); and the giant spider Shelob is a skin-crawling special effect, though not more tingling, in another way, than fat Sam to the rescue. (With this, Sean Astin has his meatiest screen role after *Rudy*.) But the decisive battle is even more interminable than the one in Part Two, and more ruinously cartoonized through computer-generated imagery. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Orlando Bloom, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett. 2003.

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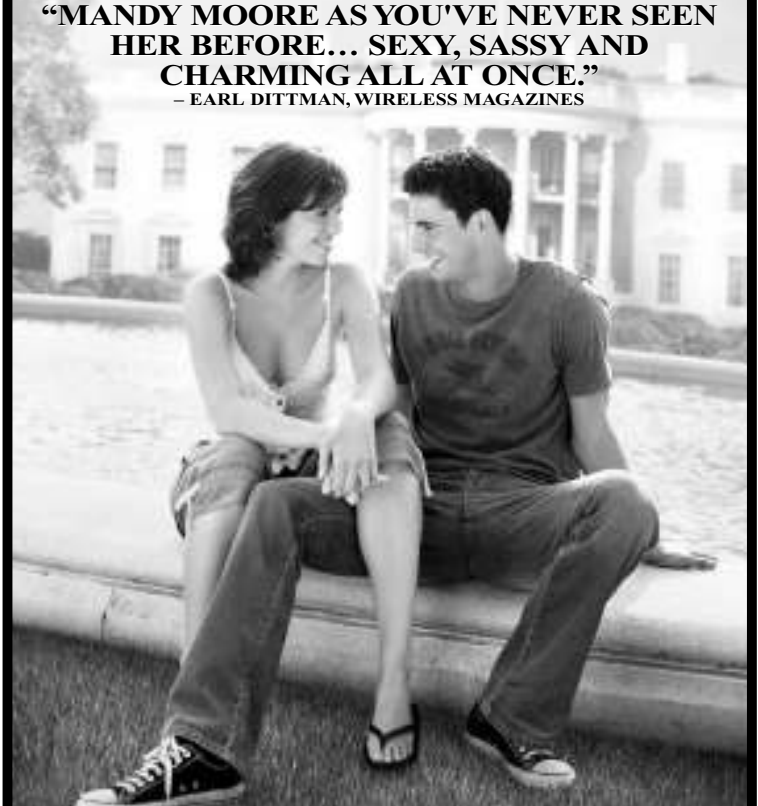
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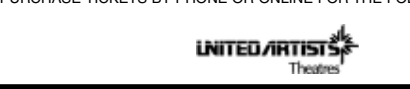
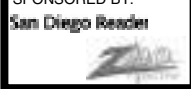


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British man-of-war, the HMS Surprise. This is preeminently a boys' story, and as pure and innocent a specimen as you are apt to find anymore, uncorrupted by concerns with democracy or demographics. (The closest you could find to it in the *oeuvre* of its director, Peter Weir, is the curdled Conradism of *The Mosquito Coast*.) There is an actual boy on view, a cherubic curly-topped towhead, but of course boys of all ages want to choose their role models and hero figures from among grown men (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a copper-skinned native on whom Lucky Jack allows his gaze to linger — gateway to another world — before he gets back to business. That business would encompass, among other things, the pursuit of a bigger and faster French privateer, the amputation, the flogging, the flagons of rum, the parrot on the shoulder, the typhoon, the man overboard, the seamen's superstitions (is there a "Jonah" among the crew? is the enemy a "phantom"?), the military stratagems (a makeshift raft, festooned with lanterns, cut adrift as a decoy to throw off the trailing French ship in the dark), the naturalist interlude on the Galápagos (the flightless bird, the amphibian iguana), the Churchillian if not Shakespearean address to the troops on the eve of battle ("Though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home. This ship is England"), and most importantly, at the core of it all, the masculine camaraderie, especially that between the Captain and the ship's surgeon, Dr. Stephen Maturin, whose harmonious friendship, as well as harmonious violin-and-cello duets, sometimes must give way to the traditional testiness between the soldier and the scientist, the man of action and the man of intellect. Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany. 2003.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Mona Lisa Smile** — Julia Roberts, her two-ton ego, and her tapering tusklake head, in the part of a “forward-thinker” who travels east from Oakland State to her dream job at Wellesley, there to impart Art History platitudes and feminist fundamentals to the future homemakers in the Class of ’54, and to lock horns with the “traditionalists” who run the place. Nothing marks her as a woman ahead of her time so much as her express desire — already in the autumn of ’53! — “to make a difference.” (The contractually obligatory line, spoken to her without irony: “You’re so perfect.”) Directed by Mike Newell, who once upon a time directed *Dance with a Stranger*, the movie itself, in its characterization of the straw women and cardboard cutouts who aren’t up to the heroine’s speed, could scarcely be more backward and small-minded. Among the students, Maggie Gyllenhaal earns top marks; Julia Stiles and Kirsten Dunst earn dunce caps. With Dominic West, Marcia Gay Harden, Juliet Stevenson. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Monster** — Charlize Theron as serial murderer Aileen Wuornos, with Christina Ricci, written and directed by Patty Jenkins. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/9)

**My Baby's Daddy** — Comedy of unwed pregnancy, with Eddie Griffin, Anthony Anderson, and Michael Imperioli, directed by Cheryl Dunye.

(CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; FROM 1/9)

**Mystic River** — Clint Eastwood's somber meditation on chance, fate, doom; scarred souls and endless repercussions; violence begetting violence. Just as *Unforgiven* was an act of penance for the body counts in his Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns as well as in his self-directed imitation Leones (*High*

*Plains Drifter, The Outlaw Josey Wales, Pale Rider*), this can be viewed as an act of penance for the lone-wolf vigilantism of his Dirty Harry urban shoot-'em-ups: a kind of cleansed Harry. (There is no room here for Eastwood the actor, standing aside for the "liberal" casting of Sean Penn and Tim Robbins, and their highly emotional, tearful, unstoical, un-Eastwoody histrionics.) Although formulated as a murder mystery, it is not narrowly focussed on the investigation, but divides its time more or less evenly among three main characters, and expands continuously into the specific milieu, the complex personal relationships, the affected and ongoing lives, in fact life in general, life with a capital "L." All throughout, it sustains a tone of lamentation, underscored by the churchy musical theme composed by Eastwood himself (albeit orchestrated by his trusted collaborator, Lennie Niehaus). The retributive anger never supplants the sorrow; the release never comes. Admittedly, the outcome of the case depends upon a fortuitous coincidence that reeks of mystery-making for its own sake: a previously unrevealed second murder on the same night as the first. Yet the solution to the original murder is not overly tricky, is perhaps even overly obvious; and the mood of the moment in any case is not one of parlor games and "gotcha." The honest — the aggrieved — the penitent — emotionalism of the film makes up for either the fortuitousness or the obviousness, as necessary. Kevin Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney, Marcia Gay Harden. 2003.

★★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Paycheck** — Not exactly a time-travel thriller, more correctly a “time-viewing” thriller (i.e., a science-fictional crystal ball), but it has all the same illogicalities. And not exactly an amnesia thriller, either, but rather a “memory-erasure” thriller. Sleek and fast and forgettable. And slightly less stupid than most John Woo films, notwithstanding the signature standoff moments when toe-to-toe adversaries point handguns at one another’s heads. Ben Affleck, Uma Thurman, Aaron Eckhart, Paul Giamatti, Colm Feore, Joe Morton. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; Santee Drive In; Town Square 14; Vista Village)

**Peter Pan** — Well, it's better than *Hook*, anyhow. And it meets the need, if any, for a live-action version of J.M. Barrie's children's classic in state-of-the-art 21st-century technology. Or as the ad line puts it: "The timeless story as you've never seen it before," meaning, for example, that by means of *Forest Gump*-ian magic we get to see, for the first time, Hook's stump. Jeremy Sumpter brings to the role of The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up a cracklingly adolescent voice, Ludvine Sagnier mugs like mad as Tinker Bell (but needn't speak), Rachel Hurd-Wood is a fresh face as Wendy, and Jason Isaacs — following the specifications of the original stage play — embodies both the timid Mr. Darling and the dastardly Capt. Hook to indecipherable Freudian purpose. (Is there not something vaguely vaginal about the CG crocodile whose gaping maw swallows Hook whole? — after having previously symbolically castrated him? Doesn't it almost compensate for the abandoned theatrical tradition of casting a woman as Peter?) Australian-born filmmaker P.J. Hogan has a surplus of energy, proficiency, resource, capital, and such, and a shortage only of taste. The aggregate effect is to make the story, for those who know it, feel very long; half an hour just to get to Never Land. With Olivia Williams, Lynn Redgrave, Richard Briers. 2003.

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**Something's Gotta Give** — Wrinkly romance between Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson, both of whom fudge a bit on their ages (she, when she estimates herself to be “almost” twenty years older than an explicit thirty-six-year-old; and he, when he holds up three fingers to indicate how far he is past sixty), but both of whom have resisted any surgical stretching of their skins to a trampoline tautness. The self-caricaturing stylization of the stars’ mannerisms, the luxury of their lifestyles (hers as “the most successful female playwright since — who? Lillian Hellman?” and his as the head of the

second largest hip-hop record label), and the creaminess of the cinematography (Michael Ballhaus), all conspire to eat away at the purported humanness of the characters. In addition to which, the movie appears, beneath the surface, to be as much about revenge as about romance: writer and director Nancy Meyers (*What Women Want*, a more telltale title than the all-purpose present one) opening up the whole older-man-younger-woman can of worms, giving the man a boudoir heart attack for starters (before he can consummate relations with his current companion, Amanda Peet, Keaton's

daughter: consummation would have been altogether *too* wormy), giving the audience three separate shots of his heinie in a hospital dressing gown, giving the woman a tit-for-tat — or perhaps that ought to be tat-for-tit — younger suitor in the bargain (Nicholson's cardiologist, Keanu Reeves, fudging a bit himself as the aforementioned thirty-six-year-old), giving the man an earful to think about (a dinner-table diatribe by Keaton's sister, the anomalous Frances McDormand as a Columbia professor of Women's Studies), filling his eyes with nearly as many tears as the woman's. The

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sexual politicking and posturing do tend to get in the way of the comedy. But with that said, let it also be said that this is at all levels a polished and professional piece of work, and pleasant enough to sit through for the starry-eyed or the brown-nosed. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14;

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**Stuck on You** — The inseparable Farrelly brothers, Peter and Bobby, do a comedy about joined-at-the-hip brothers, Greg Kin-near and Matt Damon (“We’re not Siamese”). The principal self-revelation to come out of this is something we already knew about them: their taste, if that word may be used in the vicinity of the Farrellys, for disability jokes. Gross-out, for the mo-

ment, is out; real wit was never in; inanity rides roughshod: one of the pair, in the af-terglow of his one-man performance as Truman Capote in community theater, drags the other one to Hollywood, where he lands the male lead in a television court-room series called *Honey and the Beaze*, op-posite the temperamental Cher, as herself, who selects him for the job only in hopes of scuttling the show. (Meryl Streep likewise appears as herself, in a slightly more than cameo role, to prove she’s as good a sport as her *Silkwood* co-star.) If there are any laughs, or at least grimaces, they come from Seymour Cassel as a senile talent agent with his mind in the Fifties. The best to be said

about the basic material is that it raises sus-picions that in more disciplined hands it might have been skit-worthy. Eva Mendes, Wen Yann Shih. 2003. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Triplets of Belleville** — A French cartoon by Sylvain Chomet, a *bande dessinée* in motion, a genuine novelty. The detach-able introduction presents a retro Thirties black-and-white musical pastiche (complete with scratches on the emulsion for wear and tear), *faux*-Fleischer and semi-surrealist,

spotlighting a big-butted Josephine Baker in a bikini bottom of bananas and a big-headed Fred Astaire getting devoured by his own tap shoes. Then comes a simulated break in the film, and we realize we have been watching television — in a full-color animated world in a more up-to-date graphic style — in the home of a dumpling-shaped grandma, her bicycle-enthusiast adopted child, and their dog Bruno. The first half-hour is unflag-gingly glorious, attaining a perfect tension between the routine of their daily life and the marvelousness of it in our eyes. Which is to say the marvelousness of it in the height-ening, the distortion, the grotesquerie, the bizarrerie of the visual detail: e. g., the stom-

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

**Town Square 14**  
*4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)*  
**Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. (1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Calendar Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30) 7:00, 9:40; **Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Wed. (1:30, 4:40) 7:20, 10:05; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 1:15, 2:50, 3:45) 5:10, 7:05, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 1:55, 3:00, 4:15, 5:20) 7:05, 9:30; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 3:25) 7:25, 10:40; Sun. (12:10, 3:25) 7:15, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:50) 7:15, 10:25; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:20) 6:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:20) 6:45, 10:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:15, 6:30, 8:30, 10:35; Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:15, 6:30, 8:30; Mon.-Tue. (12:30, 2:25, 4:30) 6:30, 8:35; Wed. (12:30, 2:25, 4:30) 8:35; Thu. (12:30, 2:25, 4:30) 6:30, 8:35; **Mona Lisa Smile** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:35, 7:35, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:35, 10:25; **My Baby’s Daddy** (PG-13) Wed. (1:25, 3:40, 5:40) 7:50, 9:50; **Paycheck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:45, 10:20; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:35) 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; **Some-thing’s Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 5:05, 7:55, 10:50; Sun. (1:35) 4:20, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:25, 10:10; **Stuck On You** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:20

DOWNTOWN

**Gaslamp 15**  
*701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)*  
**Bad Santa** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:25, 10:40; Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:25, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20, 5:40) 8:25, 10:30; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:00) 7:20, 9:35; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 5:25) 7:55, 10:20; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:05); **Honey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 5:10, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 5:10) 7:40, 9:55; **House of Sand and Fog** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:00) 5:05, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; Sun. (1:30, 2:00) 5:05, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:00, 5:05) 7:30, 8:00, 10:15; **Lost In Translation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:35, 5:50) 8:10, 10:30; **Love Don’t Cost a Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 9:45; **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:35, 7:35, 10:50; Sun. (1:25) 4:35, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:35) 7:35, 10:20; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10; **The Miss-ing** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 10:35; **Mona Lisa Smile** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 5:15, 8:15, 10:55; Sun. (1:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 2:30) 4:25, 5:20, 7:00, 8:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 2:30, 4:25, 5:20) 7:00, 8:05, 9:40; **Stuck On You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:25, 10:05; **Timeline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:10; Mon.-Thu. (5:10)

**Horton Plaza 14**  
*457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)*  
**Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 1:05, 3:00, 4:00) 6:35, 7:10, 9:35, 10:05; **Calendar Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:10) 6:55, 9:35;

**Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 1:10, 3:20, 3:50) 6:30, 7:00, 9:10, 9:40; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 1:00, 3:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:15) 6:40, 10:05; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:25) 6:50, 10:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 1:00, 4:40, 5:20) 9:00, 9:30; **My Baby’s Daddy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:15, 4:35) 7:20, 9:50; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:40, 9:55; **Paycheck** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:45) 7:05, 10:00; **Something’s Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:05) 7:15, 10:10

LA JOLLA

**La Jolla 12**  
*8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)*  
Call theater for program information  
**Chasing Liberty; My Baby’s Daddy; Cold Mountain; Paycheck; Cheaper by the Dozen; Peter Pan; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Mona Lisa Smile; Something’s Gotta Give; The Last Samurai; Bad Santa; Love Actually**

**La Jolla Village**  
*8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)*  
**Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; **Calendar Girls** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **House of Sand and Fog** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **In America** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:50

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)*  
**Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 4:30) 7:25, 10:20; Sun. (1:30, 4:30) 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:30) 7:25, 9:55; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:45) 7:10; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:30; Sun. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:40) 8:00; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:20) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:20) 7:00; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:10, 5:30); Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:25); **Honey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:50, 10:15; Sun. 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 7:40, 10:10; **House of Sand and Fog** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 4:05) 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:00) 8:05; **The Last Samu-rai** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:55) 7:05, 10:25; Sun. (2:55) 6:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 5:05) 8:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 4:15, 5:15) 8:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:30, 5:10) 6:45, 9:15; **Lost In Translation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 7:15; **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 4:45) 7:40, 10:35; Sun. (1:35, 4:45) 7:40, 10:30; Mon. (2:25, 5:25) 8:25; Tue.-Thu. 2:25, 5:25, 8:25; **Master and Com-mander: The Far Side of the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (4:10) 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (4:00) 9:40; **Mona Lisa Smile** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05; **Paycheck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:25, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50; Sun. (12:05, 2:25, 5:10) 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 9:50; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 4:05) 6:45, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:05) 6:50, 9:25; **Some-thing’s Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 4:25) 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (1:15, 4:25) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 7:05, 10:00; **Stuck On You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10, 5:00) 7:55, 10:45; Sun. (2:10, 5:00) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45

HAZARD CENTER 7

*7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)*  
**Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55; **En La Ciudad Sin Lim-ites** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Mon. 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00; Tue. 12:45, 3:45, 10:00; Wed.-Thu. 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Re-turn of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 5:00, 9:00; **Lost In Translation** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:30; **Mona Lisa Smile** (PG-13) Fri. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 1:25, 4:10, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Tue. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:35; Wed. 1:10, 4:10, 9:35; Thu. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:35; **Some-thing’s Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 4:00, 7:05, 9:45

MISSION VALLEY 20

*1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)*  
Call theater for program information  
**Chasing Liberty; My Baby’s Daddy; Calen-dar Girls; Cold Mountain; Paycheck; Cheaper by the Dozen; Peter Pan; House of Sand and Fog; Love Don’t Cost a Thing; Elf; Big Fish; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Mona Lisa Smile; Something’s Gotta Give; Stuck on You; The Last Samurai; Honey; Bad Santa; The Haunted Mansion; The Cat in the Hat**

STATE UNIVERSITY

**Cinerama 6**  
*5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)*  
**Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:10, 7:55, 10:30; Sat. (11:35, 2:30) 5:10, 7:55, 10:30; Sun. (11:35, 2:30) 5:10, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:40) 8:15; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri. (2:40) 5:05, 7:25, 9:50; Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:05, 7:25, 9:50; Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:05, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:30) 7:50; **The Lord of the Rings: The Re-turn of the King** (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 7:30; Sat. (11:30, 3:30) 7:30; Sun. (11:30, 3:20) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:00) 7:00; **Paycheck** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:25, 7:50, 10:20; Sat. (11:50, 2:45) 5:25, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (11:50, 2:45) 5:25, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:50) 8:20; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri. (2:50) 5:15, 8:00, 10:25; Sat. (12:10, 2:50) 5:15, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:15, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:55) 8:30

Ken

*4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)*  
**Spike & Mike’s Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation** Stereo One Week Only Fri. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

UPTOWN

**Hillcrest Cinemas**  
*3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)*  
**21 Grams** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **The Cooler** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **In America** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **Monster** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **The Triplets of Belleville** (PG-13) Fri. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:00

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**  
*1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)*  
**Australia: Land Beyond Time** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Bugs!** (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00; Sat.-Mon. 11:00; Tue.-Thu. 5:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 7:00; Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Mon. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00  
To Worlds Beyond Sat. 10:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

**Parkway Plaza 18**  
*405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)*  
**Bad Santa** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; **Calendar Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:40, 10:25; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 12:05, 2:05, 2:35, 4:35, 5:05) 7:05, 7:35, 9:45, 10:05; **Cold Moun-tain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:05) 6:30, 9:55; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:35) 7:00, 10:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 11:20, 11:50, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10) 7:30, 8:00, 8:30; **Mona Lisa Smile** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20; **My Baby’s Daddy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30; **Paycheck** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 2:05, 5:00) 7:55, 10:50; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Something’s Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:40; **Stuck On You** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25

LA MESA

**Grossmont Center**  
*Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)*  
**Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:50) 7:10, 10:00; Sun. (1:00, 3:50) 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:05) 7:10, 9:45; **Calendar Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 3:05) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:50) 7:40, 10:00; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:45, 5:55) 8:10, 10:20; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:15) 7:00, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 7:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 3:40) 7:00, 10:05; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:30) 8:30; **Mona Lisa Smile** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:55) 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:55) 7:35, 10:15; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:55) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:05, 2:55) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25) 7:15, 9:40; **Something’s Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:35) 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (12:50, 3:35) 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:15) 7:20, 9:55

**Grossmont Trolley**  
*8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)*  
**21 Grams** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:35) 4:20, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (11:00, 1:35) 4:20, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:50, 5:40) 8:10; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:30; Sun. (11:55, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 8:00; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 2:15) 5:15, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:55, 5:50) 8:45; **In America** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:30, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:25) 8:20; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:30) 5:40, 8:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 3:30) 7:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 3:45) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 3:45) 7:45; **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:10, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:15, 5:55) 8:35; **Paycheck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:20, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:20) 7:55

SANTEE

**Santee Drive In**  
*10990 Woodside Avenue, Santee (619-448-7447)*  
**Chasing Liberty; Paycheck; Cheaper by the Dozen; Peter Pan**

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Rancho San Diego 15**  
*10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)*  
Call theater for program information  
**Bad Santa** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:35, 10:15; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Cal-endar Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:35, 3:15, 6:45, 9:35; **Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:35, 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 3:35, 7:10, 10:35; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Thu



# HELP WANTED

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**CAREGIVER.** Part time needed for 53-year-old female with MS. Incontinence care, transferring, cooking, cleaning, laundry, errands, assistance with medication. 858-274-4175.

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**CAREGIVERS.** Cheerful, compassionate, experienced Aides to assist Seniors with light/full care. Full time/part time. Flexible schedules. \$10/hour to start. Located in Alpine. Fax resume Darlene 619-445-4755.

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**BY INTERNET:** Go to SanDiegoReader.com and click on the link to place an online classified ad. Fill out the form and remember to check the box for your preferred billing method.

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**IN PERSON:** To place an ad with cash or check, fill out the form below and bring it to our office at 1703 India Street (at Date), Downtown. The deadline is 6pm Monday.

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Write your ad below, listing the item for sale first, followed by its description (including price) and ending with the phone number. Each phone number counts as one word; ads over 25 words

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**CHILD CARE WORKER** needed for adolescent residential treatment center located in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Pay dependent on experience. Fax resume to Matt, 619-656-1429.

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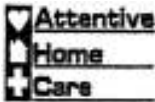
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Laila Laugpastuch  
Customer Support  
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I am the typical Laotian girl. I am a single mom, and I support my son without any help from his father. Single moms would watch because I work full-time, and I think a lot of women do the same. That's reality. That Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie show isn't reality. I moved out when I was young and lived with people who were doing drugs when I was 17, so I know reality. Right now my dating life is nonexistent, so I might not be that interesting to watch for that reason. But on my 24th birthday, I did get thrown out of a bar — or, as they say, “escorted” out for fighting. That same night I also fell asleep in a bathroom stall with my pants down. I also used the guys’ bathroom, but my friend was really nice because he waited for me to use the toilet, then he carried me out.



Paula Poubeshboualoy  
Marketing Executive  
Beachside

I would be the typical Asian girl that's in every reality show. In every show, there's always the black person, the gay person, the gorgeous person, and I would be the whitewash Asian chick. I would cause drama on the show because guys cheat on me. I'm very naïve and trusting. I'm not the kind of girl who needs to know where my boyfriend is at every minute. Maybe it's because I'm naïve and trusting that I always get taken advantage of.



Joe Nuebecker  
Construction Worker, Musician  
Solana Beach

People would watch a reality show about me to be entertained beyond other shows. Viewers would be routinely surprised by the amount of free time that I have. My life really isn't that dramatic, to be quite honest. As a musician, there are groupies both thin and chubby. I had a groupie once. It wasn't a one-night stand; it was more like a one-sentence stand. I wasn't really paying attention, but I almost had my groupie. My groupie was almost there, damn it.... As a builder, I try to do a good job, stick to building codes, and try not to have sex with the homeowner's wife. I could tell you about a few housewives who have wanted more than their wallpaper pattern, well...you know.



Carl Nicholas  
Financial Advisor  
Clairemont

A reality show almost wouldn't work for me because I'm real. People don't want to see that. I've done the bar thing and hooked up with chicks quite a few times. Pacific Beach is definitely a good place for that. The reality show would most likely find me at my house most of the time doing things that I can't mention in front of people that I work with. I don't know what reality show that I would be on. I like the show about the surfers because it was about the best surfer and not some sort of popularity contest like most shows that are usually scripted.



Renae Trudoe  
Writer  
East County

People would watch my reality show to see the world through my eyes. Every situation is something to write about. I suppose the show might be more interesting from my perspective. The title of the show would have something to do with dreams. Not the sleeping kind of dream, but those goals that you have in life. The show would follow me around on busy days and people-watch with me. In the different situations, I would tell people the stories that I could see happening to me. In front of the computer, you would see me writing for three hours and it would only feel like ten minutes to me.



Brian Bumiller  
Fundraiser  
North Park

I'm a fun guy. It would be kind of like *The Real World* because it would show me going out. It would catch me downtown when I'm telling people that it's my birthday so that they'll buy me drinks. When I do that, I tell people that I'm 30, even though I'm really 23 because women usually tell me that I look good for my age. A show about me might also be like that show *Rich Girls* because I love to go shopping; I mean, I really love to go shopping and just try things on and see how they look on me.

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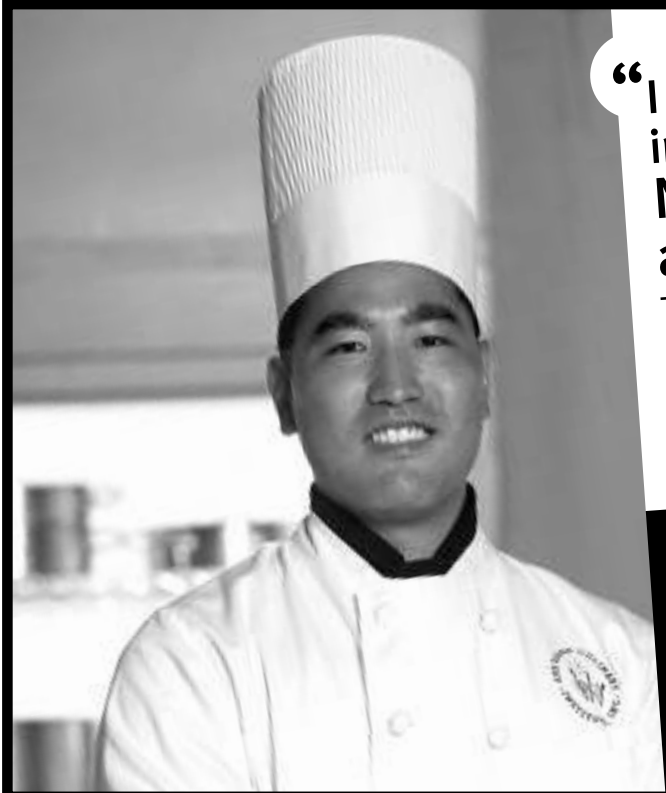
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## THE READER PUZZLE

### Across

- Streisand, to friends
- "A book must be the ax for the frozen sea inside us" writer
- Ontario natives
- Guthrie who sang at Woodstock
- Second family of the 1990s
- Takes a course?
- Third-to-last comment in a sometimes frustrating modern age
- Prefix with -pathic
- X rating?
- Author Gertrude
- The Supreme Court, e.g.
- How Miss Piggy refers to herself
- "Son of," in Arabic names
- Second-to-last comment in a sometimes frustrating modern age
- Despotic governor
- Uglify
- University of Kentucky's \_\_\_\_\_ Arena
- One-named singer of the 2002 hit "Foolish"
- South of the border order
- Without \_\_\_\_\_ of hope
- They, in Marseilles
- Try one's luck
- Last comment in a sometimes frustrating modern age
- Three just in front of "u"
- Sue Grafton's "\_\_\_\_" for Innocent"
- In an intrusive way
- "Dead Souls" novelist
- Start of the 16th century
- Former N.B.A. star Danny
- Frustrated comment in the modern age
- Football Hall-of-Famer Ronnie
- Part of a ranch herd
- Branch headquarters?
- On the briny
- Late
- Miss southwest of Marseilles: Abbr.

### Down

- Two-generation name in Indiana politics
- Suffix with buck
- Clinton White House chronicler Sidney
- Philosopher Kierkegaard
- Frequent 007 foe
- From the heart?
- "It must be demanded by the oppressed": M.L.K.
- New Jersey governor, 1982-90
- "Don't \_\_\_\_\_" (comment after a bad day)

- It's about 1/7 of a grain
- Road condition?
- Sewing case
- "Baseball Tonight" channel
- Lasting forever
- "The Heat \_\_\_\_\_"
- Flows out
- Desert delusions
- Hayes who is the voice of Chef on "South Park"
- Port of Iraq
- Took a load off
- He played Rameses in "The Ten Commandments"
- Autobahn autos
- Underdog's hope
- "Goodfellas" star
- Not in the pink
- Grammy-winning Carey
- "Anger Management" actor
- Two-thirds of the Belmont Stakes
- Slaved away
- Motor City footballers
- Kind of monster
- Cries of surprise
- Scandal suffix
- Introduction to physics?
- Adventurous exploit
- "Como \_\_\_\_\_ usted?"
- K.C. zone
- Not get off easily?

### RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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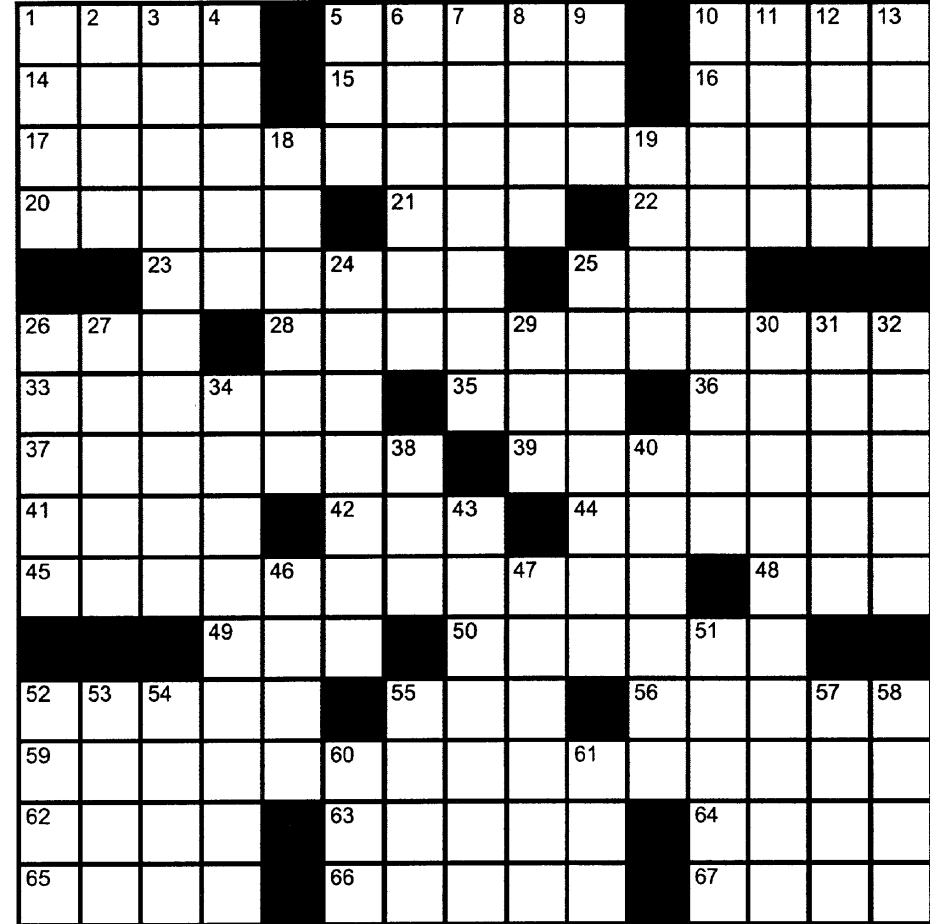
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 1/1/04.

Of the 46 entrants, 43 were correct. The winners are:

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- Tanna Smith, *Alpine*
- Evelynn Padgett, *San Diego*
- J. Dunn-Rankin, *San Diego*
- Miriam H. Davis, *San Diego*

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**Last Week's Place: Bridge over the 805 ("Jacob Dekema Freeway") at Eastgate Mall, between Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and UCSD campus. (Last week's winners: Tom Stam, J. Fernando Silva, Dan Townsend, Brian Manning, Michael Hunt)**

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## MATCHES

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## MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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**ENCINITAS.** \$550, \$100 deposit. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath 2-story duplex. Washer/dryer, close to beach. Have pets. 760-632-9789.

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**LA COSTA.** \$695/month. Rent 1 bedroom in 4 bedroom, gorgeous, 3000 square-foot, new, contemporary home. High ceilings. All privileges. No smoking. Anna, 760-522-8981; 619-235-2415, x32524.

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**MIRA MESA.** \$485. Seeking female roommate. Large house, quiet, calm. Price includes all utilities, cable TV, washer/dryer, community pool. No pets, no smoking. 858-271-1035; 619-235-2415, x32535.

**MIRA MESA.** \$400-\$600. Females preferred. 3 rooms available. Master with private bath, private entrance available. Sun deck, pool, jacuzzi, big kitchen, internet. 858-549-3197.

**MIRA MESA.** \$550 plus utilities and deposit. 4 bedroom house. Master room for rent. Available now. Jeff, 619-301-2271.

**MISSION BAY/PACIFIC BEACH.** \$300 includes utilities. Female, share with 2 others. Washer/dryer. No smoking/drugs/pets. \$250 deposit. Quiet area. Short term/negotiate. 858-483-7522.

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**BANKER'S HILL.** \$775. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Refrigerator, stove, laundry, storage, small backyard. No pets. Year lease. Call 858-695-1931.

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**BANKER'S HILL.** \$1100. 1 bedroom, 800 square feet, 1913 Craftsman restored building with Maple wood floors. The Juniper. No pets. Nonsmoking. 220 Juniper. 619-681-7825. 619-435-8738.

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**BAY HO.** \$695. Residential studio for rent. Quiet, private, just renovated. Laundry facilities. Available January 15. E-mail: [BCox92110@aol.com](mailto:BCox92110@aol.com), or call Barbara, 619-294-3489.

**BAY HO.** \$1395. Elegant 2 bedroom, 2 bath split condo. Remodeled, beautiful view, all amenities, parking, balcony. Near freeways, La Jolla, Pacific Beach. Pets welcome. 619-435-5289.

**BAY HO.** \$2000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer in unit. Pool. 3772 Balboa Terrace #F. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

**BAY HO.** Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome, washer/dryer, new appliances, patio, balconies, fireplace, pool, spa, racquetball. Near freeways, beaches, bay. Available now. \$1395. 858-774-4539.

**BAY HO.** Studios, 1, 2 bedroom apartments. Easy freeway access. Covered parking. Minutes to beach, bay, restaurants and shopping. Newly remodeled. Lush landscaping. Heated pool and spa. 24-hour fitness center. Gas barbecues, picnic area. Ask about our move-in special! Pacific Bay Club. 4070 Huerfano Avenue. 858-273-3401.

**BAY PARK.** \$1500. Condo, dual master bedrooms, bay view, pool, spa, laundry, nice, very clean, new flooring. Close to beach, downtown, 4060 Huerfano. Terms negotiable. Available 1/8/04. 619-279-9696.

**BAY PARK.** \$1295. Upscale 2 bedroom, 2 bath, downstairs unit. Berber carpeting. Dishwasher. Gated. Bay view garden! Beach/freeway close! Laundry. Cat friendly! 858-459-1544.

**BAY PARK.** \$930. 2 bedroom, 1 bath loft, some view, 850 square feet, hookups. Includes refrigerator. No smoking or pets. Garage available. Quiet area. 619-276-2069.

**BAY PARK.** \$1650. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, hardwood floors, big yard, fireplace, 1-car garage, remodeled kitchen, wood deck, no pets/smoking. Leave message: 619-222-2321.

**BAY PARK.** \$1885. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse, 2 car garage. Pet OK. Pool, fireplace, private patio. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Washer/dryer. Agent, 619-223-2524.

**BAY PARK.** \$875. 1 bedroom apartment. View of water and Mission Bay Park. Newly painted. Fresh and clean. Laundry on premises. Freeway access. Available immediately. 619-276-0606.

**BAY PARK.** \$2125. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2-car garage, fireplace, washer/dryer in unit, pool, jacuzzi, balcony. 3 blocks bay. Immaculate. Available 2/1. 619-518-2005.

**BAY PARK.** \$800-\$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath spacious unit. Balcony, view, pool, great location, easy freeway access, laundry. No pets. 2556 Chicago Street. \$400 off first month, move-in special! 619-275-0230 or 858-483-3534. [www.cal-prop.com](http://www.cal-prop.com)

**BAY PARK.** \$1700/month. House for rent. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Over 1000 square feet. Garage, courtyard, backyard. Great location! No pets. 619-995-0665; 619-275-7303.

**BAY PARK.** \$1650. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Large yard, fireplace, hardwood floors, new stove/refrigerator/paint. Washer/dryer. Available now. Pets OK. 858-484-6084.

**BAY PARK.** \$1300. Huge 1 bedroom condo. Wrap around balcony overlooks pool, and has Bay view. New paint, carpet. Washer/dryer in unit. Security building. Agent, 619-233-3910.

**BAY PARK.** \$1500. Condo. Dual master bedrooms, pool, spa, laundry, nice, very clean, new flooring. Close to beach,

Downtown. 4060 Huerfano. Terms negotiable. 858-354-0006.

**BAY PARK.** Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath house with view of SeaWorld. Yard, garage, newer carpet and paint. Pets negotiable. \$1450. C Weiler PM, 619-275-2880.

**BAY PARK.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Modern remodeled home. Washer and dryer included. 1-car garage. Corner lot with view. 2703 Burgener Boulevard. 858-598-1111 x193. [www.utopiamanagement.com](http://www.utopiamanagement.com).

**BAY PARK.** \$1700. \$1400 deposit. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1000 square feet. Balcony, all appliances. Laundry. 2 parking spaces. Solar-heated pool. No dogs. 619-276-6728.

**BAY PARK/MISSION BAY.** Large 2 bedroom, \$1200. Quiet upper unit. Walk to Mission Bay, I-5. Laundry on site. No pets. 4344 Ingulf #4. 858-279-1139.

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**BONITA.** Beautiful Highlands! Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 2000 square-foot single-story. 1/4 acre private lot; view. Laundry, landscaper included! \$1900. Available immediately. 619-476-3177 Extension 202.

**BURLINGAME/SOUTH PARK.** \$1025. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Bright, immaculate upper unit. Coin laundry, barbecue area. No pets. 3056-1/2 Ivy Street. Resident manager, 619-284-7692 or 619-347-4189.

**CARDIFF BY THE SEA.** Studio apartment. \$850. Unit 3 blocks from the beach. 858-598-1111 x190. [www.utopiamanagement.com](http://www.utopiamanagement.com).

**CARDIFF** studio apartment. \$795. Unit 3 blocks from beach. 858-598-1111, x120. [www.utopiamanagement.com](http://www.utopiamanagement.com).

**CARDIFF.** \$2395. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage, newer 2-story, 1800 square foot. Near beach. Vaulted ceilings, dining room, family room. Huge fenced yard. Organic garden, fruit trees. 619-269-0186; 619-696-6745.

**CARDIFF.** \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath Cardiff Cove condo. Washer/dryer. West of Interstate 5, next to lagoon and beach. 303-442-4269, [chrishasie@yahoo.com](mailto:chrishasie@yahoo.com).

**CARDIFF.** \$2195. New 3 bedroom, 2 bath. West of I-5. Parking, laundry, yard. Walk to beach. Available 2/1. Josh, 619-18-1300.

**CARDIFF.** \$900. \$500 deposit. \$25 credit check. Studio. Sunny. Clean. Kitchen, bath, balcony. Park/ocean view. Parking. No pets. Available now/February. Quiet. Craig, 760-942-2551.

**CARDIFF.** \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Fireplace, fenced patio, washer/dryer, dishwasher, community pool. Remodeled kitchen, bathroom, floors. Near beach, I-5. [jessicaz@amdocs.com](mailto:jessicaz@amdocs.com) 760-942-2205.

**CARDIFF.** \$1700. Attached house. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. No pets. 1176 square feet. 2-car. Large yard. 1015 Woodgrove Drive. Agent, 858-755-1139. [www.scuba-rentals.com](http://www.scuba-rentals.com).

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**CARLSBAD.** \$875. Studio apartment. 1 block to beach. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator. Private. Nice area. 619-237-0653; 760-630-1257.

**CARLSBAD.** \$1100/month. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse-style apartment, 2

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**CARLSBAD.** Studio available now! \$825. Cozy community setting. Close to village and freeways. 3 more will be available mid-January 2004. 760-434-4317.

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**CARLSBAD.** \$1095. Spacious 2 bedroom, great location near village and beach. Quiet complex, lovely landscaping. Single car garage. Great manager. Call Marv, 760-729-0575.

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**CARLSBAD/VILLAGE.** \$1,175, Luxury 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. Near beach, Coaster. Gated community. New paint, microwave, laundry on site. No pets. 760-720-0849, 619-302-2156.

**CARLSBAD/LA COSTA.** \$2500. Luxury 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2461 square feet, 3 fireplaces, gardener, community pool and spa. West of I-5, near water. 760-730-1665.

**CARLSBAD/OCEANSIDE, SOUTH.** \$1100. Lagoon/trees, view from all rooms. Quiet, bright 1000 square foot. 2 bedroom apartment, balcony. No dogs/smoking. 699 Eaton. 760-967-8121.

**CARLSBAD/OCEANSIDE, South.** \$950. Ocean/lagoon balcony view. 3 blocks ocean. Quiet, bright, updated. Desirable, 860-square-foot, 1 bedroom apartment. No pets/nonsmoking. 699 Eaton. 760-967-8121.

**CARLSBAD/LA COSTA.** Townhome, ocean view, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, appliances, vaulted ceilings, walk-in cedar closet, 2-car garage, pool, jacuzzi, 2315 Carlinga Way, #49. \$1700. 760-944-6046.

**CARLSBAD MOUNTAIN RANCH.** I-15 at 56. \$1390. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, fireplace, lower-end unit. Golf view, kitchen appliances including refrigerator. Available January. Bob, 760-753-6132.

**CARL VALLEY.** \$1800. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Townhome. 2-car garage. Small pet considered. Drive by: 3615 Ruette de Ville. Louise Abbott Real Estate. 858-755-8046.

**CARMEL VALLEY.** 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath plus loft. Detached condo, enclosed patio, 2-car garage, pool and workout facility, dishwasher, refrigerator, fireplace. Cat OK. \$2375. 619-795-1766.

**CARMEL VALLEY.** \$1490. 1 bedroom, large, sunny, attached garage, washer/dryer, balcony, fireplace, pool, jacuzzi, gym, 3-month lease. 858-922-9180; [www.delmarphoto.com/condo.html](http://www.delmarphoto.com/condo.html).

**CARMEL VALLEY.** 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath fully furnished condo, remodeled kitchen, new carpet, tile, fireplace, 2-car garage, yard, quiet, pictures available. \$2400/month. 805-689-8010, [4dlbaxter@cox.net](mailto:4dlbaxter@cox.net).

**CARMEL VALLEY.** Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. 2-car garage. 1400 square feet. Nice amenities. Minutes to Del Mar, off I-5/56. Built 2000. \$1995. 619-813-3210.

**CARMEL VALLEY.** \$1650. The Groves. 2 master bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. New kitchen, bathrooms, floors. Washer/dryer. Tennis, pool, sauna, garage. Pets. Available immediately. 858-720-0403.

**CARMEL VALLEY.** \$1500/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2-car garage, newer, upgraded, wood floors, all appliances, community pool/spa, tennis. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

**CASA DE ORO.** Move-in special! \$800-\$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, spacious, easy freeway access. No smoking. 8965 Switzer. 619-741-4145. [www.cal-prop.com](http://www.cal-prop.com).

**CASA DE ORO.** \$1800. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Hardwood floors. Pool includes service. Huge garage. Fireplace. Bonus room. Large patio and backyard. Mirrored closet doors. Dishwasher. 2 sheds. Laundry. Lots of storage. No dogs. Ready now! 619-276-7775.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$850. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Sea breezes. Laundry. Off-street parking. Available now. 1419 Tobias Drive. Maricela, 619-427-0146.

**CHULA VISTA.** Two wooded apartment communities! Both offer excellent locations! Laundry, barbecues, off-street parking. The Forest: \$795. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Ceiling fans, dishwasher, swimming pool. The Park: \$785. All utili-

ties paid. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Break-fast bar. Cat OK. 556-581 Arizona Street. [www.sdreader.com/rent/2031](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/2031). 619-691-9415.

**CHULA VISTA.** Large 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. All appliances, fireplace, washer/dryer. 2-car garage, gated community with pool, spa, tennis. Water/trash paid. \$1500. 619-656-2554.

**CHULA VISTA/San Miguel Ranch.** Brand new 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome with breathtaking ocean and sunset views of Coronado and Point Loma. 2-car garage, near everything, new area. \$2000. 858-673-8890; 619-680-7926.

**CHULA VISTA, OTAY RANCH.** 4 bedroom, 3 bath, den and garage, 2200 square feet, cul-de-sac. Large patio in backyard with open view. \$1975/month. No pets. No smoking. J.R., 619-250-1930.

**CHULA VISTA/OTAY RANCH** \$2,400. 2001, Large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home. 2,345 square feet. 2 car garage. Near 805 Freeway. Security deposit required. Available now. 619-397-0362.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$1595 plus deposit. Beautiful quiet 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo. Patio, air conditioning, pool. Refrigerator, washer/dryer. Charter Point. 201-886-8994 or 619-302-4289.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment available. Pool, spa, garages, laundry room. Close to freeways. 321 Rancho Drive. [www.sunriseliving.com](http://www.sunriseliving.com). 619-427-2995.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$995. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome. Gated complex, new paint, refrigerator. Quiet. Close to all. Assigned parking. Laundry on site. Move-in special! Available now. No pets. 210 Quintard. 858-483-5111.

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**CHULA VISTA.** \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Move-in special! First month's rent moves you in! Nestled garden apartment community. Offers pool, laundry facility and barbecue area. Very clean and quiet. Available now! Pine Vista Apartments, 330 K Street. 619-420-1244. [Sunriseliving.com](http://Sunriseliving.com).

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**CHULA VISTA/RANCHO DEL REY.** \$2090. Beautiful house. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, brand new. Huge master bedroom, 2 story. High ceiling, island kitchen, pool, beautiful yard. Jacuzzi. 619-267-2329.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$825. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint. Nice complex. Close to all. Parking. Pool. No pets. 619-476-0409.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$750. Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location. New paint. Pool. No pets. 619-422-4519.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$1050. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated, central air/heat, dishwasher, balcony, laundry, off-street parking. Available now. Deposit \$600. No pets. 619-425-6511.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$725/month. \$150 deposit. 1 bedroom, fully furnished. 2 blocks from Chula Vista Center. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Lots of trees. 521 Park Way. Office open daily (near Fifth and G). 619-420-5084.

**CHULA VISTA.** Terra Nova, beautiful, luxury townhome, 1,600 square feet. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Garage, laundry room, covered patio/backyard. \$1,850. Sanieille Development. Art 619-482-0533 after 4pm. 8am-3pm, 858-455-4574.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, pool, parking, 600 square feet. No pets. Pepperwood Apartments. \$400 deposit. 660 Sea Vale Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in attractive garden courtyard. \$300 move-in special. Air conditioning. Controlled access, pool, parking, laundry. No pets. \$40 Naples. Resident manager, 619-422-5709.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in well-maintained complex. Coin laundry. Parking. No pets. 336 Zenith. Manager, 619-585-1959.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$750 rent. \$750 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 824 Ada Street. Adjacent to Georgeanna Mobile Home Park. Available 1/10. Call 619-424-6934.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$1300. 3 bedroom house. Dining room, fenced yard, RV parking. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**CHULA VISTA.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725. Upgraded. Laundry. Parking. 583 Park Way. 619-243-4000 x0.

**CHULA VISTA.** \$1295. Newly refurbished 3 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with 1-car garage located on cul-de-sac. No pets! 442 Casselman Street, #A. Agent, 858-560-1178.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$725. 1 bedroom, gated community, on city bus line, easy freeway access. Available now. 4030 38th Street-see manager in #5 or call agent, 619-440-4607.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$650/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, gated building, new paint/carpeting, secure parking, \$400/security deposit, 4058 51st Street. Se habla Espanol. 619-280-8167.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$1200. 3 bedroom house. Fenced yard, parking, newly remodeled. 3245 45th Street. 619-296-9973, 619-260-1474.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$1350. Large 3 bedroom house, plus family room. Yard area, parking, newly remodeled. 5230 Landis. 619-296-9973, 619-260-1474.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$1050. 2 bedroom house. Front and rear yard, garage, newly remodeled. 3237 45th Street. 619-296-9973, 619-260-1474.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Large townhouse. New carpet, paint, floors. Nice complex, good neighborhood. No pets. Sterling Court. \$995/month, \$700 deposit. 858-598-1111.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$900. Cute 1 bedroom. Remodeled everything. With yard, hookups, fenced. Cat OK. Available 2/1. 3644 30th Street. Leave message, 858-571-5156.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$1100. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath with dining room and laundry hookups. 4470 58th Street. Call today to see! Agent, 858-688-1345.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** 1 bedroom, \$650. Very clean, assigned parking, laundry. Near golf and community park. 4162 51st Street. By appointment only. Agent, Shalonda, 619-269-3295.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** Move-in special, 1st month's rent moves you in! \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet. Gated community, close to freeways, bus lines and shopping. On-site laundry and carports. Immaculate and professionally managed. Call 619-269-0560. Courtyard Terrace Apartments. [Sunriseliving.com](http://Sunriseliving.com)

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**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$695. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Centrally located, gated community. Close to freeway and shopping. Non-smoking. 3435 42nd Street. 858-571-1970. [www.sunriseliving.com](http://www.sunriseliving.com).

**CITY HEIGHTS/Azalea Park.** \$1250. Charming Spanish 2 bedroom, 2 bath house, fireplace, new carpet, 2-car garage, yard, newly remodeled. No pets. 619-887-9354.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Cook-top stove, laundry room, two work rooms, balcony, attached garage. 4270 47th Street. \$1600. 619-255-1492.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$895. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath renovated upper unit. New paint, carpet, tile. Partial ocean view, park setting. Won't last. No pets. 619-417-4392.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments, \$750-\$810. Newly refurbished Off-street parking, on-site laundry. Available now. 619-281-3156.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$750. Newly refurbished Off-street parking, on-site laundry. Available now. 619-281-3156.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom house, charming newly remodeled, fenced yard, washer/dryer hookups, pet negotiable. 3402 40th Street. 619-698-6911.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$925. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Tiled kitchen and bath. New carpet. Fireplace. 1-car garage. No pets. Gated. Laundry on site. Agent, 619-234-9553.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upper unit in small complex. Gated and intercom, laundry and garage. 4226 Chamoune Avenue #5. [www.cethron.com](http://www.cethron.com); 619-295-1100.

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**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$650. 1 bedroom, very clean. New paint/carpets/drapes. No pets. Available now. Parking, laundry, good location. Close to buses, freeways. By appointment. 619-479-0543.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Single-story complex! Off-street parking, and laundry. New paint/window coverings! 4209-4223 Winona. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

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**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$300 move-in special! 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Small bedrooms. New paint, fenced yard. Pets OK, section 8 OK. \$1100/month. 619-580-9711.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$700. Cute, cozy 1 bedroom cottage. Hardwood floors, garage. Near bus, market, SDSU. 4453 48th Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-283-6699.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$725. 1 bedroom house. New paint, patio, gardener paid. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$1200. 3 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, fenced yard. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$1475. Park Mesa's finest corner unit! Light and breezy. 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2-car enclosed garage. New appliances, Washer/dryer, pool, small pet okay. 858-815-7368.

**CLAIREMONT.** Furnished studios. From \$375/week. From \$975/month to month. Corporate housing available. Microwave, mini-refrigerator, laundry, heated pool, spa, daily continental breakfast. Great central location. Weekly maid service, includes all utilities, linens. Garden surroundings. Parking. No pets. 5415 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Call toll free, 1-800-562-2217. [www.sdreader.com/rent/2035](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/2035).

**CLAIREMONT.** \$900 and up. 1 bedrooms. 2 bedrooms, from \$1075 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and homey? Our lovely complex is peaceful and quiet day and night! Walking to all your needs. Patios and courtyard. Garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website:



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**CLAIREMONT, WEST.** Completely remodeled duplex! \$1350. 2 bedroom/den. Beautiful bathroom/kitchen, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookups. New carpets, patio, fenced yard. 3559 Jemez. 619-222-8742

**CLAIREMONT/BAY HO.** \$2395. 3 bedroom, 2 bath single story home with panoramic bay views, docks, large living area, washer/dryer, refrigerator, fireplace, new carpet, paint. No pets. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$1175. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, new cabinets. Utilities included. Patio area. Small pet on approval. Available mid January. 4837 Jumano Avenue #A. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600. www.kandrpproperties.com.

**CLAIREMONT.** Townhouse, 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus office. Washer and dryer, garage, patio, pantry, wood floors, pool, jacuzzi. No yard. Small pet OK. \$1480. 858-274-5030.

**CLAIREMONT.** Apartments/studio available now. Studio \$850, 2 bedroom, 1 bath \$1,300, 3 bedroom, 2 bath \$1,600. Parking available, on-site laundry, close to shopping. Moran Realty, 619-231-1818.

**CLAIREMONT, NORTH.** \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, fenced yard, pets OK, new carpet/paint/flooring, garage parking, laundry, cute, clean. 858-483-0804; starlightblue@hotmail.com.

**CLAIREMONT/KEARNY MESA.** \$1125. Extra large 2 bedroom, 2 bath with garage apartment. Convenient, clean, quiet, new carpet, fresh paint. Parking, laundry facilities. Cat OK/extra deposit. 7750 Stalmer Street. 619-665-2547; 858-277-4994. mbouchene@aol.com.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$2200. Large 4 bedroom, 3 bath house available 1/10. Garage, large yard. Additional storage and all appliances included. Canyon views and deck. 3615 Cowley Way, Off Dakota. Orion Property Group, 619-749-6545.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$1125. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. In triplex. Available now. Full size washer/dryer. Refrigerator, dishwasher. Gardener. No pets. Extra storage. 858-270-3893.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$1025 includes utilities. Large 1 bedroom condo. Pets OK. Quiet, secure building, 1st floor, single level. Laundry. Walk to shops. No smoking. Available 2/1. 858-274-6209.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$500 deposit. New carpet. Immaculate building. Gated complex with pool, parking, laundry. 4290 Mt. Abernathy Avenue. 858-279-3091.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$1650. Clean 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath with landscaper included. 5130 Rebel Road. Agent, 858-560-1178.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$1195. Clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex with fenced yard. No pets! 3171 Luna Avenue. Agent, 858-560-1178.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$1395. Clean 3 bedroom, 1 bath house with garage, fenced yard and appliances. 4236 Saginaw. Agent, 858-560-1178.

**COLLEGE AREA.** Spacious 1 bedrooms from \$750. Kitchen pantry, ceiling fan. On-site laundry, pool. Close to all. No pets. 6295-6305 Stanley Avenue. 619-255-3249.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$1400. Very nice, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, washer/dryer, dishwasher, patio, pool, spa, attached garage, parking space. Pets OK. 619-379-4095.

**COLLEGE AREA.** 1 bedrooms from \$825. Low \$450 deposit! Air conditioning. Pool. Gated community. Laundry. Parking. Near bus, shopping, and all freeways! Cat OK. 6, 9 and 12 month leases available. Aztec Pacific Apartments, 6663 Montezuma Road. Call toll free: 1-866-807-3191. www.pacificliving.com. For photos, floor plans, see: www.sdreader.com/rent/1042.

**COLLEGE AREA.** Studios, 1, 2 bedrooms from \$725. Central air conditioning/heat. Patio/balcony. All electric kitchen. Dishwasher. Cable hookup. Laundry on site. Reserved covered parking. Elevator. Courtyards. 2 pools. 2 saunas. Basketball and tennis courts. New fitness center. Barbecues. Villa Del Sol, 5474 Reservoir Drive. 1-888-862-2284. www.sdreader.com/rent/2048.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$950-\$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 3 bedroom, 2 bath

apartments near campus. Off-street parking. 5865-5869 El Cajon Boulevard. Agent, 619-583-3339.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$900 and up. Large 2 bedroom apartments. Country kitchen. Appliances, newly refurbished. Laundry facilities. Off street parking. Near all. 858-455-5956.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$775. 1 bedroom condo in gated community with parking on site. New carpet, tile, paint. Central air, heat, microwave, dishwasher. 858-699-4889.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$650, includes utilities. Studio apartment, laundry, available now. 3559-A College Avenue. 619-398-6962.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$1250. Stylish 3 bedroom, 2 bath in security building. Underground parking, intercom, central air/heat. Tile, Berber. Lease. 4742 Seminole Drive #6. 619-469-0031.

**COLLEGE AREA.** Exceptionally nice 2 bedroom house with garage. Home was totally rebuilt! New kitchen, baths, walls, ceilings. It's beautiful! \$1295. 5870 Estelle. Agent, 619-542-2437.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath 2 story apartment. Laundry room, Off-street parking, quiet complex. Available January 20th. 619-698-1400.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$750/\$950. Large 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Air, pool, laundry, security, parking. Pets OK. 4445 Marcellena Road. 619-287-0755; 619-261-8246.

**COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE.** \$725. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Balcony. Dishwasher, ceiling fan, security gated, quiet, laundry. 4544 Altadena Avenue. Available now. 619-265-7886; 619-21-1506.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$750. 1 bedroom. New carpet and paint, low \$300 deposit, near shops. 6769 El Cajon Boulevard. Apartments in rear courtyard. 619-464-0901.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, fireplace, parking. Pool/jacuzzi on site. Available now. 5025 Colwood Way. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$1500. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Big yard. Rolando area. 4843 Aragon. Call Jim at 619-435-0145.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$1250. Nice, large 2 bedroom condo. Quiet location. Upstairs, balcony, central air, pool and spa. Cat OK. 6775 Alvarado Road #6. Agent, 619-469-7790.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$1095+. Deposit \$900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Gated. Near golf course/park. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Dishwasher. Refrigerator. Central air. Near all. 619-285-3822.

**COLLEGE AREA/LEMON GROVE.** \$975. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Laundry hook up. Yard. No pets. 3549 College Ave. 619-298-7724.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$2395. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom, 2-story, 2-car garage, on-street parking, new remodeled, hardwood floors. Fenced yard, washer/dryer, refrigerator, cat OK. 5118 Alumni Place. 619-698-6911.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$1795-\$2195. 180-degree view. 3.5 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet, fireplace, extra large living room, Roman tub, laundry, fenced. Cul-de-sac, quiet. Rebates. 858-270-0214.

**COLLEGE AREA.** Rolando. \$600. Large studio cottage. Quiet neighborhood. Kitchen. 858-292-6046.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$810. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Very large living room with patio, pool, laundry, security parking. 619-459-3330; 757-618-5135.

**COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE.** \$650 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom apartment. Parking lot. No pets. 4423 Menlo #13. 619-283-3353 or Agent, 619-299-8515.

**COLLEGE AREA.** Quiet 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on cul-de-sac. Family room, large backyard. All appliances. Parking. \$1900. 6440 Shane Place. Agent, 619-223-7523.

**COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE.** \$1450. Cute and clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath, detached garage. Hardwood floors, appliances, washer/dryer, alarm. Large fenced backyard, gardener/patio. 858-663-6664.

**COLLEGE AREA.** House, 5 bedroom, 2 bath, \$2500. Pool, 2-car garage. 5290 Remington Road. 619-347-4527; 619-528-4200.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$750. 1 bedroom house. New paint, dining room, gardener paid. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**COLLEGE AREA.** Spacious 1 bedroom, \$795. Gated building, pool, air conditioning, patio, laundry, parking. 4601 63rd Street. 619-229-9248 or 619-850-6197.

**COLLEGE AREA.** 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. \$1895. Real clean, large backyard with large tiled deck. Nicer, quiet neighborhood. Newer carpet. 6144 Pontiac Street. Section 8 OK. Agent, Mark, 619-991-5755.

**COLLEGE.** Large luxurious 1 bedroom Condo for rent, \$795-\$845. Upper end unit, ocean view, secured parking. Close to Downtown. 858-735-4899/619-501-5792.

**COLLEGE/TALMADGE.** \$750 and up. 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Extremely large. Decorated. Shelter park. Controlled entry. Parking. 4546 52nd Street. 619-287-2386; 619-461-9415.

**COLLEGE/TALMADGE.** \$1175. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Completely remodeled, ceramic tile, fireplace, laundry. Parking. Gated. Garage. 619-287-7779. www.fliot.com.

**CORONADO.** \$1675. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs condo with new carpet and paint, gas fireplace, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer hookups, balcony and carport. Includes water, sewer, trash, 557 F Avenue. Available now. Agent, 619-956-0900.

**CROWN POINT/PACIFIC BEACH.** Beautifully remodeled 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$975. Ceiling fans, gated entry, laundry, barbecue. Peaceful. No pets. Agent, 858-483-2869.

**CROWN POINT.** \$1450. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse style apartment. Close to Mission Bay, Crown Point Park. Parking. Laundry. No pets. 858-551-6049.

**CROWN POINT.** \$1390. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, new carpet/paint/dishwasher. Remodeled, perfect, 1-1/2 blocks to bay/park. Water, insurance, gardener paid. Sorry, no dogs. 1740-F Roosevelt/corner of Shasta. Call for appointment, 619-460-9710.

**CROWN POINT/MISSION BAY.** Come live at the beach! Spacious studios, 1 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms. Floorplans available. Swimming pool, laundry facilities, reserved parking, patio and balconies, new appliances. Close to beaches, entertainment and shopping. Cats OK! Casa Riviera Apartments, 3777 Haines Street. 619-226-3171.

**CROWN POINT.** Charming 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 3-level townhome. Garage, laundry, new appliances, fireplace, 2 balconies. \$1850 plus deposit. Contact Lisa at 858-344-4483.

**CROWN POINT/PACIFIC BEACH.** Gorgeous, super clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath, quiet location, one block bay. View, fireplace, 2-car garage. Pets OK. \$2075. Scott, 707-455-7575.

**CROWN POINT/PACIFIC BEACH.** 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse, washer/dryer, patio, dishwasher. Pets? 619-296-2787.

**CROWN POINT.** \$995. Deposit \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, off-street parking, on-site laundry, new carpet. Blocks to Mission Bay. 1480 Fortuna #2. 619-804-3325.

**DEL CERRO.** \$900-\$1125. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms. Pool, patio. Near shops and freeway. 5757 College Avenue. 619-286-1777.

**DEL CERRO/COLLEGE AREA.** \$1995. Large clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Fireplace, laundry, garage, oak floors. No pets. Quiet neighborhood. 5666 Peymar Avenue. Available 2/04. 619-286-3939.

**DEL MAR EAST.** \$1650. 2 master suites, large living room/dining, fireplace, patio, air, designer touches, freshly painted, washer/dryer, 2-car garage, pool, spa. 858-453-1491.

**DEL MAR, WEST.** \$2600. Remodeled 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-story house. 3-car garage. Nice yard. No pets. 760-436-3867 or 760-436-7433 (Rohn Properties).

**DEL MAR.** \$1995. 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. 1-car attached garage. All appliances. Parklike setting. Pictures at www.ilovedelmar.com. Prudential California Realty. Alison, 858-755-8580 x9.

**DEL MAR.** \$1600/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Hardwood floors, shutters, parking space. Across the street from the beach. Anytime, 702-249-7101.

**DEL MAR.** \$930. Includes utilities. Studio in old Del Mar. 1 person. Quiet, green neighborhood. View. Walk to center. Non-smoker. No pets. Available 2/1. 858-755-3883.

**DEL MAR.** \$1700. 2 bedroom, 1 bath garden apartment. Steps away from beach. Garage with opener. Laundry room. Storage. 136 9th Street. 619-838-1685.

**DEL MAR.** \$1695. 2+ bedroom, 2 bath with loft. Hardwood floors, fireplace, washer/dryer, stainless steel refrigerator. Huge private deck with barbecue, pool, 2 spas, new paint. 4035 Carmel View Road. Agent, 619-435-0145.

**DEL MAR.** \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome. Close to beach, park, Balcony, view. 1 parking. No pets. 12760 Via

Cortina. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

**DEL MAR.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath single-family detached home. \$3000, unfurnished. \$3500, furnished. Short or long term. Panoramic ocean views. 14004 Rue d'Antibes. Pictures at www.ilovedelmar.com. Prudential California Realty. Marie (Teri) Kohn, 858-755-8580 x2.

**DEL MAR.** Directly across from beach! 1 bedrooms with fully equipped kitchens, ceiling fans, private patio or balcony. Starting at \$1350. Great move-in special! Call for appointment, 858-755-1466.

**DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH.** \$1850. Condo, 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Patio, garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, new carpet/paint, ceramic tile, pool. Available 1/5/2004. 714-401-7751.

**DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY.** Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. 2-car garage, washer/dryer, fireplace, pool, jacuzzi, tennis, yard, end unit. No smoking. \$1800. 760-420-3309.

**DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH.** Move-in specials! Pay no rent until January 1. From \$1129. Studios, lofts, 1, 2 bedrooms. Large floor plans. Dishwasher. Patio/balcony. Pool. Jacuzzi. Fitness center. Laundry. Garages available. Near freeway. Blocks to beach. Cat OK. Esprit Del Sol, 873 Stevens Avenue. 858-481-1155. www.sdreader.com/rent/1038.

**DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH.** Coastal living! Live west of I-5 from as low as \$1165. Spacious 1, 2 or 3 bedroom floor plans. Swimming pool, tennis court and fitness center. Close to beaches, entertainment and shopping. Small pets welcome! Solana Highlands, 701 Sweet Nardo. www.hgfent.com. 1-877-443-4030. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1057.

**DOWNTOWN Loft.** \$1295. 1200 square feet. Carpet, air conditioning, parking available. 1055 6th Avenue. No pets. 619-261-4793.

**DOWNTOWN Marina.** \$1595. Beautiful 1 bedroom, end unit with washer/dryer, round clock security, reserved parking space. Quiet and peaceful complex with amenities. Agent, 619-726-7074.

**DOWNTOWN, NORTH.** \$1200. Top (3rd) floor, large 1 bedroom. Completely remodeled. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, new carpet. Private balcony. Coin laundry. Parking. Elevator. Entry intercom system. Views of downtown/harbor. Available now. 215 West Grape #12. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

**DOWNTOWN, MARINA.** \$2450 and \$2750. Brand new Renaissance, luxury 2 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths. Panoramic harbor/water views. 24-hour security, 2 underground parking, storage, appliances. 619-813-0458.

**DOWNTOWN.** In the heart of the Gaslamp, single rooms, share bath and kitchen. No smoking/pets. \$375/month including utilities and cable TV. 843 4th Avenue, Windsor Hotel, 619-231-2385.

**DOWNTOWN.** 900 square feet 1 bedroom plus loft, laundry facility, 17 foot ceilings, balcony plus deck. \$1350/month. Call for appointment. 619-255-0526, www.sdurbanliving.com.

**DOWNTOWN.** Brand new studios—Only \$558. Only 16 units left! Save \$100, with ad! Move in 1/31. Island Village open house daily, 8am-7pm. 1245 Market Street. Utilities included! Fully furnished, bay/ballpark views, underground parking, air conditioning, laundry, Internet, clubhouse/library. Income qualify, ask for details. 1-800-351-0613. www.sdreader.com/rent/2070.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$1260. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New appliances. Quiet. No smoking/no pets. 2 parking garage. Secure building. 1650 8th Street, near El Cortez. 619-286-7133.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$375-\$550, includes utilities. Rooms with private kitchenettes in large Victorian home, shared baths. Call for appointment, 619-233-1440.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$950/month. Studio condo, totally remodeled. All appliances furnished. Nice neighborhood, near I-5. Available now. No pets. 2850 Reynard Way #21. 619-520-5956 or 619-742-9294.

**DOWNTOWN.** The El Cortez lofts/1 bedrooms available. 1 bedrooms from \$1610, lofts from \$2655. Lofts feature 20-foot ceilings, great light. Large patio. 2 baths. Washer/dryer. Internet, satellite TV. Air conditioning. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Night doorman. Underground parking. Pets welcome! 702 Ash Street. 619-338-8133. www.sdreader.com/rent/1029.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$1975. Walk to Ralphs, Borders, Starbucks, Gaslamp, ballpark! 2 bedroom, 2 bath loft. Top floor, city views, balcony, gated entry, underground parking, hardwood floors, dishwasher, washer/dryer, microwave, spiral staircase to loft. Available February 5th. 221 India Ave. 858-442-6361.

**DOWNTOWN.** 2 bedrooms/2 bath. Large patio. One underground parking space. Secure building, all amenities and appliances. 850 State Street. Available mid-February. \$1700. 619-294-8094.

**DOWNTOWN.** Urban loft, industrial style, near Gaslamp, beautiful courtyard, no pets or smoking, parking available. \$950. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639.

**DOWNTOWN.** Studio with great view, urban style, high ceilings, kitchenette and full bath, heat/air conditioning, no pets/smoking, utilities included. \$750/month. 728 Market. 619-239-1639.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$1850. 235 on Market Street. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with hardwood floors, custom paint/lighting, granite kitchen, 2 parking spaces and city views. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-9935.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$1400. Crown Bay-350 K Street. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, granite kitchen, all appliances, deck, and city views. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-9935.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$1300. Immaculate, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. View, slate floors throughout, mahogany cabinets. Washer/dryer in unit. Air conditioning. Parking. Available now. 858-692-3880.

**DOWNTOWN.** Penthouse loft. \$1795. 1000 square feet. Ballpark views, vaulted ceilings. Heart of Gaslamp District, 4th and K. Pets allowed. A definite must see. 619-838-7908.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$895. Studio. Stove, refrigerator, carpet, 500 square feet. All utilities. Laundry, street parking. No pets. Close to Balboa Park. 1758 6th Avenue #16. 619-298-7724.

**DOWNTOWN.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath penthouse, built-in washer/dryer, gym, parking, barbecue grills, deck lounge, view Gaslamp, across from Ralphs. All appliances. Water/trash paid. Security. \$1500/month. Call Rose, 619-579-5556 or cell, 858-361-6582.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$700, studio. \$1000, 2 bedroom. Spectacular downtown views! Gated parking with remote entry. Laundry on premises. 1830 Market. No pets. Available now. 619-742-2100; 619-405-7368.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$1750. Downtown loft. 731 9th Avenue, "BlueBox Lofts." 25-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, washer/dryer in unit. Three blocks to ballpark. Available immediately. 858-322-3111.

**DOWNTOWN.** New condo located in Crown Bay. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit with washer/dryer, lots of storage, fitness room. Secured building. 2 parking spaces. \$1695. 350 K Street. 619-234-2084.

**DOWNTOWN.** Large studio, \$695; 1 bedroom, \$825. Quiet complex, gated, laundry. 2545 A Street. Nolan, 619-235-8907.

**DOWNTOWN.** Furnished 1 bedroom condo on park. Resort-like Park Row. 2 large patios, washer/dryer, fireplace. Quiet. \$1750/month. 1 year lease. 701 Kettner. 619-274-1377.

**DOWNTOWN LITTLE ITALY.** Bright corner studio. Bear claw tub with shower. Quiet secure building with laundry. 1534 Front Street near Beech. \$798. 619-233-7428.

**DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE.** Call about our great move-in special! Remodeled top-floor studio. \$750 a month. Controlled access building. Cats OK. Laundry facilities. Most utilities paid. Ceiling fan, gas stove, microwave and refrigerator. Walk to City College, Gaslamp District. Call toll free: 1-866-807-3215. For information or visit www.pacificliving.com.

**DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE.** \$675 and \$695, studio, hardwood and ceramic floors, built ins, laundry, cat OK, on trolley line near Ballpark; 830 Park Boulevard (12th). 619-236-9117.

**DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP.** \$1395. Spacious apartment with 9-foot ceilings. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location; William Penn Building, corner of 5th and F. Central heat/air, all appliances, controlled entry, parking included. Ask about move-in special. Agent, 619-298-7232.

**DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL.** \$650+. 1 bedroom. Ugly but goodie! Cute inside, ugly exterior. Your patience during remodeling means low rent. Pet considered with deposit. 619-231-8723.

**DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL.** 1 bedrooms. Hardwood floors or new carpet, on-site laundry. Between Balboa Park and Downtown. 1602 8th Avenue/712 Cedar Street. \$950-\$1300. 619-544-1948.

**DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY.** \$1550/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Brand new 800 square feet, plus huge 300-square-foot balcony. Corner India and Cedar, close to everything! Granite countertops, washer/dryer. Pet ok. 619-252-4319.

**DOWNTOWN/BANKER'S HILL.** Lovely, furnished studios! Weekly from \$210. 4 week special from \$720. Utilities paid. Cable color tv. Microwave. Refrigerator. Air conditioning. Heat. Private bath,

shower. On-site laundry. Courtyards. Barbecue. Maid service. 24-hour staff. Convenient location. West Park Inn, 1840 Fourth Avenue. www.westparkinn.com, 619-236-1600. www.sdreader.com/rent/2037.

**DOWNTOWN/BALBOA PARK.** \$1075. 1 bedroom. Clean, quiet unit in charming vintage 18-unit complex directly across from Park. Updated kitchen. Well-maintained grounds. Security building. Street parking. One year lease. Sandy, 619-239-1776.

**DOWNTOWN.** Newly renovated rooms from \$160 per week with refrigerator, microwave and cable. 920 Beech Street, (9th and Beech). Call 619-234-1952.

**DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL.** 180 degree city/bay view. 2 secure parking. 2 bedroom, office, 2 bath. New paint. 1348 square feet. Pool/spa. \$2000. 760-436-1962.

**DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL.** \$1475. Gaslamp condo with rooftop spa. Secure building. Garage parking. Washer/dryer. Upgraded, must see! 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Available now. 760-747-3040.

**DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE.** \$700 and up. Spacious studios. Utilities included. Laundry. Convenient location and 9th and Broadway. For appointment, call 619-235-9626 or 619-708-9313.

**DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP.** Great new community! 1 bedroom, \$1100-\$1150. Live/work flat, \$1299. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1399. 2 bedroom townhome, \$1549. Deposits \$500. City views! Storage. Secure. Underground parking. Huge windows. Laundry. Pets on approval. Military discounts. 900 F Street, corner of 9th and F. 619-233-4787. www.fstreetapts.com, www.sdreader.com/rent/2020.

**DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP.** One month free! Newly renovated lofts! Harbor, city views! Office space/live/work lofts starting at \$1700. Air conditioning, maple cabinetry, 18'-25' ceilings. Water, sewer, trash included! Parking available. Pets on approval. Near shopping, restaurants, Seaport Village, Gaslamp, Horton Plaza. 433 "G" Street. 1-888-542-8950. www.sreader.com/rent/2071.

**DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL.** Nice big 1 bedroom duplex unit, panoramic views of downtown, Florida Canyon and park, private yard, gas heat. \$895. Available 1/15/04. 619-222-4071.

**DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP.** Modern lofts, only for the truly urban at heart! Large new 1 bedrooms, \$1195-\$1295. High ceilings. Huge windows. Wood floors. Private roof deck with bay views. Euro kitchens. Washer/dryer. Pets OK. Highly desirable location!

Super Bay view! Beautiful upgrades and appliances. \$2,000. 619-857-8883.

**DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY.** 1/2 off first month! \$2195. Brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath with 2 parking spaces. Panoramic views. Stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. 858-598-1111 x191. www.utopiamanagement.com.

**DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY.** \$1700. Huge open loft with great views, cement floors, stainless kitchen, bathroom, and great location. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-9935.

**DOWNTOWN/MARINA DISTRICT.** Up to 2 months free rent! From \$1280. Studios, lofts, 1, 2, 3 bedrooms units. Flexible lease terms. Gated entry/garage. Rooftop sun/barbecue deck. Business, computer center. Exercise facility. Washer/dryer. Granite countertops. Berber carpet. High speed Internet. www.101marketstreet.com, 101 Market Street. 888-658-7678. www.sdreader.com/rent/2026.

**DOWNTOWN/SHERMAN HEIGHTS.** \$750. 1 bedroom, new interior, laundry, security gate, walking distance to Downtown, view of bay and Downtown. 207 19th Street. 619-994-0449.

**EAST COUNTY.** 2 trailers for rent \$375/month plus utilities. Newer trailer extra \$150. Extra fee \$30 for credit check/rental history. Landromat on premises. Gated community. Bill, 619-444-4843.

**EAST SAN DIEGO.** \$725. 2 bedroom; \$865, 3 bedroom. 4310 54th Street. Section 8 OK. 619-291-7017.

**EASTLAKE.** \$2100. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. Lots of upgrades, cul-de-sac. Amenities, large yard, gardener, security monitoring included, 2-car garage. Available February 1. 619-216-2677.

**EASTLAKE.** \$1800. House. 3 bedroom plus loft, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage. Appliances including washer/dryer, air conditioning, fireplace, balcony, landscaped with gardener paid. No pets/smoking. 619-934-5418.

**EASTLAKE.** \$2300-\$2500. Elegant living. 4 bedroom, 3 bath with loft. 2-car garage, 2500 square feet. Great home. Great neighborhood, close to all. Available 3/8. Call Andre, 619-757-8461; www.kingdre71@yahoo.com.

**EASTLAKE.** Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, garage, community pool. Near all. No pets. \$1795. 619-226-6073.

**EL CAJON.** Park Place. \$975, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, downstairs. This apartment home offers the luxury of spaciousness, lots of storage and an intimate atmosphere. The community is professionally managed and the on-site team prides themselves on excellent customer service. Also featured is off-street parking, a sparkling pool and laundry facilities. Close to business and shopping. You must visit us to believe it! Call 619-440-8501.

**EL CAJON.** \$850. Very bright and spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Reserved, off-street parking. Quiet community. On-site laundry. Barbecue area. 463 North 1st. 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

**EL CAJON.** \$1700. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, upgrades throughout, very nice. Fenced backyard, fruit trees. Close to Parkway Plaza, freeways. Great location. Section 8 OK. No pets. 619-504-2978.

**EL CAJON.** \$875. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fresh paint, new carpeting. Recreation room. Barbecue area. Sparkling pool, relaxing spa. Laundry on site. Lush landscape. 501 Greenfield Drive. 619-441-9726.

**EL CAJON.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in small gated complex. New carpet, fresh paint, pool, racquetball and single carport with storage. \$800. Call 858-688-2277.

**EL CAJON.** \$650-\$795. Deluxe 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, air, fans. New paint, carpet, appliances. Nice patio. Assigned parking. Pool. Laundry, quiet, gated. 619-579-6705; 619-995-5361.

**EL CAJON.** Affordable housing. From \$770. Call for special! 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Close to all. Gated community. 2 pools. Tot lot. 2 laundry facilities. Available now. 619-442-8306.

**EL CAJON.** \$895. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Downstairs end unit. Features: dishwasher, washer/dryer, garage plus additional parking space and more. No dogs. Great location. Tracey, 619-244-9882.

**EL CAJON.** \$1025. Huge 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome with large private patio and balcony, dishwasher, central heat and air, pool, jacuzzi. Call 619-447-7386.

**EL CAJON.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath starting from \$950. Includes washer/dryer, pool, reserved parking. Talavera Apartments, 205 Beech Street. 619-590-8153 or 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

**EL CAJON.** \$1375. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Yard, carport. SDG&E, water, trash included. \$900 deposit, \$25 credit check. No pets/smoking. References required. 619-447-3828.

**EL CAJON.** Make Stratford Arms your new home! \$99 deposit with approved credit! Small gated community with laundry facilities and pool. \$940. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Available 2/1 with newer carpet and new appliances. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 1397 East Washington. 619-593-6602.

**EL CAJON.** \$650-\$800. Move-in Special! 1 and 2 bedroom apartments available. Barbecue area, laundry, parking, ceiling fan, quiet and clean. 619-442-6878.

**EL CAJON.** \$1250. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Patio, huge yard. Extra room off garage. Country setting. No pets. Mr. A's Property Management, 619-697-1888.

**EL CAJON.** Great value. \$925. Townhome with shaded balcony, garden patio. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, secluded area, pool, parking. Small pet considered. Sherry, 619-726-7933.

**EL CAJON.** \$745. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, fully furnished, large adorable upper unit, balcony, laundry, pool, dining room, cat OK. 294 Chambers Street. 619-698-6911.

**EL CAJON.** Quiet, gated community. \$695, 1 bedroom, \$800, 2 bedroom. No pets please. Call 619-990-5900. www.thejhnccollinscompany.com.

**EL CAJON.** \$695, 1 bedroom. \$825, 2 bedroom. Enjoy the barbecue and gurgling fountains in this quiet, gated community. No pets. Call 619-838-8088. www.thejhnccollinscompany.com.

**EL CAJON.** \$695. Large 1 bedroom apartments in this peaceful, gated community. No pets please. Call 619-818-9939. www.thejhnccollinscompany.com.

**EL CAJON.** Immaculate community with sparkling pool and new recreation room. 1 bedrooms from \$695. 2 bedrooms at \$795. No pets. Call 619-985-3900. www.thejhnccollinscompany.com.

**EL CAJON.** \$700. Nice, comfortable, clean 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Parking inside gated area, play area, picnic area, pool, laundry facility. Available now. 619-312-0606.

**EL CAJON.** \$950. Luxury for less. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. In-unit washer/dryer, microwave, central air. Great location. Available on/before 1/25. Sherry, 619-726-7933.

**EL CAJON.** \$900. 2 bedroom house. New paint and carpet. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**EL CAJON.** \$1425. 3 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, fenced yard. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**EL CAJON.** \$850. Large, deluxe 2 bedroom. Amenities, pool, park-like grounds. Parking. 743 South Magnolia Avenue. El Cajon. Near town, shops, bus. 619-579-0174.

**EL CAJON.** \$725. Clean 1 bedrooms located in gated communities with on-site laundry, off-street parking and pool. 452 and 506 Emerald Avenue. Agent, 619-579-0413.

**EL CAJON.** 800 square-foot mobile home in Senior Park (age 45). Small pet OK. Easy application. Bradley at I-67. \$745/month. 619-286-5966.

**ENCANTO.** \$975. Want to be the first? Brand new condo conversion. Bright 2 bedroom corner unit, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator, security parking. Agent 619-279-0867 or 619-427-3797.

**ENCINITAS.** Newly remodeled, spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartment homes. Pool, spa, workout room, breakfast bar, dishwasher, patios. East of I-5. Starting at \$950. Cats and dogs welcome! 760-944-6939.

**ENCINITAS.** \$1400, includes utilities/satellite TV. Beautiful, large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 3 blocks from beach. Private entrance, yard and patio area. No pets/smoking. 760-271-3310.

**ENCINITAS.** \$300 Move-in special with 1 year lease! 2 bedrooms, \$1150. Cozy fireplace, sparkling pool, spa, laundry. No pets. 117 Rosebay. Agent. 760-436-1806. Tracey, 619-244-9882.

**ENCINITAS.** \$2000/month. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. Big yard, ocean view, deck and patio, garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator. Pets OK. 1067 Oceanic Drive. 760-487-1465.

**ENCINITAS.** \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, private complex. Dishwasher, berber carpet, on-site laundry, garage. Close to shopping and YMCA. 185 Sax-ony Road. 760-720-1400; 760-613-1350.

**ENCINITAS.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1195. New carpet, paint, drapes, appliances. Balcony, vaulted ceilings, skylights. Bright and airy. Garden setting. 1-1/2 blocks to beach. Close and easy access to shopping, freeway, Coaster. No pets. 760-929-1950.

**ENCINITAS.** \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Garage, washer/dryer hookups, all other appliances, large yard. Trash paid. No pets. 1071 Aloha Dr. Lease. 760-815-4246.

**ENCINITAS.** \$1395. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Ocean views from living room, balcony, kitchen. Walk to beaches/village. Quiet, corner unit. Lush garden views both bedrooms. Large open floorplan. Carport, Berber, tile, balcony. Great tenant testimonials available! Available immediately. Lots of pictures: www.y2Kliff.com. 760-500-9850.

**ENCINITAS.** \$1300 plus security. 1 bedroom. Fireplace, hardwood floors, stove, refrigerator, fenced yard, parking. Utilities included. 1/2 mile from beach. Available 2/1. Leave message, 760-201-5381.

**ENCINITAS.** Ready for move in. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. All new washer/dryer, appliances, countertops, carpet, paint throughout. Pool, barbecue. Close to I-5/beach. \$1570. 909-235-0449.

**ENCINITAS.** \$1895. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo, plus den. 1938 square feet. 2-car garage. 3034 Via de Caballo. Available now! Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

**ENCINITAS.** \$2995. New 4200-square-foot ocean view home. 4/5 bedrooms, 4-1/2 baths. Granite counters, hardwood floors, jacuzzi tub. 6-8 month lease. Available now. 542 Camino El Dorado. 619-444-4458.

**ENCINITAS.** 2 bedroom plus den/office. 2-1/2 bedrooms, newer model home. 2-car garage, appliances, security alarm, yard with gardener, water/trash paid. Small pets considered. \$2195/month. 760-720-0600.

**ENCINITAS.** \$1450 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Fenced yard, laundry, carport, quiet street. Near beach. Pets considered. Available now. 858-794-7682; 760-271-9000.

**ENCINITAS.** \$1350-\$1390. Ask about our move-in special! 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious townhomes. Washer/dryer included, assigned parking, fully equipped kitchens. 1 mile from Encinitas Beach, close to shopping, golfing, and I-5. 760-633-3382.

**ENCINITAS.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath ocean-front cottage located at 736 4th Street. Hardwood floors, incredible view! No pets. \$1800 per month plus deposit. Call 619-962-3190.

**ENCINITAS.** \$895. Lovely garden artistic studio, blocks to beach/restaurants/Coaster, skylight, stained glass, full bath, shared laundry. Some utilities paid. No smoking/dogs. 760-753-7719.

**ENCINITAS.** High on hill, fantastic surf and nightlight views. 1 bedroom cottage with workroom. Dog OK. \$1695. 760-753-4101.

**ENCINITAS.** New 3 bedroom, 4 bath, den, living room, great kitchen, 1 block to beach, 2 story, vaulted ceilings, double garage, gardening included. Sorry, no pets \$2595. 760-753-4101.

**ENCINITAS.** \$750/month. Cozy 1 bedroom trailers in charming, small park near Moonlight Beach. Walk to Coaster, restaurants and all shopping. No pets. 760-753-4101.

**ENCINITAS.** \$2750. Lovely 5 bedroom, 3 bath home. 2-car garage. Hardwood floors. Granite kitchen. Large yard. No pets. Available 2/1. 463 Via Montalbo. 858-356-0495.

**ENCINITAS/CARLSBAD.** Pets welcome. 1-3 bedrooms. \$800+. 100% pet-friendly rentals. Low fee with money back guarantee. Landlords list free. Listings available online. www.petrent.net.

**ENCINITAS/LEUCADIA.** \$1195 with utilities, 2 bedroom, 1 bath studio apartment with private patio and yard, close to beach. Quiet. Golf course. Nonsmoking. No pets. 760-632-1515.

**ENCINITAS/CARDIFF.** \$1100. 1 bedroom, charming 1940s guest house on Crest Drive, 750 square feet, 1+ acres. Ocean view. Privacy. Storage basement. Cat OK. 760-942-0826.

**ESCONDIDO.** \$895 plus deposit/utilities. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Private setting, pool, laundry facilities, off-street parking, centrally located. Call Teresa for details, 760-839-0539.

**ESCONDIDO.** \$100 deposit on approved credit! 1 and 2 bedrooms. Washer/dryer in unit. Central air conditioning/heat. Full-size microwave. Walk-in closet. Full-sized patio/balcony. Gated. 760-747-5566.

**ESCONDIDO.** Looking for peace? A must see! Studio/guest house, air conditioning, tennis court, garage, great views! No smoking. \$980. 760-746-2323.

**ESCONDIDO.** Alta Vista Luxury Apartment Community. We are currently leasing 2 bedroom apartments. Washer/dryer in every apartment. Garages available. Spectacular views! Complex is located high atop hillside overlooking everything. Accepting dogs/cats! Look at what we offer: www.sdreader.com/rent/2068. Call now for our specials! 760-796-7966.

**ESCONDIDO.** 2300-square-foot house on 3 acres, widely published architectural masterpiece, gourmet kitchen, 30-foot rock fireplace, jacuzzi tub, 20-foot ceilings, Lake Wolford area. \$2195. 760-753-7719. 619-980-7718.

**ESCONDIDO.** \$850. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex with 1-car garage. Quiet. Small yard. 923 West 15th Avenue. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**FASHION HILLS.** \$2095. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet and wood floors. View, 2-car garage. Community pool, spa, tennis. Close to all. 858-268-1999.

**FASHION VALLEY.** Presidio Place Condos. Luxury resort living with pools, spa, tennis, air conditioning, fireplace, laundry, elevators, parking underground, 24-hour gate attendants. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, spacious 854 square feet. Lots of closets and garden views. \$1250/month. No pets. R.A. Properties, 619-298-5697.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1400. Large 1350-square-foot 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, top/corner unit, cathedral ceilings, view, fireplace, new appliances, pool. Call Rick Knight at PH Property, 619-491-0355.

**FASHION VALLEY.** Luxury 2 master bedrooms, 2 bath Condo. Furnished with antiques (also available unfurnished). Pool, gym, covered parking, balcony with view. Walk to mall! Pets ok! \$1,750 per month. 858-349-2638; hos7us@yahoo.com

**FASHION VALLEY/USD.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath. View, quiet, private, completely remodeled, parking garage, no smoking, cat OK. \$1150. 619-253-9440.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$925. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. No pets. Walk-in closet. Underground parking. Carpet. Appliances. Balcony. Pool. 6304 Friars #341. Agent, 619-275-3455.

**FASHION VALLEY/MISSION VALLEY.** \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, River Run complex, new carpet and paint, large patio. 619-220-8317.

**FASHION VALLEY/MISSION VALLEY.** \$1595. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator, Friars Village, view, large kitchen. 619-220-8317.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1600. Luxury 2 master bedrooms, 2 bath condo with view. Washer/dryer, fireplace, pool, walk to mall/trolley, garage, extra storage unit. Available 2/1. 619-698-6430.

**FASHION VALLEY/USD.** \$1300. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. View of bay/Sea World. Walk to trolley. Carport. 5810 Riley Street #10. 619-220-8462.

**FASHION VALLEY/USD.** \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, fireplace, coin laundry. Available 11/20. 5720 Lauretta. Del Sol Properties, Broker. 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1250. Downstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, fireplace. Pool, parking, coin laundry. Available 1/15. 6747 Friars Road. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1100 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. No pets. At 1330 Eureka Street #26. 619-295-4467.

**FASHION VALLEY.** Upgraded 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. \$1400/month. First month rent \$800. Large bedroom closets, plus extra closet storage. All appliances, underground parking with storage box. Pets negotiable. 619-200-2933.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1095. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, upper, new paint/appliances, off-street parking. Agent, 619-300-1020; 619-528-4200.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Near USD. Refurbished kitchen, gated, parking, washer/dryer. Indoor cat ok. 5919 Mildred. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1250. Very spacious 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. All new appliances. Fireplace. Air conditioning. Pool, jacuzzi, spa, fitness center. Garage. Laundry. 6757 Friars Road. 858-598-1111 x193. www.utopiamanagement.com.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$300 off move in! \$1700. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo located in small, gated community with washer/dryer, garage and deck. Near USD. 1115 Via Las Cumbres. Agent, 858-560-1178.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Contemporary 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated building, underground parking, all appliances, patio. Minutes to Downtown and freeways. \$1650. Available 2/10/04. 619-823-6340; mc142@cornell.edu.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1350. Charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Large yard. Eat-in kitchen. Built-ins. Porch. New carpet/paint. Refrigerator. Stove. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$825. Large 1 bedrooms, downstairs and upstairs corner unit. Italian tile floors, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Small pets OK. Available now. 1005 33rd Street. 619-269-2226.

**GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN.** Move-in special! \$1175, large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath unit, \$1175 deposit. \$1200, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1200 deposit. Completely refurbished. All new flooring, appliances, light fixtures, paint and bathrooms. Has dishwasher and a balcony with views overlooking Downtown and Petco Park. Garage is available. No pets. Available now! Call Herb, 619-838-1595.

**GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK.** \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled, tiled living room, kitchen, hallway/bath. Freshly painted. Pool. On site laundry. 619-962-1887.

**GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK.** \$1550. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, completely remodeled. Large studio, \$595. On canyon, hardwood floors. 1830 31st Street. Open 12/29 and 1/4, 1-4pm. 619-954-9554.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1475. Historic townhome. 1000 square feet, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living room, parking, large private yard. Renovated. Washer/dryer. No pets. Location, charm, yard! 619-435-5767.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$625. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Wood/Parquet floors, balcony, one off-street parking space. Near bus, shops, park. No dogs. John, 619-239-9140.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, completely renovated, new carpet and blinds, walk-in closet, off-street parking, laundry facilities. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-698-6429.

**GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN.** Unique metropolitan setting offering comfort and convenience. 2 bedroom townhouse. Private balcony and view of downtown. Central air/heat. Washer/dryer hookups. Controlled access. Reserved covered parking. Dishwasher. Microwave. Great freeway access. Feline friendly. Golden Pacific, 1015 19th Street. www.pacificliving.com, Call toll free: 1-866-807-3215. www.sdreader.com/rent/2058.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Underground parking. On-site laundry. Gated community, freeway access. Close to downtown. 2827 A Street. Call Mark, 619-238-4350. 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Beautiful 1 and 2 bedroom apartment homes starting at \$795. Gaslamp Manor, 2470 C Street. 619-702-5709; 619-665-5145.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1050. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath with view, 2-car garage, all new. Available immediately. 1040 29th Street. 909-600-9798; 714-801-3315.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$850-\$875. Charming 1 bedroom houses. Inset ceilings, archways, private yards, off-street parking. Pets considered. 619-230-0998.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$950. Newly painted, spacious, upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Optional 1 car garage-\$100/month. Available now. 3014 C Street #C. 619-238-5603.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$700 studio. Condo quality renovation. New kitchen, bathroom, appliances, air conditioning, ceiling fan. Laundry, gated, parking. Storage available. Pets. 2874 B Street. 619-778-6190.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$850. 1 bedroom. Condo quality renovation. New kitchen, bathroom, appliances, air conditioning, ceiling fan. Laundry, gated, parking. Storage available. Pets. 2874 B Street. 619-778-6190.

**GOLDEN HILL.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, \$1195. Private, charming, newly renovated, light, new appliances, off-street parking. 1 year lease. No smoking/pets. 619-980-6700.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Contemporary 2 bedroom, 2 bath Condo. Nice gated building. 2 underground parking spaces, laundry in unit, walk-in closet, hardwood floors, balcony, corner unit. 1 year lease. Pets considered (deposit). \$1450, utilities included. Available February 1. 619-884-4206.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$675. Studio. Clean. Security gated, laundry, parking. New paint/carpet. 2855 A Street. Pets OK. Available now. Manager #2. 619-696-1548.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$775. Studio with garage. New carpet/paint. Security gated, great location. Laundry. Courtyard. Quiet. Available now. 2401 C Street. 619-237-5449; 619-654-1252.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2-story house. Freshly painted, washer/dryer, nice upper views. Plenty of parking. Pet OK with deposit. 3209 B Street. 619-838-4165.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$750. 1 bedroom, tropical setting, renovated unit with style, high efficiency new appliances, gated covered parking, laundry, cat OK, 30th and B Street. Karin, 760-749-8489 x2.

**GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK.** \$1495. includes utilities. Huge 2 bedroom, lower duplex. Bring your grand piano! Gleaming maple floors. Private yard. Laundry hookups. 619-442-8030.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1395. Authentic Victorian farm house, 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths. Separate dining room. High ceilings. Original pine floors. Pet possible. Laundry on site. 619-442-8030.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Gated community. Very secure. Balcony, canyon view, new carpet, carport, washer/dryer, appliances. 619-759-8980.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Studio, everything brand new, wood floors, \$750; studio, large closet, clawfoot tub, \$710, dog ok, 1133 27th Street; 1 bedroom, tiled floors, new kitchen, \$850; upper corner 1 bedroom, \$835, hot water included, pets ok, 2116 C Street. Sandra, 619-231-6960.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$945. Spanish charm. Manager position \$100. 2 bedroom apartment. High coved ceilings. New carpets, blinds, paint. Ceiling fan. Gas appliances. security gates. Laundry. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$585. Studio in small complex near downtown. Great location. 1140 20th Street. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

**GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK.** Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath units in restored 1916 Craftsman. Views from El Cajon to Downtown, ocean, islands, sunsets, wall-to-wall hardwood floors, clawfoot tub, antique stove, retro colors, 16 operating windows, lots of light and air. Pets OK. \$1295. 619-840-0071.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$850. Newly remodeled, charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry on site, wood floors. Great neighborhood. Available now. No dogs. 619-857-3706.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$925. 1 bedroom. Downstairs half of Craftsman home. Hardwood floors. Decorative fireplace. Remodeled bathroom. Laundry on-site. Water paid. Off-street parking. Utilities included. Agent, 619-234-9553.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$750. Downstairs. Huge 1 bedroom. Tiled kitchen and living room. Walk-in closet. Utilities included. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Off-street parking. Shared yard. Cat OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1300, rent. \$1000 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Partially furnished, washer/dryer, all new appliances, pet considered with larger deposit. At 3374 A Street. 619-299-4034.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$300 off, Move-In Bonus! 2528 C Street, #10. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$850. Available now. app@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 888-847-9978.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1275. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, newly remodeled upstairs apartment, light maple hard flooring, on-site laundry room, off-street parking, South Bay views. 3368 C Street. 619-544-1757.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$825. Large remodeled 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, Saltillo tile, very large, lots of storage, laundry on-site, no pets. Available now. 1077 26th. 619-239-5999.

**GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN.** \$1250-\$1275. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Gated parking. Laundry facilities on property. Cat OK. 1100 square feet. View! 1233 22nd Street. 619-531-0826. www.floot.com.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Extra large 1 and 2 bedrooms, start at \$900. Remodeled, new appliances, wood floors, pet friendly, laundry, views. Move-in specials. 619-804-0115.

**GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK.** \$1200. Quiet, 2 bedroom, 1 bath fourplex. Newly remodeled kitchen. Roomy closets. Laundry room on site. Patio. 3120 Grape Street. 619-233-4182.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1750. Charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, large fenced yard, off-street parking, washer/dryer, formal dining room, small pet ok. 619-282-1818.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$700. Spacious studio in 1920's building. Hardwood floors, large walk-in closet, built-in storage. Lots of windows. Separate kitchen with built-in table and seating. Clean, quiet building with laundry. West of 25th, 906 21st Street. 619-239-2278.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1350. 2 bedroom house. Covered patio, fenced yard, fireplace. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**GOLDEN HILL SOUTH PARK.** \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with lots of windows and light. Updated kitchen, bath, appliances. New light carpeting, ceiling fans. New laundry on site. Quiet, private 7-unit property. Convenient to shops, bus, downtown, freeway access. Available 2/1. No pets. 3066 Hawthorn Street. Shown by appointment. R.A. Properties. 858-483-3989.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$795. 1 bedroom. Beautiful courtyard, laundry, gated. Near Balboa Park. 1231 25th Street. 619-234-1955.

**GOLDEN HILL.** 3 bedroom apartment with excellent view of city. Garage, deck, gated with all appliances. Call 619-440-3001.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Pets welcome. Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom duplex. Gorgeous inside, all new appliances. Parking. \$1375/month. 2632 E Street. Section 8 OK. 619-224-5393.

**HILLCREST, EAST.** Great view. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. Dining area, fireplace, washer/dryer, refrigerator, microwave, 2 parking spaces, spa, barbecue, deck. \$1325/month. \$800 security deposit. 4790 Arizona #316. 858-292-1773.

**HILLCREST.** \$1375. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Near park. Spacious. Secured building. No pets. 619-543-9786.

**HILLCREST.** Like charm, convenience? See these San Francisco-style, spacious 1 bedroom apartments with hardwood floors, high ceilings, \$875. Studios \$675. Laundry/community room, controlled access, near all. Come home to historic Casa Grande at 1751 University Avenue. Cat accepted. Call 619-299-7727. See website: www.sreader.com/rent/1015.

**HILLCREST.** From \$860. Large sunny, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, small cozy community. Off street parking. Indoor cat OK. No dogs. Available now. 3932 9th Avenue. 619-297-7859.

**HILLCREST.** \$1395. 2 bedroom house, newer appliances, blinds, air conditioning, fenced yard, washer/dryer hookups, 1 car garage plus off street parking, near all. 619-886-3146.

**HILLCREST.** \$850. Ask about special! Bright, upstairs corner unit, 1 bedroom. Newly remodeled. Hardwood floors, tile, new appliances, laundry. Cat OK. Non-

smoking. 4170 Park Boulevard #12. 619-299-4034.

**HILLCREST.** From \$795. Studios and 1 bedrooms in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated to capture your distinguished taste, style. Controlled access. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated, efficient management. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Near bus, shopping, freeways. Nightingale Apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sreader.com/rent/2014.

**HILLCREST.** \$850. 1 bedroom. Central air/heat. Built-in microwave. Full-size appliances. Gated building/parking. Quiet. Great location. No pets. 1756 Essex. 619-298-4256.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$695. Gas paid. Adorable studio in Spanish-style triplex. Front upstairs unit. New Berber carpet. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

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**HILLCREST.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$825 with \$500 deposit. Nice quiet complex. New carpet and tile, off-street parking, laundry room. Available now. 619-299-0126.

**HILLCREST.** \$875. 1 bedroom. Small complex. No pets. Available now. Move-in special! 3626 First Avenue. Call 858-483-5111.

**HILLCREST.** \$300 Move-In Special! Extra large studio, \$775. Full kitchen/bath, storage, garden window, laundry. Near all. No pets. 515 Pennsylvania. Agent. Gina, 619-231-2727 x215.

**HILLCREST.** \$1100. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Deposit \$1000, Stove, refrigerator, hook-ups. Large fenced yard. Storage area. 3833 Herbert Street. 858-598-1111 x192. www.utopiamanagement.com.

**HILLCREST.** \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with large master bedroom and separate dining area. Includes all appliances and washer and dryer. 2825 3rd Avenue #304. Lease required. 858-598-1111 x191. www.utopiamanagement.com.

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**HILLCREST.** Charming 2 bedroom apartment home. Newly renovated with hardwood floors, spacious living area and beautifully landscaped courtyard. Only \$1000. Call 858-270-5500, x21. www.msrowar.com.

**HILLCREST.** \$1325. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer included, vaulted ceilings and fireplace. An immaculate community with off-street parking close to medical facilities. 4119 Front Street. 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

**HILLCREST.** Seniors from 62 years. \$875/up. 1 bedroom. Air conditioning. Gated parking. Intercom entry. Elevator. Patio. Cat OK. Villa Pacifica, 3630 Sixth Avenue. 619-294-3234.

**HILLCREST.** \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, upstairs or downstairs unit in 4-unit complex. Laundry, parking. Quiet. 1-1/2 blocks to Uptown Shopping Center. Call Robert, 858-273-3121.

**HILLCREST.** \$975. 1 bedroom cottage. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer hookups, private yard, near bus line. Sorry no dogs. 3308 Reynard. Agent, 619-298-7232.

**HILLCREST.** 1 bedroom duplex cottage, small quiet complex, laundry. 1 block to Balboa Park. Sorry, no pets. 619-296-2787.

**HILLCREST.** \$695. Quiet cozy freestanding studio cottage, located in residential area. Near stores, park. Available 2/1. Refrigerator/stove. No pets. Avoid noisy apartments. 619-296-1360.

**HILLCREST.** \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Parking available. Laundry room. 3962 First Avenue, between Washington and University. Available 12/15. Boone Properties, 858-274-6856. 619-296-4572. www.sandiegorealestatemanagement.com

**HILLCREST.** Old-style 2 bedroom house, with 2-car garage and opener. Beautiful! Hardwood floors. Washer/dryer hookups. \$1395 includes all utilities! 3524 Wilshire Terrace. Agent, 619-542-2437.

**HILLCREST.** \$875. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry. Assigned parking. Pool. Pets negotiable with deposit. 4053 8th Avenue. 619-297-0269.

**HILLCREST.** \$1250. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Ground floor with patio. Parking and laundry. Stop by 3966 Ninth Avenue. If interested call, 619-226-7368 x3.

**HILLCREST.** \$795. Spacious studio. Old Spanish charm. Controlled entry building. Full kitchen. Newly remodeled. No pets. Walk to shopping and bus. 3824 4th Avenue. 619-297-6659.

**HILLCREST.** Charming 1 bedroom apartment, fully furnished. Large backyard. Available February 1. 3928 Georgia Street. Call for appointment. 619-296-7403.

**HILLCREST.** \$825, 1 bedroom, near the park. Refrigerator, stove, garbage disposal, coin laundry, off-street parking. No pets. 4659 North. 619-222-9463.

**HILLCREST.** \$1100. Upper 2 bedroom. Attractive Spanish bungalow court, home-like interiors, charming built-ins. Walk nearby restaurants, UCSD shuttle. Laundry. Available now. 619-670-0624; 619-296-9418.

**HILLCREST.** \$875. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Near Mercy Hospital. Verticals. No pets. Available now. 4045 Eighth Avenue. 619-269-5879.

**HILLCREST.** \$750. Serene 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex with off-street parking, neat garden setting. No pets, no smoke. 3687 Florida Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

**HILLCREST.** \$825. Canyon hideaway. Small 1 bedroom apartment with deck, walk to uptown shopping. 4166 10th. Off Washington and Lincoln Avenue. 619-297-3168.

**HILLCREST.** Large studio, \$760. Quiet Banker's Hill location. Full kitchen, bath, new carpet, upstairs unit. Laundry and storage. 119 W. Walnut Avenue. No pets. 858-454-2803.

**HILLCREST.** Huge, bright 1 bedroom with garage. \$975. Newer carpet, paint, microwave, dishwasher, ice maker, separate storage closet on patio, mirrored closet doors. No smoking/pets. 4021 Richmond Street. 619-280-4693.

**HILLCREST.** Robinson Avenue. \$1040. Large intercom-gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Always maintained in top shape. Sunny, airy end unit. Balcony, open urban view. Microwave, dishwasher, ceiling fan. Vertical blinds. Parking, laundry, cable discount. No pets. Available now. 619-296-7255.

**HILLCREST.** \$1095. Newly renovated 2 bedrooms in well-maintained complex. New carpet and designer paints. Attractive courtyard. On-site laundry. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

**HILLCREST.** \$1200. 1 bedroom. Approximately 900-square-feet. Stove, refrigerator. Formal dining room. Garage. Hardwood floors. Entry system. Cat OK. Available 12/15. 1632 Upas. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

**HILLCREST.** \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry. Cat OK with additional deposit. Available 1/20. Deposit \$700. 3935 Centre Street. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

**HILLCREST.** \$950. Studio in Park View Towers. 3563 6th Avenue. Extra large designer studio with pool and off-street parking. Just completed a \$15K renovation. Ceramic tile, crown moldings, new appliances, ceiling fans, new windows and carpet. 619-725-3642 or 619-298-5602.

**HILLCREST.** \$950. 1 bedroom. Air conditioning, microwave, carpet, laundry, barbecue, assigned parking. Near Scripps Hospital. No pets. Hillcrest Palms. 4077 Third Avenue. Agent, 619-298-7724.

**HILLCREST.** \$950, \$950 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in small, quiet complex. On-site laundry and garage included. Available 1/10. 1268 Pennsylvania Avenue. Off Vermont. Year lease. No pets. Orion Property Group, 619-749-6545.

**HILLCREST.** \$875. 3588 First Avenue #3. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Private setting. Parking. Laundry in complex. Clean, well maintained. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

**HILLCREST.** \$975. Large, charming 1 bedroom. Clean, quiet, upscale. Private entry, hardwood floors, gas stove,

portable fireplace, coin laundry. Walk to park/shops. 3620 Park Boulevard. 619-696-6611; 619-990-4628.

**HILLCREST.** 1 bedroom, \$825. Charming Spanish style. Tall ceilings, courtyard, faux fireplace, dining room, garage, laundry facilities. No pets. Agent, 619-296-3189. www.willnproperties.com.

**HILLCREST.** \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Set in clean, quiet courtyard. Beautiful landscaping. 3718 Park Boulevard #3724. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

**HILLCREST.** \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath lower unit. Beautiful, gated, quiet, and clean complex. Garage available for \$75 per month. Available now. 3634 Park Boulevard. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

**HILLCREST.** \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Charming upper unit. Coin laundry. Garage included! 3533 6th Avenue #9. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

**HILLCREST.** \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, gated, and clean. Laundry on site. 3714 Park Boulevard #2. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

**HILLCREST.** \$995. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. On-site laundry. Completely remodeled. New cabinets, tile, dishwasher, paint. Cat welcome. 1762 Robinson Avenue. 619-295-8845.

**HILLCREST.** \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in centrally located complex. Bright and immaculate. Large kitchen, dishwasher. New carpet and vinyl. Coin laundry, parking. No pets. 316 Pennsylvania #10. Manager, 619-296-8802.

**HILLCREST.** Corner of 4th and University. Sunny roomy studio. Separate kitchen. Large walk in closet. Controlled entrance. Laundry. Available 1/15. \$650 plus \$56 utilities/month and one month deposit. Call Linda, 760-436-4206.

**HILLCREST.** \$910. Premium 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Balcony. Small, newer building. Perfect location. Available soon. Call for immediate appointment. Must see. 3989 Richmond Street. 619-299-8952.

**HILLCREST.** Great move-in specials! Reduced rates. 1 bedroom, \$975. 2 bedrooms, \$1200. Canyon/bay views! Clubhouse, gym, pool, sauna, air conditioning, dishwasher. Ceramic tile. Laundry. Microwave. Floor to ceiling windows. Covered parking. Locked bicycle storage. No pets. Park East Apartments. 111 West Pennsylvania. www.sreader.com/rent/1006. 619-298-3225.

**HILLCREST.** \$1245. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath in small, quiet complex near park. Bright, airy and private upper unit. New carpet and vinyl. Dishwasher, air condition. Lots of storage. Walk in closet. Forced air heating. Laundry. Garage. No pets. 3706 Georgia #9. Manager, 619-296-8802.

**HILLCREST.** \$900. Very lovely 1 bedroom cottage with hardwood floors, breakfast nook, laundry facilities, street parking. No pets. 1809 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

**HILLCREST.** \$825. Clean 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, pool, laundry, parking, gated entrance, no pets. 1810 Cypress. Agent, 619-295-6005.

**HILLCREST.** Cute, cozy studios, \$795. 1 bedroom, \$895. 2 bedrooms, \$1295-\$1375. In the heart of Hillcrest with canyon views, huge pool, laundry rooms, assigned parking, community barbecue. Near Mercy Hospital and bus. No dogs. Sleepy Hollow Apartments. 4201 Sixth Avenue. Centre City Property Management. Call manager, 619-294-1059.

**HILLCREST.** \$1995. Unique 3-level 3 bedroom, 3 bath house. Bonus rooms, sun decks, hookups, water paid. 1010 Essex. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**HILLCREST.** \$1795. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Beautiful wood floors and fenced backyard! Detached garage plus extra bedroom at yard. Gardener included. Don't miss out! 4022 Center. Cogan Properties, 619-279-2183.

**HILLCREST.** Studio, \$745. 1 bedroom, \$855. Great location in quiet area. Off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. 4166 4th Avenue. 619-298-7868.

**HILLCREST.** \$695. Studio. New Year's Special -\$300 off first month! Great area in quiet complex. Walk to shopping. 3685 7th Avenue. 619-692-1004.

**HILLCREST.** \$965. New Year's Special! \$300 off first month! 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spanish style complex in heart of Hillcrest. Gated entry, laundry. 3936 8th Avenue. 619-298-2069.

**HILLCREST.** \$925. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Upper, with hardwood floors. Views. 3941 Centre Street. 619-295-2013.

**HILLCREST.** Studio. \$650, includes SDG&E. Great, quiet area. Laundry. 1035-1/2 Hayes. 619-243-4000 x0.

**HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS.** \$925. Extra large 1 bedroom, 800 square feet. Hospital area. Security building/elevator. Huge private balcony, Parking, laundry, quiet. 619-255-7649.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, centrally located, water paid. 760-746-3080; 760-807-2416.

**HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS.** \$1150-\$1250. Very large (1200 square feet) 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet area. Walk to shops and restaurants. Balcony. Locked building with intercom. Laundry room on site and parking. 3836 Front Street, between University and Robinson. By appointment. Broker, 619-548-4599.

**HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS.** Pets welcome. 1-4 bedrooms. \$750+. 100% pet-friendly rentals. Low fee with money back guarantee. Landlords list free. Listings available online. www.petrent.net.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$825. Charming and peaceful 1 bedroom, semi-detached cottage with quaint hardwood floors and high ceilings. An indoor cat may be considered. Please call 619-501-5109.

**HILLCREST/NORTH PARK.** \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet and paint, 1 block to Balboa Park, great condo, secure parking. 619-220-8317.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$850. Upstairs 1 bedroom apartment in 1930s, 6-unit complex. Ceramic tile in kitchen and bath. New floor coverings. On-site laundry. 619-298-0982.

**HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS.** \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Lovely garden courtyard. Hardwood floors. Remodeled. Private yard. Laundry. Small pet accepted. Garage available. Near UCSD Medical Center. EOH. 619-299-8746.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$1000 (as is). 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with double garage. 4105 Georgia. This is a short term rental. Vistal Realty 619-281-4698.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$795/month plus utilities deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with private entrance, hardwood floors, ceiling fans, patio. Small pet possible. Nonsmoking. 619-787-3291.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** 1 bedroom apartment Nature lover's delight. canyon view, large private patio, quiet neighborhood, 500 square feet, \$950. 4530-1/2 Maryland Street. 619-298-5066.

**HILLCREST/UPTOWN.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, stackable washer/dryer, gated underground parking, patio, pool, weight room. Call 619-296-2787.

**HILLCREST/UPTOWN.** 1 bedrooms, \$910. Beautiful location beside lush canyon, end of a "No Through Street." Controlled access, elevator, pool, covered and off-street parking, poolside barbecue, recreation room with television/laundry room. Sorry, no pets permitted. Park View Apartments, 3700 Tenth Avenue. 619-298-6768.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$695. Studio. New Year's Special-\$300 off first month! Great floorplan. New upgrades. Easy freeway access. 4124 Campus Avenue. 619-294-2871.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** Large modern 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Secure parking, washer/dryer hookups, balcony. \$975; garage, extra \$50. 1070 Georgia Street. 619-454-6534.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** \$795. Utilities included! Studio with large fenced yard/ garden. 2 blocks to beach. Recently renovated. Mini-loft, large kitchen, laundry. 227# Elm. Agent, 619-423-9632.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** 3 bedroom plus den, 2 bath. Blocks to beach. Some ocean views. 2 parking spaces. Very nice. Section 8 OK. \$1750. Sam, 619-813-3210.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** \$925. Large 2 bedroom. New carpet. Gated. Stove, refrigerator. Laundry on-site. Water and trash paid. 750 11th Street. 619-423-4610.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Gated, secure, large closets. 1472 Iris. 619-628-8276 or 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** \$475. Unique studio 1/2 block to beach. Available now through May 31. Private entrance. Small

yard. Off-street parking. Microwave, small refrigerator. 858-676-1987.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath and \$1450, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spectacular ocean view. Hardwood floors. New appliances. Gated parking. Steps to ocean. No pets. 933 Seacoast. Manager, 619-585-1959.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in well-maintained garden setting. Pool, parking, laundry. No pets. 1445 Grove Avenue. Resident manager, 619-575-0778.

**KEARNY MESA.** Brand new townhome. Opportunity! Rent a luxurious 1 bedroom apartment and get a good discount of the rent by managing 2 rooms and a storage space. E-mail Rose today at rose@regas.us for confirmation of Open House. Two rooms with private bath and 500-square-foot storage space also for rent.

**KENSINGTON/NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$700, large 1 bedroom, \$900, large 2 bedroom. New refrigerator, new paint, parking space, on-site laundry. Very clean. Nice neighborhood. No pets. 619-584-0761.

**KENSINGTON.** Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath, canyon deck house on cul-de-sac, garage, fireplace, no smoking. \$1600. Available 2/1. 4700 block of Vista Street. 858-755-3162.

**KENSINGTON.** \$1195. Very nice, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath with garage. Great location in the heart of the village. Walk-in closet, security gated. Must see. Available now! Move-in special \$500 off 1st month's rent O.A.C. 4101 Park Place #5. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

**KENSINGTON.** 1 bedroom condo. Brand new, gated building, off-street parking, air conditioning, laundry and manager on-site. \$975/month. Call 619-546-0621.

**LA COSTA.** Townhome, 1308 square feet, with 2 master bedroom suites, 2-1/2 baths. Fireplace, air conditioning, 2-car garage, patio, pool, jacuzzi, tennis, gated. \$1695. 760-420-4204.

**LA COSTA.** \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse apartment in small complex, fenced patio, carport. 2950-G La Costa Avenue. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

**LA COSTA/CARLSBAD.** \$1500. 2 Master bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath, 2-story townhouse, double attached garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, deck, gated, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. 858-549-9822.

**LA JOLLA COLONY/UTC.** \$1950. Beautiful newer Las Palmas townhome. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-car garage. New washer, dryer, refrigerator included. Pool, spa, fireplace, patio. Walk to all. 858-442-5797; cdbray@cox.net.

**LA JOLLA COVE** Vintage, panoramic coastal views, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1700 square feet, Fireplace, wood floors, 2-car garage, all appliances, gardener. \$3500. 858-486-7697.

**LA JOLLA COVE.** Alfalfi Street vintage guesthouse studio. Panoramic coastal views, Murphy bed. Fireplace, 1-car garage, all appliances, private back street entrance. \$1750. 858-486-7697.

**LA JOLLA SHORES.** Large light and bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, new paint/carpet, 1-car garage, walk to beach/restaurants. Utilities included, \$1950/month. 619-508-1513.

**LA JOLLA SHORES.** \$2000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upscale condo. Completely furnished. Guarded gate, contemporary maple kitchen, Kohler bathrooms. Walk to ocean. Covered parking, beautiful view. No pets/smoking. 858-453-1614.

**LA JOLLA SHORES.** Large 1 bedroom. Off-street parking, laundry facility, 1 block to beach. \$1200/month plus security deposit. 858-456-7954.

**LA JOLLA SHORES.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2 blocks to beach, hardwood floors, dramatic windows, fireplace, garage, new landscaping. \$3150. C Weller PM, 619-275-2880.

**LA JOLLA SHORES.** \$3900/month. 600 feet from beach. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Fireplace, refrigerator, washer/dryer, fenced yard, 2-car garage. 619-368-1771.

**LA JOLLA SHORES.** \$4500/month. Furnished. Very close from the beach. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Fireplace, refrigerator, washer/dryer, fenced yard, 2-car garage. 619-368-1771.

**LA JOLLA VILLAGE.** Studio. Living room, bath, kitchen-appliances. Walk-in closet, dresser drawers/shelves, laundry. Walk to beach, bus, restaurants. \$1095-\$1375, includes utilities. 619-645-8082.

**LA JOLLA V**



Cove, dining and shops, nightlife. No pets. 7621 Eads Avenue. 858-459-8254. [www.casalindaapartments.com](http://www.casalindaapartments.com).

**LA JOLLA, DOWNTOWN/Windanse.** \$800+/\$1400+. 1 bedroom or studio loft. Near beach. Pets OK. Smoke free. Semi furnished. Quiet neighborhood. Easy parking. 858-454-1932.

**LA JOLLA,** \$1235. New spacious one bedroom/one bath apartment with loft. 8540 Costa Verde Boulevard. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, 2-6 month rental (depending.) Available immediately. [kimmyross@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmyross@yahoo.com), 650-279-9872.

**LA JOLLA,** in Village. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo-quality apartment in garden courtyard. Washer/dryer. 2 parking. No pets. 7601 Eads Avenue. Open house Saturday 1/10, 1-2pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

**LA JOLLA,** \$1695. 2 bedroom, 1 (new) bath townhouse. New hardwood floors/cabinets/appliances. Washer/dryer. Garage. Close to UCSD. Large covered deck. Balcony. Clubhouse/spa, more. 619-429-0394.

**LA JOLLA.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. \$2200/month. Quiet complex. Corner unit with laundry, parking. Walk to UCSD, shops, movies, restaurants, freeway. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis. 760-633-4421.

**LA JOLLA,** \$1650, includes utilities/cable. Upper 1 bedroom condo in oceanfront building. Recently remodeled. Garden setting. Walk to village. Underground parking. No pets. 858-342-2610.

**LA JOLLA.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Unfurnished/furnished. Charming, stylish, yard and gardener. 3 blocks to Windanse beach. Skylights, washer/dryer, fireplace. \$2200. No pets. 619-379-0518.

**LA JOLLA.** \$1250, lease. Unfurnished/furnished 1 bedroom. Fireplace, washer/dryer, vaulted ceilings, large patio, private parking. 8340 Via Sonoma (off Gilman). 858-270-7571.

**LA JOLLA.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Windanse Beach. New carpets, paint, fixtures. Available now. No pets. \$1450/month plus deposit. Quiet, professional complex. 858-459-1065.

**LA JOLLA.** \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Walk to UCSD, shopping, restaurants, theater. Clean, quiet, elegant. Fireplace, patio, appliances, washer/dryer. Tennis, pool. 858-736-4266.

**LA JOLLA.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath second floor, 3 blocks from ocean, 1 parking space, coin laundry, balcony, newly renovated. Off La Jolla Boulevard. 858-459-3753.

**LA JOLLA.** Spacious 1 bedroom in newly remodeled community. Ample closet space, dishwasher, laundry and more. Fully gated! 363 Playa del Sur #36. 858-456-3902. [www.msbrowar.com](http://www.msbrowar.com).

**LA JOLLA.** \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath in Woodlands West. \$1975. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath in Southpoint. Both have 2-car garage and all appliances. Available now. June, agent, 858-320-2955.

**LA JOLLA.** \$2100. Gorgeous oceanfront condo, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Patio, fireplace, covered parking, laundry on site. Beautiful ocean view! 760-720-1400 or 760-613-1350.

**LA JOLLA.** \$1795. Near UCSD, west of I-5. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car attached garage. Dishwasher, washer/dryer. Pool/spa. Pets OK. 619-244-5789.

**LA JOLLA.** Big deals! Nice 1 bedrooms, \$1129/up. 1/2 block to ocean! Tropical, laundry, pool. No pets. Welcome home! 858-454-7509; 858-536-1900.

**LA JOLLA.** \$3100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Ocean view. Some furniture available. Walk to Bird Rock village. Available 1/1/04. 5372 Chelsea Street. Boone Properties, 858-274-6856. [www.sandiegorealestatemanagement.com](http://www.sandiegorealestatemanagement.com).

**LA JOLLA.** \$1200. Furnished studio, unfurnished studio \$1100 with ocean view, utilities included. \$1150. 1 bedroom. Pool. Steps to beach. Laundry. Parking. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-775-0386. 858-756-9941.

**LA JOLLA.** \$1500. Quiet end unit near UCSD, park, shops. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse, attached garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator, new carpet. No pets/smoking. 858-488-2987.

**LA JOLLA.** Downtown. \$1045. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1 block from beach. Cat ok. Available now. 7570 La Jolla Blvd, suite 21. Alfonso, 858-349-3288.

**LA JOLLA.** 1 bedroom, \$1600 (add \$100 furnished). Near beach, tennis, pet walk. Truly "In Eden" 616 Prospect. By appointment, 858-729-0342.

**LA JOLLA.** \$975-\$1350. 1 and 2 bedroom garden apartments in village. 7555 Herschel. 858-459-1102.

**LA JOLLA.** \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath unfurnished apartment in village. Appliances, parking, extra storage. 7417 Her-

schel Avenue. Open house daily, 3pm-5pm, 858-459-8789; cell, 323-365-8084.

**LA JOLLA.** \$2000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Newly upgraded. Close to beach. Patio, big enclosed yard, washer/dryer, parking. On quiet cul-de-sac. 858-453-2557.

**LA JOLLA.** \$2100. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, separate dining, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, Village location, 3 blocks to beach, garage, pets ok. 619-944-5526.

**LA JOLLA.** \$950. Small 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Bird Rock area. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, garage. Coin laundry. Cat OK with additional deposit. Available 1/28. Deposit \$900. 415 Colima Street. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com).

**LA JOLLA.** Near Windanse. \$1175. Remodeled, upstairs 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Garage. Coin laundry. Quiet 5-plex. Available 1/15. 6235 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com).

**LA JOLLA.** \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Will consider pet. Hardwood floors. Low fee. Free guest search at: [www.sdrentals.com](http://www.sdrentals.com).

**LA JOLLA.** \$1100. Spacious 1 bedroom, upper end unit/balcony, new appliances, pool/spa, fitness center, laundry. Minutes to UCSD, shopping, beaches. Available 1/19. 858-414-0724.

**LA JOLLA.** Near Windanse Beach. 3 bedroom, 2 baths unfurnished house. Laundry, private yard, \$2100. 1-year lease. 551 Westbourne. 858-454-1018.

**LA JOLLA.** \$1250. 1 bedroom, 1 bath newly remodeled. Unfurnished or furnished. Large garage, washer/dryer, patio, all new appliances. No smoking. Pets negotiable. Available now. 858-625-2296.

**LA JOLLA.** \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in Village. Private, quiet upper unit. Coin laundry. 1-car garage. No pets. 7427 Herschel. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

**LA JOLLA.** \$1250-\$1275. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in great location, close to beach and village. Laundry, parking. 525 Marine Street. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** Large studio with separate bedroom. Oceanfront property with carport, laundry facilities on site. \$1200. 760-720-1400 or 760-613-1350.

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** Near campus, shopping center. Convenient to freeways. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo/townhome, attached garage with full-sized washer/dryer. Pool, quiet. \$1500/month. Available now. Heidi Dorman, agent, 858-459-0501 x231; 858-449-8015.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** \$1545 plus deposit. 1 bedroom cozy cottage with hardwood floors. Built-ins and private patio. 1.5 blocks to beach. Available now. 503-989-1731.

**LA JOLLA/UCSD.** \$2200. Spacious, luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath with courtyard view. High vaulted ceiling, skylights, fireplace, 2-car garage, washer/dryer inside. 858-452-2421.

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**LA JOLLA/BIRDROCK.** \$2500. Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Fireplace, washer/dryer, fenced backyard, carport garage ocean view 2 blocks to beach. 760-415-7882. 760-747-1474.

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**LA JOLLA/UTC.** Stylish Italian sophistication! Courtyards, 4 resort style pools, spas, sun decks. High tech fitness center. Full time activities director. \$1160-\$1995. Studios, 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. Full size washer/dryer. The Villas of Renaissance, 5280 Fiore Terrace. Open daily until 6pm. 888-218-0377. rental-living.com, visit: [www.sdreader.com/rent/1051](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1051).

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$2795. 4 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. 1472 square feet, appliances, 2-car carport, patio. No smoking/pets. Near pool, picnic, park area. 619-422-8428.

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$985. Sunny, spacious remodeled studio. Corner unit. Top floor, near UCSD, newer carpet, ceramic tile, upgraded appliances. Pool, gym. No pets. 858-320-2945.

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome. 2 car attached garage.

Fireplace, deck, pool, jacuzzi. New carpet/paint. No pets. 858-268-4525.

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Gated community. Pool, racquetball court, 2 parking spaces. No smoking or pets. Available now. 619-941-1143.

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** 3 bedroom plus den, 2-1/2 bath, 1700 square foot townhome. All appliances, 2-car garage, patio, balcony, pool, spa, racquetball, tennis. Near UCSD/shopping. \$2195. 858-558-0406.

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**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** \$1600. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. ocean view, upper unit, parking, laundry. No pets. Available 2/1. 858-456-1810.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** \$1595. 1 bedroom apartment. Ocean view, garage, newly remodeled throughout! Laundry on site. Discount with 6-month lease. 858-692-6196.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** \$1390. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in beautiful garden setting, 1 block to beach. 1 parking. Coin laundry. No pets. 344 Rosemont. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

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**LA MESA,** \$1500/month. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home for rent. New Paint. Available, 1/15/04. Call evenings, 619-698-6507.

**LA MESA.** \$750. Quiet 1 bedroom. Upper unit, extra closet space, on-site laundry, off street parking. Walk to village, shopping. 8288 Orchard Avenue. 619-697-7841.

**LA MESA.** \$1350. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs. 1000 square feet plus. Carport. Air conditioning. End unit. 8761 Lake Murray Boulevard. Agent, 619-260-1368.

**LA MESA.** \$925 plus move-in special! Spacious 1 bedroom. Newly renovated community. Air conditioning. Patio/balcony. New appliances. Large closets. Berber carpet. Wood flooring. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Saunas. Laundry. Near trolley, Grossmont Mall, SDSU, 32nd Street, Miramar. Cat friendly. Model open! Villas at La Mesa, 8515 Chloe Avenue. 619-460-7955. [www.sdreader.com/rent/2054](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/2054).

**LA MESA.** \$895/month, \$700 security. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool, parking, new ownership. 7629 Normal Avenue. 858-245-9747.

**LA MESA.** \$1995. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car-garage, RV parking. Beautifully remodeled property, private backyard, pool. Everything brand new. Deposit \$2000. Includes pool maintenance, gardening. Small pet OK. Available immediately. 5790 Marengo Avenue. 619-294-6689.

**LA MESA.** \$895. Deposit \$500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious downstairs corner unit by pool, saunas. Laundry on site. Close to all. Available now. 4515 3rd Street. Glenna, 619-469-5010.

**LA MESA.** \$950. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath with large common yard. Garage and washer/dryer hook-ups. Move-in special! 1/2 off first month's rent! Call 858-571-1970. [Sunriseliving.com](http://Sunriseliving.com).

**LA MESA.** \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Outstanding value. First month moves you in! Newly remodeled, hardwood floors, walk-in closet. Near SDSU. Available now. 4932 68th Street. [Sunriseliving.com](http://Sunriseliving.com). 858-571-1970.

**LA MESA.** \$2075. 1900-square-foot home. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, guest room with bath, office, 2-car garage, RV parking, view. hardwood floors repainted. 8906 Alpine Avenue. 619-444-3190.

**LA MESA.** \$800. 1 bedroom lower unit in lovely, landscaped courtyard. Hardwood floors, new appliances and decor. Walk to shops/trolley. No pets. Available now. 7932 La Mesa Boulevard. 619-460-6003.

**LA MESA.** \$800. 1 bedroom guest house on secluded, private cul-de-sac. Fenced, gated, trees, marble floors, wood stove. Available now. 619-698-3262.

**LA MESA.** \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment, stove, refrigerator, microwave, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, balcony, carport, great view, lower unit,

garden, cat OK. Nonsmoking. 8082 Fairview. 619-698-6911.

**LA MESA.** \$1050. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fenced yard, washer/dryer hookups. Pets OK. Near SDSU. Quiet, private. Available 2/1. 4617 67th. 619-465-6200 x201.

**LA MESA.** \$750. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. Quiet cul-de-sac, off-street parking, laundry facility. Drive by 5045 Woodyard Avenue #B, then call agent, 619-246-7715.

**LA MESA.** \$900. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment. Top notch condition, great location. Laundry, parking. No pets. 3717 69th Street. Manager, 619-583-0575.

**LA MESA.** \$750. Renovated 1 bedrooms off Interstate 8 near SDSU. New paint, carpet, vinyl, appliances. On-site pool, parking, laundry. \$500 deposit. 619-464-3086.

**LA MESA.** \$995, deposit \$800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Off-street parking, on-site laundry, stove, refrigerator. Quiet, 6004 Lake Murray Boulevard #B. 619-804-3325.

**LA MESA.** 1 bedrooms from \$760. Air conditioning, balcony or patio, on-site laundry. 2 bedroom with yard/garage, \$1000. 4751-4755 Jessie Avenue. Owner, 619-460-8011.

**LA MESA.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious upstairs end unit in small, quiet area. Newly renovated. Balcony view. On-site laundry. Pool. Spa. Gym. Parking. Near trolley, Grossmont Mall, SDSU, Steps from Lake Murray. Available 2/2. \$1100/month plus deposit. Lake Park Condominiums. Sandra, 619-698-4198.

**LA MESA.** 1 bedroom. \$775-\$795. Fireplace, dishwasher, balcony, washer/dryer hookups, walk-in closet, parking. No pets. 619-466-3093. [www.willnproperties.com](http://www.willnproperties.com)

**LA MESA.** 1 bedroom, \$920. 2 bedroom, \$1150. Move-in special! Resort-style living. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Gym. Patio or balcony. Parking. Clubhouse, pool, spa, sauna. 8633 La Mesa Boulevard. [www.sdreader.com/rent/1002](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1002). 619-462-1633.

**LA MESA.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 950 square feet, pool, parking. \$900/month. Call 760-451-0062.

**LA MESA.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with garage and huge backyard. \$1100/month, \$1000 security deposit. No pets please. Call 619-795-3682.

**LA MESA.** Condo, 1 bedroom, top floor, quiet with tropical view. Next to Coleman College, not facing freeway. Close to SDSU. Carport. \$800. Jackie, 619-987-8511. [sandiegohouses@cox.net](mailto:sandiegohouses@cox.net)

**LA MESA.** Extra large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Very nice! Second floor community pool, rec room. Washer dryer hookups, dishwasher, stove refrigerator, air conditioning, carport. 7780 Parkway Drive. No pets. 619-440-4607.

**LA MESA.** From \$1125. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Gated complex, parking. Elevator. View of beautifully landscaped courtyard. Laundry room. Spa. Cat OK. 619-464-5592.

**LA MESA.** Large quiet condo. End unit, 1300 square feet. Balcony, underground parking, elevator, 2 master suites, 2 baths, air, laundry. \$1350. Vacant. 619-885-0485.

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**LA MESA.** Spacious 3 Bedroom, 1.5 bath. Pool, quiet upper end unit. Laundry and

parking. \$1100. 7632 A Sturgess Avenue. Call 619-461-2418 or 619-644-0009.

**LA MESA.** Studios, \$715. Includes carport space and storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated community. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

**LA MESA/VILLAGE.** \$825. Extra Large 1 bedrooms, air conditioning, near Henry's. Quiet, covered parking, laundry, 4620 4th Street. Available now. 619-444-4458.

**LA MESA/CASA DE ORO.** Special \$300 off! Best value for your dollar! Elegant, sculptured flower garden, fountains, gas lamps, park benches. Charming, New Orleans style community. From \$850. Spacious 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms/2 baths. Huge patios/balconies. Restricted access gate. Small pet OK. 3903 Conrad Drive. 619-462-1212. [www.sdreader.com/rent/1017](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1017).

**LA MESA/ROLANDO.** \$750-\$950. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, currently being renovated. Not just a drive-by. Must see interiors. Call about specials! 619-741-5621.

**LAKESIDE.** Section 8 OK. \$775. Cute 1 bedroom apartment in historic courtyard property, washer/dryer, off-street parking, optional garage. Pets considered. 858-509-9951.

**LAKESIDE.** Marilla Sundance Apartment homes located in scenic Lakeside. We offer spacious 2 bedroom, 2 full bath, approximately 935 square feet. From \$925. 1/2 month to 1 month free! Dogs/cats are welcome. Dog must be 40 pounds/less. Cats must be indoors. Two pet maximum. 619-561-2922. [www.sdreader.com/rent/2024](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/2024).

**LAKESIDE.** \$1100. 2 story, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Pool, washer/dryer, dishwasher, all new inside. Pets on approval. 1 mile from I-8. Available now. 619-299-0126.

**LAKESIDE.** \$200 off first month's rent. Large 3 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Newly renovated, in-unit washer/dryer, free dish satellite. Off-street parking, pet-friendly. \$1095. 619-405-3688.

**LAKESIDE.** \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs, light and bright. Laundry and parking. 12718 Mapleview Street #6. [www.cehtron.com](http://www.cehtron.com); 619-295-1100.

**LAKESIDE.** \$1350. 3 bedroom house. New paint, fireplace, pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**LEMON GROVE.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1050. New carpet, paint, verticals, microwave, ceiling fans, mirrored closet doors. Includes air, off-street parking, private patio with small yard. No smoking/pets. 7525 Pacific Avenue. 619-280-4693.

**LEMON GROVE.** \$825. 1 bedroom house. Covered patio, fenced yard, gardener paid. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**LEUCADIA.** \$850. Class A 33' RV. Private. Fully equipped, with 1 bedroom. All real wood interior. Hooked up. 1 block from beach. 619-742-9932.

**LEUCADIA.** \$1975. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Washer/dryer. Dining room. Water, trash, gardener included. Room for vegetable garden. Skylights. Lots of wood inside. 619-261-0821.

**LINDA VISTA.** \$675. studio, utilities included. Laundry, gated parking. No pets. 2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

**LINDA VISTA.** 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$845-\$945. Convenient location, fenced backyards, assigned parking. No pets. Office at 2451 Ulric Street. Please call for appointment at 858-278-3610.

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**LINDA VISTA.** House. \$2195. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large den, office, view. Large kitchen and dining room. Fireplace, gardener. 1544 Borana. No smoking/pets. 619-977-4693.

**LINDA VISTA/USD.** \$1995. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house with parking, storage. Large yard, fruit trees, patio, spa, remodeled interior. Pets OK! Available 1/10/2004. 619-993-5408.

**LITTLE ITALY.** \$1750. Prime location. 2-story row home. Street entrance. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Gourmet kitchen. 2 bal-

conies. Views. 1-car garage plus 1 space. Walk to restaurants, shops, bay. 619-985-6384.

**LOGAN HEIGHTS.** Sharp 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. New stove, refrigerator, fresh paint. \$1394/month. 4890 Manomet. Agent, 24-hour recorded message. 800-797-3720 x6025.

**LOGAN HEIGHTS.** \$775/month. Rehabilitated 1 bedroom apartment, Franklin Avenue. Se habla Espanol. 619-584-5900.

**LOGAN HEIGHTS.** \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments available. Laundry on site. Gated complex. 3117 Valle Avenue. 619-640-7530.

**MID-CITY.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story townhouse. Totally remodeled. New wood floors. Private canyon setting. \$999. 4485 Quince, #7. 619-236-1186.

**MIDDLETOWN.** \$850. 1 bedroom. New Year's special -\$300 off first month! Walk to Little Italy and more! 2270 Union Street. 619-297-1483 x100.

**MIRA MESA.** Beautiful new condo. Must see! 2 master bedrooms and baths. Full amenities and appliances. Upstairs unit with balcony overlooking pool. \$1350/month. 858-717-0871.

**MIRA MESA.** \$1850. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Upgraded, remodeled, 1900 square feet, all appliances included, community pool/club. Small pet ok. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

**MIRA MESA.** \$2050. 2 story, 4 bedroom, loft, 2-1/2 bath house, over 2000 square feet, new carpet/tile, custom kitchen cabinets, stainless steel appliances, fenced yard, community pool. 760-634-6766.

**MIRA MESA.** \$900, deposit \$800. Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, off-street parking. 8757 Mira Mesa #1. 619-804-3325.

**MIRA MESA.** \$850, deposit \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, off-street parking. 8767 Mira Mesa #

**MISSION BEACH, NORTH.** \$2395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Unfurnished. Great deal! Year-round. Share garage. Laundry. No pets. 3709 Oceanfront Walk. Cairncross Rentals, 858-490-1450. [www.cairnx.com](http://www.cairnx.com).

**MISSION BEACH.** \$2495. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. New carpet/paint. Attached garage. Washer/dryer. Unfurnished. Fireplace. Deck. 819 Isthmus Court. Cairncross Rentals, 858-490-1450. [www.cairnx.com](http://www.cairnx.com).

**MISSION BEACH, SOUTH.** \$1100. Third-floor condo. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage. Year-round. No pets. 2990 Mission Boulevard. Cairncross Rentals, 858-490-1450. [www.cairnx.com](http://www.cairnx.com).

**MISSION BEACH.** We have several 2 bedroom apartments in Mission Beach, ranging from \$1295-\$1800 per month. Call for more information, Bill Luther Realty 858-488-1580.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$950. Nice cozy 1 bedroom apartment newer carpet. Large ocean view balcony. Steps to the beach. Year-round, 721 Queenstown Court #D. 858-689-0602.

**MISSION BEACH, SOUTH.** \$1470. Nice 2 bedroom, red oak floors, 1-1/2 baths, electric garage, parking space, laundry, no pets, no smoking, quiet. Available 2/15. 858-488-2512.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$855. Nice, remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. No pets. Bay-side. New carpet, appliances. Quiet. 817-1/2 Ormond Court. Available now. Agent, 619-275-3455.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$1175. Small, 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Beach side, no pets. New appliances. Carpet. Paint. 731 San Jose Place. Available now. Agent, 619-275-3455.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$695. Studio. Includes utilities, stove, refrigerator, parking space. Excellent condition. No pets. 3665 Mission Boulevard. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$1595. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Steps to beach/bay. Private balcony, deck, bay view. Parking. No pets. Available early January. 3708 Bayside Lane. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600. [www.kandrpproperties.com](http://www.kandrpproperties.com).

**MISSION BEACH/Z, SOUTH.** 1 bedroom apartments with garage. Steps to ocean. Nice patio. No pets. Nonsmoking. Available February 1. Call 619-223-4761.

**MISSION BEACH, SOUTH.** \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Available 1/10. Deposit \$900. 731 Ensenada Court. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com).

**MISSION BEACH.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, private deck, 2 parking spaces. 1 block to beach. \$1375/month. 755 Island Court. Available now. David, 619-994-4850.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$800-\$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Steps to sand, with jacuzzi and gas barbecue. New carpet and paint. Pet considered. Call 858-353-5555.

**MISSION BEACH, SOUTH.** \$1350. Large 1 bedroom cottage, remodeled, private patio, parking. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Steps to beach and bay. Year-round. Tom, 619-225-0725.

**MISSION BEACH, SOUTH.** \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Steps to beach and bay, parking, laundry. New carpet, paint and appliances. Available now. 1-year lease. 858-335-1250.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Beach side of Mission Boulevard. Available now. 6 month lease. Call Jen, 619-252-2812.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$2400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, luxurious newly remodeled bay-view house. Steps to bay, beach and yacht club. New appliances, carpets and marble fireplace. 815 El Carmel Place. 619-233-6230.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$960. Large 1 bedroom. 1 block Bay/ocean. Private 1-car garage/opener. Remodeled. Stove, refrigerator, laundry. 3617 Mission Boulevard (at Niantic). 858-232-9932.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$997. 1 bedroom house. Some bay views. New paint, hardwood floors. 1 upgrade of your choice! Rustic, quiet area. Small pet OK. 760-943-9686.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$2500. Classic Spanish, 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, central heat/air, hardwood floors, garage, fireplace, up-graded appliances, great location! Paula, Coldwell Banker, 619-574-5128.

**MISSION HILLS.** Gorgeous new home near Little Italy, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car, fantastic kitchen, split level, huge master, deck, quiet cul-de-sac, water view. \$2450. 619-804-6840; colleen@mysandiegoagent.com.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1125. Charming 2 bedroom. Quiet neighborhood, nice area. Water, trash, electric paid. Garage, laundry facilities, nice yard. 619-234-7572.

**MISSION HILLS.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New Berber carpet, dishwasher. 3695 Reynard Way, San Diego. \$1200. 619-683-2698; 619-804-1742.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$200 Move-in special! 2 bedrooms from \$1050-\$1170. Pool. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 3505 Reynard. Sunriseslving.com; 619-683-9239.

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**MISSION HILLS.** \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Upstairs, no pets/smoking, water paid. Washer/dryer, parking, storage unit, renovated. 3610-A Curlew. Available 2/04. 619-298-3820.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-story, 2 fireplaces, wood floors, 1320-square-feet, washer/dryer. 4361 Hawk Street. McKee, 619-435-2700, [www.mckeecompany.com](http://www.mckeecompany.com).

**MISSION HILLS, NORTH.** \$675. Large studio. Quiet backyard unit with deck, view of bay and downtown, French doors, coin laundry. No pets. Nonsmoking. Garage \$75 extra. 1775 Linwood Street. 760-943-8852.

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**MISSION HILLS.** \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Deposit \$600. Laundry on site. No pets. Available now. 3244 Reynard Way. 619-291-1711.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1095. Bright, charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Extra large. Nice location. One small dog OK. 3330 Reynard Way. Near all. Available now. 619-295-7570.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1225. 2 bedroom. Small complex, hardwood floors, large yard, city view, laundry. Quiet street. No pets. Nonsmoking. Available now. 619-275-2681. Cell, 619-518-4116.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$845. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, ground floor condo. Utility room for extra storage with 2 free washers and dryers. 1 block to bus, train and trolley. Available immediately. 3830 Kettner Blvd. 619-507-4172.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$650; utilities, cable included! Private garden studio, cozy single unit, fully furnished, minimal kitchen. \$800 deposit. Parking. No pets/smoking. Leave message anytime. 619-295-4006.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1395. Beautiful hardwood floors. New deco bathroom. Charming 2 bedroom unit, in nonsmoking building, on very quiet street. Laundry room. No dogs please. 619-299-4769.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$2500. California Bungalow, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, garage, views, large yard. 1966 Titus Street. Call Paula, Coldwell Banker, 619-574-5128.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$695. Charming studio with hardwood floors and antique bathtubs. Murphy beds. Intercom entry. Laundry on site. Veranda. 630 West Washington. Agent, 619-298-7724.

**MISSION HILLS, SOUTH.** Top floor of duplex, fantastic harbor views, separate garages. Large 2 bedroom and large 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. 3154 and 3166 Horton, 92103. \$1800/month and \$1950/month. No pets. 619-291-8777.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Quiet neighborhood location. New appliances, tile. Gated community. Laundry. Underground parking. Cat OK. Robert, 619-531-0826. [www.fliot.com](http://www.fliot.com).

**MISSION HILLS.** From \$950-\$995. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment. Balcony. Deck. Covered parking. Laundry facilities on property. Cat OK. 619-531-0826. [www.fliot.com](http://www.fliot.com).

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1895. 3 bedroom, 1 bath plus detached space. Great neighborhood. Washer/dryer. Gardener. Hardwood floors. 1745 W. Montecito. Uptown Property Management, 619-297-7368.

**MISSION HILLS, SOUTH.** \$925. Recently remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs condo with all new appliances, balcony, and gated off-street parking, laundry on-site. Cat OK. 2850 Reynard. Agent, 619-956-0900.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$725, studio; \$1100, 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper. Laundry room, pool, carport. Near market/bus. No pets please. 4039 Brant Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$700, studio with garage; \$1100, large 1 bedroom with dining room/hardwood floors. Laundry room. No pets please. 4141 Ingalls. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$2000. Cute 2 bedroom house. Hardwood floors, yard (paid gardener), garage, bonus room. No pets. 1829 West Montecito. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$650. Cozy studio. Near downtown/bus. Quiet small complex. No pets please. 3222 Reynard Way. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**MISSION HILLS.** House, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, central heat and air. \$1950. 1030 West Redwood Street. 92103. 619-291-1377.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Spacious, covered parking. Walk to town. 808 Fort Stockton. Open house Saturday, 11am-12pm. 619-295-2624.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$675. Deposit \$600. Studio with stove and refrigerator. Off-street parking. 340 University Place #C. Call 619-804-3325.

**MISSION HILLS SOUTH.** 2000-square-foot townhouse, 3 large master suites, bay view from master bedroom and sitting room, 4 baths, Berber, balcony, washer/dryer, 2-car garage. No pets. 1144 West Palm/India. \$2395. 619-295-7113.

**MISSION VALLEY/SDSU/San Carlos.** Low \$350-\$450 deposits! From \$1270. 1, 2 bedrooms. Luxury gated community. Spectacular views! Lush landscaping. Sparkling pool, spa. Play center. Built-in computer niche. Large closets. Washer/dryer. Fitness, business centers. Garages available. Cat on approval. Canyon View Apartments, 7149 Navajo Road. 619-464-4144. [www.sdreader.com/rent/2011](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/2011).

**MISSION VALLEY.** 1 month free rent! \$99 deposit special! 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1125. Tennis courts. Lap pool, spa. Basketball court. Central air conditioning. Private patios/balconies. Fitness, recreation centers. Washer/dryer in units. Pets welcome. Available now! Club River Run, 10041 Rio San Diego Drive. 800-476-9561. [www.sdreader.com/rent/2022](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/2022).

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$99 deposit special! First month free rent! Starting from \$1538 for spacious 2 bedrooms. Patio/balcony. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Microwave. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Courtyard. Pool. Spa. Fitness center. Underground parking. Pets welcome. Close to trolley, shopping, restaurants. River Front, 750 Camino de la Reina. 800-476-9570. [www.sdreader.com/rent/2072](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/2072).

**MISSION VALLEY.** First month free, 12 month lease! Ask about lease specials! 2 bedroom, 2 bath from \$1190. Tropical ambience. Dishwasher. Microwave. Intercom. Pool. Spa. Sauna. Fitness center. Central air/heat. Balcony/patio. Garage, parking. Laundry. Cat OK. Mission Pacific, 4424 44th Street. Toll free: 1-866-813-5684. [www.pacificliving.com](http://www.pacificliving.com). [www.sdreader.com/rent/1010](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1010).

**MISSION VALLEY/USD.** Studios. \$700. Bright and airy. Private. Gated. Nonsmoking. No pets. 5411 Linda Vista Road (near Mildred Street). [www.info101.net](http://www.info101.net). 619-294-4376.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1095. Newly painted 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis, view of green area. Near stadium. No pets. Call 858-755-5856 or 866-445-3121.

**MISSION VALLEY/SERRA MESA.** \$915. Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in quiet complex. New ceramic tile, floors, carpet and paint. Newer appliances including microhood. Large enclosed patio. Bedrooms feature mirrored closet doors. Easy access to freeways and Costco Center. On-site laundry. Ready by 1/15/04. 2669 Mission Village Drive. Manager, 858-560-5780.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$2150. 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath. Brand new! 1-3-story. 2-car attached garage. All appliances. Luxury pool, spa 858-539-4403.

**MISSION VALLEY.** Condo. \$1690. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, top floor, view, balcony, up-graded, washer/dryer, fireplace, alarm, pool, spa, gym. Prime location. 619-297-4621.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1150. 2 bedroom condo, pool, parking, spa, convenient location. New appliances, upgrades. Available now. 5938 Rancho Mission Road #127. No pets. 619-298-7220.

**MISSION VALLEY/USD.** \$2250. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Washer/dryer, balcony, courtyard, com-

munity pool/hot tub, fireplace, 2-car garage, high ceilings. 619-733-5694.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1495. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 3rd floor. Large. Washer/dryer. Refrigerator. 580 Camino De La Reina. E-mail: [barryb6468@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barryb6468@sbcglobal.net). 858-268-4099; 707-696-8224.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Wood floors, mirrored closets, pool, tennis, gym, laundry, dishwasher, 3 parking. No pets. 6046 Rancho Mission Road. 858-274-3126; 858-688-5098.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1250. Free January rent O.A.C. 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath condo, balcony. Parking, pool, tennis, fitness. Next to stadium, trolley. Air conditioning, nice carpet/tile. Great condition. 619-246-6693.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$650. Luxury studio, utilities included. Bath, air conditioning, laundry, high-speed internet, pools, jacuzzis, saunas, tennis, gym. 10737 San Diego Mission Road. 760-436-8675.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1150. Large 1 bedroom, 1 extra room, cable TV (80 channels) included, dishwasher, microwave, carport, huge balcony. Heated pools, spa, clubhouse. Walk to malls river, and trolley. Small pets OK. Evenings, 858-695-8072.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage plus bonus room. All appliances including washer/dryer. Large deck, pool, jacuzzi. Newly landscaped. 858-752-8208.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$985. Nice 2 bedroom condo in Friars Pointe. Downstairs, new carpeting, carport. Pool, spa, Cat OK. 6354 Rancho Mission Road #501. Agent 619-469-7790.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$2695. Beautiful town-home with all the extras. 1900 square feet, designer kitchen, security system, 2 fireplaces, patio, 2-car garage, tile throughout kitchen and bathrooms, side by side refrigerator, washer/dryer, vaulted ceilings, ceiling fans, lush landscaping, community pool, spa, clubhouse, gated entry. Agent, 619-244-6085.

**MISSION VALLEY, WEST.** \$1350. Large condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, washer/dryer, air conditioning, balcony, pool, spa, fitness center. Gated community, underground parking. Near shopping. 858-349-2492.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Private patio. Pool. Jacuzzi. Parking. Laundry. Recreation room. Past stadium. Available 2/1. 6046 Rancho Mission #375. Agent, 619-297-7368.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$800, Junior, \$915, 1 bedroom. \$1150, 2 bedroom. Walking distance to Cowles Mountain and Mission Trails Park. Large kitchen. Pool. Spa. Gym/recreation room. Patio or balcony. Air conditioning. Extra storage available. Villa De Flores Apartments. 7707 Mission Gorge Road. [www.sdreader.com/rent/1008](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1008). 619-583-0821.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1100. Large 1 bedroom condo with carport. Water included. Small pet OK with deposit. Ground floor with patio and fountain view. Available now. 619-583-7879.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool, spa, dishwasher, parking, balcony. 6151 Rancho Mission Road. No pets! Call for appointment, 619-231-2727 x222

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1300/month. 2 bedroom loft condo in Mission Verde. New paint/carpet. Vaulted ceilings. Great view, coin laundry, pool, spa, covered parking. 714-799-2888.

**MORLEY FIELD.** \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 875 square feet. Carpet, ceiling fan, laundry hookups, garage, stove, refrigerator. No pets. 3181 Thorn Street. 619-298-7724.

**MURRIETA.** (2) new homes. (\$2,000) 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2,450 square feet/golf course community, views. (\$1,850) 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,500 square feet. No smoking. 909-719-7537.

**MURRIETA/TEMECULA.** \$1895. Beautiful, new single-level 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, granite kitchen, large yard/patio. 1/1/04. 37793 Rushing Wind Court, Murrieta. Gardener included. Call, 619-392-7074.

**NATIONAL CITY.** \$690. Large 1 bedroom, quiet, laundry on site, assigned parking. Gated complex. No pets. Move-in special. 315 East 30th. 858-483-5111.

**NATIONAL CITY.** \$695/month. 1 bedroom fully furnished. Low \$150 deposit. No SDG&E deposit or hookup required. 624 East 24th Street. Office open daily. 619-474-3787.

**NATIONAL CITY.** \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom house, stove, refrigerator, garage, washer/dryer hookups, fenced yard, pet negotiable. Section 8. 3820 Delta Street. 619-698-6911.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath attached home, large rooms, private

patio, new paint, carpets, appliances. Steps to central Normal Heights amenities. Small pet OK. 3266-B Adams (gate is beside 3266 Adams). 619-236-4846.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Small gated complex near Adams. Refurbished, including kitchen. Hardwood floors. Courtyard. Laundry on site. MG Realty. 619-229-0231.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$760. Large 1 bedroom. Downstairs. Air conditioning. Garden setting. Gated. Parking. Laundry. \$300 deposit. No pets. Available 12/31. 4730 32nd Street. 619-584-7790.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$700. 1 bedroom apartment. New carpet/paint. Range/refrigerator. Air conditioning. Off-street parking. No pets. For appointment, Joe 619-286-9540.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$900. 4476 32nd between Adams/Meade. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 4-unit building. Remodeled. Second floor. No laundry. 1 off-street parking. 619-992-9927.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$625. Large, clean 1 bedroom. Upstairs. Off-street parking. Laundry. 4834 West Mountain View, #10. Evenings. 619-479-0270.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$550. Clean, well maintained studio. Stove, refrigerator. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. 4834 West Mountain View, #7. Evenings, 619-479-0270.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** Near Kensington. \$985-\$1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with garage plus parking. Available 1/10. 2 balconies. Washer, dryer hookups. Small, quiet complex. Locked gated with intercom. 4360 41st Street. By appointment. Broker, 619-548-4599.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$1200. House. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Remodeled, hardwoods, 1-car garage, huge closets, laundry, secure, fenced, park 1/2 block. Available now. No pets/smoking. Year lease. 619-994-5877.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS/KENSINGTON.** \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs apartment in quiet, gated building. Large living room, new carpeting, reserved parking. 4319 Copeland. 619-582-3596.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$895. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, deluxe upstairs apartment, with balcony. Air conditioning, dishwasher, tile, 2 reserved parking spaces. No pets. 4343 Cherokee. 619-265-8680.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$750. 1 bedroom apartment in a four-plex. Single car garage. 4737 West Mountain View. McKee, 619-435-2700. [www.mckeecompany.com](http://www.mckeecompany.com).

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$775. Most beautiful and gorgeous, 700 square feet, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Remodeled, tile kitchen/bath, paint. No pets. Nonsmoking. Clean. Must see! 619-861-9717.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$1200. Ride of Normal Heights! Totally remodeled, extremely large 2 bedroom, 2 bath with 3 closets (one walk-in) plus linen closet and storage closet and pantry. Private fenced patio. Newer carpet and ceramic tile flooring, refrigerator, dishwasher and stove. Huge pool and jacuzzi. Off-street parking, laundry room. 1 block below Adams on Madison Avenue with easy access to I-805 and I-15. 858-695-1663.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$1000. Very large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet complex. 3726 Madison. Call 619-528-8224.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$965, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Deposit \$1000. Quiet, gated complex. Fireplace. Balcony. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hookups. No pets. Good credit a must! 4638 Ohio Street. [www.jesselproperties.com](http://www.jesselproperties.com), 619-282-3583 or evenings and weekends, 619-255-8389.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$825. Heart of Antique Row. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, newer appliances, fully renovated. Unique upper unit. No dogs. 4672 Boundary Street. 619-325-3700.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$750. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, mint condition, in quiet courtyard setting. Laundry, off-street parking, no pets, no smoke. 3030 Monroe Avenue. Agent, 619-685-3960.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$775. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, mirrored dining wall, private patio, close to transportation, laundry, no pets, no smoke. available immediately. 4443 Kansas Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$775-\$895. Free December rent! 1 and 2 bedrooms available. Parking. Laundry on site. Storage. 4840 West Mountain View Drive. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$1400. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. New tile, hardwood floors, recessed lighting, ceiling fans. Huge closets! 2 covered parking, pool/spa. 619-708-9452.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$765, 1 bedroom, and \$940, 2 bedroom, 1 and 2 bath apartments. Pool, air conditioning, parking,

barbecue, gym, free Cox cable. 3532 Meade. 619-284-2946.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$725. Spacious 1 bedroom. Fireplace, air conditioning, laundry. Off-street parking. No pets. 4525 Idaho Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$725. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, clean, quiet, fresh paint, new carpet, parking, on-site laundry. 4530 30th Street. 619-665-2547. Spanish, 619-282-3053.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** 1 bedroom duplex. \$725. Nice location, single-car garage, downstairs unit, small yard area. No pets. Near shops, restaurants, transportation. Agent, 619-296-3189. [www.willinproperties.com](http://www.willinproperties.com)

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** 1 bedrooms. \$725. Great location on quiet street, courtyard setting, laundry facilities. Near shops, restaurants, transportation. No pets. Call for appointment, 619-282-0717.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking and laundry, gated, quiet. 4511 35th Street #4. [www.cethron.com](http://www.cethron.com); 619-295-1100.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$1095. 2 bedroom house, newly remodeled bath, tiled kitchen, newer carpet. 4365 Cherokee Avenue. Call 858-272-1234.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs. Clean, quiet. Parking, gated, laundry. 4382 Utah Street #4. [www.cethron.com](http://www.cethron.com); 619-295-1100.

**NORTH PARK.** 1 and 2 bedrooms. Central location, new paint, laundry on site. \$925-\$1025. 3662 32nd Street. 619-683-9274.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet and paint. Tile kitchen, garage. 3332 31st Street. 619-683-9274.

**NORTH PARK.** \$950 plus deposit. 2 bedroom. Hardwood floors. Credit check required. No smoking/dogs. Open Sunday, 1/11, 2pm-4pm, 2445 Boundary (rear duplex unit). 619-444-4256.

**NORTH PARK.** \$200 move-in special! 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$760-\$885. Beautiful community with pool, spa. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Close to freeways. Sorry, no pets. 4841 West Mountain View Drive. 619-282-6440. Sunriseliving.com.

**NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD.** Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in Craftsman home, 2 blocks from Balboa Park. 2830 Dwight Street. \$1200 per month, \$1200 deposit. Sorry no pets. 800-256-7341, X3548.

**NORTH PARK.** \$800 plus deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper floor, gated, laundry, parking. 4151 Arizona Street. Nino, 619-295-1694.

**NORTH PARK.** Move in special! Large refurbished units available now! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$775. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1025. New carpet, paint, tile and blinds. 3967 Illinois Street. No smoking, no pet property. Call Dakota today to see! 858-549-3000, 858-688-1345.

**NORTH PARK.** \$850. 1 bedroom house with patio. Nonsmoker. No pets. Hookups, new carpet and range. 2934 29th Street, near Redwood. 619-301-0780.

**NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$900. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs, new carpets, new appliances. Bright, quiet building. Off-street parking. 4478 Utah Street. 619-223-6302.

**NORTH PARK/HILLCREST.** \$725. Nice 1 bedroom apartment on small quiet complex. Upstairs. Gated entry. Off-street parking. Laundry. No pets. 4181 Florida Street. 619-223-6302.

**NORTH PARK.** 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$780. Gated building, underground parking, elevator, laundry, air, ceiling fan, dishwasher, microwave. No pets. 4526 Illinois. Agent, 619-280-3867.

**NORTH PARK.** \$750. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Garden setting. New carpet/paint. Assigned parking and laundry facilities. 4611 Ohio. 619-285-1032. www.msbrowar.com.

**NORTH PARK.** \$850. 1 bedroom cottage. Carpeted, new appliances, new paint. Laundry facilities on premises. Gated. 619-284-8678 or 619-888-6604.

**NORTH PARK.** Gorgeous, newly renovated property. Plenty of living space in this 1 bedroom apartment home. Laundry and parking. Only \$750. Call Steve, 619-255-0426. www.msbrowar.com.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1025. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious. Nonsmoking apartment home. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. Secluded with lush landscaping. Move-in special! One month's free rent! 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com

**NORTH PARK.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious apartment home for \$750. Gated community with on-site laundry and off-street parking. A nonsmoking home, surrounded by lush landscaping. 3167 Landis Street. Call 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

**NORTH PARK.** Huge 1 bedroom, 1 bath from \$900. \$1010 with washer/dryer hook-ups. Gated immaculate community with lush landscaping. Off-street parking and on-site laundry. No pets. Close to bus lines and shopping. 4075 Florida Street. 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

**NORTH PARK.** \$750. Cozy 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Close to shops and library. Offers washer/dryer hook-ups. Newly remodeled. Very clean. 3766 31st Street. 858-571-1970. www.sunriseliving.com.

**NORTH PARK.** \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Outstanding value. Newly remodeled. On bus lines. On-site laundry. 4128 Iowa Street. Available 1/22. 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

**NORTH PARK/SOUTH PARK.** \$1895. Spacious three bedroom Craftsman home in perfect condition. Gorgeous vintage fireplace, hardwood floors, full dining room, modern kitchen with dish washer, breakfast nook, laundry room with appliances, oversized 2-car garage. Just painted inside and out. Landscaper included. We will consider allowing two dogs. Please call 619-501-5109.

**NORTH PARK/SOUTH PARK.** \$800. Pet OK on approval. Grand Victorian era, 1 bedroom apartment. 6 blocks east of Balboa Park. Hardwood floors. 619-246-3699, 619-427-0700.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1400 plus \$1400 deposit. Deluxe 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Refrigerator, covered parking, washer/dryer. Best location. Available 2/1/04. No pets/drugs. 619-583-7355.

**NORTH PARK.** \$850. 1 bedroom and den. Small. 4378 Utah Street. Quiet area. No pets. 619-298-9237.

**NORTH PARK.** \$775. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment. 4077 32nd Street. Gated. Laundry on site. Microwave. Parking. Small complex. No pets. Available 1/10. 619-563-9727.

**NORTH PARK.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$775. Downstairs. New carpet, paint, floors. Near Morley Field. 3684 Arizona Street. 619-295-8568 or 858-272-9449.

**NORTH PARK.** \$900. Extremely clean 1 bedroom, 1 bath in small, modern building. Condo quality with vaulted ceilings, walk-in closet, carpet and ceramic tile flooring. Refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, microwave, central air/heating, private garage, laundry facilities. On Lincoln with easy access to I-805. 858-695-1663.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1095. Extremely clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath in small, modern building. Microwave, refrigerator, central air/heating, vaulted ceilings, balcony, private garage, laundry facilities. Perfect for roommates. On Lincoln with easy access to I-805. 858-695-1663.

**NORTH PARK, SOUTH.** \$1385. 3 bedroom house, garage, workshop, fenced yard, pet ok. Very large with hardwood floors. Large formal dining room. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookups. Agent, no fee. 619-223-2524.

**NORTH PARK.** \$900. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Spacious 8 unit complex. Clean. Nice kitchen. No pets. Laundry on site. Mission Gorge Realty. 619-229-0231.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1250 plus utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, fireplace, tile flooring, attached garage, parking, clean unit. 619-886-6100 or 619-248-4555.

**NORTH PARK.** \$725. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Great condition. Close to all. No pets. 619-482-9479.

**NORTH PARK.** \$600, \$30 utilities. Small unfurnished studio with private entrance, kitchenette with microwave. \$500 deposit, \$25 credit check. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-640-2575.

**NORTH PARK.** \$725. 1 bedroom. Fresh paint. New carpet, vinyl and blinds. Garden view apartment. Laundry on site. 4504-1/2 Illinois. 619-563-1215, 619-857-1187.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1200. New home, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Appliances, laundry hookups, tile/hardwood floors, ceilings fans, private yard with patio. Must see. 619-528-0522.

**NORTH PARK.** \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Courtyard community. Like-new carpet. Ceramic tile. Laundry on site. 4450 Boundary Street. Please call 760-942-1187 or 619-857-1187.

**NORTH PARK.** \$895. Charming cottage with 1 bedroom and 1 bath, plus dining room. Near Morley Field. Beautiful hardwood floors. Fresh paint, like new blinds and appliances. Wrapped in a lovely 1930s style fenced courtyard. Perfect for you and your cat. Located at 3362 Grim Avenue. Please call 619-298-4256.

**NORTH PARK.** \$850-\$1300. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Cute clean cottage duplex in landscaped courtyard. New decor. Quiet complex. Garage available. No pets. 2975 Laurel Street. 619-284-1302.

**NORTH PARK.** \$745. 1 bedroom apartments. Gated property, parking space. No pets. 3946 Idaho Street. Call 619-294-7730.

**NORTH PARK/HILLCREST.** Huge 1 bedroom, \$775 and small 1 bedroom, \$700. Gated garden complex, pool, laundry facilities, off-street parking. No pets. Close to all. 3722 Alabama. 619-299-1699.

**NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$625. 1 bedroom Spanish fourplex, hardwood floors, nice and cozy, lawn and trees, great area. 2531 Adams Avenue. 858-272-1550.

**NORTH PARK.** \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Newly painted in and out. New carpet. View of Balboa Park. Visit www.homes4rent.com Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1400. Craftsman house, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, freshly remodeled. Dining room, utility room and courtyard. Also, separate studio with separate entrance.. \$800. 619-250-3435 or 619-250-3436.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1250. Open house, Sunday, 12-3pm. Large condo. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Skylights, fireplace, washer/dryer. Gated, air conditioning, garage plus parking, ceiling fans. 4165 33rd. 858-449-3246. http://villade33rd.casnowboarder.com.

**NORTH PARK.** Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath in highly desirable area North of Adams. Huge enclosed yard, new carpet/paint. Laundry, 1-car garage, RV parking, fruit trees, spa. pets ok! \$1850. Call 619-994-6405.

**NORTH PARK.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath for \$975. Complex has a pool, parking, controlled access and 3 laundry rooms on site. Clean and quiet. Units have dishwashers and ceiling fans. Pets OK. Available now. 4133 Kansas Street. Viewing by appointment. Call 619-640-0112 between 8am and 6pm.

**NORTH PARK.** \$775 plus \$100 for garage. Adorable 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, hardwood floors, gated courtyard, laundry, no pets, no smoke. Available now. 3379 30th Street. Agent, 619-685-3960; 619-251-4355.

**NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Small complex, off-street parking, laundry facility. Call 7am-2pm, 619-561-8992.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1350/month. Unique craftsman home, new hardwood floors, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, upgraded kitchen, gardener, washer/dryer. No pets. 760-749-7671.

**NORTH PARK.** \$595. Cozy downstairs studio apartment in small complex. Stove, refrigerator and on-site laundry. Close to bus line. 619-683-7638. Xilarent.com

**NORTH PARK.** \$925. Great 1 bedroom apartment with beautiful hardwood floors. Lots of windows for natural lighting. Shared yard. On-site laundry. Cat negotiable. 619-683-7638. Xilarent.com

**NORTH PARK.** \$1900. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Fireplace, disposal, large kitchen/eating area, patio, fenced yard. Gardener. Garage on alley. Pet OK. 619-296-2873.

**NORTH PARK.** \$790. Nice 1 bedroom apartment in small, quiet complex. Upstairs, gated entry, skylights, balcony, storage. No pets. 4045 Mississippi Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

**NORTH PARK.** \$750. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. Upstairs, newer carpet, blinds, stove. Off-street parking. Coin laundry. No pets. 4136 Iowa Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

**NORTH PARK.** Stylish Spanish studio includes utilities and cable. French doors, arched entrance upgrades, enclosed garden courtyard. Safe, quiet, central location. Sorry no pets. \$675 and deposit. Jesse 619-281-1327.

**NORTH PARK.** \$845 Newly remolded studio cottage, large walk-in closet. Very pri-

vate backyard, storage shed. Parking space. 619-840-7175.

**NORTH PARK.** \$845. Cozy, teeny tiny 2 bedroom cottage. Hardwood floors, 1930's style, charming courtyard. Close to all. Cat OK. Call 619-285-2000.

**NORTH PARK.** \$895. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry facilities/off street parking. Gated courtyard. See website www.dakotapm.com. Move in special. Call today to see, 858-688-1345.

**NORTH PARK/MORELY FIELD.** \$995. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Intercom entry. Off-street parking for 2 cars. Laundry on site. 3711 Arnold Avenue. 619-298-7724.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1030, including cable TV. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upper corner unit. 8-unit complex. Very quiet. Nonsmoking. No pets. Air conditioned, refurbished. 4185 Iowa. 858-456-9753.

**NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD.** \$775. Bright, spacious 1 bedroom apartment, upstairs with view, totally remodeled, on-site parking, laundry. Cat considered. 3811 Arnold. 858-554-1214.

**NORTH PARK.** \$900-\$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Huge upstairs units. Laundry. Nice quiet neighborhood. Parking. Close to all. 4464-1/2 Oregon Street. Agent, 619-260-1368.

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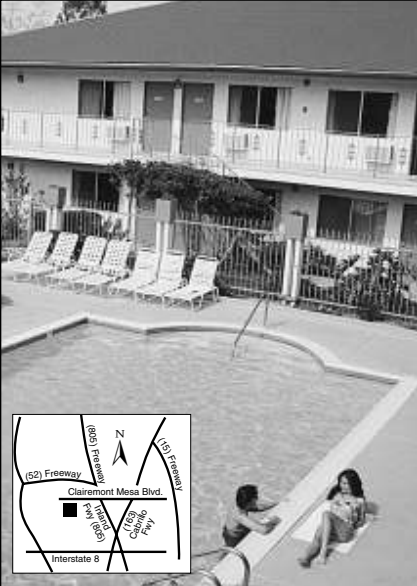
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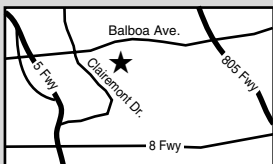
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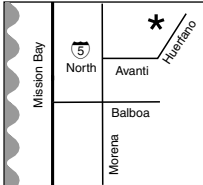
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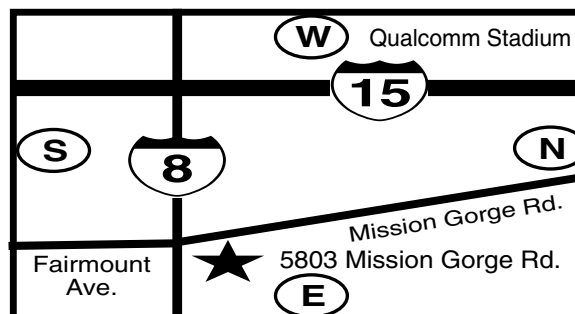


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**EL CAJON.** Multifamily. 7:30am-noon, Saturday/Sunday, 1/10-1/11. Speakers, small appliances, Brahma truck bed top,

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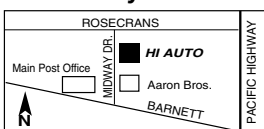
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# T.G.I.F.

1 bottle = 1 column. I thought this was perfectly acceptable.

By John Brizzolara

It's the second week of December as I write this as a bet with myself. The bet is that I don't get drunk this year. I think I'll win. When this appears, I'll be reading it and nodding, "So far so good," or I'll be detoxing, asking anyone around the hospital if they have a newspaper; or perhaps I'll be in rehab, getting workshop-like feedback on my prose from group therapy members. (This has actually happened.) But most likely I'll be dead. I say I'll win the bet because don't we all say that about next week or next month? It's hardly in the bag for any of us. It's just that it is nowhere near the bag for me.

I've been complimented on the clever ways I find to feel sorry for myself, and I take that to heart, that is, in the spirit in which it was meant. It's actually a pretty canny evaluation of the history of this column. I'm sure some people would find it more gratifying to read the label on their low-fat potato chips (as it may well use the phrase "loose, oily stool" in there somewhere), but I've had a few people tell me they have read "TGIF" more than once and with some enjoyment. I feel extraordinarily lucky. This is, in a very real way, therapy for me, and I owe those who are kindly disposed toward these weekly entries in a big way. They might be able to split a weekly therapist's fee and find they have beer and cigarettes for a week.

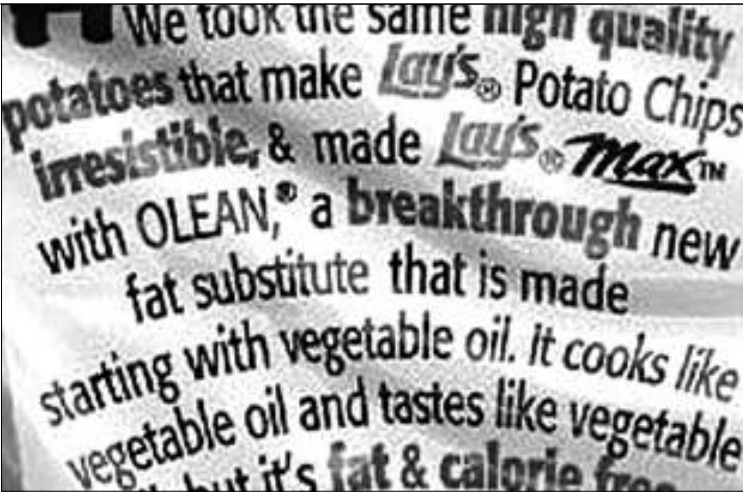
Some years ago I did a kind of

statement of intent in a column meant to be funny (though it was met with a pervasive silence) and titled, in the contents page, "The Accidental Columnist." Whoever came up with that headline was absolutely accurate. Had you asked me ten years ago if "columnist" was on my list of aspirations, I would have said no, but I might have paused. The pause would be in deference to my blanket ambition to make a living as a writer. My father was a columnist and a freelancer. I remember him, just prior to the holidays, working into the night at the dining-room table, aspiring and squinting through clouds of pipe smoke at the page against the platen and talking to himself around the straight stem of the Canadian-style pipe. He was doing extra features and columns for holiday issues for several magazines. His goal was to pay for Catholic school uniforms for three to eight children at a time. Not exactly drunk with literary ambition.

Speaking again of drunk and literary ambition, the only other image of a columnist that forms in my mind's eye is that of journalist/author/columnist Bob Considine, whom I met on a few occasions in the early 1970s. Already elderly, Considine was still younger than he looked. The bottle a day of Famous Grouse scotch would account for this. I was performing and recording music with his son at the time, and often we would rehearse at his parents' apartment at 57th Street and Seventh Avenue, directly across the street from Carnegie Hall. One morning I remember arriving around 11:00 a.m., and we were told we couldn't rehearse because Bob was in his huge study, writing his column. I remember asking how long it would be and was told he'd come out when the bottle was empty. One bottle = one column. I thought this was perfectly acceptable. After all, here was the author of *Thirty Seconds over Tokyo* and *The Babe Ruth Story*, both books I read as a kid, and I was in awe. The pronouncement confirmed what movies and television had been showing me for 20 years: the profession of writing came with a license to drink.

It was a side benefit that didn't interest me much at the time, preferring a joint to a bottle any day. But it wouldn't be long before I was bringing the Bob Considine defense into my arguments with myself about alcoholism and writing. My father wasn't a big drinker, but I've used his precedent in the tobacco-abuse argument more than once. Now circumstance and a genetically bad heart are pulling that rug out from under me.

It isn't writing, of course, and it isn't the holidays. Thanksgiving through my December birthday, then Christmas and New Year's, is more a minefield of family issues than license for self-pity or being Hungry, Angry, or Tired, as



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they say in 12-step circles. A lifelong ruin of a relationship with my mother, compounded by the vicissitudes of relationships among multiple siblings, the death of a brother earlier this year, and the disdain my 26-year-old son has been demonstrating toward me for the past couple of years (my alcoholism? the divorce?) with painful reticence and barely civil telephone exchanges, all compose a dangerous stew.

Sobriety in the face of these most excellent causes for oblivion and friendly Johnny Walker? At one time, not long ago, I'd say it would be a long shot. But I've already set a kind of personal best record in 2003, and I am quick and happy and yet puzzled to be the first to say I had little to do with it. What does it have to do with? It has everything to do with the reason for the season, as they say, in the first place. The proximity of Thanksgiving and New Year's to Christmas takes on a new correctness these days; and my birthday tucked in there seems a kind of privilege rather than an occasion to carp about being shortchanged on presents. In other words it has become clear that someone or something wants me alive. It seems personal, so I will say "someone." Leaving the concept of the Messiah just to the side and just for a moment, let me first exclude, with all surety, Santa Claus.

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# Children of Tolkien

I read J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* for the first time the summer I was 13. We lived in Mammoth Lakes, in California's Eastern High Sierra. My parents managed a lodge in Mammoth's Upper Lakes Basin. We had no TV or radio. That summer, I lived mostly in my head in Middle Earth. When I wasn't reading, I took long hikes through groves of quaking aspen or up windy crags. I imagined one rocky outcrop high above Lake Mary to be the Gates of Mordor. Tolkien's heroic vision certainly trumped what I thought of as my dull, isolated teenage existence.

I read the trilogy a few more times during high school and again in college. My senior year,

a girlfriend and I read the books simultaneously. Riding home side-by-side on the bus from UCSD to Pacific Beach, we would lose ourselves on the Plains of Rohan or in Fangorn Forest. I was always a little shocked to look up and see the neon lights of Denny's and the Old Ox as we trundled along Mission Boulevard.

When I met my husband Jack, it turned out we had Tolkien in common. Jack's *Lord of the Rings* background was more extensive than mine. Jack's father had read the trilogy aloud to Jack and his four siblings when they were children. During high school, Jack read the trilogy over and over again. Jack and his older sister used to play a game with each other where one would read a line from the trilogy. The other person had to identify the book and chapter.

Which made us more than a little skeptical when we heard four years ago that someone was making a movie of the Tolkien trilogy. "They'll ruin it," Jack predicted. "Part of the joy of reading Tolkien is imagining how the characters and the landscapes look. Everyone's imagination is different. Once you see the movie with certain actors cast as the characters, you'll never again be able to read the books without seeing the characters as those people."

We were even more skeptical when we started reading information in the newspaper and on the Internet. "Liv Tyler is Arwen," I told Jack. "I looked up Arwen in the index at the end of *The Return of the King*. She only appears twice in all three books. Once in Riven-

dell, and all the way at the end when she marries Aragorn. The trailer on the *Lord of the Rings* website shows her facing down the Nazgul at the Fords of Bruinen."

Our oldest daughter Rebecca asked if she could see the movies. "Maybe," Jack told Rebecca. "But only after you've read the books for yourself at least once."

Rebecca, who was eight at the time, flew through *The Hobbit* and all three books of the trilogy. "Did you understand them?" Jack asked Rebecca. "You read them so quickly."

"Sure," Rebecca responded.

Jack asked a few more detailed questions about the plot and the characters. Rebecca knew everything.

"Can I see the movie?" Rebecca asked again.

"We'll see," Jack answered. "Mom and I are going to see it first. If it's okay, you can go."

Two years ago, Jack and I saw the first installment, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, at the Edwards Cinemas near our home in San Marcos. Having loved the books so much, I didn't have especially high expectations for the movie. When we walked back out into the thin sunshine on that December afternoon, I looked at Jack with my mouth open. "That was unbelievable," I said. "It looked exactly the way I imagined it did in my head. Everything — the Shire, Rivendell, Lothlorien. And the casting was perfect."

Jack agreed. He let me take Rebecca to the movie the following week. I watched her face

in the dark as the world of Middle Earth opened before her. We were hooked. Jack and I read the trilogy again the following spring. Rebecca read it every chance she got. We waited for the second installment, *The Two Towers*. We loved it, too. I got Jack the DVD of *The Fellowship of the Ring* for Christmas that year. He and Rebecca and I watched the extended version of the film and the appendices many times over.

Last summer and fall, we watched the website, waiting for the trailer for the final installment, *The Return of the King*. Our younger daughters, Angela and Lucy, started getting in on the excitement. After seeing Legolas and Aragorn on the website and on TV, the girls started mooning over the actors who play them. "I just love Orlando Bloom," Lucy crooned to Rebecca.

"When you see *Return of the King*, say 'hi' to Legolas and Aragorn for me," Angela added.

Rebecca rolled her eyes in disgust.

The Friday after New Year's, Jack, Rebecca, and I sat in the darkened theater and watched *The Return of the King*. We lost ourselves on the Pellenor Fields and in the deadly caves near Cirith Ungol. I found myself weeping at the truly heroic parts. I turned to see Rebecca's and Jack's cheeks wet with tears, too.

When we walked out of the theater into the evening, I was surprised to see the neon signs of Cold Stone and Rubio's. At home, Angela asked Rebecca, "Did you tell Legolas and Aragorn 'hi' for me?"

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