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Inspiration Tears

I just finished reading Byron Shewman’s article “The Poor Man’s High” (January 8), and it brought me to tears! I always enjoy reading each weekly article, but this one was the first to move me to write in a response. Moreover, I felt a need to write a letter of recommendation or send a copy of the article to the governor myself! I just wanted to let Brian French know that friends, family, and even people he has never met, and probably never will, are thinking of him and wish him well on January 21! He is an inspiration to us all to make the best of the lives we are given.

S. Turville
via e-mail

Support Mr. French

I recently read the article “The Poor Man’s High” in the January 8 issue and was totally enthralled by the story Mr. Shewman presented. It especially hit home because I too was at the Chuckawalla state prison and actually on the same yard as Mr. French. In the years of doing time, I ran into quite a few people affected by the state’s policy on term-to-life inmates. The effect it has on not only the inmate but the inmate’s family is devastating. There is a group called FACTS (Families to Amend California’s Three Strikes) in existence that needs support for such people as Mr. French. Their website is facts1.com, and I encourage anyone interested to contact them. I wish there was some way to help support Mr. French in his upcoming parole hearing on January 21. Good luck, Mr. French!!!!

Jack Mosher
via e-mail

Blew It!

Re “The Poor Man’s High,” January 8. Oh, please, spare me! I have known other peo-

ple who gave up great careers in football, motocross, etc., for drugs. I have personal knowledge of these people, along with my own son’s dad, who chose drugs over responsibility. You can leave a household when drugs are present! Blah-blah, etc. This man killed someone! Bad or not, I would not like to see anyone kill anyone in any community I live in. This man could have bettered his life in many ways before he killed someone! Not many people get that chance! There are kids out there who need that chance and never get it! He could have been great at what he did, as intelligent as he was, and what did he do with it? Blew it! The big picture is, get help before it destroys your life and everyone else’s! Don’t live in a drug-infested world! I still have feelings for the people I know who blew chances at the big time, but you make your bed.

Name Withheld

Hell Web

I just finished reading “The Poor Man’s High” by Byron Shewman (January 8). First, let me commend Mr. Shewman for an honest, no-BS insight of what can and does happen in our justice (?) system all too often.

I, too, have a friend caught in the web of hell called our correctional (corruption) system. Unfortunately for him, it is on the federal side. He was sentenced to three life terms and three ten-year sentences that were to run consecutively. And like Mr. Shewman’s friend, my friend is determined not to let his unwarranted sentencing get the better of him. His favorite story to tell is that he keeps asking which part of his sentencing he has to do first, the three life terms or the three ten-year sentences, but they never tell him.

In case you are wondering, he did not kill anyone, rob any banks, blow up any federal buildings, hijack any planes, or commit any other atrocity. I’m not saying he was a model citizen; like Mr. French, he had his faults. Although nothing deserving of the sentencing the court handed down to him.

Unfortunately, when he was sentenced, there were these new revisions to the federal-sentencing guide-

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Famous again Ex-San Diego city councilman **Bruce Henderson**, who has already taken on two multimillionaires, **Alex Spanos** and **John Moores**, in his never-ending battle on behalf of truth, justice, and taxpayers' pocketbooks, now finds himself facing off against none other than Republican governor



Bruce Henderson

Arnold Schwarzenegger. Fellow Republican Henderson is a leading opponent of Proposition 58, Schwarzenegger's so-called California Balanced Budget Act, which the governor claims would guarantee an end to future state deficit spending. Not so, argues Henderson, who along with San Diego Libertarian **Richard Rider** and Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association executive director **Joe Armendariz** has signed the ballot arguments against the measure. "Reject this ruse!" says Henderson's rebuttal to the Schwarzenegger argument in favor. "Remember the original deal we were promised by Arnold? Vote for a huge \$15 billion bond to pay for past mistakes, and we'll pass a solid spending limit so this mess doesn't happen again." The opponents go on to say that "Prop 58 does NOT protect us from the sleazy methods currently employed to balance the budget — accounting tricks and short-term borrowing... Prop 58 includes NO SPENDING LIMITS, leaving the door wide open to more borrowing and higher taxes." In response, Schwarzenegger, who is joined in signing a ballot statement in support of the measure by **Bill Hauck**, a former aide to ex-governor **Pete Wilson**, and **Allan Zaremborg**, chairman of the California Chamber of Commerce, fires back: "Don't be fooled by the opponents. The California Taxpayers Association supports the California Balanced Budget Act." The measure, says the governor, "WILL REQUIRE A BALANCED BUDGET for the first time." But Henderson and company are not convinced: "The Governor ALREADY has the power to call the legislature into session to address a developing budget shortfall. This initiative requires the legislature to take action before it can move on to other business. But it is LOOPHOLE RIDDEN." Observers note Henderson and his comrades were tapped for duty after bigger names in Sacramento, fearful of political retribution from the governor and his backers, declined to put their names on the argument.

The egg and Joan Word that the children of the late business publisher **Malcolm Forbes** are getting ready to auction off his remaining nine bejeweled Fabergé eggs is casting fresh attention on the egg purchased back in 1989 by the late **Joan Kroc** as a favor to her old buddy, then-San Diego mayor **Maureen O'Connor**. As ringmaster of the city-sponsored Russian Arts Festival, O'Connor persuaded Forbes to lend his Fabergé collection

for public display here, and he jetted into town on his private jet, the *Capitalist Tool*, to announce the news on the front page of the *Union-Tribune*. Then, in May 1989, a few months before the festival opened, the *Today* show came to town and featured O'Connor, Kroc, and *U-T* publisher **Helen Copley** in an interview with then-host



Joan Kroc's egg

Jane Pauley. Kroc held up her egg, for which she had recently paid a reported \$2.8 million at a European auction (the Forbes eggs are expected to go for about \$10 million each at a Sotheby's auction in New York next month), while Pauley enthused, "You either love eggs or you love San Diego!" Copley, who still owns the *U-T* but was forced by illness to step down three years ago as publisher in favor of her son, told Pauley she and her editorial board were against clamping down on urban development: "We believe in managed growth, uh, without annual, uh, numbers of houses being built, without a cap on that number. But we believe in, that, managed growth might be helped by making the, uh, developers provide more of the amenities, such as parks, fire stations." It was the last time the publisher ever appeared on television in a speaking role. No word on whether Kroc's egg is to be sold. Back in April 1997, Kroc tried to unload her egg, made in 1900 and called the Pine Cone, at a Christie's auction. Though beautiful, the object had been created not for the czar but for Russian industrialist **Alexander Kelch** and was withdrawn from sale after bids stopped at \$2.8 million, according to news accounts.

Kittle's next resort *Union-Tribune* editorial writer **Robert Kittle**, who with his wife **Luanne** owns the exclusive Rhoades preparatory school catering to residents of wealthy Rancho Santa Fe, recently bought a posh house in La Jolla ... **Loch David Crane**, the perennial Star Trike-driving mayoral candidate who once had a sidewalk shoving match with fallen mayor and radio talk-show host **Roger Hedgecock** after being barred from a debate, is sitting out this year's race and throwing his support to **Peter Q. Davis** ... A letter from San Diego schools chief Alan Bersin to principal **Mildred Phillips** dated December 23 and received January 5 bore bad news: her alternative secondary school, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, with 150 students, is set for surprise closure at the end of this school year, if the school board approves at its meeting on February 10. Parents are being notified today. Another big Bersin move: consolidation of Garfield and Twain alternative high schools.

— Matt Potter

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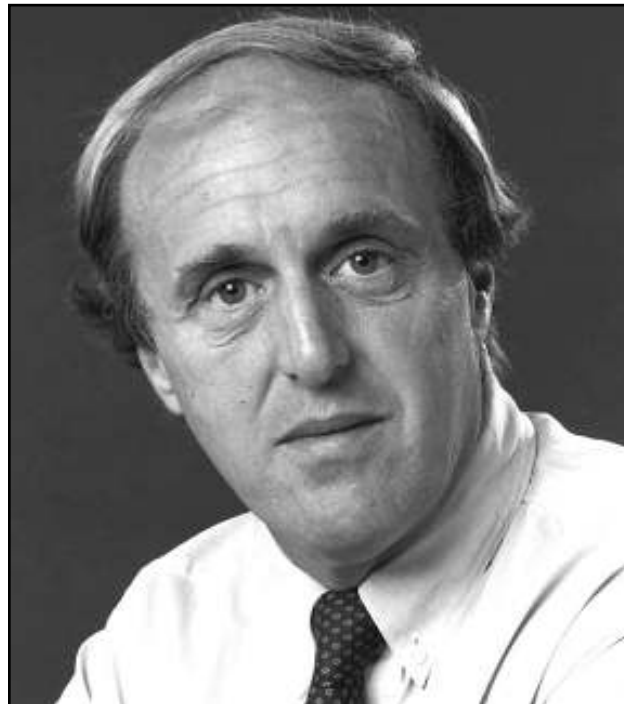
Scripps' Lerner Apes Moores

By Don Bauder

Call it the Florida flimflam. You would almost think that Richard Lerner, president of Scripps Research Institute, has taken lessons in snookering the public from his good friend, Padres majority owner John Moores.

Scripps plans to locate a

with Governor Jeb Bush, has taken a page from pro-sports stadium scams. Bush is promising preposterous biotech job creation while



Richard Lerner

biotech research facility in South Florida. To wangle \$569 million in state and local government subsidies, the research institute, along

Lerner, also promising a flow of jobs, rhapsodizes about a biotech Eden. Skeptical scholars and journalists have pointed out how

bloated the claims are, but most state politicians have bought the hype...hook, line, and sucker.

However, even the skeptics have missed the major point. Government subsidy of bioscience (biotechnology and biomedical equipment) may be about future medical advances, but it is decidedly *not* about job creation. Unfortunately, to a very large degree, it is about fast bucks for fat cats, and that's why overhyped projects get support from politicians who are in the nabobs' pockets.

Corporate insiders, venture capitalists, and local moneybags rake in profits of one million percent or so in initial public offerings of biotech stocks. Most biotechs don't succeed in their scientific quests, but the insiders who get cheap shares (a penny, say, for founders shares and 50 cents to a dollar for second and third round pre-offering stock) have it made. Unlike companies in most other initial public offerings, biotechs are *not* on the cusp of success; they claim they will have a cure for a disease in perhaps ten years. With a window this wide, it's hardly surprising that

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Neal Obermeyer



Hired Bowser Drives Ducks Nuts

By Joe Deegan

The old Le Meridien Hotel appealed so much to Roger Perez as the reception locale for his 1993 wedding to wife Renee that one day on his lunch hour last summer he went back to make reservations for their tenth-anniversary dinner. While on the grounds of what is now Coronado Island Marriott Resort, he strolled back to the harbor-side site of that reception for a little nostalgia. There he noticed a large tent that the Marriott uses for a variety of events today.

"We had to get our own tent and bring it in," says Perez, who also remembers being asked to pose for photos near one of the swans the Meridien kept. The bird's hissing made him nervous at the time. "But at least we have a nice picture of the two of us there, romantically, with this big black swan," he says. "The hotel had two elegant, large white

swans and two fancy black ones. I'm sure their wings were clipped. Who would want those to fly away?"

Today the Marriott Resort



Roger Perez

keeps only two black swans (perhaps the same ones in Perez's picture) in the pond (which contains a small island) at the head of its

semicircular driveway in front of the hotel. The swans share the space with 11 pink flamingos and a small brown duck.

Perez continues, "Since we visited quite often ahead of time to get dimensions for the tent, we saw lots of ducks and ducklings around the grounds too. Kids at the hotel loved the little duckies."

On his return visit last summer, however, Perez saw something upsetting happening to a mother duck and her four brown and yellow fuzzy ducklings. "As I was walking along the hotel's south side toward the tent," he says, "a gentleman came along with a dog on a leash, stopped and reached down, undid the leash, and pointed his hand out. I thought I heard him say something, and the dog took off. My first impression was that he found this dog, corralled it, brought it out, and was now letting it run to someone it belonged to."

But the dog jumped into a long pond running parallel to the sidewalk and started swimming in the direction of the ducklings. As it approached them, says Perez,



Tweed

"Their mother would swim close to the dog to divert it. So the dog started after the mother duck, but when it got near her, she flew up and landed a ways away. Then the dog turned his attention right back to the little ducks. It got to the point where the dog was chasing two of them, and he got so close to one that it dove under the water. So the dog dove after it. And I was holding my breath, because I thought that dog was going to come up with

the duckling in its mouth."

In the meantime, the man who had released the dog was yelling at it to come back. Then Perez noticed that a woman nearby had started to respond to the situation. She shouted something to the man that Perez could not make out. He is certain that she was not an employee, because "she had sandals on, she had a tank top that was floral, her hair was done up, and she had jewelry on. So she didn't look like she was

working."

Nevertheless, the woman removed the shorts she had on over her bathing suit and waded into the pool, where eventually she cornered the dog, a black and white border collie, grabbed him by the collar, and led him onto the grass. There she seemed to hold the dog for the man still calling after it. The man moved in her direction, bringing him also closer to Perez, who now suspected from the word "Engineering" embroidered on his shirt that he was a hotel employee.

"The other thing I had noticed," says Perez, "is that when the dog was chasing the ducklings, the man who released it was laughing. It appeared that there was some kind of enjoyment for him in the situation. As he came by, I stopped him and said, 'What would you do if the dog caught a duckling?' He looked at me blankly, and I said, 'You know, I think there are laws against what you are doing. You're harassing these animals, and those babies, they can't even fly.' I asked him, 'Do you work here?' And he said yes."

So Perez went back into the hotel and told a woman who earlier had assisted him that he found what he witnessed outside "very distressing." She apologized profusely, "handling the matter well," he says. But after going home and talking it over with his wife, who was looking forward to their anniversary evening at the Marriott, he called back and canceled their



Flamingos in pond at Coronado Island Marriott Resort

Lerner

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biotechs get rushed to the initial public offering market, whether or not success is even on the distant horizon.

In a juiced-up market,

Wall Street manipulators and corporate touts push up the stock on exaggerated expectations. Those who have received the extremely cheap shares can sell off some of their stock each year, with certain legal and

underwriting restrictions, and get fabulously wealthy, whether or not the company succeeds, and even when the stock tanks, as almost all do. (If you got your shares for a penny each, you get plenty rich selling them

for 50 cents, and filthy rich unloading them for \$50.)

Florida and Palm Beach County have anted up the \$569 million on Scripps' guarantee that its new Florida research center will hire 545 people in seven

years. That's about one million dollars per job. Astounding. But, says Governor Jeb Bush, biotech companies springing up and relocating to the area will create 50,000 industry jobs in

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15 years.

Oh? San Diego is the nation's third-largest biotech center. But in almost three decades of biotech activity, the county has 36,371 bio-

science (both biotech and biomed) jobs, says Stephen Meyer, president of Alexander X, Inc., a San Diego technology and life science research company. Biotech jobs are a mere 2.5 percent of San Diego civilian jobs.

Biotech jobs are expensive to produce, slow to develop, and volatile, says Meyer. In the year 2000, San Diego had 30,000 biotech jobs. The next year it dropped to 27,000 before rising to the current level.

San Diego has 505 biotech companies. Very few are profitable. According to the accounting firm Ernst & Young, publicly held San Diego biotechs lost a collective \$641 million in 2001, and the loss swelled to

\$748.4 million the following year.

In October, when Bush pitched the legislature for a fat Scripps subsidy, the governor's office sent out a news release saying that the projection of future jobs

was based on the fact that 80 percent of San Diego biotechs "are within a three-mile radius of the Scripps facility in La Jolla." The news release didn't mention that the University of California at San Diego, Salk Institute, Burnham Institute, and other science centers are located in the same area. In fact, only 40 San Diego biotechs supposedly owe their existence to Scripps, and it isn't clear how many are still in operation.

In many ways, the biotech industry is like the lottery: a few companies make it big while the others sink. Biotech stocks have even more in common with the lottery — except for insiders, who have a can't-lose ticket.

Nationally, only about 100 biotech-related drugs have made it to market in the past 30 years, according to a study by the Brookings Institution. There are fewer than 200,000 employees in 1500 companies. The U.S. industry lost \$11 billion in 2002. Ernst & Young doesn't think it will be profitable until 2010 at the earliest. The years of bounteous money flowing from the federal government's National Institutes of Health are over, scholars agree.

Nonetheless, according to Brookings, biotech is either the first or second target for 83 percent of state and local economic agencies nationwide.

The Scripps/Florida projections are "unrealistic, and a long shot at best," according to Brookings economist Joseph Cortright.

Floridians have taken notice. When Governor Bush originally threw out the job estimates, Democratic leaders accused him of "wildly inflating" the numbers. Perhaps 16,000 jobs in 15 years — not 50,000 — would be reasonable, says the former head of the state's Office of Demographic Research.

According to the *Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel*, the Bush team's economic model foresees 173 new biotech companies arising or arriving in the 14th year. But in Massachusetts, one of three top biotech areas, only 5 to 20 companies are added each year. Hmmm.

Possibly because Bush

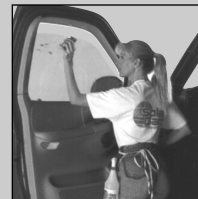
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and Scripps didn't want the public to wise up, the whole deal was wrapped up in a couple of months, at both state and local levels. Moreover, legislators hurriedly passed a measure that gives Scripps exemption from key parts of the state's public records laws. "We need to protect our intellectual property so that we can license it to private companies" and bring in royalties, says Scripps spokesman Keith McKeown. The deal might not have gone through without the exemptions.

But the state's open-government advocates, such as the First Amendment Foundation, point out that exempting Scripps from opening its books could permit it to conceal its dealings with state and Palm Beach County authorities. And because of the hurry-up, hush-hush nature of the deal, many Floridians are concerned about what happened behind closed doors.

Lerner has urged speeding up the deal with dubious statements such as, "Researchers by nature are not very patient." Oh? Patience is a bedrock virtue of scientific inquiry. Ask the Food and Drug Administration.

Lerner has made other statements that strain credulity. "Researchers remain isolated from the vagaries of the marketplace," he told the *Miami Herald*. "We don't have a bottom line. We don't have to worry if our stock goes up."

Balderdash. In 1992 and 1993, Craig Rose of the *Union-Tribune* did an excellent series on questionable Scripps activity, including a deal with Sandoz Pharmaceuticals that initially gave the company wide control over scientific activity at Scripps. Lerner became embroiled in controversy by serving as a paid consultant to Johnson & Johnson, which had an agreement to commercialize discoveries at Scripps.

Lerner may sniff that he doesn't worry about stocks going up, but he made a \$900 investment in Cytel, a startup company he co-founded that had a joint venture with Scripps. Nine months later, Cytel bought

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those shares from Lerner for \$71,000. There were other questions about shares in a Scripps/Cytel joint venture going to Scripps employees. Lerner said such fast-buck schemes were "incentivizing people."

Cytel has since morphed into a San Diego biotech named Epimmune, which to date has never made a profit or even any revenues from commercial products and has a huge cumulative deficit of \$156.7 million.

It's little wonder that Lerner and Moores are so cozy. Moores, longtime Peregrine Systems chairman, sold more than \$450 million of his stock during a period in which the books were cooked. During that time, he was a big donor and board member of Scripps.

"We gave him an honorary degree right in the middle of the problems with Peregrine because we wanted to weigh in and say, 'Everything you're hearing about John Moores is not the John we know,' " enthused Lerner to the *Union-Tribune*.

Lerner and Moores share mutual admiration — and, apparently, strategy for extracting money from governments. Uh-oh. The next step might be for Scripps, having hornswaggled Florida, to threaten to leave San Diego unless taxpayers build a new facility here. ■

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dinner reservations.

Roger and Renee Perez have spent time as volunteers for San Diego's Project Wildlife, an organization that helps wild animals in the urban environment. Perez says his specialty was possums. One of the many bites he suffered from possums was on a knuckle, which caused a severe infection. His doctor told Perez, who has been in remission from Hodgkin's lymphoma for four and a half years, that another bite like that could overwhelm his weakened immune system and kill him. So he stopped his work with Project Wildlife, but he and Renee are still animal lovers, a fact that in his own case, he says, goes back to a college interest in the natural sci-

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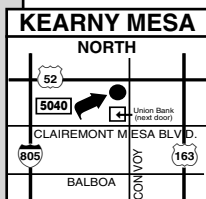
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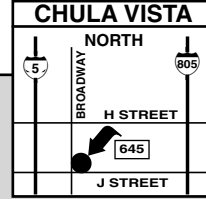
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ences. Today, he works as an accountant.

The work of the border collie, whose name is Tweed, receives much more appreciation from its owner, the Coronado Island Marriott Resort, than it does from Roger Perez. The hotel purchased Tweed a year ago from Goosedog.com, a company in Barstow that trains border collies to herd waterfowl away from golf courses and other recreational areas without hurting them.

The Marriott, according to assistant manager Patti Fletcher, likes to have wildlife around the hotel, because its patrons enjoy the animals. But those same patrons complain when the side-walks on the grounds become dirty from the ducks' droppings. So the resort has chosen to use Tweed as a humane way to control them.

The problem first started several years ago, says Marriott's director of engineering, Tony Del Rios, when "we had a big influx of coots [a common type of black waterfowl, smaller than most ducks] that migrated in at night and were eating all the grass, turning the grassy areas to mud." Tweed does keep the fowl under some control and their numbers low, Del Rios says. Contradicting the story told by Perez, however, Del Rios insists that when the ducks' young are present, Tweed is not allowed off his leash to run free.

Employees around the Marriott say that once ducks are born on hotel property, they tend to make it their permanent home. A stroll around the grounds reveals about a dozen ducks, most of which seem to be mallards, in and around five or six ponds. Last summer the four ducklings Roger Perez saw were the only young ones in sight. He thinks that during nesting a female duck sits on more eggs than 4, a fact confirmed by a mallard website that puts the number at between 5 and 13. He also remembers seeing many more ducks during the short time he spent at the Meridien ten years ago and wonders how the Marriott now keeps their numbers down. But one Marriott employee said he thinks the Meridien used

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to give people bread to feed the ducks.

There is another duck at the Marriott that is nearly identical to the female Perez saw with her ducklings. Both of the mature ducks are black with white patches at the base of their necks, which resemble a bib. That makes it less likely that they are mallards, though the shapes of their bodies make them look similar. A breed called "black duck" shows that it isn't as dark as the Marriott's black-colored ducks. Also, black ducks are native to the eastern seaboard of the United States and are not found in the west.

After getting out her bird book, Ann Wright, a bird watcher and volunteer at the Audubon Society, addresses the black ducks' mysterious identity. "Mallards interbreed a lot," she says, "and that produces all sorts of unusual results." She thinks that the black color of two ducks at the Marriott probably has come from a number of generations of mallards staying and interbreeding there. "Those ducks," she continues, "are not migrating here now. The migrating season is over."

Is it legal for the Marriott to chase ducks off with a dog? A spokesman at the California Department of Fish and Game sees no problem with it. California law permits owners to protect their property from nuisance animals by herding them away (a border collie avocation), especially where they cause "depredation." On the other hand, the 1918 federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act makes it illegal to harass ducks, especially when they are nesting or caring for their young. But if some ducks have grown up at the resort instead of migrating in, then perhaps the Marriott is justified in pursuing its current policy.

Roger Perez, meanwhile, says that he's not done with the issue. "I have been considering contacting some of the people that we knew at Project Wildlife," he says, "to find out whether they would intervene. They rescue injured or trapped animals. And these animals are definitely in danger. The most disturbing thing is that these are ducklings, and they can't fend for themselves." ■

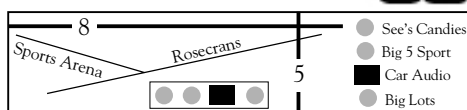
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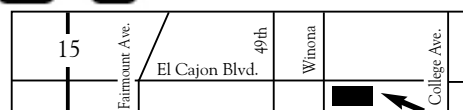
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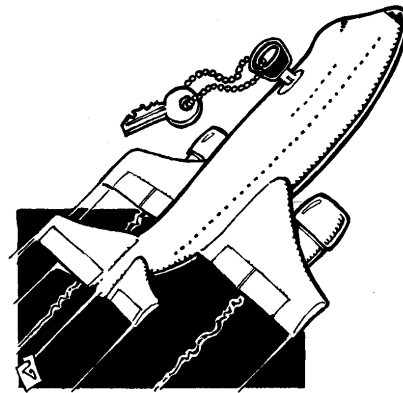
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Heymatt:

Do jumbo jets have keys? If so, has anyone ever lost them and delayed a flight?

— Jay, waiting on the tarmac

We have so many other, more annoying ways to delay flights these days. Losing the keys seems like child's play by comparison. And besides, a commercial jet doesn't have keys. Flip a couple of switches, and she's purring like a contented whale. Your car doesn't really need a key for ignition either; starters just evolved that way for reasons unrelated to auto engineering.

Consider this. Keys suggest locks. Locks suggest security — keeping somebody out. A thief, perhaps? A jumbo-jet thief? No need to lock a large commercial jet, since it's really, really hard to sneak one out of an airport quickly and quietly.

If you look at history, you'd have to figure that the day after we invented valuable objects, we invented theft. Locks go back at least 4000 years. Wooden pin-and-tumbler-style devices. The Romans, who had plenty of stuff to protect and plenty of paranoia, made the first metal lock that required a matching key to open it. Our common Yale tumbler lock appeared in 1848. Today, of course, with rapid advances in theft technology, we keep security-device inventors hopping.

From the beginning, cars have been ideal targets for the felonious. By 1904 Cadillacs had anti-theft ignition devices. Since a plane requires that the thief know how to fly it, aircraft are less vulnerable in general. But if big commercial jets don't have door or ignition keys, smaller general aviation planes definitely do. And prop locks and wheel boots and throttle locks and control-panel locks.... Drug smugglers love to steal zippy King Air turboprops or Rockwell Aero Commanders or even slow little Cessnas for short hops in the jungle. But these thefts are more often made outside the U.S., in Latin America or the Caribbean. Only 3 general aviation planes were stolen last year in the U.S., 13 the year before, according to the Aviation Crime Prevention Institute. But as we all know, crime marches on, so maybe jumbo jet keys are just over the horizon.

Yo Matt:

Why can't I buy music videos? I'd like to own "Thriller" and some others without waiting to see them on TV. Can you help?

— Lisa, San Diego

Lisa, you're just so discouraged you must have stopped looking for "Thriller." It's been out there (pirated) for quite some time. And now it's available in special DVD packages offered through legitimate sources. Selected music videos are making their way into the marketplace. What I think you mean is why in the past music videos haven't been sold by the record companies. When you saw it on MTV, why you couldn't go down to a store and buy it. For this answer we dialed up our Team Matthew Alice pal in a big glass tower somewhere in Century City, up to his butt in contracts at 20th Century Elf, a sadder but wiser refugee from the bicoastal music biz. He's spent his career at the life source of all the popular arts, the point where dollars meet documents.

"Simple, babe," he says. "Music videos are just promotion. To get you to buy the CD. Not even made for the public in the beginning. One more desperate tool to get a particular song into rotation on radio. MTV saw the entertainment potential and struck a deal to air the free videos on the tube." "Thriller," he says, was the vid that kicked things up from pretty simple live recordings into extravaganzas.

In the beginning, production costs were low. Today you can't even open the production-studio door for less than maybe one or two hundred thousand dollars per song. Double, triple that if you want a special-effects eye catcher. And they're still basically promotion. Record labels want you to buy the CD; they're not in the video business.

Maybe our pal is a little cynical after too many years in the pop-culture world, but he says the success of MTV and music videos has made one major change in the world of tunes. It's guaranteed there would be no ugly pop stars. So you have no real talent? Who cares. Our studio engineers can adjust your bad pitch and weak pipes. We just wanna know, can you dance? Are you cute? Or at least fixable with plastic surgery.

Matt:

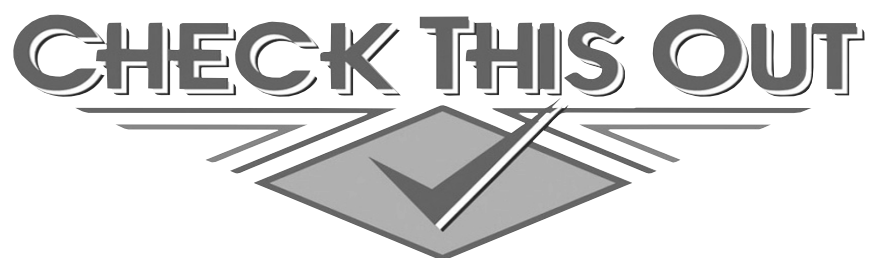
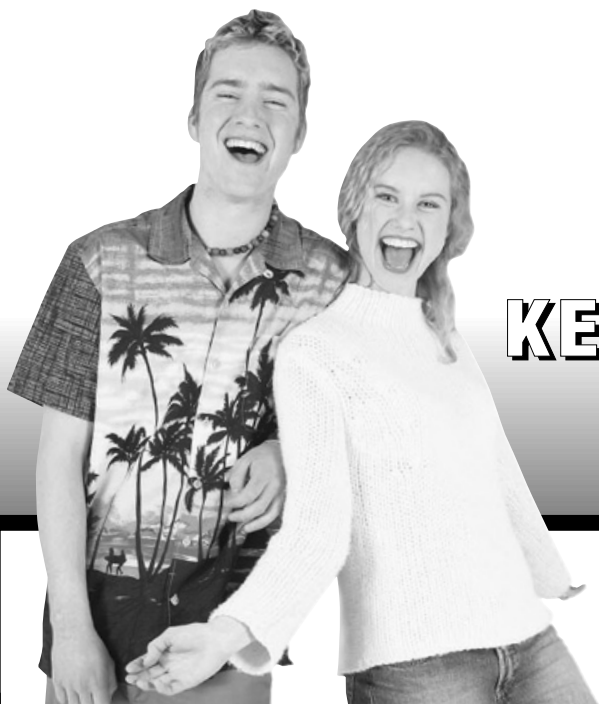
Why is Goofy Mickey Mouse's best friend, but Pluto's his dog? Shouldn't Pluto be his best friend, by definition? And Goofy has a son named Max, but they never mention Max's mother. Who is she?

— Wonder What Walt Had in Mind

Umm...by definition? Like, dogs are man's best friend? Pluto started out as just an anonymous bloodhound in a prison-break cartoon back in the '30s; later he appeared as Minnie's dog Rover; then he found his calling as Mickey's dog Pluto. By then, Goofy had seniority. Like Norm's wife Vera in *Cheers*, Mrs. Goofy's voice is heard in one cartoon from the 1950s, but she's never seen. After that, all trace of her disappears. They never speak of her again. It must be a very sad story. Goofy's not talking.

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Go Gaels

An announcer's voice shrieks, "Please rise as we introduce your Gaels STARTING FIVE!"

Everyone in the small, almost high school-sized gymnasium stands and most make appropriate noises as a dozen basketball players trot onto the hardwood floor. This is McKeon Pavilion on the campus of St. Mary's College, located in Morgana, California, 15 miles over the hill from Oakland.

I am here, prolonging a holiday visit to the full extent of the law, to watch San Diego State's men's basketball team at work. The work will be done at St. Mary's, a small Catholic college with 2500 undergraduate students. San Diego State has close to that number of faculty plus 27,000 undergraduate students. McKeon Pavilion was built in 1977 and seats 3500. Cox Arena, built in 1997, seats 12,000.

It's a crisp Tuesday night in early January, just cold enough outside to make you happy to be indoors — perfect basketball weather. This is, for me, the best part of college basketball, watching small colleges compete against behemoths. St. Mary's belongs to the West Coast Conference, which consists of eight like-sized private schools. One, Gonzaga, has become a basketball name, is ranked 16th in the nation by the Associated Press, and has made it to the NCAA tournament every year for the past five years.

There are 1800 people here tonight, and I am surprised to see so many of them wearing San Diego State T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, and baseball caps. Out on the floor, a St. Mary's cheerleader is holding a cardboard sign: "Make Some Noise." The message seems oddly nostalgic, something out of 1971 Iowa. Then again, the cheerleaders are something out of 1958 Iowa. The young women wear full-length blue pants under tops that look like oversized athletic bras. The squad is busy with their routine, which, by the way, includes a modified bump but not a hint of grind. Modesty, thy name is SMC cheerleader.

The game begins, and I quickly note that the Gaels starting five is as good as anybody's. Oops, there's a loose ball. St. Mary's dives on the floor, San Diego gets there first, there's a long pass, Walton shoots a 3-pointer, misses off the glass, St. Mary's gets the rebound, runs the court, Marigney makes a too-quick pass, which is intercepted by San Diego. The Aztecs run the court, Brandon Heath shoots a 3-pointer, misses, St. Mary's rebounds, runs the court, Poole takes a 3-pointer, misses, San Diego rebounds, runs the floor and plays pass-around for a while, referee calls a foul, St. Mary's gets possession, and repeat.

There's 1:53 left in the first half and the score is 33 to 33, although you wouldn't know that from the flow of the game. St. Mary's has flat-out outplayed San Diego. Better passes, better shots, better rebounding, better defense. There's the buzzer.

I wander out to the lobby, regard a long, long line that has formed in front of a tiny refreshment stand. I walk along the column, stop in front of an adult male wearing an SDSU orange-and-black sweatshirt. His name is Richard, and he services ATMs for Bank of America. I ask, "Did you graduate from San Diego State?"

"Yeah, '86."
"What's your connection to St. Mary's?"
"I used to live in the Bay Area when I was a kid. I moved back here after I graduated from State. Noticed San Diego was playing tonight."
Free parking, eight-dollar ticket, why not? I say, "San Diego is down 38 to 33, but they could as easily be down by 10 points."

"Yeah," says Richard. "I don't know what's going on. Bad start. St. Mary's has a solid team. They played pretty good against Arizona. I saw that on TV. It was a close game."

Indeed, a closer game than what I've seen tonight. "Do you follow college basketball?"
"I watch some games. I follow San Diego State. They went to the tournament the last couple of years, so they're turning it around. They've got Fisher as their head coach. We're winning more games than we did before."

Further back in the queue is a cheery, wholesome-looking couple. The male side is represented by Thomas, a Caltrans engineer sporting an Aztecs cap and an ancient, gray SDSU Athletic Department sweatshirt. His wife, Doris, is dressed in civilian attire. I ask Tom, "Do you live in San Diego?"

"I went to school there in the early '90s. I live in Walnut Creek now. You can't pass up traveling ten minutes to see your school play."

"How do you like the game?"
"Game is good. Good defense for St. Mary's. Very impressed."

"How about San Diego?"
"Very depressing."
St. Mary's beat the hell out of the Aztecs in the second half. The final score was an astounding 80 to 66. Four days previous, St. Mary's lost a road game to BYU by a score of 70 to 55. On Monday San Diego beat BYU 65 to 61.

What does it mean? Got me. Maybe it's the cheerleaders.

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Philadelphia Eagles	-105		Field Goal or Safety	+115	
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Team to score first in the game			Team with longest field goal in the game		
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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Disciples of Christ
Address: 1074 Loring Street, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4504
Founded locally: 1949
Senior pastor: Reverend Brian Daly
Congregation size: 125 members
Staff size: 1 full-time, 3 part-time
Sunday school enrollment: 30
Annual budget: \$125,000
Weekly giving: \$2400
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to dressy
Diversity: white
Services: Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

"We became a formal denomination in 1968. Unfortunately, we came onboard at the same time mainline churches started going into the tank," Reverend Brian Daly told me last week when I called to ask about his denomination, the Disciples of Christ.

"We actually started as a movement in the early 1800s. Pennsylvania. Kentucky. It was a movement strongly against denomination- alism, hierarchy. The main ideas were Chris- tian *unity* and a toler- ance of different view- points. The idea of unity, inclusion, was for us symbolized by Com- munion, which we take every week. For a long while we were simply called the Christian Church."

I told Reverend Daly that in my mind his denomination was linked to Lyndon John- son, who belonged to the Disciples of Christ. I associated the denom- ination with Great Soci- ety liberalism and other famous projects of the 1960s.

"Because we'd always emphasized tol- erance of differing view- points, we'd always had both conservative and liberal elements in the church. Those that became the Disciples of Christ were more lib- eral and the denomi- nation adopted a more social gospel approach. The others, the Church of Christ, for example, are known for their conservative approach to the Bible. Some don't allow musical instru- ments during worship.

"But even in the Disciples of Christ, we still have a broad range of conservative and liberal. Take an issue like homosexuality, which is currently dividing many mainline denomi- nations. Here locally we have the Torrey Pines Christian Church, which has traditionally been more conservative. I don't think they'd hire an openly gay pastor. But there's University Christian Church in Hillcrest that reaches out to the gay and lesbian community and would be fine with an openly gay pastor. Our church is a hybrid of the two."

Last Sunday morning, when I visited Rev- erend Daly's congregation, Pacific Beach Chris- tian Church, I was surprised to see that the majority of 120 or so folks present were either over 60 or under 12. I was also surprised by the amount of "God talk," references to God, Jesus, and salvation that you don't usually hear in a mainline church. The liturgy was simple, strait-

laced, choral introit to benediction. But Rev- erend Daly, for example, introduced the morn- ing's speaker, missionary John Boyd, as a "man passionate about his love for God."

After two old-fashioned hymns, "Majesty" and a lesser-known version of "How Great Thou Art," and a solemn Communion, grape juice and very tiny crackers, Boyd told us that Pacific Beach Christian was the first church in which he ever preached, on February 4, 1996. He told us about his and his wife Tanya's mis- sionary work, about the "terror and trauma of fleeing Zaire amid gunfire." He talked about fly- ing 500 Creole translations of the Bible to remote villages in northeast Haiti, about the dif- ficulties of serving in that country, the poverty, the cockroaches, the enormous rats.

"We are the instruments of God, each and every one of us. We are all called to bring the Gospel to the world, to the workplace, and school. And God has given each of us unique gifts for spreading the Gospel, to our next-door neighbors and, yes, people in other countries."

After the service, I told Reverend Daly that I was surprised by its evangelical tone.

"It hasn't always been this way. When I came here nine years ago the church wasn't very Bible-literate. It was more of a social gath- ering. But certain expe- riences have changed us, especially seeing what God can do in individ- ual lives."

Jeff McDowell is an example of what fos- tered the church's change. Forty-nine years old, a Pacific Beach native, McDowell had, he told me, abused drugs and alcohol since he was 13. He'd been home- less for a number of years before Reverend Daly brought him into the church's Christian recovery program.

"What really changed me was that the people here truly loved me and cared for me. At first I had a very difficult time accepting that. I disappointed them, but they never gave up on me. I've been clean and sober now

for three and a half years. I live at the church and work as the custodian. Last year I was able to take a vacation to Costa Rica. I loved it. I'm leaving next week to go back for an intensive course in Spanish. Will I become a mission- ary? I don't know. I know that I love Spanish and am open to whatever God calls me to do. The strange thing is that during all of my lost years, I always kept with me a valid passport. The rest of my life was chaos, but I always managed to have a passport and I made sure it was valid. I always had this dream that some- how, someday, I might travel."

McDowell smiled and laughed.

"What's happened to me is a miracle. My life has completely changed. I was suicidal. Destitute. I have to shake my head in awe of what's happened to me. It's the greatest testi- mony to what God can do. What my life shows is that no matter how deep down to the bot- tom you go, God can find you and lift you out."

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND BRIAN DALY

Pacific Beach Christian Church ★★★

Sermon
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delivery.....★★
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My kids have been taking tennis lessons at a public park from the tennis pro there. He's a nice guy, a patient teacher, and the kids like him. Several of our friends' children also take lessons from him. The tennis pro is in the habit of bringing his dog and keeping him tied to the fence while he teaches. Last week when my husband picked up our kids from their lessons, this dog bit him in the calf. My husband was just walking by. He didn't do anything to the dog. I only found out because I noticed bloody puncture wounds in my husband's leg when he was undressing for bed and asked about them. My husband said that all the tennis pro did when told that his dog had bitten him was say, "Yeah, uh, sorry, Nero [the dog] doesn't like most men." Ralph is super easygoing and wasn't even going to tell me. I am a worrier, and I am upset. I think this dog is not safe to have on a tennis court in a park with lots of kids and adults running around. He could decide to chomp another man or child. I think someone should tell the tennis pro to leave Nero at home. My husband says not to make a big deal out of it. What do you say?

NOT A FAN OF NERO IN ESCONDIDO

Dear Not a Fan,

I agree that further injuries to people Nero "doesn't like" need to be prevented. Saying that the dog doesn't like most males is an admission that the dog has a problem, since he expresses his dislike with his teeth. Someone needs to take the tennis pro aside and tell him that either Nero needs a muzzle or the dog should stay home during tennis lessons. If he doesn't respond, park officials should be informed and asked to make a muzzle or make Nero's absence a condition of the pro's continued employment. A biting dog at a populated park doesn't make sense. Nero could hurt someone, and the backhand expert might get sued. Then no one wins.

Dear Readers,

Here's a response to a letter in a previous column. In that letter, an aunt who had her birthday on the day after her nephew's was invited to celebrate their joint birthdays at the nephew's house. When she arrived she was told that her name was not on the birthday cake because the nephew's mother had told the cake baker if anyone else's name was on the cake her son would have a terrible fit.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I disagree with your response to Annoyed San Carlos Auntie, who voiced concerns about her 12-year-old nephew's unhappiness with sharing their birthday celebrations. It isn't about sharing and taking pleasure in others. It's about feeling special on one

day of the year just because you are you. Many families make sure that their children do have at least one special celebratory day a year if birthdays coincide with others' or with other holidays. They institute half-birthdays or unbirthdays for such celebrations. The aunt had already had a lot of unshared birthdays until the nephew was born; the boy apparently has had none, since it was the family's tradition to combine their celebrations. I fault the mother for not speaking up honestly, and saying her child deserved his own special day at least once a year, but it isn't too late for her to begin a new tradition for him.

DISAGREEING IN DEL CERRO

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I was very interested in the recent letter from the woman who was 46 and dating a guy who wasn't treating her so well. I just happen to be looking for a woman who wants to hear about how wonderful she looks, wants love-making instead of sex, and would like coffee in the morning. I realize you are not a dating service, but her letter struck me. Is there any way I might contact her? I'm grasping at straws here, but you gotta take a leap every now and then. I thought I was running out of time, but a little hope is good. I read your column and enjoy it, although I must tell you, the things you tell folks who write in are often things Mom told me when I was growing up.

MIDDLE-AGED AND SINGLE
IN FLINN SPRINGS

Dear Middle-Aged,

You're right: this column is not a dating service, and in any case, I can't divulge the identity of people who write to me. Most letters I get are anonymous anyway, as was the one that interested you. But your letter was so sweet, I wanted to include it here, along with my fervent hope that you meet Ms. Right very soon.

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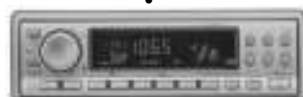
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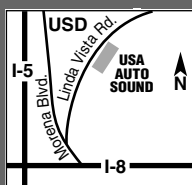
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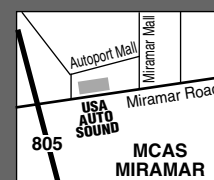
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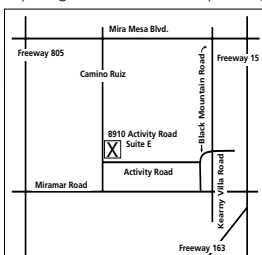
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My chum Bernice has fleas. I should say that her miniature schnauzer, Nellie, has them and she's sharing them, leaving Bernice in a panic. The poor dog scratched a patch of fur off of her back because of the little buggers, despite the fact that Bernice has tried numerous collars, flea sprays, and shampoos. Anxious to lighten the woman's load, I researched the subject on her behalf.

"We look for flea dirt," explained Dawn from Banfield the Pet Hospital. "It is blackish, dark red, little specks. They are little bits of blood from the flea biting the pet mixed with the flea's poop. When you brush the coat the opposite way, you can see the black specks coming off of the pet."

"For fleas, we recommend the product Advantage" she continued. "For fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes we recommend [another product called] Advantix. The Advantage works by adhering to the oil in the pet's skin and coat. If you use a detergent shampoo, it will strip that oil off. Advantix, though, is waterproof. The pet can swim and bathe but we still recommend using a non-detergent shampoo so you don't strip the oil off and dry out the skin."

"Advantix and Advantage do kill the fleas. There are some products that only sterilize the fleas, but these products kill them."

What about over-the-counter flea remedies?

"We don't recommend any of the over-the-counter remedies," Dawn continued. "We have seen sick pets from some of the sprays and some of the ointments: vomiting, loss of fur, rashes, and diarrhea. Whether they lick the product and ingest it that way, or they have fur loss because of the product being on their skin...it is just nasty stuff that we have seen from some of the products. Advantage and Advantix, however, are topical treatments that don't get into the pet's skin. Bathe your dog, and then 24 to 48 hours later, put on the product, just to get those oils produced again."

The pricing for Advantage and Advantix depends on the size of the pet. Banfield the Pet Hospital sells Advantage for \$46.87 up to \$50.10 for four applications. Advantix runs about \$10 more, for a four-pack.

A.B.C. Veterinary Group sells Advantage, Advantix, and Frontline. "Frontline helps with fleas and ticks," offered veterinary assistant Christina Sink. "It is a topical that you put on the skin once a month. It costs about \$10 to \$12 a tube and they are sold in four to six month supplies."

The products should be applied to the back of the neck or the back of the head.

And what about flea collars?

"We don't recommend collars," she replied. "The best use for a flea collar is inside a vacuum bag. Vacuum up around your house with the flea collar in the vacuum bag, and it

"The best use for a flea collar is inside a vacuum bag."

kills the fleas. So rather than vacuuming the fleas up and letting them just escape out through your vacuum again, the collar will kill the fleas that you have cleaned up."

If your dog has fleas, should you assume your house has them?

"Yes, one flea can hatch 100 eggs per day," Sink replied, "so a small problem can turn into a big problem in a short time. You can even bring them in on your shoes, walking across your yard. The next thing you know, you have fleas in your house. It is just good to have routine flea control, once a month, lifelong on your pets."

What are other signs besides scratching and black dander that your dog may have fleas?

"Tapeworms are a sign that your dog has fleas," said Sink. "If they eat a flea, they can get tapeworms. You will see the tapeworms come out in the stool; they look like little pieces of rice."

Feeling rather itchy and nauseous, I forged ahead with the inquiry. "Do you recommend any over-the-counter flea remedies?"

"No, we don't recommend any," she answered. "We have had two cats come in here seizing because of over-the-counter products."

Wondering if I had the stomach to help Bernice in her cleanup process, I asked about products for the home. "There is a company called Fleabusters that we recommend," she continued. "They will either come to your

home and do it for you or they sell products to help treat your home."

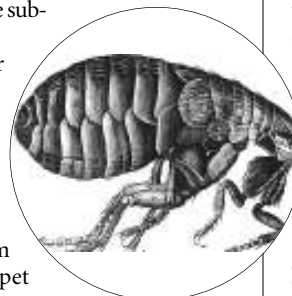
My goose chase continued with a call to Fleabusters.

"We offer services and we sell powder if you want to do it yourself," explained the customer representative at Fleabusters. "The house calls depend on the number of carpeted rooms and any wooden baseboard areas. The powder, shipped out to you UPS, costs \$46 for a three-pound canister, which includes the shipping and handling. It is enough to do a five-room home or 1500 square feet, and it will last for about a year if done properly."

I asked if she could instruct me on the process. "Work the powder into the carpeted areas," she said, "with a heavy bristled broom until it is not visible. Leave the powder alone for 24 hours and then vacuum and throw away the first bag. After 24 to 48 hours, the adult fleas, eggs, and larvae will start coming out because you are creating an environment in which they can't live anymore and that is why all the additional vacuuming is necessary. Continue vacuuming three to five times a week for up to six weeks. The life cycle of the flea is six weeks, so it will take six weeks to get rid of all of them. You should treat the baseboards as well because fleas like to go down the cracks of wooden baseboards."

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— **“KATHY WOODWARD STRIKES OLIVE OIL SOUTH OF BROADWAY,”** Kathleen Woodward, January 17, 1974



San Diego Reader, January 14, 1999

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Except for his gap-toothed, gummy smile and his hair, which was tufted, Topsy-style, with the help of rubber bands, Jeffrey might have passed for a young Harry Belafonte. He was tall, slender, and handsome; his skin was the same rich *café-au-lait* brown. Even his manner of speaking, as I came to discover, was melodic, cadenced, although I never heard him sing. When I first saw Jeffrey he was dead drunk, sprawled prone on the scuffed sod of Horton Plaza, beneath the uncritical palms, his eyes shut, nose snotty, a foolish, blissful grin splitting his face.

— **“PLAZA SUITE,”** John B. Koffend, January 18, 1979

Twenty Years Ago

Peter Q. Davis boasts that officers of his Bank of Commerce are “a very politically active group.” Bank President Davis was treasurer for Mayor Roger Hedgecock’s 1983 campaign and serves as a director of the Centre City Development Corporation.... [Bank of Commerce], which last year made at least \$400,000 in mortgage, construction, and personal loans to local politicians, their friends and associates. Councilman Gotch borrowed \$30,000 against one of his three properties to make a down payment on a fourth house in Tierrasanta. Mike McDade, Mayor Hedgecock’s chief-of-staff, took a \$50,000 personal loan against his El Cajon home, and Michael Turk, long a friend of the mayor’s and until last year a partner with Hedgecock in a condominium construction project, took two loans totaling \$293,000 for construction and home improvements.

Superior Court judge Larry Kapiloff and his wife, Leslie Yerger, got two Bank of Commerce loans worth \$40,000 for a condominium purchase. Dan Wilkens, a Unified Port District staffer and former aide to ex-city councilwoman Lucy Killea, took out a car loan; and *Newsline* publisher Larry Remer secured a business loan.

— **“THE INSIDE STORY,”** Paul Krueger, January 19, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

Chicano Park is in Red Step territory. Raymond drew a diagram to show me how Lalo had driven the VW truck down Logan Avenue, parking next to the on-ramp to Interstate 5 across the street from the park.

“Me and the homeboys stayed by the truck while the homegirls went across the street to find Giggles. They started beating her up, and then some of the Red Step homegirls came up and started a fight,” he explained without emotion.

— **“SPEEDY CLAIMS LOMAS, THE LAW CLAIMS SPEEDY,”** Rory Perry, January 19, 1989

Ten Years Ago

The shootout at the O.K. Corral, Oct. 26, 1881, and the events surrounding it are as close as we can come in our short American history to Arthurian legend and the folklore of Robin Hood.

— **“HOUR OF THE SMOKE WAGON,”** Duncan Shepherd, January 13, 1994

Five Years Ago

“Nineteen ninety-eight,” says human-rights activist Victor Clark Alfaro, “was the most violent year in the history of Tijuana.” Baja California’s state prosecutor has the figures that bear Clark out. “There were 357 murders in Tijuana last year,” says Carlo Castillo, the state prosecutor’s spokesman. “That’s up from 318 in 1997.”

The numbers are staggering when compared to the city of San Diego’s 42 murders. San Diego’s population is roughly equivalent to Tijuana’s 1.2 million. Tijuana’s murder rate is more like that of L.A.’s (414), which has four times Tijuana’s population.

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DENSA TO MENSA

by Josh Board

When my friends found out I write about parties, they all told me they'd give me the heads up when a good one was going down. Some have been good about it. Others haven't — and excuses range from "We forgot, dude" to "We had so many drugs, it looked like Rush Limbaugh's medicine cabinet. We'd be arrested if you wrote about our party."

One friend called me. His cousin was staying at the Marriott in Coronado and told him some women were having a party in one of the ballrooms. They were dressed like hookers and strippers from the old days. My friend notified me. I asked why strippers would be partying in the afternoon at the Marriott rather than the Motel 6. He said, "They were, like, burlesque-style strippers. I don't know. You should check it out." I made it there in seven minutes. Hey, it's my job.

It turned out to be the Victorian Ladies Society, and they looked nothing like



Top: Mensa party, Richard Lederer in hat and tuxedo; Bottom left: Mensa members working on a math equation; Bottom right: Victorian Ladies Society members

strippers. They were beautiful and elegant. When I walked through the doors, a few of the ladies said, "Oh, goodness, a man is here!" Others laughed. I talked first with Lady Alisha, the lady of the purse (in layman's terms, that's the treasurer). She said, "We formed this group because the men had a group called Sherlock Holmes. And the women did-

costumes are reproductions because the authentic costumes are very, very small. Women used to wear corsets.

tiful parasol. Don't call those umbrellas! They're parasols."

I was introduced to a Lady Vanessa, and a Lady Nancy, who was the choir director. I'm told another lady is "Lady of the Scrolls." I have no idea what that means and never asked.

The group usually meets at the Bancroft Ranch House Museum in Spring Valley. I heard a few ladies talking about the parking at the Marriott being \$10, and one explained, "If you get your ticket validated, it will only

cost you \$3." I joked to one lady, "You wouldn't have to worry about the parking fees back in the horse-and-carriage days." She didn't laugh. But most of the women I talked to were very friendly and had a good sense of humor. One said, "We have meetings every other month. We bring objects or pictures and we talk for one minute on that."

"Like show-and-tell in school?"

"Yes. We share it with the group. It could even just be a hat."

I asked another if they watch movies from those periods of time. "Oh, yes. We had a meeting where we rented *Titanic*. And, once, *Gone with the Wind*. A lot of the people in our group are from the South. We do have two Brits in our group, but only one is here today."

One lady stopped me to say, "So many wonderful traditions and activities like this have gone down the tubes. We think this is a wonderful tradition to carry

"I don't mind you coming to the party, but I'm just afraid you're going to write that we're a bunch of eggheads."

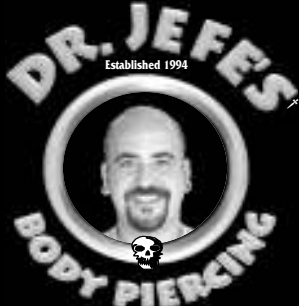
n't have anything to do at that time, so we formed this back in 1991. We have tea parties. We attend the Charles Dickens festival in Riverside. Most of the ladies'

And we're a lot taller now — and a little bigger."

I pointed to one lady, commenting on her costume, and Alisha said, "She has her boots laced up. And a beau-

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on."

As I leave, I see a woman getting into a nice sports car. I say, "You should be getting into a chariot." She laughs and says, "I wish I had one."

I had a few hours to kill before my next party with the local chapter of Mensa. I told my friend this, and he just wanted to know about the "strippers from the old days." I kept telling him it was Victorian wear, and he said, "You're going from that to a Mensa party? From densa to Mensa."

A friend of mine in Mensa gave me Richard Lederer's number and I invited myself to his party. He's written over 30 books on the English language, my favorite of his titles being *The Cunning Linguist*. His most recent is *A Man of My Words*, which came out late last year. He also is heard on KPBS-FM hosting the show *A Way with Words*. Richard said, "I don't mind you coming to the party, but I'm just afraid you're going to write that we're a bunch of eggheads."

I walked into his Scripps Ranch home and was greeted by two Mensa members who told me a lot about the organization. One had a gorgeous wife whom he met at a Mensa meeting. The other, when I asked how many questions they know when *Jeopardy!* is on TV, said, "I was on *Jeopardy!* I won over \$10,000." That guy, Bob Tutelman, was very interesting. We talked about music (he plays a few instruments) and Woody Allen movies for a long time.

Another guy named Robert looked like Albert Einstein (I don't know if that was on purpose). He said, "Oh, I read that column you wrote on the party in Pacific Beach. And the parties there are

all just like that. I've seen them when I walk by down there."

Wow, a Mensa member reading my stuff.

There were a few of us on the back patio talking, and the conversation turned to funny puns and weird words in

the English language. One of the guys asked, "What's it called when a word is spelled the same forward as it is backwards? Like 'race car' or the name Bob?" For ten minutes nobody could think of it. Finally I said, "Is that a palindrome?"

It was, and I was proud of myself for knowing something that they couldn't think of. Although it was probably the only thing I knew that those few guys on the patio didn't. Another guy found out I had worked in

radio, and he told me about his days in radio back in Michigan in the '50s. He said, "That was back when we had to make our own money selling advertising time on the station. I usually did well. But I got fired when I played the Alan

Dale song 'Cherry Pink (and Apple Blossom White).' " I asked, "Weren't you allowed to play that?" He replied, "No, what happened was, for some reason I said, 'This is 'Cherry Pink and Ass-

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hole Blossom." ' I don't know why I said it."

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slicked back like Fonzie. From behind, I saw them laughing, giggling, and being affectionate. When I got closer, I could see they were working on some elaborate math equation. Across from them, I saw two ladies in their 40s. One was wear-

ing black leather pants and had a nice smile but didn't say much to me. The other one told me about her work for adult literacy.

Since I had pigged out on pastries at the Victorian party, I just glanced at the food here.

There was a wide variety of desserts, appetizers, chips, fruits, and lots to drink. There was a dog running around near the food, and somebody was calling it. It didn't stop running or go to the person calling it. I said, "Obviously not a Mensa

canine."

Everyone was wearing name tags, and I made mine by drawing Scrabble letters to spell my name. A number of people commented on it, and one guy gave it a close inspection to see if I had the correct point

values.

There was one guy talking about *Star Trek* and other science-fiction things that kind of bored me. But I was pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed the conversation with everyone else (no offense, Trekkie, if you're reading this). One guy who looked to be in his early 20s told me he was at the last Liz Phair concert. Since I was there also, we talked about her and other musicians we liked.

Dave Gass came over, handed me a packet, and said I should think about taking the test to join. I said, "I was an SDSU student, and I did horribly on my SATs." Mensa used to admit people from SAT scores, but now it has its own test.

I read the brochure and learned that Mensa members are in the top 2% of intelligence in the population. I remember reading in *People* once that actors James Woods and Geena Davis are in Mensa (and just the fact that I read *People* should keep me out).

I ended up staying so late at this party that Lederer had to subtly hint for me and the last guest to leave his house by saying, "We have to start cleaning this place up."

I got home at 2:00 a.m. and looked at the Mensa test. One question asked me to fill in the missing number: 1, 8, 27, __, 125, 216. Another read, "What is the 11-letter word that all smart people spell incorrectly?"

I was 1-for-2 after spending 15 minutes on them. The first is 64; each number is the cube of the sequence 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. The second is the one I got right. The answer is "incorrectly." ■

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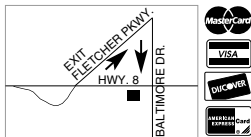
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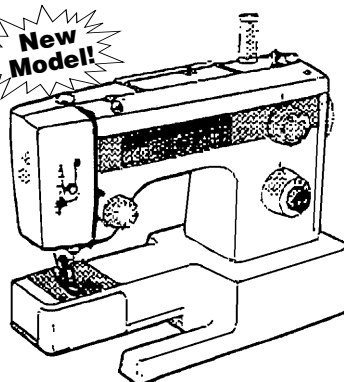
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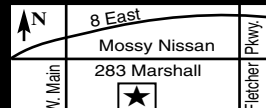
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When sports-loving children say they want to be in television, it’s Dick Enberg’s job they want. When they grow up and learn about the other jobs that make up the world of television and sports, it’s Dick Enberg’s job they want. When disgruntled adults think they should have pursued another career, it’s Dick Enberg’s job they want. No one ever dreams of becoming an assistant director or a graphics operator or any of the dozens of positions behind the scenes that ensure a seamless delivery of Enberg’s words. They dream of Dick Enberg.

Why do they want that job? In many ways, announcers like Enberg are the bards of our time, weaving tales that we can follow and appreciate. It’s a rare posting. As a culture, we have arrived at a point where so many story lines are complicated at best, nasty at worst. Global politics? The economy? Health care? Laden with nuance, ambiguity, statistics, and confusing protagonists. But sports offers refuge. Best of all, sports remains the only plot line where surprise is a good thing. “They’re our messengers,” HBO Sports president Ross Greenburg says of people like Enberg. “They’re the ones that send the tingle up your spine during a dramatic game. It strikes an emotional chord with you, the viewer. And it’s a good emotion.”

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Now might come the point in the story where the reader is informed that behind the glamour there’s another side, that Enberg’s days and nights have stacked themselves one on top of the other, his life

a ceaseless cacophony of cantankerous producers, lackluster hot dogs, and dreary airplane rides. Surely, at the age of 68, after 40-plus years schlepping to stadiums and arenas during weekends, Enberg is weary, a crusty barnacle who’s forgotten more about sports than most people remember and is tired of enthusing about a bunch of emotionally challenged man-children barely able to add the digits in their zillion-dollar contracts.

Indeed, these are times that try sports-lovers’ souls. We’re a long half-century away from the days when Chief Justice Earl Warren remarked that while the rest of the newspaper told of what man couldn’t do, the sports pages were where you went to read about man’s accomplishments. Sports has become so integrated into our society that in many ways, it’s lost its mark of distinction. Financial fiascoes, sexual scandals, corruption and commercialism — the plot lines that aren’t so easy to follow — commingle with batting averages and free-

throw percentages. Surely you’d guess the cumulative weight of all of this would harden Dick Enberg’s heart.

The guess would be wrong.

Dick Enberg is still a lover. He’s every bit as awestruck by the struggles and triumphs of athletes as he was when he was a boy on his family farm 40 miles north of Detroit. Back then, he’d play an entire baseball game by himself on a made-up field, announcing every at-bat in hopes of emulating the feats of his hero, San Diegan Ted Williams. Frequently hitchhiking to Detroit to watch the Tigers play, on those days when Williams’s Red Sox came to town, Enberg would arrive hours early to watch Teddy Ballgame take batting practice. “It was like watching Michelangelo,” says Enberg. Back home, he’d taught himself to bat left-handed in hopes of mimicking his hero’s swing. Says Enberg, “Here I am, an old man, and to this day, I still have this fantasy that it’s the bottom of the ninth, down three with the bases loaded,

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and I hit a home run."

As Enberg speaks, he's sitting at a table at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. Like the sports that dominated his childhood — baseball, basketball, football — tennis is another athletic endeavor he'd like to be better at. The truth, Enberg freely admits, is that he never got very good at any sport he played. In high school, at 5' 11", 145 pounds, he was a center in basketball, a quarterback in football, a pitcher in baseball. Attaining these positions wasn't too hard since there were 33 boys and girls in his high school graduating class. As a freshman at Central Michigan University — hardly an athletic powerhouse in any era — Enberg rapidly saw that any dreams of an athletic career were frivolous. "Golly, I didn't even earn a college letter," says Enberg. Regarding his tennis travails, Enberg's wife Barbara notes that he's been known to be a sore loser, constantly aggravated at his perennial shortcomings.

All is different with a microphone in his hand. Fun as the job may seem, working a broadcast booth is no easy task. Enberg commands a broadcast booth like an orchestra conductor. During a football game, Enberg must keep track of 22 players at a time, telling viewers who made the tackle, which obscure lineman was called for the penalty, who's going out of the game, who's coming in. He's also constantly teeing up questions so that his ex-jock analyst sounds smart. Concurrently, there's a producer talking in Enberg's ear about the need to read promotional copy for upcoming shows that have nothing to do with the game. It also helps to have a strong bladder and spend three hours taking 30 seconds at a time to eat. A goodly proportion of the vocational pleasure TV crews get derives from tales of announcers who refract these pressures by blowing their stack, most frequently at lower-ranked interns and production assistants. Producers who've worked with Enberg swear he's never lost his cool.

On this La Jolla morning, Enberg is enjoying his



off-season. Two nights previously, he was in New York for the Emmys. He didn't win one this year, but he figures his tally of 13 is plenty. He's just finished an eight-month stretch working on college basketball and pro football, interspersed with golf and tennis events. Greeting a guest, he apologizes for the fact that the new 10,000-square-foot house he and Barbara are building isn't quite ready for entertaining. Perhaps a little later, though, a quick trip and tour of the house and some of his sports memorabilia might be in order after all.

With all profile subjects, there is always an elephant in the room, a grand



Bill Walton (left) with Dick Enberg

question lurking under the surface of author and object. Does the actor have any intellectual substance? How come the athlete never won the Big One? Is

the successful entrepreneur a tyrant? The scientist a fake? The artist a one-shot wonder? With Dick Enberg, the question is: How the hell did

you get that job so many people want? Here he is, smiling, wearing a warm-up suit on a sunny day in one of the most elegant clubs in the

world. He tells sports stories — both of his life and those of famous athletes and broadcasters — with candor, humor, friendliness, and the most genuine mix possible of self-deprecation and respect. How does a nice, simple guy like this get the gig so many sports fans dream of? "When you consider all people who climb over each other to get ahead in TV, and all the rudeness of executives and producers, it's an incredible testimony to Dick's character that he's done it his way," says Ross Schneiderman, a producer who's worked with him for 20 years, first at NBC and for the past three years at CBS.

The answer is that Enberg did it with love,

diligence, and kind words for just about anyone he's ever met. Let the other announcers — the shock-jock broadcasters like Jim Rome, whom Enberg deplores — let them rip the losers for choking. Dick Enberg prefers getting choked up.

Bringing out his emotional side was a notable triumph. His father, Arnie Enberg, was Finnish. Like most Scandinavians, Arnie was reticent, frugal with compliments. Dick was the oldest of three, all of whom stayed with Arnie on their Michigan farm when Arnie and Dick's mother, Belle, divorced when Dick was 14. Arnie's remoteness vexed young Dick. "I was doing all I could to be a

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good student, a good athlete," says Enberg, "and he hardly ever said anything." One night after a high school basketball game, Dick came home pleased with himself for scoring a career-high 23 points. Arnie tersely noted that the man Dick was guarding scored 25. An upset Dick began crying, at which point Arnie shoved him through a doorway and declared, "The day you think you're so good and can't improve, then you can only go one way."

But no matter how cold Arnie could be, Enberg's capacity for empathy makes him see the world through his father's eyes. "He was a hard-working farmer, a man who never made

more than \$8000 a year," says Enberg. How could Dick dare expect Arnie to understand his love of games?

Only a chance encounter with an official from Central Michigan University, backed with a whopping \$100 scholarship, gave Dick the chance to attend college. Arnie would have been just as happy to see Dick stay on the farm. Working his way through college, Enberg's love of sports continued. A PE major, his goal was to become a coach. Earning a dollar an hour as a janitor at the campus radio station WCEN, Enberg was offered a job at the same rate as the weekend DJ. His qualifications: high marks in a speech class

that had helped him hone his debating skills. Others such as Richard Nixon would use debate as a launching pad for conquest. Not Enberg. As he recalls,

"After the game we'd be in the locker showering, laughing, and joking," says Bill Walton, a UCLA star in the early '70s (and a lifelong San Diegan). "We had a pool among ourselves to see how many 'Oh, mys' we'd get out of Dick."

"The hot topic that year was free trade. But it wasn't the topic that mattered. I was good on the team, but I wasn't the star debater. But the lessons learned

were so invaluable and still are. No matter how hard someone argues and how much they think they're right, there's another side of the issue. And you've

got to take time to appreciate that."

So inept with mechanical objects that he once locked himself in a bathroom, Enberg somehow learned how

to spin records and hook up his amplifier in the bleachers of basketball arenas, football stadiums, and baseball parks. Calling a high school football game, he noticed the only yard lines marked were the 50, the two 20s, and the end zones. Another time a game was called off when a player broke his leg and his team had no replacements. As Enberg recalls, "As long as you pronounced the names correctly and got the final score correctly, then you did a good job."

Enberg was a workhorse. Many days he'd be on-air 12 straight hours, earning enough to occasionally treat himself to a five-dollar steak dinner. But the rewards paled next

to the work itself. "It was love at first sight," he says. "I tasted the blood."

But as much as Enberg loved everything that accompanied broadcasting — covering the games in his small community, keeping up to date on sports teams throughout Michigan and America — he envisioned a more pragmatic career path. Upon graduation from Central Michigan in 1957, Enberg headed to Indiana University to pursue a doctorate in education.

Little did Enberg know that at this same time revolutions in communications and travel were transforming the landscape of sports. As American

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affluence accelerated through the '50s, television made the country smaller and larger all at once. And sports grew right along with TV. Had Enberg come along ten years earlier, he would have found himself in a sports media world dominated by regionalized radio broadcasts of baseball games and college football. Ten years later, and the infrastructure of sports broadcasting was well-established. But in the late '50s, the link between Madison

Avenue, television, sports, and rapid air travel was a bubbling brew primed to boil over. Arriving at Indiana University in the fall of '57, Enberg became the voice of the school's sports network. "Suddenly I'm in a whole other league," he says. "It's the Big Ten. I'm flying on DC-3s with the team, we're going to places like Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Columbus, Ohio. And that's where you finally got to feel, 'Hey, I might be pretty good at this.'"

This was the time when Enberg created the personal comment that has become his standard. "I'm thinking I'm kind of a big shot," he says, "you're in the big pen, and the whole state can hear me. I need a punctuation mark." The pet saying was a staple of many broadcasting legends.

Even now, at 68, his eyes light up at the notion of teaching on a college campus.

Down in St. Louis, Harry Caray, the voice of the Cardinals, was known for "Holy cow." Red Barber of the Brooklyn Dodgers referred to "the catbird seat." Mel Allen of the Yankees favored "Well, how about that." So it was that Enberg trotted out the phrase "Oh, my." As he

recalls, "In Michigan it's a common Midwestern expression. People say, 'Oh, my,' all the time. My mother said it a lot, and when you go back there, you'll hear people say, 'Oh, my, wasn't that a good movie,' or 'Oh, my, did you hear what somebody said about so-and-so.' So I figured 'Oh, my' could work for me because it's usable in a bad play, a good play, a surprising play, an exciting play." Hours after unveiling the phrase on-air during a football game, Enberg headed back to

his dorm for dinner. "Hey, Enberg," several students called out, "oh, my." With that friendly bit of recognition, Enberg figured he'd stumbled on a winner. "The funny thing is that I never use the phrase socially," he says. "It's just something I let spontaneously come out when I'm doing a broadcast." Only later would Enberg find out that everyone from a baseball-broadcasting colleague to a University of Florida announcer also employed the phrase. "There's nothing new," says Enberg.

During this time, Enberg began to see that maybe coaching wasn't the most practical career choice. Broadcasting wasn't even in the picture. He began taking more health-education courses. Keenly adept at math, Enberg authored a 450-page dissertation on the analysis and synthesis of research and professional thought on the prevention of athletic injuries (oh, my). In the spring of '61, on the verge of earning his doctorate, Enberg figured he was a lock to earn a position at Indiana. Even now, at 68, his eyes light up at the notion of teaching on a college campus. And he doesn't mean a sunshine-laced venue like UC San Diego or San Diego State. To Enberg, college is all about the bell ringing for the big game, students in sweaters, young minds ambling through the quad, hunkering down into their books on afternoons that turn into evenings increasingly earlier with each passing autumn day. Back to 1961. Dean Daniels, head of Indiana University's school of education, invites young Dick in for a meeting. Though Enberg had feelers out to places like South

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Carolina and his alma mater, Central Michigan, his heart was in Indiana. Aware of all this, Daniels kindly offered Enberg an observation: You look like a shaved prostitute. End of conversation. “Here I was, thinking I was going to get a job,” says Enberg, “and he was basically telling me I looked too young. It was like he hit me over the head with a two by four.”

Exploring schools all over the country, Enberg arranged a meeting with Obiatt Delmar, head of education at San Fernando Valley State, a young college in L.A.’s Northridge community. Enberg by then figured he’d be spending his life in the classroom. But Delmar also had another demand. The school needed an assistant baseball coach. Would Enberg mind taking on that post? “How perfect is that?” asks Enberg.

In the fall of 1962, with his wife Jeri, Enberg moved to L.A. The job paid \$4200. Knowing he’d need to supplement his income, Enberg explored broadcasting. Here’s where the growth of sports worked in his favor. It had been barely five years since baseball’s Dodgers had relocated to L.A. The basketball Lakers had migrated from Minneapolis only a year previously. The baseball Angels were a newly minted expansion team. Knocking on the doors of every radio and TV station in L.A., Enberg couldn’t even get past the program director’s secretaries. Then he found a new use for his graduate degree. “Dr. Enberg is calling,” he’d tell the gatekeepers. The tactic worked. Soon Enberg was filling in intermittently on radio stations all over Southern California. In due time, he

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so impressed one station that he was offered a full-time job for \$9000 a year. It was a staggering offer for a man whose idea of splurging in those days was to spend 95 cents eating a hamburger, salad, and beer at the Trails Inn in Chatsworth.

"I couldn't just give up my career in education," says Enberg. "All these people had helped me get this far, and now I'm teaching, I can't."

Instead he balanced

two careers, teaching by day, and on weekend nights broadcasting a sports round-up show. Throughout 1963 and '64, Enberg became a ubiquitous figure on L.A.'s blossoming airwaves. The major sports were easy, but there were even more challenging assignments. "TV station Channel 11 called and wanted somebody for a water-polo match," says Enberg. "My name was suggested, and of course I said yes. Then I had to learn about

water polo. There I was, scampering to the library, talking to the water polo coach."

cultivated them, learning various tricks of the trade. The local talent was pretty good, too,

Enberg spent hours immersed in the subtleties of the game and, most important to him, absorbing the emotional journeys of each player.

During those days it seemed like Enberg was living 32-hour days. He'd teach, coach, read, watch, cover. When broadcasting legends like Detroit Tigers voice Ernie Harwell came to town, Enberg

with stars such as Vin Scully of the Dodgers, the Lakers' Chick Hearn, and Bob Kelly of the Rams making L.A. one of the finest sports-broadcasting markets in the country.

By 1965, it was

clear to Enberg that his back-up career was the love of his life. He'd denied it for so long, but as the opportunities surfaced, he began seeing that his mark would be made less as a college professor and more as a broadcaster. It all came to a head that year when TV station KTLA offered Enberg \$18,000 to become a staff sports announcer. Meeting with the president of his college, Enberg was racked with guilt. "I feel like Benedict Arnold," he says. "I'm about to get tenure. So they make an incredible offer. They offer me a year's leave of absence. If it doesn't work out, I can return."

They're still waiting.

Chomping for a chance to prove himself as a play-by-play announcer, Enberg was dejected when his first gig was handed to him. The sport was boxing. "This was in the wake of a big controversial fight between Sonny Liston and Muhammad Ali," says Enberg. "Everyone was saying that boxing was fixed.

So here I am, thinking I'm about to work on a sport nobody wants anymore."

As it turned out, Enberg's work on boxing at L.A.'s Olympic Auditorium spawned a massive following. For reasons he's still stumped by, his boxing show became a cult favorite. According to Enberg, after three seasons it became the highest-rated Thursday-night program in Los Angeles.

And all along, Enberg's diligence helped him ride L.A.'s massive sports wave. Soon he was working on UCLA's basketball games. This was the time when the John Wooden-led Bruins were in the middle of a run that would earn them ten NCAA titles in 12 years. Sports programmers were only just coming to terms with the massive audience demand for sports. KTLA decided it was worth it to televise every UCLA road game live and every home game on tape delay. *Are you kidding?* asked Enberg. Who's going to

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stay up and watch a replay of a blowout? This proved to be a case where Enberg was wrong. "After the game we'd be in the locker showering, laughing, and joking," says Bill Walton, a UCLA star in the early '70s (and a lifelong San Diegan). "We had a pool among ourselves to see how many 'Oh, mys' we'd get out of Dick."

By 1966, barely a year after his nervous meeting with his college president, Enberg was in full bloom, his voice and face showing up on boxing, UCLA basketball, Angels baseball pre- and postgame shows, Rams football. Though he regrets the toll these ambitions took on his personal life (he and Jeri were divorced in '74), the energy he brought to this period could fuel a spaceship. It was a time not just of great success, but, as you'd expect from a professor of education, a period of learning. Cozying up to such legends as Wooden, Enberg spent hours immersed in the subtleties of the game and, most important to him, absorbing the emotional journeys of each player. All of it would weave its way into his broadcasts. According to Lesley Visser, a CBS colleague, "His warmth and excitement remind me of Ralph Waldo Emerson's advice to America: 'Nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm.' And Dick has the same passion for players, coaches, managers, or colleagues. No one escapes his interest."

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see any of the game,” says Enberg. “You’ve got to give a sense of what the pitcher is doing, and the batter stepping out of the box, and the movements in the infield, and the human-interest stories that make the players come to life.” With TV such an omnipresent part of the sports world, Enberg admits he feels like a “dinosaur” with his radio background. “If I were young, I’d probably head right to TV, too,” he admits. “But you can tell right away who’s worked in radio and who knows how to tell a good story.”

Now comes Enberg Principle Number Two, a variation on a com-

ment John Kennedy made after the Bay of Pigs fiasco: Success has many parents, but failure is an orphan — and because of that, Enberg believes broadcasters earn their keep far more with losers than winners. He learned this firsthand when he was spending winters on UCLA’s basketball dynasty and summers with the hapless California Angels baseball team. It was no problem keeping the audience attuned to the UCLA empire. But the Angels were another matter. “Try keeping people interested when it’s August and the team is way out of contention,” says Enberg. One enchanted evening with

the Angels, Enberg captured the sublime: the night in the summer of ’73 when Nolan Ryan pitched a no-hitter in Enberg’s home park, Tiger Stadium. All too often, though, Enberg

Kindly grabbing Enberg around the shoulders, Williams said, “Come here, meat” — “meat” being Williams’s term of endearment.

would trot out a hodgepodge, entertaining frustrated Angel fans with everything from historical anecdotes to recipes for date-nut bread.

Even with UCLA, Enberg’s national break-

through came during a rare Bruins loss. It was the spring of ’68. UCLA’s dynasty was roaring, paced by Lew Alcindor (later more familiar as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar), a center

so dominant that the NCAA banned slam-dunking. Up against the University of Houston in a sold-out Astrodome, UCLA was upset, 71–69. More significantly for Enberg, the game was carried on

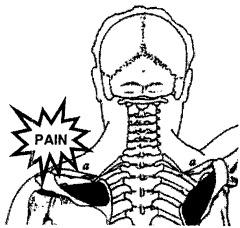
national television. It was his first big countrywide splash. “I was a teenager, sitting in my room,” says HBO Sports president Greenburg, “and you could hear the command and compassion in Enberg. His was a voice you wanted to keep listening to.”

Enberg Principle Number Three: We start in sports for love, so let’s stay in sports for love. All his life, Enberg had idolized Ted Williams. It was an intriguing obsession. Enberg’s sensibility was one of kindness, loyalty, and humble, understated common sense. He couldn’t take on a pretense if you paid him. Those who come in contact with Enberg speak frequently of his

good-natured qualities.

In contrast, the San Diego–raised Williams was a hunk of breathing smoke. He’d grown up in a broken home, then gone on to be a cocky, volatile jock and fighter pilot who often seemed at war with everyone he met. Williams’s relationship with the media was particularly strained. Great a player as he was, during his career with the Boston Red Sox, Williams had suffered under the Boston area’s excessive public scrutiny. Most frequently he was lamented for his inability to match the winning ways of Joe DiMaggio’s Yankees. Many an afternoon at Boston’s Fenway Park,

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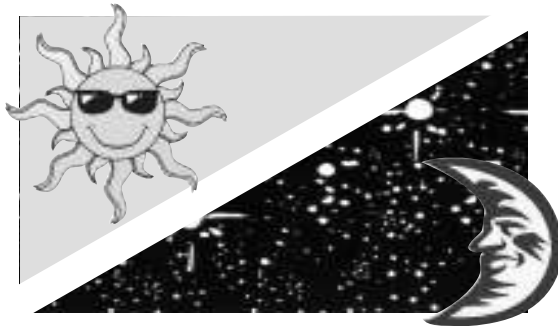
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fans had booed Williams. He'd responded with anger, spitting back into the bleachers, constantly castigating journalists. When he hit a home run in his last at-bat in 1960, so embittered was Williams that he declined to don his cap and accept the crowd's cheers. As John Updike wrote in "Hub Fans Bid Kid Adieu," a *New Yorker* piece on that day, "Gods do not return phone calls."

None of Williams's vitriol diminished Enberg's love. Nineteen sixty-nine was Enberg's first year broadcasting Angels games. It was also the year Williams returned to the game as manager of the Washington Senators. Eager to at last interview his idol, Enberg plotted the best means to crack Williams's thick skin. He knew Williams could

hardly be bothered to answer stock questions about his pitching staff or the batting order. He also knew Williams had talked about his own career to the point of nausea. Digging into Williams's autobiography — aggressively titled *My Turn at Bat* — then scratching deeper into statistical archives, Enberg discovered that Williams had once pitched one and two-thirds innings versus the Tigers.

The night the Senators came to Anaheim, Enberg spotted the great Williams. No one dared approach. Writers were circling like vultures, but none had the courage to ask the first question. Then Enberg, skipping down the stairs, toting his little tape recorder, walked closer. From a foot away, Williams stared at him with disinterest. Enberg began



Enberg with Ted Williams, 2000

explaining himself, telling Williams how much he revered him and that he believed Williams was the greatest hitter in baseball history. Williams remained

unengaged.

Dr. Enberg stepped up. "If you talk to me," he said to Williams, "I promise I won't ask one question about hitting." Suddenly, Williams's

eyes flickered. "I want to ask you about 1941," said Enberg, "and your pitching stint versus the Tigers." Kindly grabbing Enberg around the shoulders, Williams said, "Come here, meat" — "meat" being Williams's term of endearment. From then on, Williams's door was always open for Enberg. Whether on the road or when Williams would come to San Diego, the two would dine frequently, Enberg grateful for the chance to soak up stories and insights for hour after hour.

As fate had it, Enberg would eventually settle in Williams's hometown. When Williams died in 2002, Enberg led the charge for San Diego to host a memorial service. Speaking at Balboa Park, Enberg delivered a 45-minute eulogy that, says Walton, "had all the

poetry and beauty of a novel. It was perfect." Success brought Enberg to San Diego. He'd been hired by NBC in 1975 to work on nationally televised football and college basketball games. Soon other sports entered the mix, including tennis and golf. No longer bound to a local team's schedule, Enberg relocated to San Diego 20 years ago. He and Barbara, a production manager he'd met at NBC, were married in 1983 and had three children (he also has three by his first marriage). When NBC stopped broadcasting pro football, Enberg joined CBS in 2000, where he's now firmly in place on its AFC telecasts.

Enberg's La Jolla home is still under construction, but there are already signs on its walls of a man who's lived a fine life in sports. Stroll

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into one room and there's a picture of Enberg with Warren Beatty from *Heaven Can Wait*. The autograph by Beatty reads, "If you'd stuck with it, you'd have been bigger than Brando." There's a Leroy Neiman drawing of Enberg. There are photos of Enberg at the Olympics, Wimbledon, NCAA basketball, Super Bowls, a golf event featuring former presidents Bush and Clinton — on and on it goes. There's Enberg's star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. There are two original seats from Tiger Stadium that Enberg bought when the legendary ballpark was torn down. There are honorary degrees and awards.

Yet as he shows off all these impressive rewards, Enberg remains humble. "I have to ask myself all the time why I've been so lucky," he

says. To which Walton notes, "All of Dick's grace is the residue of his incredible work ethic." All that discipline is somehow mixed in with relentless compassion. Touring through the house, showing off the wine cellar, the children's rooms, the back yard, and the many works of art Barbara has brought in, Enberg makes his way to his office. Once football season starts, it will be filled with research binders thick as phone books, brimming with information on players, newspaper stories, and Enberg's notes. "To do Dick's job you have to be able to weave so much in at so many times," says Walton. "It's the game, it's the players, it's their lives, it's the right delivery." Added to this is the constant travel. Enberg admits that during football season he can hardly keep track of anything

but the NFL.

But when he and Barbara built the house, he insisted that his office be located just off the kitchen. "I didn't want to retreat," he says. "I wanted to be near my family. I want to be close to it all."

He's been that way

Greater broadcasts still await Enberg. Each season brings another sport, another set of notebooks, folders, and delicately prepared index cards.

his entire life. At the risk of engaging in armchair psychology, consider that Enberg is always pursuing the emotional connection to people and events that is the precise opposite of his father's withdrawn manner. Even that tale has a twist. Arnie Enberg moved to California and

spent the last eight years of his life living with Dick. Though Dick sensed Arnie appreciated what Dick had done, the father remained close-lipped. There are times when Dick even wondered if Arnie thought Dick should have done something else. Shortly

after Arnie died, Dick came across a box. Inside it were 400 tapes of Dick's broadcasts. It would have been easy for Dick to get duplicates of any game, but Arnie had never made a request. Instead he'd held up a tape recorder to the TV screen, then carefully marked up each tape.

"Imagine that," says Enberg.

Greater broadcasts still await Enberg. Each season brings another sport, another set of notebooks, folders, and delicately prepared index cards. He's become a master of the televised "rollout" piece, an event-ending montage of music, pictures, and words. Enberg's been known to spend hours on end in darkened TV trucks combing for just the right image, be it a late-afternoon blade of grass on a golf course, a triumphant expression from a coach, a joyous catch by a receiver.

Shortly after seeing Enberg in La Jolla, I came across a compendium of comic strips from another sensitive sports-lover, "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz. In one strip, Linus regales Charlie Brown with the story of one of

the most incredible football games he's ever seen. The home team was down 6-0 with three seconds to play and the ball on its own one-yard line. From behind his goal posts, the quarterback threw a perfect pass. The receiver eluded four defenders and scored a 99-yard touchdown. "People were jumping up and down," says Linus, "and when they kicked the extra point, thousands of people ran out onto the field, laughing and screaming! The fans and players were so happy, they were rolling on the ground and hugging each other and dancing and everything! It was fantastic!"

A staggered Charlie Brown paused, then turned to Linus and asked, "How did the other team feel?"

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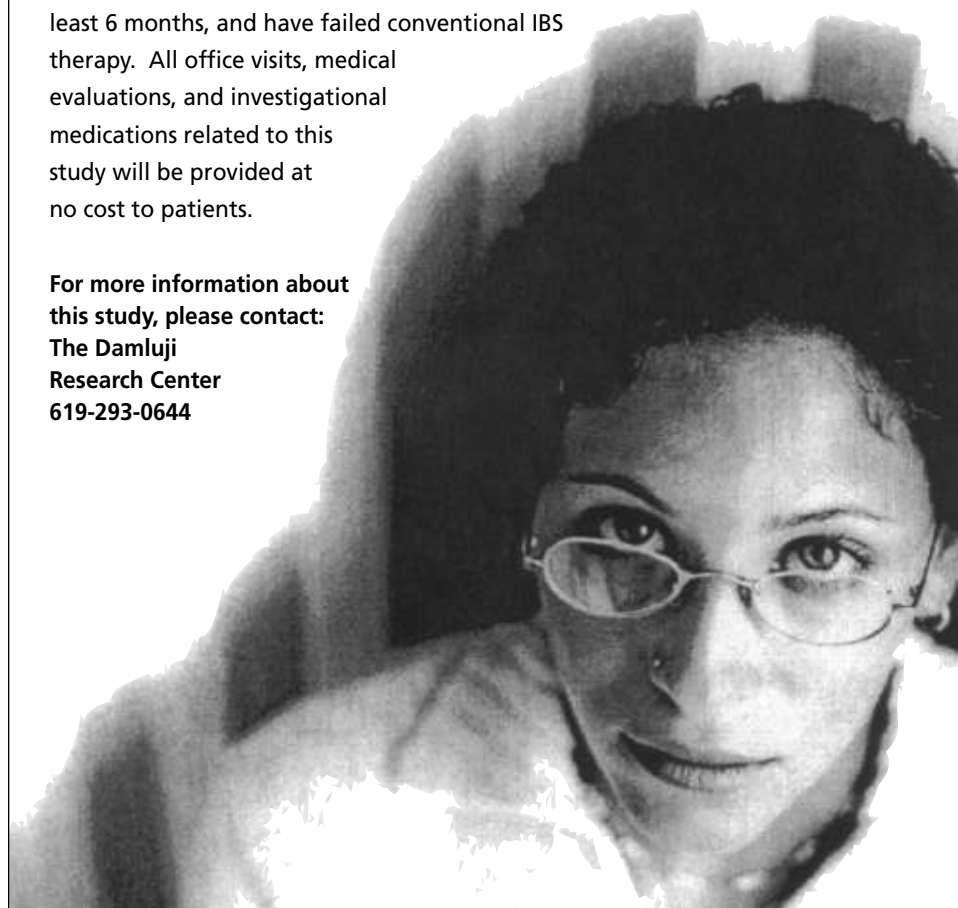
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I was about five, but I have very vivid memories of this. We lived in Bergen County

in New Jersey, right on the other side of the George Washington Bridge from

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houses where you get rice soup and rice noodles and jasmine tea. After that,

we would go to OTB — offtrack betting. I really know how to bet now; it sticks

with you. But I watched my father lose a lot of money. He would lose at gambling, and then he would be in trouble with my mom. So, he would make a really nice dinner in order to be able to stay in the house. We were still in Chinatown, so before we went home, we would go to all the open-air markets and buy fresh fish and Chinese vegetables. My mom would walk through the door, and there would be this beautiful dinner on the table, and hopefully, he wouldn't get into too much trouble. But eventually, he did, and they got divorced. His cooking didn't save him."

Joy never took up gambling, but the memory of those dinners stayed with her, working their way into her person. Later, Joy's mother remarried — to another Chinese man — and the two set off on a career as restaurateurs. "They owned French restaurants, Italian restaurants, seafood restaurants — you name it, they owned one. But predominantly, they owned Chinese restaurants"; predominantly in Albuquerque, New Mexico. "From the time I was a little kid, I was in restaurants. That's really where I learned to cook, where I

learned to get excited about food." And for a kid in a Chinese kitchen, some of



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that excitement must have been purely visceral. "We would give our kitchen slops to the pig farms, and every year, they'd send a live pig. It would always be in the wintertime, and when the Chinese guys in the kitchen would kill the pig, they would hold it and they would crack its neck. Then they would have this big old pig on the cutting board, and when they sliced up the pig, all this steam would come out. They would let the blood drip out of it first, and they would steam the blood into blood pud-

ding and slice it and eat it. Then they would take all the entrails out of the pig and wash them and eat them. That was, like, the best part." Little Joy watched and learned. "I think that chefs are hams. They really like to show off, and if you show any interest in what they're doing, they'll stop and take

life. They supplied a lot of hotels, but it was the early '80s; it wasn't a jumping time." They had a huge oven, the kind "with the sliding, rotating racks. It probably could have baked a thousand loaves at a time. The bumpkin people in Oklahoma just didn't get it. The women would come in wearing their mink coats and say, 'Ah'd like a dozen of those crescent rolls.' I loved working at that bakery." But three months was enough time for her to cool down, make peace with her mother, and get on

"I started working in La Jolla in '94, and to this very day, if I go back to George's on a Thursday night, I'll see the same people, doing the same things."

with her life.

In 1989, she decided San Diego might be a more interesting place to live than Albuquerque — she had a grandmother in Escondido and had vacationed here. But despite a lifetime around restaurants, she had trouble finding work in the local indus-

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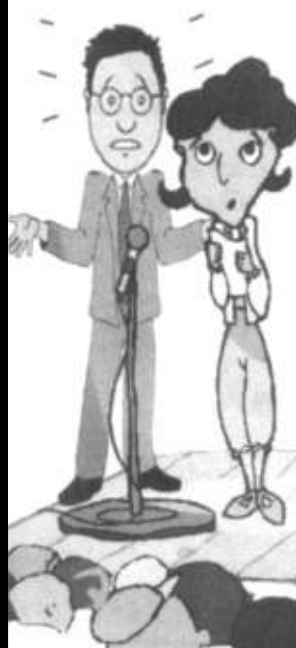
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try. “I wanted to work in a nice restaurant, whether I managed or tended bar or waitressed, and I wanted to go to the beach. Maybe take an extra class or two, continue to grow as a person. But when you move here from out of state, nobody wants to know you. You have to know somebody who knows somebody who knows somebody.” She ended up at Poseidon in Del Mar, “a busy, busy restaurant, but, you know, not upscale. Steaks, chops, seafood, salads — more of a breakfast and lunch place. I’d work from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eventually, I got another job at the Rancho Valencia Resort, so I’d work at Poseidon during the day and then go there to work at night.”

She got to know the manager at Poseidon. The manager knew the manager at George’s at the Cove. She landed a job managing the La Jolla restaurant’s Ocean Terrace Café. “That was a huge culture shock. La Jolla is not like the rest of the world. There’s this culture of people there: they live there, and you’re not really sure what they do, but they’re around and they have money, though they don’t necessarily spend it. I started working in La Jolla in ’94, and to this very day, if I go back to George’s on a Thursday night, I’ll see the same people, doing the same things. They’re having their cocktail or having dinner, shooting the breeze. Their life is the same.” She loved life in the Village, but it began to feel a little claustrophobic, and after a year, she began looking around

for something else.

She ended up as the national sales manager for Hornblower Cruises. “I sell to the convention market. All the conventioners that come to town need to entertain their guests, and hopefully, one of the best ways to do it is on a yacht. My goal is to find those people and sell them a party on a boat.” Work brought her south to the bay, and she started to think about relocating to be closer to work. Before that, she had lived in a “great apartment in Del Mar. It was falling apart, but it had a nice ocean view, and we were a block and a half from the beach. We could watch the sunset — that was the best thing about living there. You know that twilight time when the light changes? That’s the best time of day. It’s all about finding it; the sun is setting, and you’re getting dinner ready or you’re having dinner. One of my favorite things about working for George’s was that I got to see that every night.”

The “we” in “we could watch the sun set” refers to Ozzie, her former roommate and current friend in the kitchen (he works as the executive sous chef at the Rancho Valencia Resort). “We’re not romantically involved or anything. I’m always trying to find a girlfriend for him, and he’s got his eyes open for me.” Ozzie made the move to Middletown with Joy but found his new commute north as hellish as her commute south had been before. He moved back to North County soon afterwards, leaving Joy with an extra bedroom in her

new home. (She has since acquired a roommate, who was invited tonight but will not be coming.)

Once upon a time, before Joy came here, the glass wall of this apartment took in a splendid view of the bay, the airport, and a slice of downtown. Now, you can still see downtown, but a new condo complex blocks much of the bay view. “I have a little bit of water,” says Joy, pointing to a wedge of blue off to the far left. “It’s not the same as one floor up, where you get the whole bay. It’s

Says Joy, “I was buying Reidel” — the exquisitely shaped and excruciatingly expensive crystal stemware that claims to be varietal-specific in its design — “but now I’m buying Spiegelau. I have Reidel on the table, but I like the shape of the Spiegelau better.”

\$150,000 more for the whole bay — the same type of unit. And I still have a view. I’m really happy here. I chose this building because I looked at a couple of different units that I could afford, and they were something like 700 square feet for \$350,000. This unit is 1600 square feet. It’s not as luxurious; it’s not brand-spanking new, but I didn’t care. I wanted the space, because I have all this stuff. It was either throw it away or find a bigger space.”

Joy likes her stuff, and there’s a lot to like. Once inside her new home, she set about settling in, begin-

ning with a coat of decidedly unsettled yellow paint in the front hall and all around the trapezoidal main living space. Before, “It was all white.” I guessed canary for the yellow; the shade is actually named narcissus. Into this newly brightened space she moved several pieces of grand-scale overstuffed furniture, dripping custom upholstery. “This is a great chair,” she says of a high-armed single-seater. “Sit in it. I got it at a consignment store in Rancho Santa Fe — it’s a reject from a rich per-

son. Consign and Design on El Camino Real and Encinitas Boulevard; I bought a lot of these pieces there. Nothing really matches, but it all kind of goes.”

Smaller pieces fill in the space around the overstuffed seating — cabinets, bookshelves, writing desks, coffee tables — until the room quivers on the border of being crowded. One more chair, one more cabinet, perhaps even a few more knickknacks or mementos on a side table, and clutter would reign. Joy has managed to stop at enough for her 1600 square feet.

Asian touches abound, a nod to her ethnic heritage: a black-lacquered cabinet featuring a scene of bridges and islands and

mountains. Three painted portraits depicting a young girl with a straw hat, a young boy sitting cross-legged, and an old woman. Embroidered scenes and intricately painted plates, both inherited from her grandmother. “This is just stuff from New Mexico, because I’m from New Mexico,” she says, pointing at some desert scenes in pastel shades on the wall. Family photos line the front hall, including several of her niece, Jasmine. But the bookshelves, deeply gastronomic, hearken to her more immediate ancestors’ professional leanings, and her own culinary passions. Great stacks of *Wine Spectator* magazine dominate the periodicals, but there is a respectable collection of the food magazine *Saveur* and scattered issues of *Gourmet*, *Bon Appetit*, *Food Arts*, and *Food & Wine*. “I used to get *Gourmet*, but it’s more travel-oriented now. I like *Saveur* because it’s got more food in it, more weird stuff in it.” Food and wine books surround the magazines: *The Oxford Companion to Wine*, *Parker’s Wine Buyer’s Guide*, *Wine Science*, *The French Laundry Cookbook*, and *Great Good Food* by Julee Rosso. Outside of food, there are a couple of books on Lillian Hellman, and a fair amount of John Updike. “Updike is my favorite fiction writer. I think his books are time capsules; he captures the essence of a moment.”

The evening begins in the afternoon, with the setting out of a plate of cheeses on the main coffee table. “I like them to come to room temperature before I start eating them,” explains Joy. There is Emmenthaler, there is triple-cream Brie, there is dry-aged Gouda, there is Camembert and Maytag

Blue. Well and good. But there is also a wedge of *tit-illa*, a Spanish cheese that would look like a Hershey’s kiss (or even the titular *tit-illa*) if it were whole. And there is Comte, and “something odd, an English cheese mixed with Port. I bought it because I liked the color, and because I like to buy things that make people say, ‘Oooh, what’s that?’ ” The cheese hails from Whole Foods; the several loaves of bread that wait in paper bags to accompany them are from Bread & Cie in Hillcrest. There will be company tonight.

As the cheeses shed their refrigerated chill, Joy retreats to the kitchen, set off from the rest of the living area by a bar/counter, and begins the potatoes — au gratin tonight. “I was almost going to go bohemian on you and do some stuffed cabbage rolls,” but traditional fare won out. She softens butter in a microwave and smears it in a baking dish. “I’m not afraid of butter. I hate people who are afraid of butter. It’s hard to be a foodie without loving the butter — and the chocolate and the garlic and all the other stuff.” She washes the potatoes but does not peel them. Then she takes hold of a square-bladed Chinese cleaver — “I grew up using this; it’s the first knife I grab, and I have every knife you could imagine” — and begins slicing, drawing the blade back across the top of the potato to star her incision, then dropping the knife down to the board with a smooth stroke. She works close to her fingertips, keeping her knuckles flexed and drawing her hand back slightly with each slice. After 10 or 12 drops of the knife, she drops the blade flat to the cutting board, sweeps it

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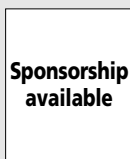
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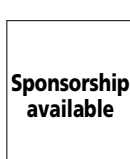
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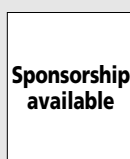
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under the accumulated slices, and shifts them into the buttery baking dish. She pays attention to her work but does not need to concentrate on it; she is able to both talk to me and welcome the evening's first arrival as she cuts. The guest is Chris, Hornblower's food and beverage director. He takes a seat next to me at the kitchen bar and joins me in watching Joy.

"Chris usually comes over and coaches me while I'm preparing."

Chris denies it. "That's not true!"

"I'm doing Gruyère and Emmentaler in the gratin; is that okay?" The cheeses, shredded last night,

sit in plastic bags.

"You always ask my opinion, but you don't really want to listen to it. Joy, you put together some of the nicest menus. I'm so proud of you."

Chris is proud of Joy, if not just for her menus, then also for her selling power. "I love wine," she attests. "I think you have to love it to sell it. If you don't love it, how are you going to convey the love? It pains me to see people drink house wine. When I'm at Trader Joe's, and I see people going for the two-buck Chuck, the Charles Shaw stuff, I want to scream out, 'Don't do it!' Groups of people are coming here

from all over the world; you don't want them to come to California and drink cheap-ass bad wine. You have an opportunity to expose them to something more wonderful. If the budget allows. It's the same thing as being a waiter in a restaurant. Are you going to let your customers drink the house wine, or are you going to put the squeeze on them to enjoy life a little more? You've taken the time to come out to a restaurant — drink a decent bottle of wine! In our case, you're spending all this money on a great big lavish party on a yacht — it's not going to cost you that much more to serve decent

wine."

Her own wine collection is pushing up against 300 bottles, distributed between a starter-sized wine fridge in the living room and a considerably more substantial glass-doored unit next to the kitchen bar. Both are stuffed, mostly with bottles dating from '97 to '00. Champagnes are up top where it's coldest, sharing space with various chocolates. ("It's the perfect temperature in there for them.") A bottle of vintage Cristal champagne, the celebrity of champagnes and the champagne of celebrities, stands on display. "That was a gift from the last man that I dated,"

she notes. Still whites and reds rub shoulders down below. The collection skews toward California ("I've got a lot of friends in the wine business") but includes a few French Rhones and Alsations to go with the imported bubbly. And she is an avid fan of the Laughing Magpie Shiraz/Viognier blend from Australia's d'Arenberg winery.

She begins the evening by opening a bottle of non-vintage Gosset champagne, the first step on a long road leading to a magnum of 1997 Benziger Cabernet Sauvignon, displayed upright and eye-level inside the cabinet. "I am a freak

about wine and temperature. If a bottle sits too long in a warm room..." The Benziger is under some suspicion, because it has not lived its entire life under Joy's care. It started out with her boss, Katherine, who will be joining us later tonight. "Katherine will argue about this when she comes in, but we met Mr. Benziger at work. I'm the one that sells Benziger wine, so when he sends a big bottle, who should he send it to? Um, me. But she was smart enough to give the guy her business card. I was, like, 'No no no no no — that's my wine.' And she was, 'No no no no no, he sent it to me.' And I'm,

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‘I’m the one that sells the Benziger. You’ve got to fork it over.’ And she said, ‘Tell you what. Next time you have a dinner party, I’ll bring it.’ I just got it and put it in the cooler, and I hope it’s still good.”

After pouring a round of champagne, Joy layers potatoes and shredded cheese, potatoes and shredded cheese, until the pan is nearly full. Then she opens a plastic pint jug of Trader Joe’s heavy whipping cream and pours in some salt. She grates nutmeg in after it, then closes the jug and shakes it before pouring the mixture over the potatoes. “I want the seasoning to float through the whole thing.”

“Are you going to cover it first?” asks Chris.

“Should I?”

“I would, then uncover it and finish it at the end with high heat so you get a nice crust on it. Before that, you want to keep in as much moisture as you possibly can.”

“Butter on top or no?”

“No, you won’t need any there.”

“See,” she says, turning to me. “He says he doesn’t tell me how to cook; I think he’s telling me how to cook right now.”

The potatoes go into the oven at 375 degrees. Joy walks over to the stereo to start a new CD. “You want to stick to female jazz vocalists?” she calls over her shoulder.

“I was thinking more Joe Nichols,” says Chris.

Joy puts on Ella Fitzgerald. “I like to listen to the same kind of music you hear when you go into Banana Republic and you’re shopping. Starbucks has great music. Do you like my new pan?” she asks, brandishing an enameled cast-iron brassier from Le Crueset. “I’m going to do my prime rib in here. It’s USDA Prime by the way — none of that cheap Select beef here.” There is a note of self-consciousness as she says this — she knows she is a foodie. “Look at the marbling on that,” she marvels as she unwraps the fat-laced roast, obtained through a friend in the food service industry.

“It’s a gorgeous piece of meat,” agrees Chris. “Holy mackerel.”

Joy pats the beef down

with a towel and slices off the fatty cap. Instead of leaving the cap on to melt as the meat roasts, and instead of topping the meat with a *lardon* of finer fat, Joy will be using a high-fat French butter, higher

in fat than even Plugrá. The butter is almost chalky in its consistency and is exceedingly good.

“I was going to make lamb,” says Joy, “but I wasn’t sure if everybody would eat lamb.”

“Pork and lamb,” agrees Chris. “You and I always eat the obscure meats. A lot of people just — probably because they never had it cooked right for the different cuts.”

Ozzie arrives, breez-

ing in through the open door. “Grab a champagne glass,” encourages Joy. “We’re drinking Gosset. Get one of the nice glasses,” she calls to him as he wanders over to the blond-wood china/crystal cabi-

net. “They’re on the other side. It’s my new Spieglauglassware.” Joy has a lot of glassware. “The last time I had a dinner party, we were having a really good time, and we were drinking quite a bit. I kept bringing more

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glasses out of the cabinet. I kept saying, 'New wine, new glass — we've got to have a new glass!' I forgot that the next day I was the person doing the washing." (Crystal stemware will not survive the dishwasher and must be cleaned by hand.) "I was washing glasses for three hours; it was horrible."

Ozzie pulls up to the counter with a flute of the new Spiegla. Says Joy, "I was buying Reidel" — the exquisitely shaped and excruciatingly expensive crystal stemware that claims to be varietal-specific in its design — "but now I'm buying Spiegla. I have Reidel on the table, but I like the shape of the Spiegla better." Spiegla is also cheaper and a little more durable, but Joy says she's never broken any of her Reidel. "I'm very careful with it." Apparently, Ozzie is another story.

Says Joy, "My rule is, 'Do not touch the glassware until the day after.' If you're drunk and you break it..."

"I was on probation

for a long time," says Ozzie, filling his glass.

"Ozzie wasn't allowed to touch the glassware for a really long time," Joy concurs. "We lived together for four years..."

"And I had to drink out of plastic cups," he jokes.

"With the spill top on. He was only allowed to drink from the crystal on holidays, when I was watching him."

Ozzie takes this joshing well, as well as Joy's frequent requests. "Oz, do you want to grab some rosemary from outside? The nice soft pieces?"

"How much do you need?"

"Just enough for this roast."

"Is there a time when you're going to stop bossing him around?" asks Chris.

"No," says Joy, dismissing the notion. "Ozzie, do I boss you around?"

"Yes," he says with a smile.

Ozzie heads out through the sliding glass

doors onto the balcony, where a fine potted rosemary bush is joined by two pots of basil and a couple of fledgling tomato plants. A small propane grill stands on the balcony's opposite corner. Noise from passing trains and landing planes and the city-splitting freeway is prevalent here, as is the warm glow of the late-afternoon sun. Ozzie snips off two healthy sprigs of rosemary and heads back inside. As he closes the door, the noise — even the planes — fades to almost nothing, and we're back with Ella, now joined by Louis Armstrong.

Joy is methodically smashing garlic cloves for the roast. Five...six...seven...eight. "We aren't afraid of garlic. We're keeping the vampires away tonight."

"I guess they'll be showing up shortly," snarks Chris, referring to the impending arrival of Katherine and company. It's not a malicious dig; you get the feeling it was just too good a shot at his co-workers for him to pass up.

Ozzie has brought a polystyrene cup full of demi-glace from the Resort kitchen. "I have some *glace de viande* and some stock for the *au jus*," says Joy.

"Use his demi," advises Chris.

"You can use the stock for deglazing," offers Ozzie.

"So I don't need the *glace de viande*. You're slowing up," she says to Chris. "My glass is empty over here."

Chris pours Joy another glass and admires the demi-glace. "It looks like the crude they're sending from Iraq to Syria, for crying out loud. That's the stuff you even hide from the chef. Let me taste it."

Ozzie brought the demi-glace; he also made it. "When I was in Puerto Rico," he says, "I had to get maintenance to put a padlock on my walk-in, because other kitchens would raid it in the middle of the night, just blatantly come in and steal my sauces." His was the walk-in attached to the signature restaurant of a 1000+ room megaresort; he

opened and ran the place. "It was pretty funny. They couldn't figure out what they wanted to do. First, it was a signature restaurant, and they wanted everything frou-frou. Then they changed their mind and wanted a steakhouse. Then they wanted a Spanish cuisine place. Then, since it was Puerto Rico, they wanted some kind of Hispanic influence."

"I was in there hashing it out until the executive chef moved on. I wanted to work with him, so when he left, I thought, 'Okay, it's time to go.' I had island fever; I said, 'How far can I go? California!' It's been seven years now. I like it."

"You guys busy?" Chris asks Ozzie.

"Not at all. It's been dead."

"Nobody's coming into town lately."

"Thankfully, people get married. So that keeps us busy."

"Next," says Joy, "we're caramelizing fennel and onions for the salmon. One

of these fennels is for caramelizing and one is for my salad. You want to slice, Ozzie? He's my kitchen helper," she says to me. "You have to be a minimum of an executive sous chef to be my kitchen helper."

Ozzie eyes the cutting board. "Did you cut the meat on this?"

"No, just the rosemary and the garlic."

"Are you sure?"

"Yeah." He washes the board anyway, then begins work on the fennel. The first cut removes the knotty base of the bulb, the second halves the remainder. He rinses each half, then begins making quarter-inch slices.

"Do you like fennel?" Joy asks Chris.

"No, not raw. I like it cooked."

"I'm putting it raw in the salad."

"I did fava beans last night."

"You did? Fresh favas?"

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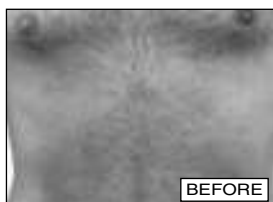
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and I finally did them. I did a nice salmon..."

"I *have* been whining about fresh fava beans."

"Yes, they were really good."

"Maybe I could do them for my MPI event." She turns to me. "I'm also the monthly chairperson for Meeting Professionals International in San Diego. I plan 12 educational sessions for approximately 200 people at a time. I do the menus, I select the site, I find the speakers. The Hotel Del is great to work with. It's industry networking; these are people who plan the big meetings for Qualcomm and places like that. We go to a site and say, 'You're showcasing your property to maybe 200 different meeting planners. What do you want to do to make sure this is a beautiful event?' "

Joy pulls out another

"Sparkling."

"You could start a trend," I offer.

"You have plenty of wine," suggests Ozzie. "You could use wine to wash the lettuce."

Joy journeys to the two bathrooms to see if their faucets will give up any water, but alas. She dumps what little she has in her Brita pitcher into a bowl and soldiers on. "All we have to wash are these three heads of butter lettuce. We'll rinse the big pieces in here so we can still eat and live. I bought it at Whole Foods, so it's organic — it's organic dirt. That'll work. It's clean enough."

"Now, that's not the bowl you use when you do your feet, right?" jokes Chris.

"Only just before dinner," shoots back Joy.

"I came out one morning, and there's my wife having her feet soaked

She breaks up the curling, furling leaves of butter, then sprinkles in the shards of sliced fennel after them. On top of that goes arugula, followed by hearts of palm. Then two packages of raspberries, plump and scarlet... Top with some shaved Parmesan...but not yet.

Le Crueset piece — a giant Dutch oven, Ozzie's Christmas gift to her last year. More butter goes in; this is where the onions and fennel will gently brown and sweeten. "I'm getting a little dry here," she says to Chris, who empties the Gosset into her glass.

"Let's leave it here so Katherine can see what she didn't get to drink," says Joy with a grin.

"She wouldn't have liked it anyway," counters Chris.

Joy's glass is wet again, but her sink is less so. As she goes to run water for washing the salad, the faucet does the old buck 'n' shudder, spitting out a few noisy spurts of water before going dry. "No way," says Joy. "That's not good. This happens every now and then; it's an older building."

"There was a sign in the elevator," says Ozzie.

"Do you have bottled water?" asks Chris.

in my large prep bowl. I said, 'Well, I guess I'm going to the store to buy a new bowl.' She said, 'Oh, we can wash it.' I said, 'No, hon, please. I love you, but that's your bowl now.' " There is some question of what bottle to open next. Chris is not in the mood for Gewürztraminer.

"This is Gainey Reserve Chardonnay. I have Arrowood Viognier."

Chris notices a bottle of Pine Ridge Chardonnay.

"Do you want Landmark or Pine Ridge?" asks Joy.

Chris opts for the Pine Ridge Dijon Clones 2000 Chardonnay. "This is perfect," he says after his first sip of the lush, oakey wine. "When did you get it?"

"I think I got that from Dave, Dave that I've been dating. I'm always a little bit more friendly after a bottle of wine." To me: "He's in Japan. He's not joining us; he's there for three years."

As they discuss Pine Ridge and Dave, Ozzie begins trimming the side of salmon that will both top and anchor tonight's salad. With a narrow blade, he removes the bloodline, a strip of dark, less-tasty flesh running down the center of the fish. He nips here, tucks there, and finishes by doubling up the narrow end of the fish to make a consistent thickness throughout. A little black pepper, a little sea salt, and the salmon will be ready to go. "I'm going to wait to season it until we're ready to cook it," explains Ozzie. "Salt draws moisture."

There is a lull in the action while Joy switches to a Billie Holiday CD; time enough for a look 'round the U-shaped kitchen, starting with the light that makes the look 'round possible. "I brought IKEA lighting in here on purpose," says Joy. "These are sort of like

sink. The stove is a Frigidaire Gallery — electric. "I was totally bummed when I found I didn't have a gas line. So this is my stove and that kind of sucks, but that's life."

Breaktime over, Joy starts in on the salad. First, she breaks up the curling, furling leaves of butter lettuce (dry now after their emergency washing) into an amazingly broad stainless-steel bowl, then sprinkles in the shards of sliced fennel after them. On top of that goes a bag of Trader Joe's Organics arugula, followed by a can of Trader Joe's Organics hearts of palm. Then two packages of raspberries, plump and scarlet, brought in from Mexico by the good people at Driscoll's. Top with some shaved Parmesan...but not yet. The cheese and the avocados will wait until just before serving. On to the dressing. Joy mashes a handful

"Because the fish gets direct heat from the bottom when it's on the grill, it tends to scorch a little bit. You put the onions and fennel down so they take the heat. When you slide the fish off, it should be fine."

gallery spotlights, and it makes the food look like art." The counters are covered with pale tan tile; copper-colored grout fills the gaps, and a chocolate-brown bullnose border outlines the lot. Flowers, done in brown paint, adorn a few of the tiles. A sizeable chunk of counter space is taken up by equipment and comestibles: a huge bowl of potatoes and onions, a Kitchen Aid mixer under a blue and yellow Provençal dishtowel, a white microwave, an Osterizer blender, a Krups coffeemaker, and Brita water pitcher. Wine bottles and pottery or glass canisters fill in the gaps. The cabinetry, along with the apartment's interior doors and trim, is white, thanks to Joy's paintbrush — she deems it the best solution for unattractive mid-20th-century wood. White vinyl tiles cover the floor; a good, *schooshy* mat saves wear on the feet for whoever's standing at the stainless-steel

of the raspberries, stirs in a scoop of sugar and a generous pinch of salt. Do you ever measure? "Only when I'm baking." She tastes throughout, adding dashes and drips to get the balance right. She pours in tarragon red wine vinegar and drops in a dollop of Dijon mustard to aid in emulsification. She stirs in a hint of minced red onion and a twist of cracked black pepper, and then Ozzie soaks the lot in extra-virgin olive oil while she whisks everything together. Moving on, she assigns Ozzie the task of peeling the ends of the asparagus spears, so that the whole will cook more evenly. "Where did you get that asparagus?" asks Chris admiringly. "Costco." "God love them." "When I lived here, I never cooked," Ozzie tells me as he peels. "He wasn't allowed to cook," Joy cuts in.

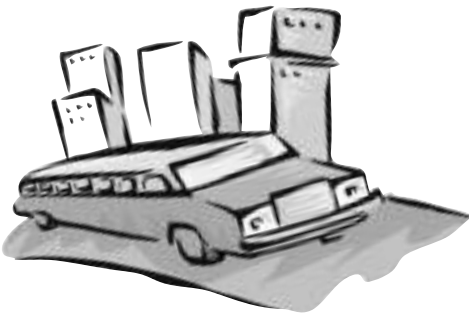


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"He never cooked. I did all the cooking; he was spoiled."

"Because the second I started cooking something, she would be over

my shoulder, nit-picking at every little thing I did."

Joy protests, but she also admits that "when-ever I go to somebody else's house for dinner, I always go in the kitchen and start taking over. It's really bad."

Twilight comes on, the

yellow walls begin to glow with the last of the sunlight as it filters through the blinds. Joy is happy; it is her favorite time of day. The Pine Ridge is giving out under the onslaught of four drinkers. "I think we're going to have to open

a bottle of Chateau Potelle Chardonnay for you," says Joy. "If we were drinking these in the right order, we would have drunk it first, and then the Pine Ridge."

"Why?" asks Chris, almost as if he is quizzing her.

"Because this is considerably lighter on the oak, and the fruit is a little bit more elegant."

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"And you'll see that it has that really good fungal, mushroomy quality that really good white Bur-

gundies have."

"You are correct once again, Obi-Wan." But crisp and mushroomy as the wine is, Chris is tired of Chateau Potelle — he's been drinking a lot of it lately. "I just sold 14 cases to a party," explains Joy

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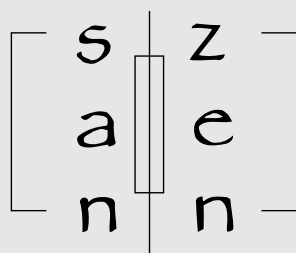
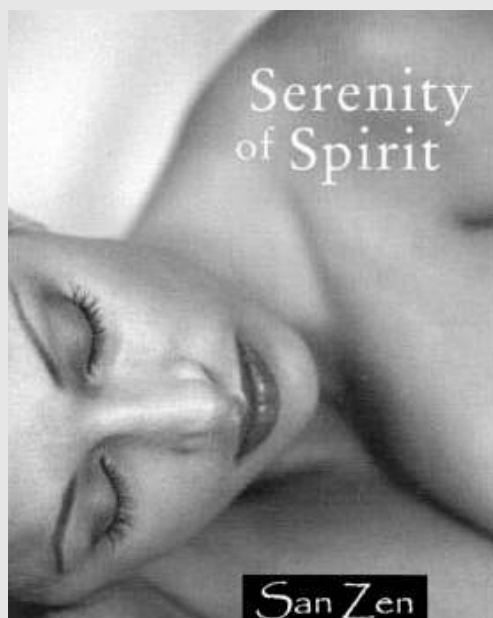
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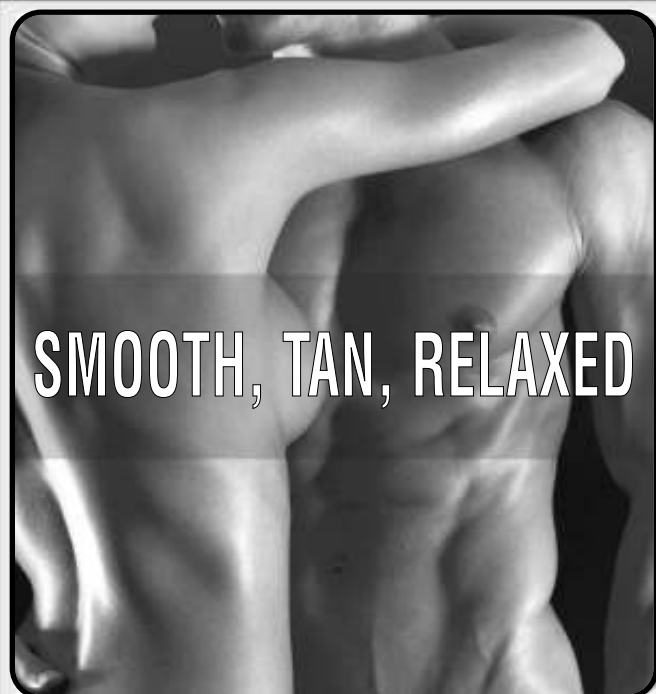
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before turning to Chris and proclaiming, "That's good damn wine. I don't know why you're complaining about it. Do you want me to open up some Joseph Phelps Ovation?"

"No, I had it last night."

"Do you want some Landmark?" He hesitates, but eventually, the bottle gets cracked open. He judges it "the perfect in-between," with the fat Pine Ridge and the lean Chateau Potelle at the extremes.

The onions and fen-

nel have darkened sufficiently; out they come from the Dutch oven, to rest next to the salmon. In goes the stock, to simmer and reduce, along with a splash of old champagne from a bottle on the counter. The potatoes are done as well. "As soon as the girls get here, I'll put in the prime rib," announces Joy. A couple of minutes later, Laurie arrives. She's the national sales manager for the San Diego Convention Center, and this is her first time

visiting Joy's apartment.

"Hi, how are you?" calls Joy as she gathers Laurie about her and begins

the bay, and the nearby condos, Jackie zips in, a whirl of cheerful energy. "Ozzie!" she exclaims. "I

He lays the salmon on its bed, pours a little chardonnay over the top, sprinkles on salt, and dots the fish with the French butter before enclosing it in the tinfoil.

showing her around. "This is Ozzie...he's single," she says, with perfect unserious-seriousness. Laurie is single as well; so is everybody else who is due to arrive.

As Joy shows Laurie the living room and the view through the glass wall overlooking the airport,

Jackie took him in. "It's very incestuous," laughs Jackie. "I didn't know he wore glasses, because he never wears them around the house. I think they're fake. I think they're just magnifying glasses."

"I'm just trying to fit in," says Ozzie with a verbal eye-roll.

There is Domaine Chandon sparkling wine on ice in an enormous wrought-silver wine chiller in the living room. But Jackie opts for the Chateau Potelle and *ooohs* over it. Joy puts on a Frank Sinatra CD just as Katherine arrives. "You're the one who tried to steal the Benziger," I say, not trying to start anything.

"Me? That's my

Benziger!"

"No, it was really supposed to come to me," disputes Joy.

"It had my name on it."

"She gave the guy her business card," explains Joy.

"He sent me the wine. Benziger is my favorite winery."

"Why would he send her the wine if she doesn't sell it?"

"I've been there — 10 or 15 times. How many times have you been there, Joy?" I think they are enjoying this.

"Okay," Joy says to me, "if you were him, would you give her the wine because she was selling it or just because she visited the winery?"

"I visited 15 times. And I'm the boss..." There is a general "oooooh" from the crowd. "I try not to pull that one out very often."

"Nicely done," says Chris. "Golf clap for that one."

"But I promised Joy I would save it to drink together, so..." So that is that and all is well. Joy slips back into the kitchen to tend to the preparations; specifically, which Parmesan to shave for the salad. "This one is fresher," she says, nibbling a salty youngster.

"This one is richer," says Ozzie, tasting the older of the two, and that's the one he selects. "Keep shaving," says Joy after a bit. "I'm going to top each plate with it." Then she heads

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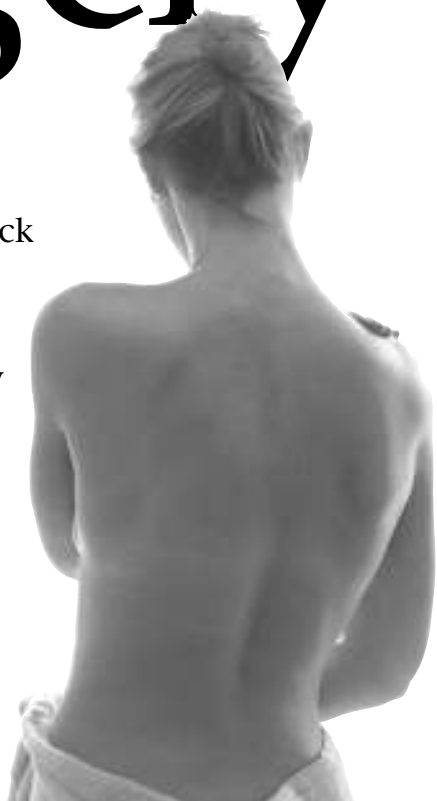
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out to the porch to light the grill. "It's the best grill ever," she marvels. "The heating unit is the same size as the one on a big grill," but the grill surface is much smaller, "so you have a lot more control over your heat."

Ozzie lays down a sheet of tinfoil on the cutting board and begins spreading a layer of onions and fennel over it. "Because the fish gets direct heat from the bottom when it's on the grill, it tends to scorch a little bit. You put the onions and fennel down so they take the heat. When you slide the fish off, it should be fine." He lays the salmon on its bed, pours a little chardonnay over the top, sprinkles on salt, and dots the fish with the French butter before enclosing it in the tinfoil. Then he wraps the asparagus in foil as well, and both are ready for the grill.

The guests have wandered over to the platter of cheeses. Rebecca arrives, another friend from work. Some guests have brought flowers; as Easter is approaching, Rebecca has brought a basket shaped like an egg and filled with a stuffed toy bunny and a lily. The basket takes its place on a table loaded with similar decorations: ceramic Easter bunnies, a duck in the middle of a ceramic Easter egg shell, Easter eggs with bunnies painted on them. "I'm going to dress the salad now," says Joy, "because I like it to wilt for a few minutes before we serve it. It makes it nice and dense. We'll add the salt and the avocado at the last minute, so the avocado doesn't discolor. When we pull the roast out to let it rest for a couple of minutes, the potatoes will go back in the oven" to garner a sweet, brown top.

As the twilight fades, Joy sets about lighting about a dozen candles of different heights and widths in different spots around the living room. Some are displayed simply, others on ornate candlesticks. Preparations continue, and I mosey over to the guests. Norah Jones has taken over on the stereo.

"We've been talking about who grew up on farms," says Jackie as I arrive. "...murderous chick-

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ens," Ozzie is saying.

"They murder each other; is that what you mean?" asks Katherine.

"Oh, no no no — they attack you. You've heard of *chupacabras*, right?"

"No, but I have a good chicken story. But I was

going to hear what you had to say about murderous chickens."

"The *chupacabras* originated in Puerto Rico. It's a chicken, an animal that sucks the blood from goats."

"Is it a real animal or just a myth?" asks Katherine.

If you've never seen one, then it's a myth, I suggest.

Chris has joined us from the kitchen to say his good-byes; he will not be staying for dinner. "Dude, if they did an *X-Files* on it, then it's got to be true."

"Scully found 'em," agrees Katherine.

"There you go — Scully found 'em," echoes Jackie.

Ozzie continues. "When I was in Puerto Rico, the whole *chupacabra* thing started. The mayors from different towns would get together posses, and they'd go into the woods, beating the brush with sticks, trying to scare this strange animal so they could find it."

"It does sound like an *X-File*, doesn't it?" comments Rebecca.

"Seriously, it was a spooky situation. Everybody was locking their doors, closing all their windows. On the news, you would see the goats all shriveled up. This was just before I made my decision to come to California, and then all of a sudden there were *chupacabras* in Mexico. This thing was following me

around!"

Katherine follows up with her chicken story. "Okay, so I grew up in the country, and we had a lot of chickens. We also had this huge garden that my mom grew all of our food in. We had wood chips every year that would come in the spring, and we would put them down in all the paths. The chickens we'd use for eggs or we'd slaughter for dinner. My brother and sister had to pluck the chickens, because I'd get sick, even though I was the oldest. I would throw up if I had to pluck the chicken; all the feathers stick to you — it's horrible."

"I used to pluck chickens," sympathizes Rebecca. "It smells horrible."

"So anyway, this one chicken died of some disease or something — we didn't know why. It could have been sick, so we had to bury it instead of eat-

ing it. My mom buried it right off the path on the way to the garden. The next day, we had some company, and we were walking down the garden path to show them, and someone stepped where the chicken was buried. And it squawked. For two days straight, every time you stepped on it, which we did many times, it would go 'Brrrawwwk!' " Later Katherine will top that one with a tale of turkeys, which, too dumb to close their mouths when they look up to investigate the rain, half-drown and collapse. The trick to reviving them turns out to be placing them on a tray and drying them out in a warm oven.

Farm animals give way to domestics, mainly cats and the critters they hunt, plus some they don't. "When I call home to my mom," says Katherine, "those are the stories I get:

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"What a beautiful table, Joy," compliments Rebecca. "It's so sparkly!"

"Good friends, good health, good wine, and we're all here to enjoy this," intones Joy, raising her glass, and dinner begins. The Chateau Potelle continues to flow.

Talk meanders from house-buying to dating. Jackie had an Internet date last night, a fellow she met on a matchmaking site. "I don't e-mail guys; I have them e-mail me."

"Do you have your picture posted?" asks Katherine.

"Yeah, but I don't surf the guys. I don't have time to check out the men's profiles. They e-mail me, and if I'm interested, I'll e-mail them back." She likes the site where she posts her profile because "it's mostly professionals. Matchmaker.com is a bunch of horny men."

"How many have you heard from?"

"A lot. All kinds of guys. Single dads, a couple of older single men who said they were 44 but looked like 55; guys my age; and then guys who were maybe 41, 42 and who had either been divorced, no kids, or had never been married."

"What about younger than you?"

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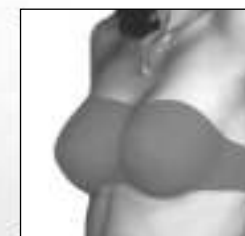
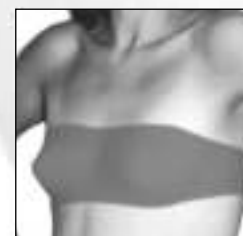
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we've corresponded for a couple of months now."

"Do you get to say what age range you're looking for?"

"Yeah. I have an age range between 32 and 42. This one guy" — the one she went out with last night — "e-mailed me with a really cute message, and so I looked at his profile. He's 44, which is a little older than I was originally interested in, but you have to have an open mind. He could be young at heart."

"He's not in the grave yet," defends Rebecca. "Forty-four is not old."

"He's never been married, he's highly educated — which I'm very interested in — so I e-mailed him back," continues Jackie. They corresponded; she indicated that he could offer to take her out. A day later, he called. Three days

after that, they met at the Goldfinch Café in La Jolla for coffee. Coffee led to a sunset walk around the Cove. "It was just kind of informal. I had a T-shirt on, a pair of cute little pants and a denim jacket."

"Was there a love connection?" asks Joy.

"I think so. There was a connection. I don't know about love. Love is not always enough. I mean, I believe in love, but it's not always enough."

What more do you need?

"Stability," answers Katherine.

"You've got to have a job, and you can't live with your mother," suggests Joy.

"Do you want to live your life the same way as the other person?" continues Katherine.

"Can we have a conversation?" is the question

Jackie would ask. "Can I see myself sitting on the front porch when I'm old and gray, having a conversation with this person? That doesn't always imply love." She returns to the tale of her date. "He walked

"My guess would be that some women totally intentionally make those choices and say, 'I'm going to do the double boober' or not."

me to my car, and it was up to him to close the deal. I wasn't going to push it. He just said, 'I'd really like to take you out again; how do you feel about that?'

"That's fine. I'd really enjoy that."

"Okay, I'll call you. How about this weekend? I told him when I was avail-

able, and he said, 'I'll give you a call.' That was just yesterday. He's one of those CPA MBA guys."

"Oh, he'll do what he says, then," nods Rebecca.

"Yeah. And he likes to research. I noticed that he

"No, no; I mean, I'm just open." However, openness has its limits. "Do I want to go to a porno movie? No."

"No porno on the first date."

"Not on the first date. But usually, when you're shopping in the video store, they test you a little. 'Do you want to go to that, you know, back room?'"

"It's kind of a flirty thing," adds Rebecca. "They want to see if you blush, I suppose."

"They want to know if you've even been to the back room," says Jackie.

"Is there a back room at Blockbuster?" someone asks.

"No," I say. "That was the only video store we could go to as kids, because there was no back room."

"You press on the old releases, and the door

moves," suggests Katherine to appreciative laughter.

There is a discussion about the importance of the man calling when he says he'll call, and then the date report continues.

Rebecca: Did you give him a hug? Was he a good hugger?

Jackie: Yeah.

Rebecca: A good hug is important. A good hug is when they relax into you.

Joy: They give you a real hug.

Katherine: But if they're too much...

Joy: You don't want the bump and grind.

Rebecca: If they pat, they're fathers.

Katherine: When they give you the pat-pat-pat, it's a control thing. Whoever's doing the patting is controlling the relationship.

During all this, the salmon salad has been

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cleared away, the Benziger has been poured, and the beef sliced, sauced, and served alongside the gratin and the asparagus. Joy is all but silent during the meal, turning instead to efficient hosting. The water, thank heaven, has returned; there are copious dishes.

Like the women, Ozzie is single. In the kitchen, he is a confident master; on a date, he tends to get nervous. He seizes the opportunity to glean helpful information.

Ozzie: Okay, I feel like I have a panel here. This is something that Joy has said to me, but I want to verify it. It has to do with hugging. Joy says that when she likes somebody, she gives them — now, this is Joy — she says she gives them "the double boober."

This is followed by general uproarious laughter. Someone asks: Is there a degree of hugging?

Jackie: You tell us, you're the guys who are receiving. We're just giving.

Joy: If you got the double boober, you'd be speechless.

Katherine: In my opinion, it depends on the girl. My guess would be that some women totally intentionally make those choices and say, 'I'm going to do the double boober' or not. Other women are just going to hug and not think about it; it could be sideways or straight on or whatever. They might like the guy, but they might not think about whether they're strategically placing body parts.

Jackie: If you're enthusiastic, chances are it's a double boober.

Ozzie senses a double standard in his not being allowed to read hugs. "Do women read first kisses?"

"Oh, yeah," answers Rebecca.

"Is that fair?"

"Yeah."

"I don't know about that," begins Katherine, but Jackie avoids the issue by answering Ozzie's original question in a new way. "If a woman is willing to talk to you for more than 15 minutes, she's interested."

"I don't agree with that either," says Katherine. "I like to talk about people and find out about things."

From there, the discussion returns to the var-

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ious online dating sites. Rebecca admires eharmony.com for its rigorous initial questionnaire — you can find out a great deal about a prospect before even contacting them. Jackie disagrees, saying that too much information can dampen chemistry. Eventually, the piece of information that sparks the most conversation is age. By now, James Taylor is issuing plaintive croonings from the stereo, and I'm condensing the back-and-forth.

"My dad is 83," says Jackie. "My mom is 61. They've been married for 39 years, and they're still happily married. I don't think it matters."

"Is he young in spirit?" asks Katherine. "Is he in good shape?"

"It's not about that. It's about the level of commitment. Age is just a num-

ber. It's how you feel and where you're at in life and compatibility and the level of commitment." Katherine explains herself. "It makes it harder, I think — naturally, age goes along with life experience and where you're at with your goals..."

"The thing is," answers Jackie, "are you happy? Are you happy with yourself, no matter what age you are? I've always dated men older than me. When I was in my 20s, I dated men eight or ten years older, and I know a lot of my girlfriends who are in their 40s who are dating men in their 50s, because they're established, and they know what they want, and they're confident."

"Here's the thing," says Katherine. "I feel like I want to date someone my age — someone who's in their life

where I'm at. But a lot of the men I meet in their late 30s or early 40s are too old and boring. They've gone to the next place."

"Guess what," says Jackie, "the older you get,

selves, so of course they're not going to think they're boring. But as you get older, you get more boring, unless you're Hugh Hefner."

It's easy to see why Katherine doesn't adhere to

"I'd say, 'If you're looking for something other than a massage, that's not what we do.' I didn't want to mislead them as to what our services were, even though that's what 90 percent of them were looking for."

the more boring."

"But I don't feel like I've gotten more boring. If anything, I've got more to offer than ever."

"Of course, you don't. The biggest thing is, people like to talk about them-

this line of thinking — not only does she not feel boring, she's dating a younger man, one who doesn't seem to think she's boring either. But Katherine doesn't bring this up until later. For now, conversation drifts to the

singles cruises held aboard the Hornblower's boats. A few racy stories slip out, and everyone tries to convince Ozzie to attend the upcoming cruise. He shifts the talk all the way back to farm life, and a lively discussion of meat eating ensues, ending in a general agreement that most folks don't think enough about where their meat comes from, a tendency countered by growing up on a farm, or maybe just buying live fish at 99 Ranch Market and having it dispatched before your eyes. Joy clears the table with unobtrusive care and begins dishing up dessert: homemade brownies, homemade caramel sauce (a particularly creamy version), and Häagen-Dazs vanilla ice cream. The guests (myself included) moan with satiety, swoon over the prospect

of further indulgence, and fall to it. Eventually, Rebecca proposes a topic.

"What's the strangest thing you ever did when you first met somebody — the biggest flirtation you've ever done?"

As it turns out, Rebecca is the first and only participant. "When I was younger and people would dare you to do stuff, the strangest thing I ever did — not the strangest, but the boldest — was a thing called a shirt dive. You take a guy's T-shirt and you go up under it and do this with your hair" — she shakes her head vigorously back and forth.

"You did that?" asks Katherine.

"Yes, I did. I got a lot of good reactions on that one. It was my classic move. Some of those guys are my best friends now."

The crowd is silenced; no one can match the shirt dive. So Rebecca tries again. "What's the strangest job you've ever had?"

Jackie perks up; this is an easy one. "When I first came to San Diego, it was an all-time unemployment high, and I could not find a job. So I took a job as a manager at a massage center. It was an old Victorian home not too far down the street from here. And of course, we would get all these guys who would come in for a massage."

Joy breaks in. "Wait — a massage, or a *massage*?"

"Right. I'm, like, 'We do not do hand releases.'"

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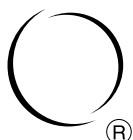
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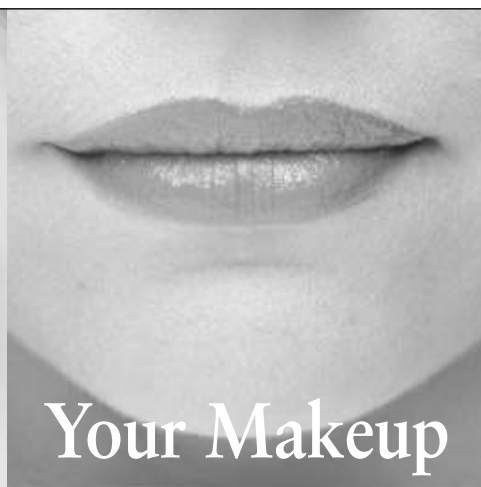
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— Matthew Lickona

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lines. According to the judge, his hands were tied; he had no choice: this is what the law mandates the sentencing has to be. What's really ironic is that if my friend had taken the deal the feds and/or court system offered him, he very well could have been released by now. Unless, of course, he, too, was on the proverbial "unclean" end of the stick. Or used like a stepping stone by our lustrous politicians in their journeys to further their political aspirations.

My friend has been in prison for at least 11 years now. And has exhausted all chances of being paroled and/or having his case and/or sentencing heard on appeal. I spent endless hours on the Internet researching cases to find one that referenced or had a connection in some way to "extrinsic evidence," which might have increased his chances of an appeal when he was at his last court of appeals, the Ninth Circuit. Sadly, we were not successful. His only hope now is the Supreme Court. I've been told that in order for the Supreme Court to hear a case, it has to either set a precedent or the outcome has to impact a majority of the people. At least that is the reason I was told they do not consider a lot of the appeals that are submitted. I, like my friend, have not given up hope that one day Ronald Peter Liquori Sr. will once again cruise his beloved Harley up and down the streets of Ocean Beach, where he, too, would rather live than anywhere else in the world.

Leenora Eddleman
via e-mail

Enjoy This Freedom

In reference to Mr. Shewman's "The Poor Man's High" (January 8):

If Mr. French should ever feel the comforting embrace of the ocean's breeze or if his eyes may behold the unbarred view of a free beginning as it rises over the mountains to greet an honest man's face, let us too enjoy this freedom as the friendly tide washes ashore our hopes and despair ebbs.

Phillip
via e-mail

Duncan Gratitude

Re "Tower of Blurble" (Movie Review, January 8). Duncan, you're hilarious...and so sen-

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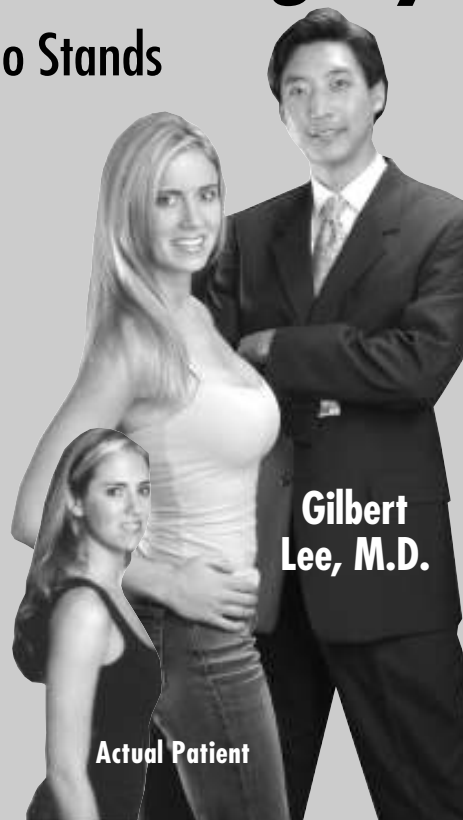
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Unclean Meats

Regarding Abe Opincar’s article on Seventh-Day Adventism in the “Sheep and Goats” column of the January 1 issue, I would say not bad for a breeze-through visit at their Paradise Valley church. But I would like to make some clarifications on questions that may be raised on those “peculiar” people, which adjective the King James translation of the Bible uses in 1 Peter 2:9 to describe Christ’s followers in contrast to the popular stream.

Ellen White, the denomination’s most influential founder, did not reinterpret Scripture to mean that the Christian belief is “strict vegetarianism.” While she believed such to be the original diet chosen for us by our Creator, she knew that meat was permitted after the Great Deluge, that it was an acceptable staple of the peasantry, and that Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes of a little boy’s lunch to feed a multitude on a Galilean hillside.

She did, however, make a distinction and hold to the health laws of clean and unclean meats as given in Leviticus chapter 11. This distinction we find way back in Noah’s time (Genesis 7:2), long before there was a Jew, which some people think was applicable only for them, as if their stomachs were different. The blood and the fat was also not to be eaten.

Anyone familiar with her writings knows that she was intimately acquainted with the Scriptures and called readers constantly to them for their counsel.

The main reason urged for discarding the use of flesh foods in her book *Counsels on Diets and Foods* is because of the increased diseases among animals. She suggested the most healthful way to prepare vegetables is with a little milk or cream. This can hardly be called strict vegetarianism. But she did say that the time would come that it would be unsafe to use even dairy products and eggs.

She stated that using large amounts of sugar is worse than meat. Don’t thank her for Pop-Tarts, Froot Loops, or Frosted Mini-Wheats. Some of those dry cereals that came long after corn flakes are 50 percent or more

sugar. She would have denounced them. They were developed by producers who were more interested in money than in dishing out health.

This little lady who figured largely in Battle Creek, Michigan, recommended the use of whole grains (all of the grain) and preparing foods in as simple and natural a way as possible to be the most efficient in service to our fellow men. Her influence started the Battle Creek Sanitarium, which rode the crest of the waves of health institutions in her day and was patronized by such notables as Thomas Edison, Firestone, J.C. Penney, Henry Ford, and some of the presidents of the United States.

Paradise Hospital, which she was instrumental in founding, will celebrate its centennial in November of this year.

Raymond Wegh
via e-mail

Stale Controversy
“Neighborhood” (December 24), huh — shame on your reviewer — especially for Ocean Beach — even though he/she professes to love the place, it has been quite some time that Starbucks was born amid controversy and now, of course, lives side by side with the other businesses. Let’s get up to date if we’re doing a review on a neighborhood in December and the review was written six months before in summer...

Jane Loveday
via e-mail

Clue Phone
This is the clue-phone ringing for Geoff Bouvier, who wrote of Ocean Beach in the Christmas issue (“Neighborhood,” December 24). Hallo, Geoff? Been spending too much time in Cheswick’s or the Sunshine?? Er — the fight against Starbucks was lost about a year ago, Geoff. Take a good look around the Newport/Bacon area.

Stu Harris
via e-mail

Geoff Bouvier replies: Be-e-e-p. This is the clue-phone returning your call... “No Starbucks!” and “No Gold’s Gym!” were, of course, the rallying cries of protesting OBecians, back before those good fights were lost, and before big corporate franchises began to mar the mom-and-pop landscape of OB.

Neighorly Points
Regarding the “Neighborhood” collection of mini-articles (December 24), a couple of points:

(1) I don’t know where Geoff Bouvier gets the impression that the rent in Ocean Beach is “cheap.” While the rent is better than, say, La Jolla or a loft downtown, it is hardly “cheap.” It’s beachfront property, man! Of course, it’s cheap if you squat in an abandoned building or have your bedroll over by the pier...

(2) Larry McCaffery neglects to point out that to beat the 107-degree July heat in Borrego Springs, there are plenty of pools to wade in and cool down — and he also forgets one of the best neighborly hangouts, Carlee’s Bar and Grill, where many retirees, dune buggy jockeys, firefighters, WWII veterans, and college professors can engage in karaoke antics on Thursday and Saturday nights.

Michael Hemmingson
Ocean Beach

Dig Kensington
Re Leaving out Kensington in “Neighborhood,” December 24. One of the strongest communities in San Diego; historic (1925–), self-contained, attractive, active — more than nine community-centered groups; the highest rate of occupancy-tenure, the highest rate of owner-occupied dwellings; the area which produced four city councilmen, two supervisors, two state senators, one mayor, and two congressmen — in an area of 2800 houses!

I advise the author of “Neighborhood: Small Towns of San Diego” to do a bit of digging before publishing.

Richard D. Jones
Kensington

Escondido Nostalgia
I read your wonderful series of articles about the little areas of San Diego in the December 24 edition (“Neighborhood”). However, I noticed you left out Escondido! Since you included La Mesa and El Cajon and other cities outside San Diego proper, I thought perhaps you needed one from this area. So I wrote one! Hope you enjoy this.

I’ve lived in Escondido 18 years. When I first moved here, my house was part of a decaying avocado-orchard property. Now we’ve planted citrus in place of the dry,



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gnarled avocado trees we dug up and burned (in our fireplace). Our street is filled with million-dollar mansions but still winds through the “county” part of Escondido. We used to drive down San Pasqual Road watched by a herd of dairy cows leaning over the barbed-wire fence. Horses trained on one hill. Then came the golf course and driving range and North County Fair shopping center built upon an old dump. A multiplex movie theater is rising on the site where we used to shop for appliances in Montgomery Ward. The chic Mingei Museum fills our old JCPenney building.

We used to have juicy, onion-filled burgers at Dave’s on Washington and be entertained by dancing waitresses at T-Bird Diner. Now we dress up to dine at Sirinos or 150 Grand after watching ballet at the California Center for the Arts.

My son used to take friends to Kit Carson Park to slide down the concrete sombrero or wagon wheel. Now these are roped off and one can walk through Niki de Saint Phalle’s dream garden. Where there were rolling green hills and orange orchards there are now growing suburbs complete with tropical gardens and solar panels. The grape- and-wine industry is relegated to one hill that once covered acres. Where the last grizzly roamed in 1898 now is a major street clogged with late-afternoon traffic consisting of SUVs bringing children home from school or Porsches returning to country estates in Valley Center.

We still have our little theaters and Halloween spook alleys. High school football games attract huge

crowds. Most families still go to church on Sunday, and most of downtown stores close that day. You can still pet the animals at Bates Nut Farm or climb on giant pumpkins in October. But Bell Gardens closed.

The old family sports places like the bowling alley and skating rink are closed, but new sports like ice and roller hockey and skateboarding have taken their place. Kids don’t run wild in the neighborhood anymore, bashing mailboxes and revving up their jalopies. Most kids are glued to their computers or cell phones. Parents drive them to organized sports in the park. It now takes 20 or 30 minutes to drive across town, since every intersection has stoplights. When families go out of town they haul trailer-loads of motorcycles and ATVs instead of fishing rods and tackle.

Times have changed and nowhere as obviously as in Escondido.

Rebecca Beaver

Moron’s Messiah

I, too, am disgusted with KPBS, our local public radio and television station (Letters, December 24). It’s being run like a fiefdom by people who are concerned only about their jobs and self-promotion. And they can get away with it because, unlike other public radio and television stations, there are no member-elected directors and thus no accountability to the bill-paying public.

The canceling of serious programs (such as *Now*) during pledge drives is but a symptom of a larger problem. Since the management is not answerable to the community, the station drifts

further away from its original purpose. Corporate sponsorship of programming dictates a conservative focus.

Public radio and television have been accused of a liberal bias. But show me the liberal counterweight to *Marketplace*, which airs three times a day! What liberal programming balances the daily drumbeat of *The Nightly Business Report*? Who speaks for labor, for the environment, in opposition to the views on these matters expressed on *Wall Street Week*, *The McLaughlin Group*, or Gloria Penner’s *Editor’s Roundtable*?

The Newshour with Jim Lehrer pretends to provide a balanced view of the news. But the dreary gray suits with their occasional token liberal (piñata) are a sad effort in this regard.

It appears to me that KPBS is trying to broaden its membership to include the followers of the moron’s messiah, Rush Limbaugh. But all they’re doing is angering their core constituency — the group of people that is interested in an intelligent, balanced, and complete airing of the issues.

Bart Boyer
Allied Gardens

Great Satan Business

In response to the article “Stink Bomb” (December 18) and subsequent letters to the editor. There has been a lot of information, or more correctly, misinformation, circulating about the grocery workers’ strike. It should be noted that the strike was only against Vons. Union workers at Ralphs and Albertsons were locked out — meaning they could not return to work.

This isn’t about getting more. It is about keeping what they had. The employers want to give the workers *less* than they are

receiving today. The issue of health care is a major element of the dispute. No worker in any job should go without adequate medical and dental care. The fact that writers often comment, “Well, I don’t have health care...” is more of a blot on our community than a criticism of the workers on strike. Just because the “great Satan” of businesses, Wal-Mart, has low pay and no benefits is no reason to sink to their level. This isn’t about bringing everybody down, it is about making sure everybody has what is needed. As the slogan says, “It’s About Your Job Too.” If the unions lose here, it will be one more rationale for business to cut back even further.

It is ironic that the workers who contribute the most to the success of the stores, those in customer service, are expected to bear the brunt of the cost-cutting. Is management in these corporations willing to demonstrate their commitment to cutting costs by reducing their salaries and benefits in the same proportion as their workers?

John E. Stauffer
Program Specialist
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Defensive Lutheran

Being an active member of First Lutheran Church (downtown at Third and Ash), I feel compelled to let your readers know what really is true about our church, rather than the comment made by Pastor Jerald Borgie in Abe Opincar’s “Sheep and Goats” of December 11.

Our church is anything but “a liturgy-intense old-fashioned liberal church.” Our spiritual leader, Pastor Noel Estergren, is well known throughout San Diego County for not only his well-thought-out, provocative, and challenging ser-

mons (delivered without a note, by the way), but for his voice in the community speaking out for justice. Our church feeds the homeless and elderly each week. During 2003, we served 28,000 meals. We have a medical, dental, acupuncture, and diabetes clinic on Monday evenings and acupuncture Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. People receive free care through the compassionate volunteer work of doctors from UCSD Medical Center. We have prison ministry, five AA groups, and a weekly healing service. If this is “old-fashioned,” I would challenge Pastor Borgie in what makes it that.

Our church building is in the heart of the city and is a remarkable worship center that oozes with beauty and warmth. It was completely renovated two years ago by Dominy & Associates Architecture firm and was voted the best renovation of 2000 in the United States by the Architects Association of America. If this is “old-fashioned,” I would challenge Pastor Borgie in what makes it that.

Many San Diegans know our organist/music-and-worship director as the past civic organist on the Spreckels organ in Balboa Park. Jared Jacobsen also currently serves as official organist and coordinator of worship and sacred music during the summer session at the famous Chautauqua Institution in New York State. *Every* liturgy *every* Sunday is creative, fresh, and unique. All music and words are carefully thought out to make the worship alive and meaningful to the world in which we live at this moment in time. Jared also directs our chamber choir of 16 voices (most of them are trained musicians) who lead the congregation

in the singing to the glory of God. If this is “liturgy intense,” I would challenge Pastor Borgie in what makes it that.

One final comment. Our church (and I as a member) is proud to be a part of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). We, as a congregation in partnership with the ELCA, are committed to spreading the gospel of good news and welcome *all* people to be a part of our community. If that is “liberal,” so be it.

Our city is growing at an incomprehensible rate in the downtown area. If anyone is looking for a church in the heart of the city that is alive, exciting, inclusive, dynamic, and challenging, please visit us at First Lutheran. Our services are at 9:00 and 11:00 every Sunday.

Marietta Johns

Will Shepherd Stick With Coen Brothers?

Duncan Shepherd’s infatuations are tenacious, as his persistent burnt offerings to Clint Eastwood clearly indicate. But I wonder how long his continued belief in the “incorruptibility” of the Coen brothers will last. Clearly he has yet to see the trailer for the brothers’ remake of the Ealing Studios’ *The Ladykillers*. Not only will he have to accept Tom Hanks as a substitute for Alec Guinness, he will have to take pleasure in Marlon Wayans. The most extended scene in the trailer features the latter, one of the scriptwriters of *Scary Movie*, in a scene so crude he could have written it himself. Shepherd may have to admit that one of his Dulcineas can be a slattern when the mood strikes her.

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Mariachis in Old Town stroll from table to table, of course. “And

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you won’t have much time to enjoy the music, because

they’ll be going on to somebody else’s table soon enough.”

Nevin is a professor of music and director of mariachi activities at Southwestern College, where students will soon be able to get an associate’s degree in mariachi. He is also a mariachi trumpeter.

In Tijuana, bigger groups — 10 or 11 players — perform onstage, says Nevin. “Up in Los Angeles, several restaurants have large mariachi groups. The whole purpose of those restaurants is to offer that sort of entertainment.” The restaurants are built to accommodate the musicians, not the other way around.

Is larger always better? “Well, it’s different,” says the 35 year old, who grew up in Tucson and has played in mariachi groups since age 15. “There’s so much more music you can do with a large group. It’s a much thicker sound; it sounds more like an orchestra than a string quartet. There’s nothing wrong with string quartets, but they don’t knock you down with a huge mass of sound. These large mariachis really do.”

Small groups do one thing better than larger ones. “They tend to have a better repertoire. They often get hired to play so-and-so’s 50th wedding anniversary, and they’ll just be playing in the back yard, and people will request songs from their hometown in Mexico, their dad’s favorite song, or the song they remember from childhood. These small mariachis have a repertoire, easily, of a thousand songs.” The bigger groups, by contrast, customarily have a fifth that number. “And only 50 of the songs sound amazing; the rest aren’t as well-rehearsed, because the group is designed to put on a program, whereas

the smaller groups are designed to be a sort of live jukebox.”

Nevin is speaking by phone from his home studio in Bonita, where he is arranging two upcoming concerts to be performed by the unique group he founded six years ago. “It comes in three sizes,” says Nevin, and each brings mariachi and symphonic music together. “Symphonic Mariachi Champaña Nevin has 15 players. That’s really as big as any mariachi in the world. And in that group we have a cello, which no other mariachi has on a regular basis.”

The smallest group, Chamber Mariachi Champaña Nevin, has five or six players. “It’s more intimate, better

for small concert halls.” Some members of the group are strictly symphony orchestra players. Nevin joined an orchestra the same year he started playing mariachi. “So I’ve always done both. Since I started combining the two, I can do them simultaneously. It means I don’t need to carry around so many clothes. Literally, I used to have mariachi performances in the afternoon and orchestra performances in the evening.”

Nevin is also a composer. “The first time I wrote something to bridge the two things I’ve always done separately was five years ago, when I wrote the ‘Concerto for Mariachi and Orchestra.’” It will be performed by the

largest version of his group and the San Diego Symphony Orchestra next month. “The full orchestra will be behind us, and we’ll be standing in front. That’s 80 musicians onstage.”

Born in Chicago, Nevin grew up in Tucson. He characterizes himself ethnically as “an American mix, no Mexican: Russian, Swedish, and Irish.” A Mexican native, Lourdes Vivanco, will solo with Nevin’s chamber-sized mariachi this weekend. A ranchera-style singer, Vivanco lives in San Diego now. Ranchero or ranchers’ music is defined by Nevin as “the style of singing that made mariachi famous.” It is, in fact, what one hears at the restaurants. It is one of the simplest forms of mariachi, which has more than a dozen others. Many are as complex as jazz and someday will be as widely and as well-respected as jazz, Nevin predicts.

The various forms of mariachi began, just like other folk music, in rural isolation, “defined by the region that it came from,” says Nevin. When its musicians migrated to the cities, the forms combined and evolved. Some sound like polkas, because of German influence; others draw from Spanish, French, and African sounds.

“Mariachis are always playing cumbias, the style that originated in Colombia,” says Nevin. “They play them especially in California, where, for some reason, the most requested song is ‘El Mariachi Loco’ — you know: ‘The Crazy Mariachi.’”

— Jeanne Schinto



Jeff Nevin

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Mozart in the South, Mainly Mozart's Spotlight Series gets underway when Clarinet Quartet performs Thursday, January 22, 8 p.m., at CECUT (Tijuana Cultural Center, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Ensemble members Victoria Luperi (clarinet), Ida Levin (violin), Anne Williams (cello), and Diane Walsh

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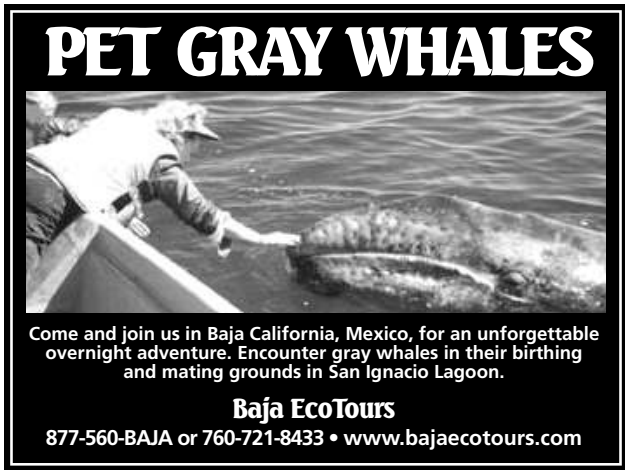


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(piano) promise selections by Mozart, Hindemith, Berg, and Brahms. \$20 U.S. 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

Rodin in Mexico, sculptures on display through January 19, at Tijuana Cultural Center, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

You're Getting Sleepy, hypnotist Taurus do Brazil performs through Saturday, January 31, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Performances begin at 6 and 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, 5 and 8 p.m. on Sundays. \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)



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OUTDOORS

The Fabled "Green Flash" at sunset or sunrise can sometimes be seen on crystal-clear days in January. At the instant the sun's upper rim is last visible at sunset, and also at the instant when it is first seen at sunrise, a flash of emerald-green color may be observed, especially on a flat horizon. Physicists explain this peculiar phenomenon as due to color-dispersion (as in a prism) and scattering of sunlight through the earth's atmosphere. Binoculars (or a small telescope) are helpful in spotting it. For green-flash hunting at sunset, any site with a view of the ocean horizon suffices. For the sunrise green flash, any spot overlooking the low desert (Sunrise

Highway in the Laguna Mountains, for example) is good.

Venus has now assumed a prominent position in the southwestern sky as darkness falls. Bright and silvery in the twilight sky, Venus will gradually drift toward the western part of the sky by mid-May. Venus's bright, lanternlike appearance makes it hard to mistake for any other planet in the sky.

Help Remove Exotic Weeds and plant native vegetation during the Black Mountain trail restoration work party, Saturday, January 17, 8 a.m. to noon. Wear work clothes, hiking boots. Directions: 858-538-8082. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Plants and Mammals provide focus when naturalist Laurann Martin leads hike in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve (on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road), Saturday, January 17. Naturalist Julie Bennett-Smith provides "A Potpourri of Blue Sky" on Sunday, January 18. Hikes begin at 9 a.m. 858-679-5469. Free. (POWAY)

Look for Early-Blooming Ceanothus and a large grove of Torrey Pines during Crest Canyon Open Space Park outing led by Canyoneers on Saturday, January 17, 9:30 a.m. To reach trailhead, exit I-5 at Via de la Valle, head west, turn left (south) onto Jimmy Durante Boulevard. After crossing bridge over San Dieguito River, turn left (east) onto San Dieguito Drive, which becomes Race Track View Drive. Continue through stop sign,



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Nature Walk, Friends of Famosa Slough lead an outing on Saturday, January 17. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Learn About Felicita, Indian Princess, and how the park got its name during program on Saturday, January 17, 2 p.m. View historical photographs of Felicita, and hear story of Battle of San Pasqual. Felicita Park, 742 Clarence Lane. 760-271-8640. Day-use: \$2. (ESCONDIDO)

Raptor-Spotting Hikes led by Wildlife Research Institute every Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, through

February 28. Hawk Watch walks are led by biologist, along with a trained falconer. The Ramona grasslands are prime raptor territory; 19 species of raptors have been recorded at the spot.

Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. Only heavy rain cancels trips. Wildlife Research Institute headquarters, 18030 Highland Valley Road (near Rangeland). Free. 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

On the Right Track, easy, two-mile introductory animal tracking hike in San Dieguito River Park, Saturday, January 17, 9 a.m. All

ages welcome. Rain or shine. Required reservations: 858-674-2275. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on January 17 (and on third Saturday of each month), at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, January 17, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Birding at the Saltworks on South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, January 17, 8 a.m. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Walk to a Waterfall, take a moderately paced walk on Del Mar Mesa, to Walden Pond, and waterfall with Pat Watkins of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Saturday, January 17, 3 to 5 p.m. Walk starts at utility gate at end of Park Village Road. 858-484-3219. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Extremely Low Tides next week will coincide with optimum times of day for tidepooling: Tuesday,

January 20, at 2:50 p.m. (-1.9 feet); Wednesday at 3:32 p.m. (-1.9 feet); and Thursday at 4:12 p.m. (-1.7 feet). Very high tides will also occur within that string of days, most notably on Tuesday at 7:36 a.m. (+7.1 feet); Wednesday at 8:23 a.m. (+7.1 feet); and Thursday at 9:07 a.m. (+7.0 feet).

Walking Tour of Mission Hills hosted by Save Our Heritage Organisation on Saturday, January 31. The mostly flat two-mile tour down streets where Kate Sessions first planted palm trees — showcasing three proposed historic districts — starts at 1 p.m. at Café Mio (1920 Fort Stockton). Comfortable

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Road near Elfin Forest, open daily from 8 a.m. until around one half-hour before sunset. 760-632-4212. (ELFIN FOREST)

DANCE

Nations of San Diego International Dance Festival spotlights ethnic dances in 11th annual show, January 15-18, 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 Gala at Club Cleopatra (501 West Broadway) with Jagneena, Markos, Alia, Lucia, Thursday, January 15, 7:30 p.m. \$5. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

Bellydance Showcase, dancers Ana, Denean, Monique, Zenaida entertain to live music by John Bilezikjian, Thursday, January 15,



Martin Luther King Day Celebration at World Beat Center, January 19 (see Special)

8 p.m., Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"Intimate Cabaret Dances" offered by Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theater, January 16-18, at San Diego Museum of Art. Music by Jeff Buckley, Brecht/Weill, Arvo Part, Chris Hughes/Steve Reich. Performances at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20, available through Tick-

etmaster (619-220-TIXS). Information: 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance, Don Levenson and Friends make the tunes, JoAnn Koppany calls for contradance, Friday, January 16, 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 soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Jump, Jive, and Wail when Golden Hill Ramblers perform for swing dance, Friday, January 16, at YMCA Firehouse Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Swing lesson at 8:15 p.m., open dancing 9 p.m. to midnight; band

begins at 10:30 p.m. \$8 cover. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

January Dance Social hosted by United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association, Saturday, January 17, 7 p.m. to midnight, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Music for ballroom, Latin, night club dancing. Beginner's lessons in waltz, rumba included in admission (\$7 general). 619-261-6896. (ENCINITAS)

Friendship Set to Music, learn modern square dancing with Ruffles 'n Beaus Square Dance Club at beginners' class, Sunday, January 18, 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)

"An Evening of Music and Dance" — featuring live music, Middle Eastern dance, tango, Irish step — Sunday, January 18, 5 p.m., at San Diego Women's Club (2557 Third Avenue). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 619-890-5241. (SAN DIEGO)

"Mothers," choreographed by Gina Angelique for Eveoke Dance Theatre, "honors the capacity to nurture and cultivate growth in the face of extraordinary challenges." Also on the program: *Camila's Story*, choreographed by Elizabeth

Licea and performed by Ricardo Peralta Danza Performa.

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)

Adult Swing Dance Classes — all levels, no partner required — new sessions taught by Jim and Margie of 2toGroove Dance continue Monday, January 19, Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100), 6 to 9 p.m. \$12 per class. (ENCINITAS)

The duo presents Lindy swing dance classes on Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal (near Shelter Island, off Rosecrans). \$12. 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

FILM

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Mozart's *Don Giovanni* shown on large screen in Erickson Hall B-201 at UCSD on Saturday, January 17, 5 p.m. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Film-Food-Fun" promised when *Babette's Feast* screens at Museum of Photographic Arts on Sunday, January 18. Curator Scott Marks provides history and insight at 3:45 p.m., with screening at 4 p.m. Discussion and reception follows at Laurel's Bar, with dinner including wine for each course afterwards. David Derby will talk about the wines and how they're matched to cuisine. \$55. Reservations: 619-239-2222. (BALBOA PARK)

The "Devilishly Amoral Neo-Noir" Flick *Read My Lips* screens for Film Forum, Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Art of Music, series begins with *The Art of Piano*, Wednesday, January 21, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Features "dazzling array of the most prodigious pianists of the 20th Century." \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Ethereal Cinema, Carlsbad Library film series continues with *The Big Blue* (rated R) on Wednesday, January 21, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Nikkei Filmfest on Saturday, January 24, 1:30 p.m., in Mayan Auditorium at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). Program includes *Sleeping Tigers*, *The Nisei Farmer*, *When We Were Warriors*. Directors Jari Osborn, Dean Yamada will be on hand. Reception follows at Kiku Gardens. Donation: \$12. 619-422-4951. (CHULA VISTA)

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

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)

Garden Cornucopia, John Bagnasco divulges latest on roses, fruits, tropicals, and propagation tools, Thursday, January 15, 7 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$9. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"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)

"India: Land of Enchantment," nature and travel photographer Bruce Muirhead presents slide-illustrated lecture for Sierra Club, Friday, January 16, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). 619-299-1744 x1040. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Surrealism" examined when SDSU art history professor Ida Rigby speaks for docent guest lecture series on Friday, January 16, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

Knife Handling, vegetable cutting styles and techniques discussed when Mindy Goldis leads hands-on organic cooking class, Saturdays, January 17 and 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at School of Healing Arts (1001 Garnet Avenue #200). Class on 17th is prerequisite for 24th, with focus on meal preparation. \$40 per class, plus \$7 materials. Advance registration not required. 858-581-9429. (PACIFIC BEACH)



Chris Rock at Copley Symphony Hall, January 22 (see In Person)

"Pacific Beach in the 1950s" is subject when Pacific Beach Historical Society meets Saturday, January 17, 1 p.m., Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"America's New Towns" examined by SDSU geography professor Larry Ford during slide-illustrated lecture, Saturday, January 17, 9:30 a.m., for Friends of San Diego Architecture (New School of Architecture, 1249 F

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"Avalanche: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!" Kurt Wedberg dispenses safety tips and knowledge of avalanches at Adventure 16 on Saturday, January 17. Presentations begin at 10 a.m. at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374); and at 1 p.m. at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Free. (MISSION VALLEY, OCEANSIDE)

"Creating Your Personal Website" discussed by Gene Powell when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego meets, Saturday, January 17, 9 a.m., at Tierrasanta Christian Church (11445 Tierrasanta Boulevard). Free. 858-278-4519. (TIERRASANTA)

The Use of Robot Eyes on this planet and others discussed by NASA scientist Wolfgang Fink, Saturday, January 17, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in regular museum admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Weave a Basket using Torrey Pine needles, raffia, and Kumeyaay split stitch, beads, Saturday, Jan-

uary 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$33. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Tea for Two? "The Art of Serving and Setting a Valentine Tea Table" discussed by "tea consultant" Johanne Gordon, Saturday, January 17, 3 p.m., at Deux Memere's Vintage Elegance (1026 North Coast Highway 101). \$7 fee includes tea tasting, presentation, pastries, "goody bag." 760-753-5630. (ENCINITAS)

"The UFO Experiences of Glenn Passmore" discussed by Sandra Passmore for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), Sunday, January 18, 6 p.m., Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VILLAGE)

Digital Photography Workshop planned in Balboa Park by professional travel photographer Elle Gamboa, Sunday, January 18, 2 p.m. \$20. 877-235-7880. (BALBOA PARK)

Examine Puccini's *Turandot* during opera preview addressing the music, drama, and history of upcoming San Diego Opera production, Monday, January 19, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). The authority is pianist and composer Nicolas Reveles, education director at the San Diego Opera. \$8. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Democracy in the Middle East" examined when Jim Young presents program for North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council, Monday, January 19, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Ordering Entomology," classes offered Monday and Wednesday, January 19 and 21, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Break out the microscopes and have a look at characteristics defining common

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Learn About *Turandot* when Ron Shaheen discusses Puccini's opera during multimedia program Monday, January 19, 7 p.m., in Bard Hall at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). Donation: \$2.25. 619-232-7636. (HILLCREST)

"The Saltwater Wilderness" on display when Glenn Vanstrum presents slide-illustrated lecture on his travels, Monday, January 19, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Santa Ysabel Open-Space Preserve" provides the subject when biologist Virginia Moran talks about her vegetation and rare plant surveys in the reserve for California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Life of Robert Burns" illuminated when Jeanne McDougall of Westlin Weavers speaks for Robert Burns Club, Tuesday, January 20, 5 p.m., at Imperial House Restaurant (505 Kalmia Street). Free. 619-421-7337. (HILLCREST)

How the HMS *Surprise* Was Used in the movie *Master and Commander* discussed by historical docent Art Prior for Polaris Sailing Club, Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., at Southwestern Yacht

Club (2702 Qualtrough Street). Free. 619-685-7082. (POINT LOMA)

"Legends of Broadway" divulged by pianist, humorist, storyteller Bruno Leone in series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). "The Golden Age of Broadway" is topic on Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m. \$15 per talk. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Get Outside — And Enjoy It! Wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass — all of these subjects and more covered when Sierra Club offers its annual "Wilderness Basics Courses." Classes continue for ten weeks, with lectures and outings.

The North County group offers courses every Tuesday, January 20 through March 23, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at San Pasqual High School (3300 Bear Valley Parkway). \$95. 760-728-8220. (ESCONDIDO)

Greater San Diego chapter offers course that also begins Tuesday, January 27, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). \$95. 858-272-9229. (MISSION VALLEY)

"An Eye for an Eye: Capital Punishment and Judaism" discussed by Rabbi Martin Lawson, Tuesday, January 20, noon, at Congregation Dor Hadash (4858 Ronson Court). Free. 858-268-9200. (KEARNY MESA)

Design Your Logo, workshop for graphic designers and business owners by Linda Luisi, Tuesday, January 20, 6 p.m., at Stagecoach Community Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). \$40. Registration: 760-602-4690. (LA COSTA)



Gaelic Storm at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, January 17 (see In Person)

Mystery-/Thriller-/Suspense-Writing Workshop planned by author Alan Russell, Wednesday, January 21, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona). He'll also discuss strategies he used for his new novel *Political Suicide*. Free. 760-479-0242. (LA COSTA)

"Everyone Has a Story," according to Karon Jarrad, who speaks for the British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, January 21, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-465-0266. (HILLCREST)

Unite in Peace Bandstand for Peace Founder Michele Little speaks for North County Coalition for Peace and Justice, Wednesday, January 21, 7 p.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). 760-753-2654. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Kayak Designer — as well as technology historian, writer, more — George Dyson speaks about his space exploration and the S.D. scientific establishment for San Diego Independent Scholars, Wednesday, January 21. Program begins in room 111A of the Chancellor's Complex at UCSD at 7:30 p.m. 760-431-6822. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Buddhism in the Modern World" provides the topic Wednesday, January 21, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"How Do You Define...?" Local editors gather for "fun evening focused on a game of creative word definitions" with SD/PEN, Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-3266. (CLAIREMONT)

What Does "Going Bankrupt" Really Mean? Attorney Mark L. Miller conducts an educational seminar on many facets of bankruptcy, 6 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5894. (DOWNTOWN)

"Teaching Undergraduates at a Research University: Arts, Humanities, and Sciences" discussed by UCSD professors F. Thomas Bond, Stephen D. Cox, Kim MacConnel for Humanities Dialogues series, Thursday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., in room 110 of Peterson Hall at UCSD. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"Staying Warm With Soups and Stews" cooking class, Thursday, January 22, 6:45 p.m., at World of Wellness (13727 Camino Canada, suite A4). \$10 supply fee. 619-938-1800. (EL CAJON)

IN PERSON

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 col-

laboration 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)

Fellowship of Cultural Creativity with music, poetry, dance, drama, prose, visual arts, Thursday, January 15, Springfield College (5348 University Avenue, suite 110). Potluck dinner: 6 p.m.; "cultural activism strategy development session," 7 to 10 p.m. Free. Reservations: 619-397-7028. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Peter Salk reads from his *Selected Early Poems*, Friday, January 16, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue, 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Third-Generation Psychic Rebecca Bloom discusses her new book, *Begin Your Psychic Journey: Discovering the Path to Your Intuitive Gifts*, Saturday, January 17, noon, at Lestat's Coffeehouse (3343 Adams Avenue). Free. 619-282-0437. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Focusing on the Rowdy, Hand-Clapping Character of a traditional pub party, Gaelic Storm creates a sound true to traditional Gaelic music while adding "a dizzying whirlwind of live energy." The band — known as the "party band" from the movie *Titanic* — entertains Saturday, January 17, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$27 to \$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Local Author Marie Giordano signs and reads from her Italian coming-of-age novel, *I Love You Like a Tomato*, Saturday, January 17, 6 p.m., at Scott James Books and Gifts (914 West Washington Street). Free. 619-291-5860. (MISSION HILLS)

The Incredible Woodwind Quintet, part of Coastal Communities Band, performs Saturday, January 17, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Author Lynn Isenberg signs *My Life Uncovered*, Saturday, January 17, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500

Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

"Four Musical Giants" unite to perform as Jay Oliver and Friends, Saturday, January 17, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The friends (and giants) in question include Tom Kennedy, Roger Guth, Bill Lenihan. \$10. 760-929-8551. (LA COSTA)

Peter Case, former member of the Plimsouls, presents his blues-based music for AcousticMusic.com/SanDiego, Saturday, January 17, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 for those 17 and under. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

North County Funnies with comics Steve Brunner, Drake Witham, and Pearl Street Players, Saturday, January 17, 8 p.m., Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets: \$15 at door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

"Bounce, Bebop, and Blues" performed by Duncan and the McConnells for Saturdays in Shadowridge series, January 17, 3:30 p.m., at Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). Program includes selections by Gershwin, Ellington, Desmond, Gillespie. Donation: \$8. 760-631-7055. (VISTA)

Vaudeville Shows featuring dancers, comics, musicians, singers, specialty acts, Saturday, January 17, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, January 18, 7 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$12. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Clean Comedy Series gets underway with impressionist and "clean comedian" Scott Wood, comedian Ron McGehee, hosted by Cajun comedian Steve Verret, Saturday, January 17, 7:30 p.m., at Lemon Grove Christian Church (6970 San Miguel Avenue). Tickets: \$10. Suitable for those six and older. 619-465-1888. (LEMON GROVE)

"Tribute to TV," this comedy improv show presented by Benissimo 5 takes place Saturday, January 17, 8 p.m., at 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street). \$5. 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir performs Sunday, January 18, 6 p.m., at Bayview Baptist Church (6134 Benson Avenue). 619-262-8238 or 619-697-6246. (SAN DIEGO)

The Chicago Four entertain for Jazz Artists Guild, Sunday, January 18, at San Diego Musicians Union Local (1717 Morena Boulevard). Doors open at 1:30 p.m., concert at 2 p.m. \$10 for non-members. 619-561-1518. (BAY PARK)

Modern Folk Musician Extraordinaire? John McCutcheon presents concert for San Diego Folk Heritage, Sunday, January 18, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Seagate Sundays, series continues with performance by Mariachi Champaña Nevín, Sunday, January 18, 2 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors and military, \$10 for children, free for those five and younger. Reservations: 866-436-8744. (LA JOLLA)

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Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two-Woman Show, comedienne Vicki Lawrence entertains Sunday, January 18, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$40, \$50. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Sons and Daughters of Holocaust Victims met with children of Nazis for research project examining the intersections of their pasts and legacies of history in Boston in 1992. Psychologist Mona Sue Weissmark, daughter of Holocaust survivors, discusses and signs her book *Justice Matters: Legacies of the Holocaust and World War II*, Sunday, January 18. Program, facilitated by National University professor Alex Zukas, starts at 2 a.m. in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Five Biggest Lies Bush Told Us About Iraq” illuminated in book that author Robert Scheer signs and discusses Monday, January 19, 7:30 p.m., at Sumner & Dene Creations in Art (2807 University Avenue). Co-authors of the book were Christopher Scheer and Lakshmi Chaudhry. Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

UCSD Gospel Choir performs Monday, January 19, 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Learn How to Write Humor when Ian Bernard leads a brief workshop based on his book *Writing Humor: Giving a Comedic Touch to All Forms of Writing*, Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Bernard was a writer and music director for *Laugh-In* and has been jazz musician, playwright, screenplay author, college professor. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

“From the Holocaust to Hogan’s Heroes,” actor and author Robert Clary discusses and signs his autobiography, Tuesday,



San Diego Marathon in Carlsbad, January 18 (see Sports)

January 20, 7:30 p.m., in Astor Judaica Library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$12. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Contradictory Human Yearnings for freedom and safety, flight and stability, contemplated in *The Lost Girls*, with Wendy Darling and her daughter Berry. Author Laurie Fox discusses and signs her book on Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Laurie Okuma Memorial Reading by poet Veronica Cunningham, Wednesday, January 21, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Cunningham is former area coordinator of California Poets in the Schools. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

“The Sorrows of Empire” — exploring new militarism transforming America — signed by author and UCSD professor emeritus Chalmers Johnson, Wednesday, January 21, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

“Prescription for Death — A Medical Mystery” will be signed and discussed by Dr. Barry Friedman, Wednesday, January 21, noon, at Rancho Bernardo Public Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Free. 858-538-8163. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

“Health Secrets of the Stone Age” divulged and discussed by author and (retired) UCSD clinical pediatrics professor Philip J. Goscinski, M.D., Wednesday, January 21, noon, in UCSD Bookstore

(in Price Center). Free. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

She Worked With Mother Teresa in Calcutta for 20 years, and on Wednesday, January 21, Maryanne Raphael signs and discusses her book *Mother Teresa: Called to Love*, and the beatification of Mother Teresa, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (2615 Vista Way). Free. 760-529-0270. (OCEANSIDE)

Third Word, “socially conscious” open-mike performances hosted by Ableminded Poets and Brujas y Bellas, Wednesday, January 21, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street). Free. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Black Ambition Tour, immensely talented comic Chris Rock performs Thursday, January 22, at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$39.50 to \$59.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Archaeology, Cosmology, Geology, population and environment figure in *Maps of Time: An Introduction to Big History*, which author David Christian signs and discusses at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue), Thursday, January 22, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

From Jazz to Blues to Pop, Lizz Wright performs Thursday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. \$20 general. Information and reservations: 858-534-8497; and Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Regis Philbin and Susan Lucci entertain at Pala Casino on Friday, January 23, 8 p.m. Find the casino 15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76. Tickets: \$55-\$75, available through

Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

One of the Greatest Living Guitarists? Innovative and influential flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucia performs in concert, Saturday, January 31, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$42 to \$52. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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)

The Art of Steel String Guitar extolled when international “Men of Steel” including Beppe Gambetta (Italy), Dan Crary (U.S.), Don Ross (Canada), Tony McManus (Scotland) perform Friday, January 13, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$22 at door. 760-726-8380. (CARLSBAD)

SPORTS

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Vicki Lawrence and Mama at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, January 18 (see In Person)

skaters Kristi Yamaguchi, Scott Hamilton, Oksana Baiul, Ekaterina Gordeeva, Paul Wylie, Kurt Browning in performance on Friday, January 16, 2004, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$27 to \$82, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Gulls Hockey Continues with games against Alaska Aces in San Diego Sports Arena, January 17 and 18. Puck drops at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday, 5:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625

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2004 San Diego Marathon events are set for January 17 and 18. Races start and finish at Plaza Camino Real (at Highway 78 and I-5). Saturday: San Diego Competitive Mile at 8 a.m.; kids’ marathon mile at 9:30 a.m.; All About Fitness Expo, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday: marathon walk at 5:30 a.m.; early marathon start at 6:30 a.m.; half-marathon start 7 a.m.; marathon wheelchair start at 7:25 a.m.; marathon start at 7:30 a.m. 858-792-2900. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrate the Chinese Lunar Year of the Monkey during Sierra Club bicycle ride on Saturday, January 17. The 35-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. in Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive), heads to eastern Rancho Santa Fe, Mira Mesa, Sorrento Valley. 858-452-6237. Free. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Day of Golf, the Fountains and Oaks golf courses at Lawrence Welk Resort (8860 Lawrence Welk Drive) offer free golf with “no gimmicks,” Saturday, January 17. Free green and cart on Fountains course, free walking fee on Oaks course. Tee times: 760-749-3225. (ESCONDIDO)

Kayak in Search of Sea Turtles and to birdwatch during event hosted by Hike Bike Kayak

Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

San Diego, Saturday, January 17. Starts at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon. \$50. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (SOUTH BAY)

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)

SPECIAL

Gem Faire, over 70 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals, January 16-18, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$5 for whole weekend. 503-252-8300. (DEL MAR)

Time to Redecorate? The 19th annual home decorating and remodeling show, January 16-18, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Vendors showcase interior and exterior design, furniture, art, gardening. Show hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 800-999-5400. Free. (DEL MAR)

Shake It Up, the annual "Snow Globe Exhibition" at UCSD Art Libraries includes day of snow globe creation, Friday, January 16, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Materials provided. Exhibit on view through January in Arts Libraries at UCSD,

on lower level of Geisel Library. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate MLK Day, 24th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade, Saturday, January 17. Parade starts at 10 a.m. at County Administration Building, proceeds south to Seaport Village. Free.

Parade is followed by Multicultural Festival with live entertainment, children's activities, community booths, vendors, exhibits, food, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Promenade (north side of Harbor Drive between Market and Fourth Avenue). Free. 619-264-0542. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

San Diego Home Roasting Club meets Saturday, January 17, 10 a.m., at Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Martin Luther King Jr. celebration planned Sunday, January 18, 4:30 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church (3025 Fir Street, at 30th). Address by Reverend Kikanza Nuri Robins, music by Christ United Celebration Choir and Youth Praise Dancers, tribute by Reverends Ellis H. Casson and George Walker Smith. Offering. 619-239-2346. (SAN DIEGO)

THE MOON AND THE YEW TREE

This is the light of the mind, cold and planetary
The trees of the mind are black. The light is blue.
The grasses unload their griefs on my feet as if I were God
Prickling my ankles and murmuring of their humility
Fumy, spiritous mists inhabit this place.
Separated from my house by a row of headstones.
I simply cannot see where there is to get to.
The moon is no door. It is a face in its own right,
White as a knuckle and terribly upset.
It drags the sea after it like a dark crime; it is quiet
With the O-gape of complete despair. I live here.
Twice on Sunday, the bells startle the sky —
Eight great tongues affirming the Resurrection
At the end, they soberly bong out their names.
The yew tree points up, it has a Gothic shape.
The eyes lift after it and find the moon.
The moon is my mother. She is not sweet like Mary.
Her blue garments unloose small bats and owls.
How I would like to believe in tenderness —
The face of the effigy, gentled by candles,
Bending, on me in particular, its mild eyes.
I have fallen a long way. Clouds are flowering
Blue and mystical over the face of the stars
Inside the church, the saints will all be blue,



Floating on their delicate feet over the cold pews,
Their hands and faces stiff with holiness.
The moon sees nothing of this. She is bald and wild.
And the message of the yew tree is blackness —
blackness and silence.
— Sylvia Plath

North County Bridal Show, Sunday, January 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Wedding professionals on hand offering goods and services. \$7. 760-735-2800. (ESCONDIDO)

Annual Martin Luther King All People's Breakfast, Monday, January 19, 8 a.m., in Golden Hall at San Diego Concourse (202 C Street). Theme: "Making the Practice of America Match the Creed of America." Featured speaker is Dolores Huerta, co-founder of United Farm Workers of America.

\$25. Reservations: 619-521-2906. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate the Legacy during 16th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration, Monday, January 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Live music, speakers, class demonstrations, food. Free. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

"Looking Back: Jews in the Struggle for Democracy and Human Rights in South Africa," a photographic exhibit tracing role South African Jews played in bringing end to apartheid, opens with reception, Monday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. UCSD sociology professor Ivan Evans will speak during event. \$10. View exhibition for free through Sunday, January 25. Find center at 4126 Executive Drive. 858-278-5943. (LA JOLLA)

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

Bring Cuttings of deciduous fruit trees, vines, and shrubs to share when California Rare Fruit Growers gather for annual scion and cutting exchange, Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m., Casa del Prado, room 101. Free. 619-866-0575. Rare fruit varieties will be represented. (BALBOA PARK)

Nothing Original About It! Twelfth annual print fair, Thursday, January 22, 1 to 8 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Thirteen print dealers offer "museum-quality engravings, etchings, woodblock prints, lithographs." \$5. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

First-Generation Shona Stone Sculpture from the 1960s and 1970s is on view through Sunday, January 25, at La Jolla Art Association Gallery (7917 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-459-3001. (LA JOLLA)

"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

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FOR KIDS

Comic Ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Bitsy's School Adventures* through January 18, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Wheels, Rails, Trains, and Planes*, performed by Big Joe Productions, January 21-25.

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)

"Stories from Around the World," original play with puppets presented by Icarus Puppet Company, January 16-18, at Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive). Showtimes: 11 a.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-563-5252. \$6. (KENSINGTON)

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

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 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)

Animal Tales presented by San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, Saturday, January 17, 1:30 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119); and Sunday, January 18, 2 p.m., Borders Books (1072 Camino del Rio North; 619-295-2201). Crafts. Free. (EL CAJON, MISSION VALLEY)

"What About Whales?" Focus on gray whales during family program at Birch Aquarium-Museum, Saturday, January 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tour marine mammal necropsy labs, make whale craft, listen to stories, speak with Scripps researchers who study whale sounds. Find Birch at 2300

Expedition Way. Included in regular museum admission. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Forces provide subject when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, January 17, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Teddy Bear's Picnic, Saturday, January 17, 10 to 11:30 a.m., in Seeds of Wonder children's garden at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Bring stuffed animal to share stories, songs, crafts, and snack. Material fee: \$5. Registration: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Dive Into the "World of Water" when Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus lead adventures on Sunday, January 18, 11:45 a.m., 12:45, and 1:45 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Fee is \$2 for nonmember kids, in addition to regular museum admission. 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Whales" provide subject for Family Literacy Night at Ray and Joan Kroc Salvation Army Corps Community Center, Monday, January 19, 6 to 8 p.m. San Diego Natural History Museum provides speaker on these marine mammals; stories will be read, craft project for kids of all ages.

Find the Library and Learning

Center at 6845 University Avenue (two blocks west of 70th Street). Free. 619-269-1542. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

Ring in the Year of the Monkey during family day program, Monday, January 19, noon to 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Man. Kids 5 to 12 and their families may construct and decorate a Chinese paper dragon or paper yo-yo, learn about Chinese zodiac, create good fortune magnet. Included in regular museum admission. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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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 *Car-nival 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.)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

California Surf Museum, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath

Roam-O-Rama

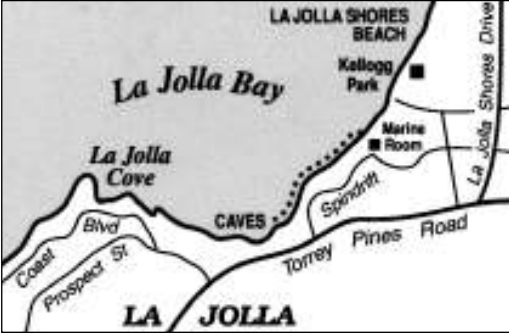
A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

South of the broad, gently shelving beach at La Jolla Shores, the shoreline quickly changes character, becoming rocky tide-pools, a fringe of wave-tossed boulders and cobbles, and steep cliffs. Just offshore, the deep, submarine La Jolla Canyon swallows sand creeping south on longshore currents, so that only a meager wisp of sand can be found beneath the cliffs. These cliffs face the normally calm waters of La Jolla Bay, but at various times in the past the waves have hurled themselves with enough force to gouge out a series of sea grottos — the La Jolla Caves.

The westernmost cave, for tourists mostly, can be reached by a long stairway that begins inside the Cave Store on Coast

Boulevard. The half-dozen or so other grottos in the series are usually accessible only to swimmers and kayakers. The two large easternmost caves, though, can be reached by dry-land hiking during selected rare intervals, namely extreme low tides. Next week features three such propitious occasions: On Tuesday, January 20, the tide sinks to a relatively abysmal -1.9 feet at 2:50 p.m. A repeat -1.9-foot tide occurs Wednesday, January 21, at 3:32 p.m. On Thursday, January 22, the tide dips to -1.7 feet at 4:12 p.m.

Start your walk, 30 to 45 minutes before the predicted lowest tide, from the south end of La Jolla Shores Beach, or from the beach access path alongside the Marine Room restaurant on Spindrift Drive. Work your way south over the cliff-hugging cobbles, or across the newly exposed tidepools, taking care not to step on the slippery green rocks. Some of the rocks are deeply pocked, evidence of "biological erosion" caused by the chemical secretions of urchins, barnacles, and other sea creatures. Crabs, startled by your approach, retreat hastily into crevices. Occasionally you can find a small octopus in one of the deeper pools or a seal rest-



Inside La Jolla Cave

ing on a higher and drier slab of rock.

The first big grotto you come to soars some 50 feet and pinches in toward the rear. Let your vision adjust to the low light inside. The sandstone walls are stained with a rainbow of colors: red and orange from iron oxide, greens and grays from plant life, and purple from iodine in kelp. In the back of the cave is a low passage leading to an adjacent grotto. Enjoy, but do not forget about the incoming tide!

Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with comput-

erized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Computer Museum of America, "Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology" explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in

World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare "millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum-tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently

in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a

school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove,

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READING

The Mrs. Dalloway Reader



Francine Prose

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FROM THE DUST JACKET: The publication of *Mrs. Dalloway* in 1925 secured Virginia Woolf's place as a master of the modern literary form and inspired generations of writers to come. This unique collection includes the complete text of *Mrs. Dalloway* and *Mrs. Dalloway's Party*, and also various journal entries and letters by Virginia Woolf relating to the genesis and writing of her masterpiece. Editor Francine Prose has selected these pieces as well as essays and appreciations, critical views and commentary by writers famous and unknown, all about Mrs. Dalloway. While *Mrs. Dalloway* remains Woolf's classic work, the lesser-known companion book, *Mrs. Dalloway's Party*, is a kind of writer's notebook, containing

period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Museum of History and Art, art quilts with Coronado themes are showcased in “The Fiber of Coronado,” continuing through Saturday, January 31. Quilt San Diego/Quilt Visions members were invited to submit quilts for the show. Many of the quilts feature hand-dyed fabrics and are embellished by hand, with others quilted by sewing machine.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in “100 Years of Aircraft Engines,” including a functional reproduction of the

1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see “The History of Commercial Aviation in America.” A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

“P-51 *Mustang*,” celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located “just feet away” from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, what's more fun than model trains? How about Legos and model trains? The “Lego City Exhibit” features skyscrapers, bridges, people, parks, and operating model trains created by the

many outtakes from Woolf's initial attempt to write *Mrs. Dalloway*. This complete volume illuminates the creation of a beloved book and the genius of its author.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: From *Booklist*: How felicitous a pairing, that of Virginia Woolf (1882–1941) — who elevated literature to glorious new heights with her glimmeringly beautiful prose and acute renderings of human consciousness but whose life has become the stuff of myth and speculation — and Francine Prose, a shrewd and thrilling novelist and insightful scholar of the creative process and women's lives. Prose's incisive introduction is worth the price of admission to this well-conceived study of the evolution and impact of Woolf's revolutionary novel, *Mrs. Dalloway*. Prose neatly characterizes what exactly Woolf achieves in this masterpiece, invaluable commentary that paves the way for Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway's Party*, the sequence of seven stories that seeded the novel, and relevant entries from Woolf's diaries. Prose wisely includes the short story “The Garden Party,” by Katherine Mansfield, the only writer Woolf envied, and presents a set of suitably eloquent critical essays by the likes of Michael Cunningham, Margo Jefferson, Mary Gordon, James Woods, and Sigrid Nuñez. And then there's the jewel in question, *Mrs. Dalloway* itself, which completes this one-of-a-kind reader.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Francine Prose was born in 1947 in New York. She grew up in Brooklyn, where she attended the Brooklyn Friends School. Her mother was a dermatologist and her father, a pathologist.

On the day that we talked, Ms. Prose said, about her parents,

Southern California Lego Train Club. Through January.

The museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, “Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien” features 80 watercolors of native California plants painted in early 1900s. Valentien was commissioned by Ellen Browning Scripps to paint “all the wildflowers and plants of California” and traveled the state for next ten years collecting specimens. The exhibit — continuing through Tuesday, September 7 — includes examples of Valentien's Rookwood pottery, landscapes in oil, historical photographs, personal artifacts.

Also on view: “Natural Treasures: Past and Present” (ongoing). Current “giant-screen films” include *Wolves*, *Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, “Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum” is said to “remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum” on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a “visit back in time to 1929.”

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and arti-

facts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank

“They would both come home and talk about the cases they'd seen that day.” She added, “My father worked in the morgue in Bellevue. His office was right next to the morgue. And in the summer of my sophomore year in high school when I was 15, he gave me a summer job in the morgue. I heard the stories of every grisly murder. So it was great, great training for a writer. I'm sure my father would have rather I became a doctor, but that's not how it worked out.” (Ms. Prose's only sibling, a brother, is a doctor.)

I asked what Ms. Prose read when she was a child.

She laughed. “I liked all sorts of things. I was thinking about this the other day. I liked those big, historical novels. I liked James Michener, and I liked *Gone with the Wind*. I liked essentially anything that I could lose myself in. As I got older, my taste improved, but, essentially it stayed the same in the sense that I want to be taken over by a book. I want my attention to be totally drawn into what I'm reading.”

Ms. Prose graduated from Radcliffe College, where she majored in medieval English literature. She started graduate school in the English Department at Harvard and then gave up on acquiring a graduate degree. (“I hated it,” Ms. Prose told another interviewer. “The thought of moving to the other side of the table and becoming like my professors was horrifying.”)

Ms. Prose is the author of thirteen works of fiction, including *Bigfoot Dreams*, *Household Saints*, *Hunters and Gatherers*, *Primitive People*, *Guided Tours of Hell*, and the National Book Award finalist *Blue Angel*. She is also the author of distinguished nonfiction work, including the delightful *Lives of the Muses* and the more recent *Gluttony*. Her work has appeared in the *New Yorker*, the *Atlantic*

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with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and

contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

READING

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Monthly, *GQ*, *Harper's Magazine*, the *New York Times Magazine*, and the *Paris Review*. The recipient of numerous grants and awards, including Guggenheim and Fulbright Fellowships, Francine Prose was a Director's Fellow at the Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library. She has taught at the Iowa Writers' Workshop, the Sewanee Writers' Conference, and Johns Hopkins University. Ms. Prose lives in Greenwich Village with her husband, the painter Howard Michels. The couple has two grown sons.

A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE BOOK: "When I was writing my introduction," Ms. Prose said, "I went back and read the Woolf journals and the letters. I said, 'Every entry we can find that has to do with writing *Mrs. Dalloway* we should use, because they're so great."

"Here's the thing I think about the book. The thing I like about it is that there's something about it that reminds me of what it's like when you fall in love with a book, and you want to know everything about it. You want to know what your friends think about it, you want to know where it came from, you want to



know how it was written, you want to know every time the writer mentioned it, you want to know what time in the author's life it came in and what function it fulfilled to the author. And you want to hear other people talk about it. We've all had that experience with books.

"The book is for people who having recently read or reread or a long time ago read *Mrs. Dalloway* and have fallen in love with it. Certainly, it's an easy enough book to fall in love with. And this book provides in one place all those things that readers might have to go hunt down on their own."

I said that I found interesting that so many readers had found themselves attracted to Sylvia Plath and Virginia Woolf, both writers who were exceed-

ingly troubled. At which point Ms. Prose noted, "And now, of course, Diane Arbus is having a big success."

"Talk," I said, "about an unhappy girl. Arbus was one."

"Talk about an unhappy girl, yes. Except the reason I was so glad to write the introduction to this book was that I think that that's a misperception of Virginia Woolf: she was not some fragile flower. And likewise Sylvia Plath. What's interesting to me about Plath is how the poems of hers that have become most famous and commonly anthologized are not her best poems and are not even particularly representative of her subject matter. I was talking to a couple of friends, poets, about this. I said, 'What should I be reading of Sylvia Plath's?' And they said, 'Oh, forget 'Daddy' and read 'The Moon and the Yew Tree,' (see page **) which is this incredibly beautiful metaphysical poem."

"Plath is in many ways a religious poet, which you would never gather if you just read the things that you see all the time. Likewise Virginia Woolf was so erudite and energetic and responsive and amazing. Both women were intensely hardworking. Virginia Woolf was learning Russian and translating from classical Greek."

"And Woolf," I said, "wrote so much critical material for the newspapers."

"Indeed. For me one of the great side benefits of doing this was that I started reading Woolf's *The Common Reader*, which is great. It's just great. I mean, it's like having your smartest friend talking to you. I went on this Virginia Woolf reading program. It was as if Virginia Woolf and I were the two members of the

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book club. I read her essay on John Donne, and I reread *Middlemarch*, which I hadn't done in years because she said it was one of the few books written for grown-up people. I thought, 'Oh, that's interesting; I wonder what she meant?' Well, by the time I was done, I knew what she meant, and it was great."

I never could figure, I said, how Virginia Woolf accomplished all that she did.

"No television, I guess," said Ms. Prose, who returned then to Woolf's historical presentation as a minor madwoman. "I thought that the representation of Woolf in the film *The Hours* was incredibly misleading. I mean, she wasn't this gibbering nutcase, she was an extraordinarily productive, active woman."

"But the image of these two women, Plath and Woolf, as gibbering nutcases," I said, "seems to attract even people who would not normally read either of these authors. People seem drawn to Virginia going down to the river with the rocks in her pocket, and Sylvia sticking her head in the oven."

"Everybody likes a premature and tragic death. Look at James Dean. I think martyrdom has always been attractive. We used to have the religious martyrs, and now we have these art martyrs. But I also think that story of the miserable, depressed, and finally suicidal female artist serves a lot of purposes, none of them being the purposes of the female artist. Certain kinds of men can say, 'Look, women are ruled by their hormones, and of course there's no reason to take their art seriously since they are these hysterical creatures waiting for the moment to go into the river or the oven or whatever.' I think women who are not willing to do the hard work that art requires can say to themselves, 'You know, it's probably a bad idea. Look what happens to you. You can't have a real life. You'd wind up in the river or the oven, so I just think I won't bother.'"

Ms. Prose laughed, "It's not as if one doesn't have one's bad days. But frankly, there's always — and it's particularly the case with Diane Arbus — this tendency to read back through the work as if everything they wrote or every picture they took was a preparation or premonition of their suicide. I don't think that's true at all. For many of us, suicide goes through the mind every so often, but that doesn't mean we're necessarily going to do it."

"What do you think has made *Mrs. Dalloway* so popular after all these years?" I asked. "I just think it's so interesting now that people are reading it."

"Of course, *The Hours* gave it a big push. I mean, that's needless to say, but you know it's so; the book itself is so seductive, and the language is so thrilling, and in a way it gives you what Joyce gives you, only it's so much less taxing in every way. I don't mean it's inferior. I mean it doesn't require you to read a very long novel that requires enormous powers of concentration."

"I love the way that Woolf presents consciousness with the

curtain taken away. It's almost a picture of a mind at work."

Ms. Prose agreed. "Yes, that's what it is. As a writer, one of the things that I envy so much is how she does this. We are all writing about consciousness all the time and thinking we need a plot to hang it on, but she didn't even bother, really. I mean, just how would you do a plot summary of *Mrs. Dalloway*? A woman walks out and goes shopping for flowers and has a party. Doesn't sound like much of a novel, but the consciousness is what makes it so dazzling."

"I've been interested," I said, "in what an industry literature about Virginia Woolf has become. I confess, though, I long ago quit reading these books about her. I would rather go get one of those big, heavy books of hers and read it."

"I know. And also once you know the facts, you pretty much know the facts — all of that early damage and the difficult father and the blight of this and that, and then the triumph of the work, although it's rarely presented that way, but it is in fact the case. She's a brilliant, difficult woman, and I think that's attractive and complicated for people. The class prejudice in her journals makes your blood curdle. And there's little bits of it in *Mrs. Dalloway* that you just kind of have to ignore."

"It doesn't bother me," I said.

"Really?" "Really. Make believe that you and I met and that I thought you were a wretched, rude woman. I would still love to read you. I would feel like your wretchedness was your own business."

"Of course." "Only the book you write is my business."

"I know, but I would try and keep my knee-jerk social prejudices out of my work insofar as possible. Mostly she succeeded in that, but you know there are these moments."

— Judith Moore

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Squaring the Circle

What could there be to complain about?

The great oboist Allan Vogel brought his Baroque ensemble, Bach's Circle, to the Athenaeum, for a program of late-Baroque chamber music. This is a relatively new group (it made its debut during the 1998-'99 season), composed of experienced professional musicians with lively and varied concert and recording careers. One could immediately appreciate their virtues — precision, vigor, strong tone, sharp focus, joyful spirit — in the Concerto in A minor by Telemann, which opened the program.

This is a delightful little masterpiece, showing the composer at the height of his inventiveness. He makes use of the conventions established in Italian instrumental music of his period (Corelli, Vivaldi), but imparts to them his own distinctive voice. His taste for piquant combinations of instrumental color is given full rein: here he has flute, oboe, and violin, plus *basso continuo* (which in this performance meant cello, bassoon, and harpsichord), and he makes the most of their combinations. The first movement, with its texture of flowing undulation, is ravishing. The second reveals in a breathtaking way Telemann's mastery of counterpoint. The third is touchingly lovely. The peppy fourth shows off the musicians' virtuosity (above all in the solo episode for the violin, here played with dazzling style and energy by Elizabeth Baker). One hears in this music — especially in such an inspired performance — just how productive Baroque style can be, in the hands of a master.

I wish the distinguished musicologist Charles Rosen had been there to hear it. The author of superb books on Classicism and Romanticism, he persists in having a blind spot for the Baroque, a period of more than a century and a half, in which the only composer who seems to have earned his respect is J.S. Bach. There is no doubt about Bach's supremacy, but the notion that Bach's period is less rich in genius than Beethoven's or Chopin's is mere prejudice masked as authoritative judgment. I bring this up — no, it's not a digression — because of what he has to say about Telemann in a recent article, echoing the even more narrow-minded Theodor Adorno (a German critic who reveled in his own multiple blind spots).

The efficacy of a tradition...can be weakened by swamping it with a host of minor figures, and we have seen this happen in our time. The fashion for baroque music has awakened the interest of recording companies and concert societies, and the novelty of an unknown figure has a brief commercial interest. A brilliant essay by Theodor Adorno mocked the way the taste for baroque style reduced Bach to the status of Telemann, obliterated the difference between the extraordinary and the conventional. Concerts of music by Locatelli, Albinoni, or Graun are bearable only for those music lovers for whom period style is more important than quality.

This scornful pronunciamento, it should be noted, is in the context of complaints about the supposed neglect — in concert and on recordings — of the compositions of Pierre Boulez! "The question is not the ultimate worth of Boulez's music, although a great many musicians find him one of the few important composers of the last 50 years," Rosen tells us. "And what would a great many musicians in 1750 have said about Telemann?" I ask.

As to the ultimate worth of Telemann's music, one would think that the very fact that a considerable number of music lovers — including those at the Athenaeum concert — seem to listen to him with pleasure, 236 years after his death, suggests that he is more than a "fashion." (Does any sane person suppose that audiences are going to be listening to *Le marteau sans maître* or "...*explosante-fixe*..." in the year 2239?) Nor, by the way, is there anything contemptible about the fascinating Locatelli, the artful Albinoni, or the scintillating brothers Graun (does Rosen even know — or care — that there are two of them?).

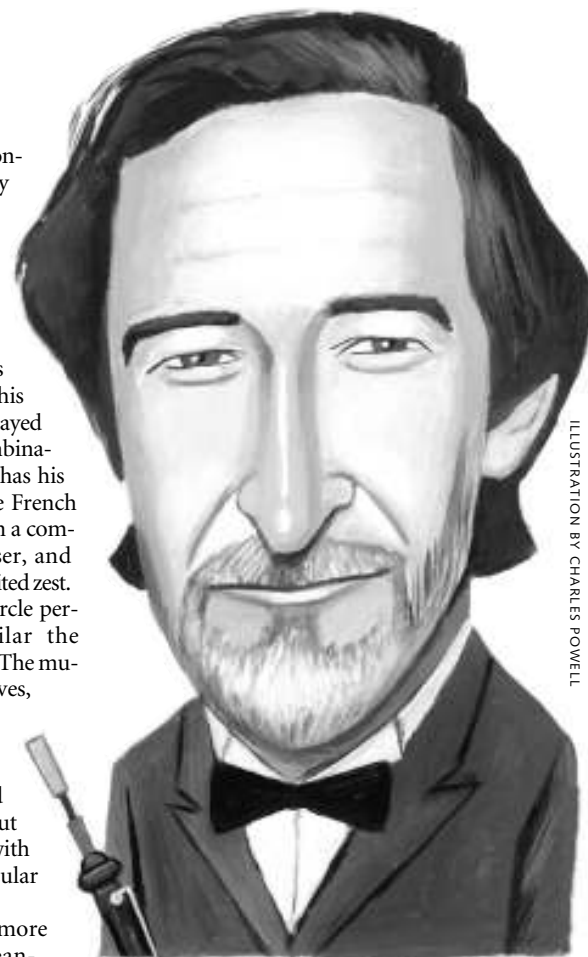
Naturally, the effectiveness of the various Baroque composers depends not only on their inherent quality but also on the way they are played. I'm sorry to say that after the wonderful Telemann performance on the Bach's Circle program I became increasingly dissatisfied with the way the music was being played. I've already mentioned the excellence of the musicians, and the program was filled with excellent works by some of the greatest 18th-century composers — so what could there be to complain about?

The work that followed the A minor Concerto was a Trio Sonata in E minor by Joseph Bodin de Boismortier, a delightful French composer more or less contemporary with Telemann. Boismortier, too, was deeply influenced by the Italian style, and this work is unmistakably Vivaldiesque in its shape, its motifs, and its use of the instruments (oboe, bassoon, and *basso continuo* in this performance, although it could also be played by recorder and cello or alternative combinations). On the other hand, Boismortier has his own manner, with certain unmistakable French traits in it: more elegant and graceful than a comparable piece by the Venetian composer, and without Vivaldi's (or Telemann's) uninhibited zest.

What struck me about the Bach's Circle performance, however, was how similar the Boismortier and the Telemann sounded. The musicians (oboist Vogel, bassoonist Julie Feves, cellist Erika Duke-Kirkpatrick, harpsichordist Patricia Mabee) exhibited a nice grasp of the general Baroque features of the Boismortier Trio Sonata, and it was very pleasant to listen to them, but they tended to be rather unconcerned with this particular composer and his particular cultural background.

It was a tendency that proved even more blatant in the *cinquième concert* of Jean-Philippe Rameau's *Pièces de clavecin en concert*, which came next. This is a suite for harpsichord "with accompaniment" that can be played with a number of different instrumental forces. Christophe Rousset has done it with violin and viola da gamba; Bach's Circle did it with flute and cello; Blandine Rannou has used a transverse flute in addition; and the suite can even be played as a harpsichord solo. The combination of instruments, obviously, is flexible. The style is not, and it was in this respect that the performance at the Athenaeum fell short.

There is nothing of Italy in the purely French Baroque style of the *Pièces de clavecin en concert*. The harpsichord writing is French, the harmonic richness is French, the ornamentation is French, the connections with French opera are prominent, and even the naming of the three movements after friends, colleagues, predecessors, or patrons of the composer (Jean-Baptiste Forqueray, François Cupis de Camargo, and one of the children of Marin Marais) is quintessentially French. But although the Bach's Circle performers did nothing overtly wrong, there was little in their playing to convey the radical dif-



Allan Vogel

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ferences between the full-fledged Italianism of Telemann (or of Handel and Vivaldi, who came along later in the program) and the full-fledged Gallicism of Rameau.

Indeed, as the evening passed, what had begun so excitingly gradually came to seem monotonous, with all the works, whether Italianate or French, whether by this composer or that, sounding very much like the compositions of some single, talented, anonymous, generalized Baroque composer, with no vivid sense of the individual personalities and traditions behind the music. Accomplished as each of the musicians undoubtedly was, as a group they did not appear to be really inside the items on their program, with its diverse spectrum of manner and character. What one heard resembled an efficient

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sight-reading, rather than a realization of music deeply lived with. Perhaps it is performances like this one that have made Charles Rosen believe he was being swamped with a host of minor Baroque figures, and that made Adorno think that "the difference between the extraordinary and the conventional" was being obliterated.

It's also possible to obliterate the extraordinary, as demonstrated by the performance of J.S. Bach's Sonata No. 2 in D for viola da gamba

and harpsichord, BWV 1028. Certainly, neither Rosen nor Adorno (nor anyone else) would doubt that this is a great piece of music. But you might not have suspected it from the dull reading of the score offered by the Bach's Circle musicians.

The problem lay chiefly on the cellist's shoulders. Bach's Circle is not a group specializing in period instruments. Allan Vogel plays a modern oboe, Janice Tipton a modern flute, Julie Feves a modern bassoon. The harpsichord, of course, is stylistically correct (it was one of the fine reproductions by Curtis Berak, which we fortunately hear so often in San Diego). But in principle you cannot hear the exact

sounds intended by late-Baroque composers unless you use 18th-century instruments. A Baroque oboe is different from a modern oboe; the wooden transverse flute is very different from the modern metal flute; the balance between the instruments and the colors of their combinations are not at all the same in the two cases. And there is an even greater difference between the cello and the viola da gamba, which are not two stages of the development of the same instrument, but two completely distinct instruments from the beginning.

I don't want to sound like an academic purist. There have been plenty of terrific perfor-

mances of Baroque music on modern instruments (although these days you would pretty much expect that a group expressly formed to perform Baroque music would want to use period instruments). Allan Vogel (just to single him out) is such a terrific oboist, and such a sensitive and intelligent musician, that we want to hear him whatever instrument — and whatever repertoire — he's playing. And the Bach's Circle musicians playing modern instruments generally made an effort — though by no means a fanatical effort — to phrase and articulate in something like an historically conscious Baroque manner.

The cellist, unfortunately, in confronting a work expressly written for viola da gamba (unlike Bach's unaccompanied cello suites, where the cello is specified), made some troublesome choices. She intentionally produced a covered and rather colorless sound, as if supposing this to reproduce the sonorities of a gamba (although the gamba's sound is actually quite colorful and tangy). She played with a minimum of expression (although the Baroque period — in all the arts — emphasized emotional expression above virtually everything else). She often played without vibrato (although this sounds quite weird on the cello, while being perfectly normal on the gamba); yet she frequently — and often at unexpected

points — inserted a considerable, almost Romantic vibrato (which made the music sound incoherent). Harpsichordist Mabee, an imaginative musician, did her best to carry things along, but the Bach gamba sonatas are not like Rameau's chamber works with harpsichord: the keyboard cannot go it alone.

In any case, what counts more than "authentic" instruments is authentic insight into the language of the music. If I think about my favorite recordings of the Bach gamba-and-keyboard sonatas, I find that there are terrific performances (as well as bad ones) on both period and modern instruments. Jordi Savall, Jaap ter Linden, and Paolo Pandolfo serve the music well in sticking to the gamba that Bach intended. But there are some marvelous performances with cello and an utterly anachronistic modern piano: Janos Starker (of course), and (more surprisingly) Mischa Maisky and Martha Argerich (they make the music sound like Beethoven!).

My favorite, nevertheless, is the anomalous combination of Yo-Yo Ma, on a modern cello, with Kenneth Cooper, on a harpsichord. Ma lets the cello speak with its own natural voice: no gamba-izing for him. Yet he has so thoroughly internalized the thought and the sound-world of Bach that he makes his contribution to the performance sound exactly as

authentic as Cooper's. What music-making!

I wish I could utter the same exclamation for the Bach's Circle concert. But I'm afraid that on this occasion the circle was not wide enough or true enough. It was more like a Möbius strip, with only one side.

Still, lest I leave you with too negative a view of Allan Vogel's group, let me draw your attention to their delectable recording (titled *Bach's Circle* — Delos 3214) of similar repertoire by Telemann, Couperin, and Bach. The personnel on this CD are Vogel, Tipton, Mabee, and gamba-player Mark Chatfield (plus harpsichordist Nancy Sartain in one of the pieces); the admirable Vogel is even more prominent than on the Athenaeum program (he plays in all the works); and the ensemble throughout is polished and stylish in a way that only comes through extensive rehearsal. The Couperin (the *Concert Royal* No. 4) is as French as anyone could have desired, with Vogel playing the oboe d'amore exquisitely; his oboe version of Bach's B minor Flute Sonata is stunning; and to top things off, the program ends with a little *galant* trio sonata for oboe and flute by the unjustly neglected Johann Christoph Friedrich Bach (Johann Sebastian's next-to-last composer son), so irresistible that you have to listen to it over and over, like a happy dream you cannot get enough of. ■

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"Sheherazade, Sheherazade," guest conductor Dorian Wilson, mezzo-soprano Susanne Mentzer, and San Diego Symphony present concerts including Rimsky-Korsakov's "Sheherazade," "Regina di Saba (Queen of Sheba)" by Respighi, and Ravel's take on "Sheherazade," January 15-18.

Enjoy the concert on Thursday, January 15, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard; 800-988-4253). Tickets: \$29 to \$49. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$80. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (ESCONDIDO, DOWNTOWN)

Duo-Piano Recital planned by Aleck Karis and Steven Beck, Friday, January 16, 8 p.m., in Warren Lecture Hall, Studio A, UCSD. Program includes Mozart's "Sonata in D," "Visions de l'Amen" by Messiaen. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Pipe Organ Concert Series, Carol Williams, San Diego's civic organist, performs for pipe organ concert series, Friday, January 16, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces, the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra performs Mouret's "Rondeau for Brass Quintet," Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 3 in G," "Greensleeves" by Vaughan Williams, and the "Symphony No. 5 in C Minor" by Beethoven. Concerts feature Israeli concert violinist Anat Almani.

Concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 17, at St. Vincent de Paul (4077 Hawk Street); on Sunday, January 18, 3 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene (1945 Illion Street); at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, at Holy Trinity (405 Ballard); and on Sunday, January 25, 4 p.m., at St. Gregory the Great (11451 Blue Cypress Drive). Donation. 619-235-8067. (SAN DIEGO, EL CAJON, POWAY)

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"Music Across the Millennia" for organ and brass on tap when Millennium Consort, featuring organist Alison Luedecke and members of Westwind Brass, perform Sunday, January 18, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Program includes works by Gabrieli, Franck, von Bingen, Copland, Messiaen, others. Child

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Music at Lee, Lemon Grove Historical Society's music series continues with selections of baroque and romantic chamber music performed by Classic Strings, Sunday, January 18, 2 p.m., at Lee House (3205 Olive Street). \$10. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, January 18, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

American Organist Marilyn Mason presents concert of "organ classics," Monday, January 19, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). 619-223-6394. \$5 donation. (POINT LOMA)

Renditions of Chopin promised when New York pianist Dan Franklin Smith presents "Nocturne in C Minor" and "Grand Valse" for mini-concert on Monday, January 19, noon, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Program includes selections by Rachmaninoff and Granados. 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Franz Schubert's "Quartet Satz" and Dvořák's "American Quartet" performed by California Quartet Monday, January 19, 7:30 p.m., for Chamber Concert Series, Fredericka Manor Retirement Home (183 Third Avenue). Free. 619-422-9271. (CHULA VISTA)

"Myths, Meditations, and Celebrations" pondered in concerts by San Diego Chamber Orchestra and guest oboist Richard Killmer in selections by Handel, Fiocco, Bach, Boyer, Barlow, Pachelbel, Vaughan Williams, Barber.

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Acclaimed Swedish Mezzo-Soprano Anne Sofie Von Otter presents a program of songs by Peterson-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)

Two-Violin Concert, Wednesday, January 21, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

The Sounds of Art, pianist and composer David Korevaar focuses on "The European Collection," Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Korevaar integrates commentary, slides, and performance into lecture and concert, featuring pieces by Chopin, Fauré, Debussy, Ravel, Poulenc. \$15. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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"The Black and White Show" at Ordover Gallery (Studio 172, 444 South Cedros Avenue) with work by Art Myers, Sandy Owens, Jenny Brockwell-Frank is on view through Saturday, February 7. Reception for artists: Thursday, January 15, 6 p.m. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Gallery Artists 2004: The New Year Show" gets underway with reception, Friday, January 16, 6 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 104), and continues through Sat-

urday, February 14. 619-232-5004. (LITTLE ITALY)

"New Year Group 2004" opens with reception, Friday, January 16, 6 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 103). Show closes Friday, February 20. 619-595-0558. (DOWNTOWN)

"Double Happiness: Chinese New Year's Show" opens with reception for seven participating artists, Friday, January 16, 6 p.m., at Cassius King Gallery (435 Third Avenue). 619-232-1266. (DOWNTOWN)

New Works by Bobbie Fisher are on view through Monday, March 1, in Bard Hall Gallery (First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street). Reception: Friday, January 16, 6 p.m. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

"Collaboration," an exhibit of new paintings and collage by Matt Forreder, opens with reception Friday, January 16, 7 p.m., at Playa Gallery (2940 Adams Avenue). Through Friday, February 13. 619-339-1136. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Papillon," an exhibit of bird art by Swiss artist Johann Ulrich, may be seen during reception, Saturday, January 17, 6 p.m., at Gallery on Broadway (625 Broadway, suite 115). 619-239-5222. (DOWNTOWN)

"Everything Under Control," masters of fine art thesis exhibition with video animations and sculpture by John Richey has been on view in Herbert Marcuse Gallery at UCSD (Russell Lane). Closing

reception: Saturday, January 17, 6 p.m. 858-534-2860. (LA JOLLA)

"Overnight Sensations," group show opens with reception on Saturday, January 17, 7 p.m., at Ice Gallery (3417 30th Street). Artist party with live painting by Poor Al on Sunday, January 18, 4 to 9 p.m. 619-683-2480. (NORTH PARK)

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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."

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Twelve tintypes 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."

"Paris: A Century in the City of Light," opening on Sunday,

January 18, showcases the city "through a study of its people and their daily routines." Images were made mostly in late 1920s through the immediate post-World War II era. The show — continuing through Sunday, May 23, includes photographs by Robert Doisneau, André Kertész, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Edouard Boubat, others.

Also opening January 18 and closing May 23, "The Beauty of the Albumen Print," examining a variety of albumen photographs for their diversity and beauty. Albumen printing was the dominant method of making photographs in latter part of 19th Century.

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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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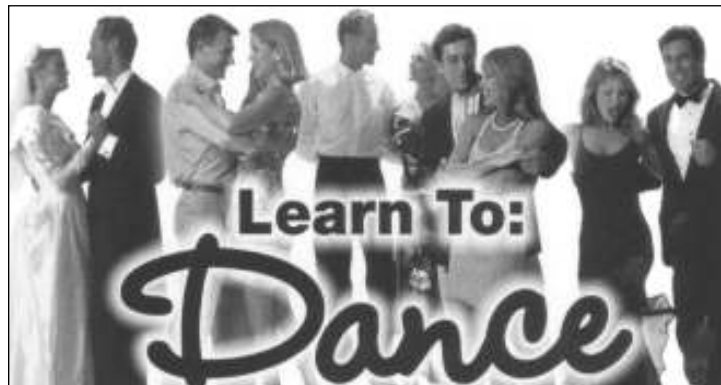
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Were those droopy circles eyes, or oyster shells with deep blue pearls?

I couldn't for the life of me recount the plot of *Cirque Dreams*: something about a guy falling asleep, and smoke fogging from a grandfather clock, its hands spinning on fast forward. Then the guy comes out of the clock in a checkered outfit, and animals not from nature hulk about, and Mad Hatters, and 15 or so white masks, blacklit, dance while watching three gymnasts do spidery contortions, among them — sure, try this at home — a woman on her stomach, touching her ears with her toes. And all the while a Madonna-miked singer, called the Musical Muse, offers explanations in a language that resembles, but isn't, Portuguese.

Everything is dreamlike, hybrid-vague, yet the participants in this kaleidoscope of the mind perform with alacrity. *Cirque Dreams*, which came to the Civic Theatre last week as part of the Broadway*San Diego series, passed the circus test. It did (a) stunts you could do (or think you could); (b) then stunts you couldn't do in a million years; and (c) then stunts you wouldn't believe.

The plot was just a way in, a string for the beads. As were the pounding music, the tiger-striped costumes, and the set — tall flats of Dickens's London, as reimagined with a Salvador Dali warp. And were those droopy circles eyes, or oyster shells with deep blue pearls?

You might be able to hold two square

blocks in your hands and catch a third between them, maybe even juggle them for a while. But Ringabella (Martin Lamberti, the checkered man who fell asleep) traps the third through his legs and then, for good measure, three times behind his back in rapid succession.

Ringabella's feats pale next to the guy who stands on his hands *and* jumps rope; or to the world-class power moves by three Russian "Strength Spirits," who use each other as parallel bars and rings; or to solemn Angel Fraugada's "Wound Up in Knots." He twists and contorts on a thick rope. Then, from far above the stage, with no net below, he winds himself in the rope, lets go, and bungee-spins to the floor, stopping just a few feet short.

Who thinks this stuff up? Who could envision two guys on a board rolling on a cylinder? Then the same two, same board, on a stack of cylinders, some horizontal, others vertical? Or a man and a woman hanging from long white sashes and soaring aloft like the flying jib of a clipper?

The stunts amazed, as did the color-wheel dreamscape look and the balletic way everyone moved, even when not in the spotlight (not one moment, the entire evening, was "everyday"). But the show's audience rapport was also remarkable. *Cirque Dreams* began as a casino theater production in 1995. The Civic Theatre, by contrast, is so vast it almost

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Cirque Dreams

Cirque Dreams, created by Neil Goldberg

San Diego Civic Theatre, Third and B, downtown

Directed by Neil Goldberg; cast: Elise Barbeau, Vladimir Dovgan, Angel Fraguada, Heather Hoffman, Biambajav Janchivdorj, Biambasuren Janchivdorj, Noeme Jane, Iouri Kelpatsky, Maria Kvartalova, Martin Lamberti, Sergiy Parshin, Veronique Rivet, Joseph Ross, Sergei Slavski, Alexander Tolstikov, Solongo Tsothaatar, Yevgen Vikouskiy, Anatoliy Yenyi; technical and lighting director, Scott Wagmeister; costumes, Crystal Garner; sound, Frank Snipes; musical score, Keith Heffner

Run concluded.

Brave Smiles...Another Lesbian Tragedy, created by the Five Lesbian Brothers

Diversionsary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights

Directed by Kristen Brandt; cast: Wendy Waddell, Allison Riley, Robin Christ, Jeannie Marique, Melissa Fernandes; scenic design, David Lee Cuthbert; costumes, Shulamit Nelson; lighting, Mike Durst; sound, Paul Peterson; fight choreographer, Jeff Anthony Miller

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qualifies as a domed stadium. Even though you could kick a lengthy field goal, or drill an eight iron, from the stage up to the last balcony seat, the theater's size didn't daunt the *Cirque* performers, who had ways of making contact with everyone in the house.

One was audience participation. Several times, people got mustered to perform. In the only bit that ran too long, Ringabella played conductor, and five audience members rang cowbells on cue, only some of the cues — mere flickers of the baton — were as absurd as a dream, and the ringers made occasional muffs.

Having amateurs perform created a bond and a gap. It increased rapport between the stage and the house, blurring the difference between the two. At the same time, it helped to show the gap between the amateur and the professional and thus became a reminder of the



Brave Smiles

Cirque performers' skills: contrast someone unable to ring a bell at the right time with the guy doing handstands on a pillar of seven teetering chairs, then eight, then — oh come on, he wouldn't! — nine.

When Split Britches began their groundbreaking performances in the early 1980s, the lesbian theater company didn't do

works about coming out. Instead, says Lois Weaver, they were "about taking it for granted that lesbians exist in the world."

Brave Smiles, by the Five Lesbian Brothers, shows that, from 1930 to 1968, Hollywood's Production Code attempted to erase that existence or, when it couldn't, to slander it. Subtitled *Another Lesbian*

Tragedy, *Brave Smiles* reviews the movies of that era and finds a code within the Code: there are no loving lesbian couples. Instead, any two women who are "close" end up either insane or subject to a cruel fate.

"If the story of the lesbian is that she was always doomed to suffer an unhappy life and then die a tragic death," writes Lesbian Brother Peg Healy, "then we really wanted to pile it on." *Brave Smiles*, which uses humor as an analytic tool — and gives new meaning to the word "fatalism" — parodies Hollywood's homophobia. Five women grow from curious, Tiparillo-smoking

16-year-old orphans, at Frau Von Pussenheimer's lockstep Academy, into cursed adults. Then they die in plane crashes or on Death Row, screaming, "I want to live!"

When the Lesbian Brothers performed *Brave Smiles* at Sushi, many years ago, split-second blackouts and humble minimalism kept the pace alive. Directed by Kirsten Brandt, Diversionary Theatre's current offering has full production values, including Shulamit Nelson's rich costumes and Paul Peterson's awesome sound design — like that plane exploding just offstage. Compared to the original, however, the added trappings have a cumbersome effect. But though the pace tends to lag and the first act's pretty one-note, versatile actors shine in multiple roles: especially Robin Christ as the mega-repressive Frau Von Pussenheimer, and Melissa Fernandes as brassy Damwell Maxwell. Wendy Waddell and Allison Riley also make valuable contributions.

And where did they find Jeannie Marique? New to San Diego theater, she plays five characters — from a priggish Audrey Hepburn rehearsing *The Children's Hour*, to a Bowery bum — and she's wonderful at combining the play's seriocomic extremes, at once entertaining and, as *Brave Smiles* builds its case against Hollywood, disturbing. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Art

PowPac presents Jasmina Reza's comedy about three friends and the value of a blank canvas. Connie Di-Grazio directed.

POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD, POWAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, THROUGH FEBRUARY 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Brand

The Actors Alliance Series, "On Book, On Stage," presents a reading of Henrik Ibsen's drama, in which the title character boasts, "What the world calls love I neither know nor want." Rosina Reynolds directed. Admission is free, though a donation is suggested. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-640-3900.

Brave Smiles...Another Lesbian Tragedy

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mission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: Sophocles’ *Philoctetes*, January 26. **Worth a try.**

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN: MONDAY, JANUARY 26, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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The Last Five Years
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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 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 nonstop 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

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone

thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

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The Rainmaker

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San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at

the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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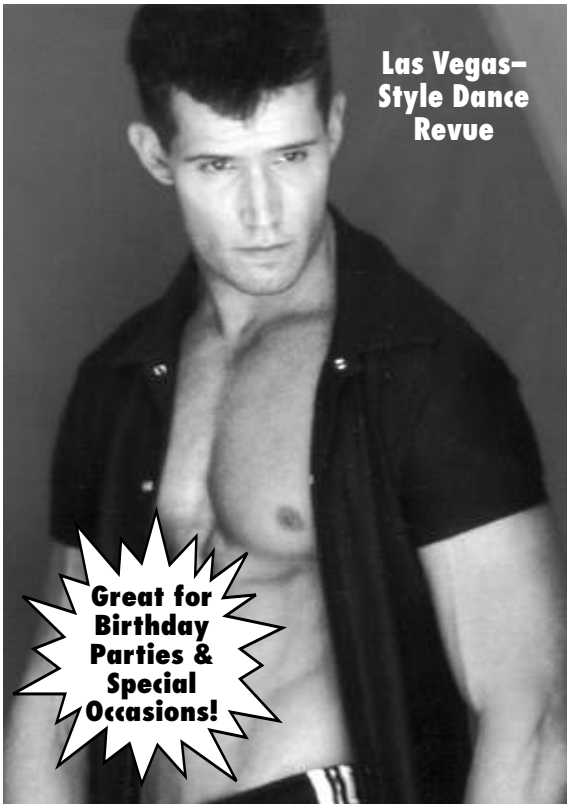
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"Unless your CD is nice and pretty and looks professional, you can't give it away."

Brian Witkin, 18, was

weeks ago.

Each band was asked to pre-order ten CDs at \$10 each. After that, they would be available to each band for \$5 each. "We went out and found the bands who already had a good fan base like Lance's Hero, Offset, and Gasoline Please. A lot of bands came to us."

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the inside track

tired of trying to pass out homemade demos for his band Warrior Finches.

"If people did take one, they probably wouldn't listen to it when they got home." So he did what any other enterprising musician with a recording studio in his basement would do. Along with fellow Torrey Pines senior Mike Hertel, he launched the label Real2Reel Records. Its first release was a 16-band, 16-song compilation called *Garage Band Heroes*, released three

Witkin said if the bands didn't have a song already recorded, "We recorded them."

He said the first pressing has sold out. "We ordered an initial run of 300." He said each disc cost about \$2.50. "We've already broken even."

Witkin plays bass and sings in Shut Up Sigmund Freud. He also plays guitar and sings in Warrior Finches with his 16-year-old brother Sean, who plays drums.

Although Witkin owns Real2Reel, his business card

lists him as the production manager. "I play it off like I'm working for someone else so that people will take us more seriously."

Witkin's father Joe is an ER doctor who played at Woodstock in the 1950s oldies revue Sha Na Na. "My dad has had that studio since the '70s."

Other bands on the compilation include the Eccentrics, A Dead Giveaway, Forever Ends, A Vital Few vs. a Trivial Many, the Wafers, Sunblind, Gravis Amor, Disfigurine, and solo artist Rich Gaarde. Contact www.real2reelrecords.com for more information.

Offtrack, A Dead Giveaway, and 3 Against 1

appear at the *Garage Band Heroes* showcase 6 p.m., February 28 at the Epicenter. All ages. \$8 admission.

— Ken Leighton

"I was talking to the coroner, telling him all she had was a cough. He said she probably had the illness for days, undetected."

Jerry Herrera is mystified by the passing of Madalene, his wife and longtime business partner, who died of pneumonia at the couple's South Park home on December 22. She was 50 years old.

The couple managed the Spirit Club, a rock and roll fixture in Bay Park that mixed local music with

touring bands. "Before I met her, I was so disorganized it was pathetic," Herrera tells me. "We were together 33 years. She was my partner. I think it will be a long time before I get over this."

In 1995, the Herreras sold the business. Jerry pursued a new interest in renovating and reselling residential property. He says Madalene continued to work with him, "painting and hanging drywall," but adds that she began to lose interest.

"I don't think she adjusted real well to retirement," Herrera says. "It was hard to get her out of the house the last couple of years. She wanted to stay home and be with the kids."

Herrera says Madalene opted to stay home when he took their two teenagers to Las Vegas the weekend before Christmas. He became concerned with her increasing forgetfulness when he checked in by phone.

"On Sunday she called me up and said, 'The carne asada is on the table, and I've got the tortillas ready for you guys to eat.' I said, 'Madalene, we're not coming home until

Tuesday.' "

Herrera says he tried to reach her before starting for home, but there was no answer. "When we got home," he says, "I went upstairs. The lights were on. The TV was on. Madalene was on the floor. I called the medics. They said she had



JERRY EVOKES THE SPIRIT OF MADALENE

died the day before."

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family and close friends onboard, Herrera had set sail from Shelter Island on a friend's boat, intending to reach the pier by two in the afternoon. A crowd of about 40 well-wishers had assembled to witness the ceremony. The boat never arrived.

"The swells were incredible," Herrera recalls. "Everybody was getting sick.

By two o'clock, I could barely see Sunset Cliffs. There was no way we were going to make Ocean Beach. So the family said some things, and I put the ashes in the middle of a wreath and floated it out into the ocean. Then we released balloons as a lifting of the spirit to heaven."

— Randy Hoffman

Onetime Ratt singer Stephen Percy has been under court order not to "misrepresent" himself as the band "Ratt."

"That music belongs to me more than the other guys," the former San Diegan told me just before a recent show at Atlanta's Masquerade nightclub. "Ratt only has one singer and that's me." Percy left the band for good in January 2000, six days before what was being billed as a "comeback tour," which he later claimed in court documents he'd never agreed to do.

Percy's own record label, Top Fuel, is planning to release *Rattus Erectus* in



RATT GOES KARAOKE

February 2004, consisting of demos from when the band played San Diego and L.A. under the name Mickey Ratt (circa 1982), which Percy claims he owns the rights to. All the songs are unreleased and feature original guitarist

Jake E. Lee on guitar, a local player who later went on to join Ozzy Osbourne's band.

Percy's Top Fuel label is also producing a karaoke-style disc, *In the Band*, featuring Ratt tracks with various instrumental and vocal passages cut from the mix, allowing fans to play or sing along with the band. Ratt songs with Percy's vocals removed — at least his former band mates would love a disc like that.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"He's the last of the Mohicans," said Paul Tollett of Goldenvoice about Harlan Schiffman of San Diego's Fineline Entertainment. Schiffman is the last remaining independent promoter Tollett knows who still books national acts in Southern California.

As Goldenvoice, Tollett and partner Rick Van Santen brought concerts to San Diego in the 1980s, including Siouxsie and the Banshees and the Cramps ("Lux Interior [lead singer of the Cramps] threw his high-heel shoe at us. He was furious that someone stole his other pump from him when he was onstage").

Tollett is reminiscing because, though Goldenvoice rolls on, it is without Van Santen. His funeral was last Saturday. He was 41. According to Tollett, he died

of complications from the flu.

Tollett and Van Santen sold Goldenvoice to the Anshutz Entertainment Group in 2001, but they ran Goldenvoice for the new owners.

Tollett said most recently Van Zanten was focusing on promoting shows in Hawaii and Alaska. "He built up the Alaska market from scratch."

"Rick's contributions will endure for many years," said Schiffman. "We are very saddened by the loss."

— Ken Leighton

"I did everything I could to get someone qualified to help me."

Mike Burdett, manager of the Vibe nightclub, admitted he needed an outside promoter to bring patrons into his Oceanside nightclub. Although the Vibe on Coast Highway is open every night, he admits that his DJ-driven Friday is the only night of the week the 230-capacity club does well. So he decided to try live bands, and he put out a casting call for promoters.

"We posted on all the local [music] message boards. We had a dozen people respond," Burdett said he turned down all 12. "I was hoping to find an established promoter. These people were interested in getting established but had no experience." He said he turned to an existing promoter to help with his

three-band Saturday-night showcase. "We ended up going with Mario Anguar of Lucky Presents. He does Friday night at Squid Joe's in Carlsbad. We approached him."

The Vibe becomes the only venue with live bands in downtown Oceanside since Margarita Rocks and the Strand have both discontinued their live-band nights and the Caribbean Grill closed its doors two months ago.

Nick German, a local promoter for eight years, says he doesn't blame Burdett for vetoing promoters with no experience. Under the company name Peligro Presents, German has hosted four-band shows at Brick by Brick, Dream Street, Tio Leo's, Schooners, and the Tiki Lounge.

"When the club owner takes on an outside promoter, he's putting his business in the hands of the promoter," said German. "Especially on a weekend night. A club may get a majority of its revenue on Saturday."

He said there is more to being a promoter than just

saying you are one. "It's like saying you're a welder, but you don't know everything about welding. It's a job, just like anything else people make their living at." He said the promoter has to be adept at promotion, advertising, production, and artist relations.

Promoting live bands in



GERMAN BEMOANS THE LIFE OF A PROMOTER

small clubs is not a stable profession, says German. "I've seen a lot of names come and go. I have to admit the last show I did — D.H. Peligro of the Dead Kennedys at Brick by Brick — had a terrible turnout. I didn't do the work I needed to do. I was too busy with my other business." He says his now-thriving floor-installation business distracted him.

And it doesn't pay to get distracted, says German. "You have to stay on top of the bands. Sometimes a promoter may just call a band once, but he doesn't follow

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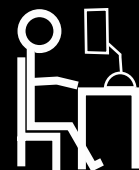
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up. Bands sometimes just don't show up."

German remembers a time when two bands showed up with the same name. "One time I did a show at Brick by Brick. One of the bands I booked was called Flipside. Someone came and told me there were people fighting onstage because there were two bands called Flipside, and they both wanted to go on. The Flipside I didn't book ended up talking endless shit about me. They put out a CD that had a song that said, 'Fuck You Nick Peligro.' As far as I know, both bands have disappeared."

— Ken Leighton

"There are no DJ jobs anymore. [Certain large companies] ruined radio." Comedian Steve Spenneberg worked at Clear Channel stations KGB and Rock 105.3 from 1995–2003 as "Dangerous Dick." Two months ago he moved to L.A., hoping to make a break in stand-up comedy. He's still in radio — he has a part-time job at L.A.'s FM talk station.

Spenneberg reports that a San Diego station is being openly copied in L.A.

"It sounds just like FM-94/9," he said of the L.A. station that popped up two weeks ago at FM 103.1. "They have the same voice-over guy who says the same things they say on FM-94/9, like, 'Your independent radio station, Indie 103.1.'"

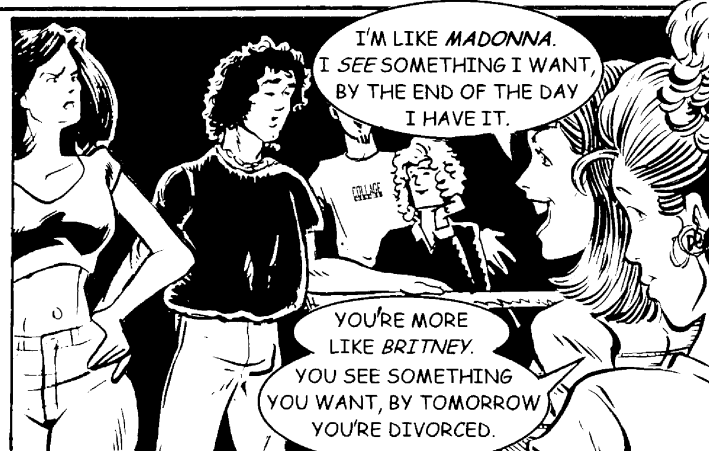
The news of FM-94/9 has traveled. In the past month, two stations in Seattle, one in Atlanta, and now 103.1 in L.A. started sounding like FM-94/9 by playing more alternative cuts from the 1980s and '90s, using back-to-basics slogans like "It's about the music," and using DJs with a more understated, less-hyped delivery.

The *North County Times* said FM-94/9's success over 91X was the biggest radio story of the year and described 91X's current plight by saying "X marks the disaster area."

Insiders say that FM-94/9 music director and assistant program director Mike Halloran was courted last month to leave FM-94/9 and run 103.1 FM in L.A. with an annual salary in excess of \$200,000. Halloran would not comment. A person close to the situation would only confirm that there was an offer for Halloran to run 103.1 but that he was not available since he remains under contract to FM 94/9.

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: MARTINI RANCH

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



Regarding the *North County Times* "disaster area" jab, Clear Channel vice president of programming Jim Richards said, "They can say what they want." He said 91X will continue to "provide good radio" to its listeners and that no major changes are planned.

— Ken Leighton

Robben Ford, appearing January 17 at the Belly Up, says his fondest memory of playing San Diego dates back two decades to a gig in La Jolla's long-gone Blue Parrot Club. "It was the tiniest, most cramped place you could ever imagine having [live] entertainment. There was no stage, just a chair. I was sitting right on top of the nearest table, with people sitting right

there, and I had to lean my sheet music against a candlestick on their table. I'm halfway through a song, and



ROBBEN PULLED A JIMI

all of a sudden, my sheet music was on fire. Someone said to me after that, 'Hey, Hendrix, you're supposed to light your guitar on fire!'"

— Jay Allen Sanford

The largest local box office gross in 2003

was the Eagles concert at the Coors Amphitheater. According to *Pollstar's* year-end edition, that Chula Vista concert on August 8 drew 16,866 fans who paid between \$49 and \$308. Coors was at 86 percent capacity, grossing \$1.6 million for House of Blues Concerts.

The most successful San Diego club in 2003 was Humphrey's, which sold over 72,400 tickets, making it 31st most successful in the country. Soma just made the top 50 by selling 45,000 tickets.

Coors Amphitheater moved more than 224,000 tickets last year, placing it 26th among the top 50 amphitheaters.

The biggest-grossing tour of the year avoided San Diego altogether. Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band sold 1.7 million tickets and grossed more than \$115 million.

In past years Jewel and blink-182 made the list of the top 100 tours, but only one local name made the list this year: Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Huck Jam was number 79, grossing \$6.5 million (based on an average ticket price of \$32.30).

— Ken Leighton

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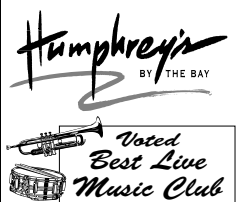
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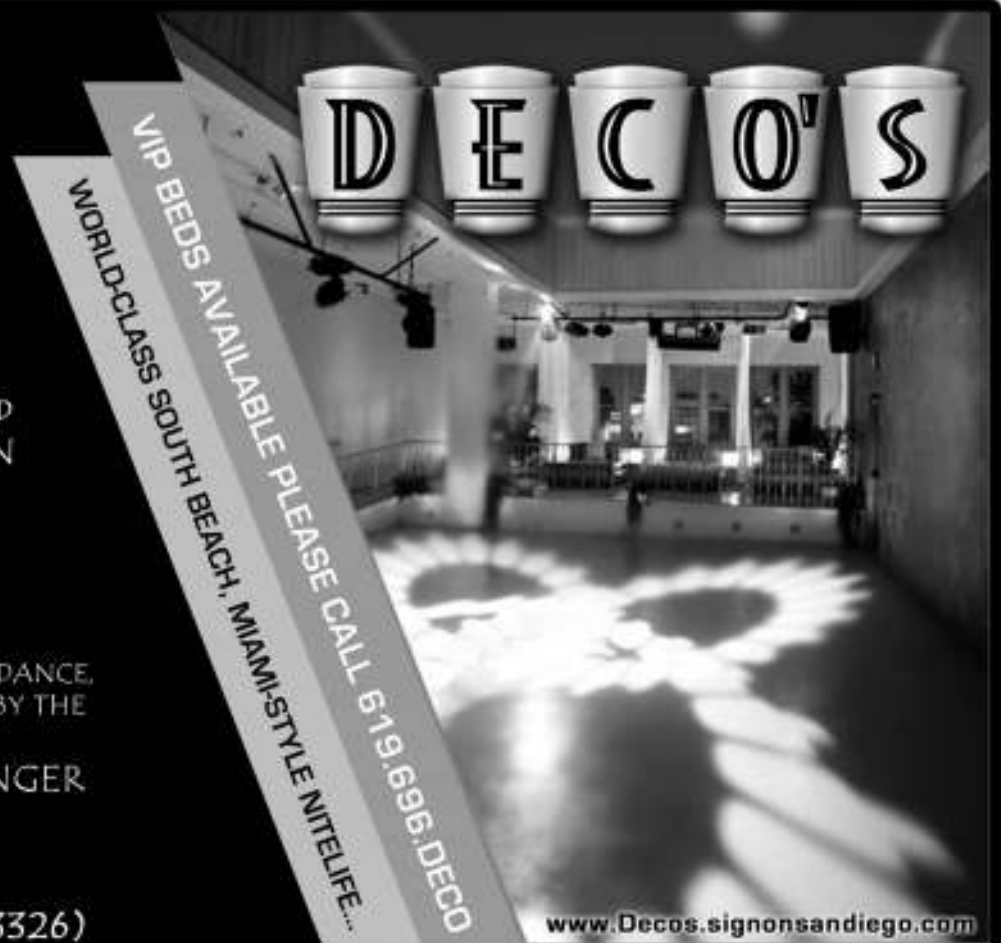
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Tony Hawk, 35, has been called the most influential skater currently in the sport. Some highlights from last year: Hawk appeared (in animated form) in the 300th episode of *The Simpsons*; he helped make a half-pipe out of an RV on the Discovery Channel's *Monster Garage*; and he won the Favorite Male Athlete of the Year title at the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards. Hawk and his wife and three children live in North County.

A request for a phone interview was declined due to Hawk's rehearsal schedule (called "lock-down" by his publicist) for Hawk's Boom Boom Huck Jam tour. The skater's extreme-sports tour has been compared to a Warped or a Van's tour except for the fact that sports — not music — take the center stage. Hawk is said to have the first and last word on what band tours with the show; this year, the house band Anarchy Orchestra joined Boom Boom Huck Jam.

Hawk owns an Apple iPod, which he purchased online from the Apple Music Store. He e-mailed the following information:

SPECIFICATIONS: Hawk owns the current-

generation iPod with a hard-drive capacity for storage of up to 10,000 songs. "I am nearing the 7000 mark on my 40-gig iPod," he wrote. MUSIC PREFERENCES: "Anything but country or reggae."

PLAYLIST CHANGES: "At least every two weeks."

DOWNLOADS: Hawk downloads MP3 files from the Internet and rips his own CDs, copying them onto his iPod.

WHERE DO YOU USE YOUR IPOD? "I use it in the car, on planes, on tour, and at home."

ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE PLAYER ITSELF? "No, but I wish the battery would last longer."

HOW IS YOUR MUSIC ORGANIZED ON THE IPOD? "I list the main library by artist, but I have many play lists that divide them up into categories."

Tony Hawk's top ten bands:

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Rascal Flatts: Pechanga Theater,
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**"Viva Santana Benefit Concert:
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Backstage Lounge, Thursday, January
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Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577.

FRIDAY

Counterfit, the **Drop
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and **Parker Theory**: The Casbah,
Friday, January 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501
Kettner Boulevard, midtown.
619-232-4355.

SATURDAY

Robben Ford: Belly Up Tavern,
Saturday, January 17, 7 p.m., 143
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Gaelic Storm: California Center for
the Arts, Saturday, January 17, 8 p.m.,
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619-220-8497.

Peter Case: Normal Heights United
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Hank Williams III [775] and **Scott
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Hilary Duff: Cox Arena, Sunday,
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"Big Night San Diego" with
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Qualcomm Stadium, Saturday,
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Paco de Lucía: California Center for
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Travis: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday,
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The Wailers [759]: Belly Up Tavern,
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Band** [707]: East County Performing
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7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El
Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Leahy [840]: Mandeville
Auditorium, Wednesday, February 4,
7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla.
858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Lee Ritenour [674]: Sycuan Casino
Showcase Theatre, Thursday,
February 5, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way,
Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

"Fab 40 Beatles Tribute":
Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, February
7, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown.
619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Olivia Newton-John: Pechanga
Theater, Sunday, February 8,
Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000
Pechanga Parkway, Temecula.
888-732-4264.

Marvin Hamlisch [608]: East
County Performing Arts Center,
Sunday, February 8, 7:30 p.m., 210
East Main Street, El Cajon.
619-440-2277.

The Samples [497]: Belly Up
Tavern, Sunday, February 8, 8 p.m.,
143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana
Beach. 619-220-8497 or
858-481-8140.

Rickie Lee Jones [422]: Belly Up
Tavern, Wednesday, February 11,
7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue,
Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or
858-481-8140.

Lisle Ellis [525] and **Mike
Wofford**: San Diego Museum of Art,
Wednesday, February 11, 7 p.m., 1450
El Prado, Balboa Park. Tickets,
619-220-8497; information,
619-298-5255.

Erykah Badu [931] and **Floetry**:
4th & B, Thursday, February 12,
7:30 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown.
619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Victor Wooten: Belly Up Tavern,
Thursday, February 12, 8:30 p.m., 143
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Sting [431]: Copley Symphony Hall,
Friday, February 13, 8 p.m., 1245
Seventh Avenue, downtown.
619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell: 4th & B, Friday,
February 13, 8:30 p.m., 345 B Street,
downtown. 619-231-4343 or
619-220-8497.

Sara Evans: California Center for
the Arts, Friday, February 13, 8 p.m.,
340 N. Escondido Boulevard,
Escondido. 800-988-4253 or
619-220-8497.

**"Men of Steel: The Art of Steel
String Guitar"**: Carlsbad Village
Theatre, Friday, February 13, 8 p.m.,
2822 State Street, Carlsbad.
760-720-2460.

**"San Diego Brazil Carnaval
2004"**: 4th & B, Saturday, February
14, 8:30 p.m., 345 B Street,
downtown. 619-231-4343 or
619-220-8497.

The Temptations [937]: Pechanga
Theater, Sunday, February 15,
Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000
Pechanga Parkway, Temecula.
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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.

George Jones: East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Los Lobos and **Lila Downs [982]:** Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Thursday, February 19, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Micky Finn: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 19, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

The Kennedys: Normal Heights United Methodist Church, Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Smokey Robinson [609]: Grand Cabaret, Friday, February 20, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Daryl Hall & John Oates [483]: Pechanga Theater, Sunday, February 22, Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

“Cajun Fais Do Do” featuring **BeauSoleil** with **Michael Doucet & the Savoy-Doucet Band:** Mandeville Auditorium, Sunday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., UCSD

campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Sandro Alberto: Dizzy’s, Sunday, February 22, 344 Seventh Avenue (between J and K), downtown. 858-270-7467.

Jack Williams: Normal Heights United Methodist Church, Sunday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Supersuckers [367]: The Casbah, Wednesday, February 25, and Thursday, February 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Bob Weir & Ratdog: 4th & B, Friday, February 27, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Keb’ Mo’ [949]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, February 28, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Merle Haggard [760]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Sunday, February 29, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Rufus Wainwright [811]: 4th & B, Sunday, February 29, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Taj Majal Trio [941] and **Fred Eaglesmith:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 29, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Ellis Paul [819] and **Vance Gilbert:** Normal Heights United Methodist Church, Sunday, February 29, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

Buddy Guy: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, March 5,

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Bands, publicists, and record labels send promotional packages out by the hundreds to media outlets. They contain favorable press clippings, publicity photos, and so on. It's how business is done. Funny, but it rarely fails that the press clips, no matter who writes them, read about the same. Coincidence? Not always. Reviewers can be an imitative lot and often work off of each other's stories. A perusal of the Washington band **Canyon's** press kit, for example, reveals that writer after writer makes the same shopworn comparisons to Graham Parsons, Neil Young, Yes, Pink Floyd, acid trips in the desert badlands...

Granted, Canyon is in close touch with their Pink Floydness, which is okay by me — I still haven't gotten enough of *Dark Side of*

the Moon's floating, open chords even after about 600 plays. But writers who hear Neil Young should go out and buy a Neil Young CD. Nor was Canyon's *Empty Rooms* influenced by Graham Parsons, although it is one that the late singer might have liked. He could have picked far worse music to play in the cheesy Joshua Tree motel room that he reserved for his most serious drinking and drugging.

Then again, that's the problem with a jam band — keeping the music interesting for people who aren't stoned. Can Canyon do that? Yes, most of the time. Canyon shares Wilco's lunar but engaging approach to countrified pop and have taken it even further into psychedelia than Jeff Tweedy might have — not an easy task. Still, I wouldn't want to call Canyon nutball-spacehead music. There is form and substance and craftsmanship. They also have a first-rate singer in **Brandon Butler** (harmonica, lap steel) and through him man-



CANYON

age to accomplish something few stoner bands can do: connect with the listener. **Jay Farrar** opens.

*(To hear a sample of **Canyon**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4145.)*

CANYON, Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 21, 8 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. \$17.

7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Crystal Method [122]: 4th & B, Saturday, March 6, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 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: 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.

George Thorogood: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Thursday, March 18, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Little Anthony & the Imperials [944]: 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.

James Brown: 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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- Awall:** Dream Street
- The Baja Bugs** [250]: Hot Monkey Love Cafe
- The Biddy Bums:** Lestat’s Coffeehouse, The Casbah

- Boobie Trap:** Brick By Brick
- Bragdoll:** Brick By Brick
- Canyon:** Belly Up Tavern
- The Chemistry:** Soma
- Concord:** Epicentre
- Controlling the Famous:** Belly Up Tavern
- Counterfit:** The Casbah
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- Deafred:** ’Canes
- Dieselboy:** ’Canes
- Dirt Bike:** Dream Street
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- Durado Gold:** Epicentre
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- Emery Bird:** The Kensington Club
- Erotomania:** Brick By Brick
- The Ex-Porn Stars:** Longshot Saloon
- The Femurs:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
- Friction Switch:** ’Canes
- Go Billy Go:** Epicentre
- Head Trip Superstar:** ’Canes
- The Heartaches:** Belly Up Tavern
- Ima Robot:** The Casbah
- Innocent:** Longshot Saloon
- Interstate:** Dream Street
- Jack the Original:** ’Canes
- Kut-U-Up:** 4th & B
- Lacklusterhero:** Longshot Saloon
- Lance’s Hero** [159]: Soma
- Larger Than Leon:** Blarney Stone Pub
- LowCloudCover:** The Kensington Club
- The Low Flying Owls:** The Casbah
- Lower Definition:** Soma
- Lower Lip:** Brick By Brick
- Lucy’s Falling:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
- Mr. Orange Undercover:** ’Canes
- The Mr. T Experience:** The Casbah

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

“There are not many venues doing edgy work,” says Bonnie Wright. And Wright’s not just using a buzzword; she knows her edgy. With her Spruce Street Forum, she has been bringing contemporary classical, free jazz, electronic, improvised, and otherwise unclassifiable music to San Diego since 1995. Originally held at a gallery/performance space on Spruce Street (now at the San Diego Museum of Art), the series has featured such avant-garde performers as former Kronos Quartet cellist Jean Jeanrenaud, guitar visionary Nels Cline, the oddball traditionalists of the Tin Hat Trio, German saxophonist Peter Brötzmann, and the duo Matmos (best known for their work with Björk).

“My goal is to bring high-quality new music to San Diego, because that’s not often heard,” says Wright. To open the San Diego Museum of Art’s new Fresh Sound Concerts series, Spruce Street Forum is presenting “**En Echo**,” a piece composed by Philippe Manoury based on seven short poems by Emmanuel Hocquart. “En Echo” features **Juliana Snapper** singing with live electronic accompaniment performed by **Miller Puckett**. Puckett, a professor of music at UCSD, wrote the Max graphic computing language that underlies much of computer music. Snapper is a soprano who specializes in new music and multimedia performance. The duo performed “En Echo” at its U.S. premiere in New York (at something called the Sounds French festival — which proves how out of the mainstream these two are) and at the Opera Bastille in Paris.



What does it sound like? Wright knows better than to try to label the music that Spruce Street presents. “It’s neither classical nor electronica,” she says, hastening to put that last word in quotes. “It’s beautiful.”

EN ECHO, Spruce Street Forum Series, San Diego Museum of Art, Thursday, January 15, 7 p.m. 619-220-8497. \$20.

- The Mob vs. the Rockers:** California Club
- Moonshine Junkie:** Dream Street
- Nixin:** Epicentre
- No Reply:** Dream Street
- The North Atlantic:** The Casbah
- Reeve Oliver:** The Casbah
- Operatic:** Belly Up Tavern, 4th & B
- Gregory Page** [186]: Lestat’s Coffeehouse
- The Parker Theory:** The Casbah
- Pocket:** Tiki House
- Prizefight:** The Casbah
- Tim Raldo:** Dream Street
- The Replacement Replacements:** The Casbah

- Rocket from the Crypt** [237]: 4th & B
- Sandjacket:** Hennessey’s Tavern (Carlsbad)
- The Scotch Greens:** The Kensington Club
- Se7en4:** Longshot Saloon
- Shrike:** Longshot Saloon
- Siphon:** ’Canes
- Siren:** Hennessey’s Tavern (PB)
- Sleeping People:** The Casbah
- Slewfoot:** Sham Rocks Shack
- Snow on Roses:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
- Spoken Gun:** Brick By Brick
- The Stereotypes:** Belly Up Tavern, The Casbah
- Strike 12:** Epicentre

- Strip Mall:** The Kensington Club
- Tall Midget:** Dream Street
- Thicker Than Thieves** [200]: Blind Melons
- Tiltwheel** [236]: The Kensington Club
- Trophy Life:** ’Canes
- Twenty-One Rest:** ’Canes
- Understory:** O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
- Urge Overkill:** The Casbah
- Vena Cava** [160]: The Casbah
- Vertibird** [169]: Java Joe’s
- Visqueen:** The Casbah
- Waterline Drift:** The Casbah
- The Wig Billies:** Java Joe’s
- Yesterday’s Rising:** Soma

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

- Avalanche:** On The Rocks
- BTO:** Croce’s Top Hat Bar and Grille
- Bad Shoe:** Winstons
- Bank Member:** O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
- Bargain Music:** Brick By Brick
- Blind Luck:** Second Wind (Santee)
- The Blood Suit:** Dream Street
- The Bob Kings:** Tio Leo’s Lounge
- Tom Bowles:** Brick By Brick
- Brain Bucket:** Tiki House, Winstons
- C.O.I.:** Surf N’Saddle
- Coldfire:** Second Wind (San Carlos)
- Collage Menage** [403]: Dream Street
- Ray Condo & His Ricochets:** Tio Leo’s Lounge
- Cubensis:** Winstons
- 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, Humphrey’s
- The Evil Twins:** Di-mond Jim’s Nightclub
- Jay Farrar:** Belly Up Tavern
- Robben Ford:** Belly Up Tavern
- Friction Addiction:** Dick’s Last Resort
- The Fuzz:** The Kensington Club
- Griswald:** Brick By Brick
- Joey Harris:** Tio Leo’s Lounge
- Heaving Grooves:** Winstons
- Hera’s Olive** [461]: Dick’s Last Resort
- Hot Rod Lincoln** [547]: Tio Leo’s Lounge
- Inside-Out:** Dad’s Cafe
- Jacke:** Brick By Brick
- The Jackson 3:** Carvers
- Jiggawatt:** Bub’s Whiskey Dive
- Red Lane:** Patrick’s II
- The Late Edition:** Dirk’s Niteclub
- The Ledesma Brothers:** The Latin Room
- Danielle LoPresti & the Masses** [452]: Red’s Espresso Gallery

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The Peak Show: Belly Up Tavern
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort
The Janet Ricci Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
R.O.K.: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
Rule of Thump: Moondoggies
The Eve Selis Band: Humphrey's
The Sensations: The Casbah
Serious Guise: The Kraken
Smooth Unit: On The Rocks
The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II
3-P Soope: Island Sports & Spirits
Viva Santana: Humphrey's
Wonka Bar: Tiki House

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Coyote Bar and Grill
Atomic Groove: Jimmy Love's
The 80z Allstars: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
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Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel
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Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill
Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel
Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Polyester Express: Cannibal Bar
Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits
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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
The Bi-National Mambo Orchestra: Dizzy's
Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and Grill
Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Onyx
The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
The Ben Eager Trio: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
The Aubrey Fay Band: Redfields Lounge & Bistro
Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro 221
Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge
The Cynthia Hammond Trio: La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge

Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Bayou Bar & Grill
The High Society Jazz Band: Bali Hai
Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado
Barbara Jamerson: U.S. Grant Hotel, Hotel del Coronado
The Ron Jerman Big Band: Viejas Casino
Kristin Korb & Her Trio: Dizzy's
Lady Dottie & the Sliders: Bayou Bar & Grill
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
Joe Marillo [645]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
Sean McVicker: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Jerry Melnick: Rancho Bernardo Inn
The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
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Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar
Rico Tumbao: Sevilla

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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

The Bredrin Daddys: Squid Joe's
Buck-O-Nine [739]: 4th & B
Crucial: Blind Melons
King Dub: Winstons
NZ Rough: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
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Red Llama Dog: Blind Melons
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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club
Hill Country: Renegade Inn
Elmore Jennings: Don's Cocktail Lounge
The Ranch Rockers: Mulvaney's

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

3 Simple Words: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
The 7th Day Buskers [812]: Winstons
Travis Barrick: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Berkley Hart [880]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Cindy Lee Berryhill [826]: Java Joe's
Rebecca Bloom: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Blue44: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub
Chris Carpenter: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub
Brett Ellis: Galoka
Eleanor England: Lestat's Coffeehouse
John Foltz: Miracles Cafe
Jenn Grinels: Blarney Stone Pub
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- Toria:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
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- Chris Young:** Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)

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BLUES / SOUL

- Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz:** Patrick's II
- Blue Heat:** The Kraken
- The Blues Brokers:** The Kraken, Patrick's II
- Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters** /932/: Shooters Bar and Grill, Chateau Orleans, Marriott Hotel, Bayou Bar & Grill
- Deeja Marie:** Humphrey's
- Robin Henkel** /914/: Java Joe's
- Willie K.:** Belly Up Tavern
- Candye Kane** /939/: Humphrey's
- Michele Lundeen** /952/: Patrick's II
- The Bill Magee Blues Band** /947/: Patrick's II
- Kymberlee Maxine:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
- Nite Life** /934/: Pal Joey's
- Plato Soul:** Viejas Casino
- Len Rainey & the Midnight Players** /921/: Humphrey's
- The Mike Reilly Band** /978/: Humphrey's
- The Soul Revue:** Jimmy Love's
- Sweet Blue Onion:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill
- Theo & the Zydeco Patrol** /929/: Coyote Bar and Grill
- Earl Thomas** /946/: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), Axis Martini Bar & Restaurant
- Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
- Billy Watson:** The Gordon Biersch Brewery

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EVERYTHING ELSE

- Burnett Anderson:** Cafe LaMaze
- The Arian Steel Drum Band:** Axis Martini Bar & Restaurant
- J.D. Boucharde** /985/: Princess Pub & Grille
- Sammy Dale Canonizado:** Cafe LaMaze
- Julio de la Huerta:** The Westgate Hotel
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Blitzkrieg Bop: First, third, and fifth Mondays of the month, punk, indie, rock 'n' roll, and swing with DJ Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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.

Brown Sugar: Fridays, black, white, Latino, and Asian get down to the urban sounds of DJ Myxzlplix; 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Cask 'N' Cleaver: Sundays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., DJ Doctor Swing spins the best dance music from the '40s, '50s, and '60s. 3757 South

Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-451-8805.

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 Broadway, El Cajon. Information, 619-441-1800.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, the best of ethereal-electro-gothic-darkwave. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500. Information, 619-465-5827.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with residents Walkrawler, 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.

Heaven: Sundays, DJs Infinity, Golden Boy Mike, Garrett S., and more spin house, progressive, and trance. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590.

Hi-Fi: Every third Saturday of the month, the best in imports, '80s, and indie with DJs BCZARI, Richard D, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Roseary Room, corner of Tenth and

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MixLab: Sundays, DJ Dex's eclectic "listening session": jazz 'n' abstract, alt hip-hop, downtempo sonics, future soul, and ultraglobal vibes. Starts at 8 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies: Fridays, *The Red Room*, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 with DJs D-Skwiz and Enigma. Saturdays, *Saturday Night Mix*, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma, Nick, and Big Dude. No cover. 909 Prospect Street, Suite 290 (upstairs), La Jolla. 858-454-9664.

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.

Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. First Friday of every month at the Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827.

Thrust: First Friday of the month. Two rooms, Club '80s upstairs, Club Therapy downstairs; 21 and up. Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Information, 619-465-5827.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, the best in Brit rock, 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.

Verb: Sundays, house, breaks, and hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

CLUBS BY AREA

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MUSIC ► country
SPECIAL NIGHTS ► dance classes Wednesday through Saturday, 6 p.m.; karaoke on Wednesday; Friday and Saturday have live bands; Sunday is family day (all-ages until 9:00 p.m., then it's 18 and up)
CLIENTELE ► average age is early 30s (I did see a couple of senior citizens); 90% Caucasian, 10% Latino; 60% female
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DRESS ► casual; lots of western wear: boots, jeans, gigantic belt buckles; half the crowd had cowboy hats; a few flannel shirts and a few T-shirts ("Tasmanian Devil," "NASCAR," "UCLA basketball")
DANCE FLOOR ► approximately 100' x 120', but hardwood floors in entire lounge (an older couple danced by their table)

FIRE EXITS ► five; two at main entrance side; one on side of building, one from back of bar, and one from outdoor smoking area; I saw a few fire extinguishers in various locations
BATHROOMS ► one nearest the dance floor: men's had one urinal, one stall, one sink, and two mirrors; women's had two stalls, two sinks, and two mirrors; both were clean, graffiti-free, and had ramps for wheelchair access; other bathrooms labeled "cowboys" and "cowgirls" near the restaurant section that I didn't go into
CAPACITY ► 600
SPECIAL AREAS ► outdoor patio in back for smokers (with five tables and only partially covered); one area with three pool tables; most of this place gives you a view of the band and dancers
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DECIBEL LEVEL ► 94 when the DJ played a Dolly Parton song; 109 last week at Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant
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QUOTABLE ► "The crowd is line dancing to a heavy-metal song. How weird is that?"

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–Josh Board

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana B0each. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *The Stereotypes*, *Operatic*, *The Heartaches*, and *Controlling the Famous*. Friday, 9:15 p.m., *Maktub* and *The Peak Show*, rock. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Robben Ford*, 10 p.m., *Willie K*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Jay Farrar* and *Canyon*.

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 Ben Eager Trio*, jazz.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Jackson 3*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Carol Ames*, original rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Restless Natives*, rock/blues/reggae. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Theo & the Zydeco Patrol*, blues. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Northstar*, pop.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *Sandjacket*, alternative.

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Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., *The Cradit Union*, swing. Friday, 9:30 p.m., hip-hop. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., rock, hip-hop. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., *rock en español*. Monday, 8:30 p.m., swing.

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Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *C.O.I.*, rock. Saturday, *the Alternative*.

BEACHES

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Decompression* and *The Lost Disciples*, rock. Friday, *Thicker Than Thieves*, alternative rock. Saturday, *Crucial* and *Red Llama Dog*, reggae. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, *DPI*, punk.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Murphy Vox*, *Mr. Orange Undercover*, *Siphon*, *Head Trip Superstar*, and *Friction Switch*. Saturday, *Dieselboy*. Sunday, industry. Wednesday, *Twenty-One Rest*, *Deafred*, *Trophy Life*, and *Jack the Original*.

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CLUBS

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
(atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla
Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541.
Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise
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Tuesday, *Sean McVicker*, jazz.

Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La
Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *Tribe*
of Kings, reggae. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to
9:30 p.m., *Brett Ellis*, classical guitar.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909
Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-
7625. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Earl*
Thomas, blues.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650
Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach.
858-483-8847. Friday, *Siren*,
alternative. Saturday, *NZ Rough*,
reggae. Tuesday, open mike.
Wednesday, *3 Simple Words*, acoustic.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue,
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Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson
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858-453-5500. Friday, 7 p.m. to
11 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues*
Dusters, blues.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue,
Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.
Thursday, *Brain Bucket*, acoustic rock.
Friday, *Wonka Bar*, rock. Saturday,
Pocket, alternative. Sunday, Chris
Kelly's open-acoustic night.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street,
Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822.
Thursday, *Mary and Mars*, rock.
Friday, *Vegetation*, reggae. Saturday,
4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *King Dub*, rock,
8 p.m., *Cubensis* and *Bad Shoe*, rock.
Sunday, *Brain Bucket*, acoustic rock.
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Time 9) Back Home to You 10) Angry All the Time

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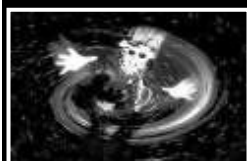
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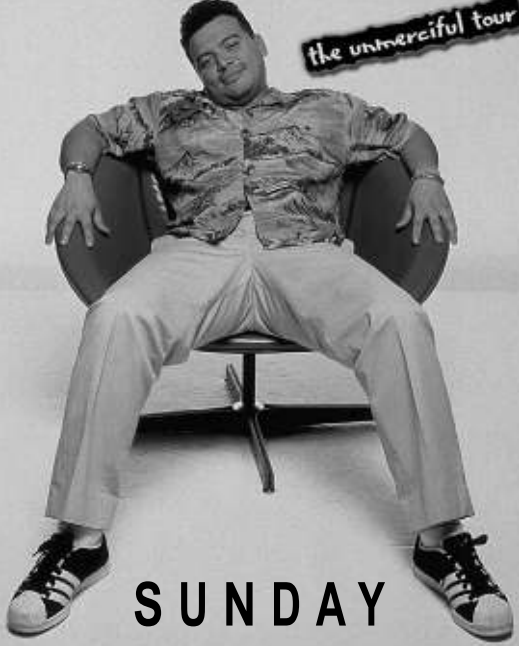
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I first spotted it last spring, when it was just a work-in-progress storefront with a sign that said "Pomegranate" and "PECTOPAH" — Cyrillic script for "Restoran," which means what it sounds like. On the sidewalk, a white-bearded guy in a sea captain's cap was meticulously building the hewed-pine tables for the future eatery. I asked what they'd be serving. "Mainly Georgian food, with some Russian dishes," he answered. I lit right up. I've never been to *that* Georgia (few have), but hey, I've got a cookbook. Right next door to Turkey and Armenia, the country is a bridge between Russia and the Middle East, with its own distinctive identity. Heaps of fresh herbs, intricate spice blends, and a free hand with garlic and hot peppers separate its cuisine decisively from the rooty, filler-up fare of the steppes.

The "sea captain" — who turned out to be chef Jon Skorepa — has done a great job with the decor. There are charmingly funky sidewalk patios both front and side, with old bar furniture and wooden benches amended by twiggy sculptures and huge potted plants. Inside, you choose a seat (chair or banquette) at one of the rustic-looking tables. An old white piano divides the room, and a small samovar (an elaborate Russian tea machine) dangles antically from a ceiling alcove. Staff and patrons have decorated the walls with graffiti in 30-odd languages — English, Spanish, Russian, German, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, and Nerdish (WingDing font) among them — registering warm comments about the food, poetic thoughts about life, or racy puns about whatever. One command on the ceiling says, "Stop looking up and eat." Even the unisex rest room carries on the elfin spirit, with a laughable list of commandments posted on the toilet lid. A loop of Slavic songs — some emotional, others amused at life's foibles — plays quietly on weeknights and loudly on weekends. Georgia-born co-owner Marko Zhukov usually occupies the cor-



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ner table, overseeing business, manning the phone, hanging out.

The staff and the menu are a map of the former USSR. Chef Jon is Irish-Czech-American, his sous chef is Ukrainian-born Tanya Makarevich, and even Latvian waitress Elvira (quite a dish herself) contributes to the ever-changing fare. The tongue-in-cheek paper menu is not even remotely graven in stone: There are numerous ways to cook most of the listed dishes, and Jon varies them according to his mood and the quality of the day's ingredients. He's a food scholar, and as a chef he's more like some savvy Eastern European grandmother, with a whole culinary heritage ready to pour out of his pots. Not only may the dishes diverge from their fanciful descriptions, but a huge off-menu repertoire shows up in nightly specials or as made-to-order treats for regular customers. Obviously it pays to become a regular here. Even at my second dinner, they brought me more interesting side dishes than the first time.

No matter the specific region of a dish, Jon's

likely to cook it with Georgian flair. Take the borscht (beet soup), for instance. (Yes, take it! You'll thank me later!) This is not your mother's borscht, if your mother (like mine) drank a cerise-colored purée made by Manishevitz, poured cold from bottle to bowl. I can't bear that, but for over a decade, I've been searching for a borscht to equal the meaty, dilly Ukrainian-style manna served hot at the lovely Yak and Yeti hotel in

scenic downtown Katmandu. Pomegranate's version actually beats — oops, beats — that one. The vibrant, chunky mixture of potatoes, beets, carrots, tomato, red pepper, cabbage, and beef is built on a rich soup base of marrow bones and meat, finished off with a jungle of fresh dill, cilantro, and tarragon, plus an optional dollop of sour cream to crown the princely potion. (Stir it in and swoon.)

The appetizer list features an array of salads and veggie dishes. No accident: Not only does any serious Slavic meal start with an array of *zakuskie* (appetizers), but the calendar of Georgia's Orthodox Church requires numerous meatless, dairyless fast days. Perhaps this is why Georgians (like

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant

★★★½ (Very good to excellent)

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HOURS: Dinner nightly, 5:00–10:00 p.m.; weekends until 11:00. Saturday and Sunday blini breakfast, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers and soups, \$4.50–\$8.75; entrées, \$10.50–\$18.50; desserts, \$5.50–\$6.75

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Georgian cuisine and select dishes from other Slavic countries. Unwritten wine list includes Georgian red wine at \$35/bottle, Chilean merlot by the glass (\$6); low-alcohol vodka at \$7 per inch. Beers include Pilsner Urquell, Russian stout.

PICK HITS: Borsht, Salat Olivier, Lobio bean dip, Lamb Shashlik, Chakapuli (lamb stew).

NEED TO KNOW: Street parking, as the menu says, is "survival of the fittest." Credit cards accepted but cash preferred. At least ten vegetarian choices, call ahead for more. Shashlik served on weekends only. Many off-menu specials, including veggie appetizer sampler (\$12.50). Reservations advisable for large parties, weekends.

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Ethiopians and East Indians, with similar prescriptions) were so quick to embrace the flavor blast of hot peppers from the New World. If you gotta live on veggies — jazz 'em up!

One famed starter is Salat Olivier, the creation of the French chef (M. Olivier) who ran a snooty Moscow restaurant in the 1860s, when all upper-class Russians were trying to be French. When this

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full-flavored mayo salad rebounded to France, it was called Salade à la Russe. Americans were soon calling it Russian salad and your great-grandma probably served it to her bridge club. Pomegranate’s refreshing rendition has rich Russian mayo dotted with peas, hard-cooked egg, cubes of potatoes, carrots, cukes and pickles, lots of fresh herbs, plus a foodstuff that Russians never use and Georgians utterly adore: corn kernels. Geographically similar to California (from sea to Sierra), Georgia was quick to adopt a wide range of New World foods, which grow there easily. In one region of the country (believe it, honeychile), cornmeal grits are actually a staple.

“*Lobio*,” says Marko, “is Georgian fast food,” a bean dip served at every taco-stand equivalent on the road or in the marketplace. His version is a purée of pinto beans, several types of onions, and nine spices (including semi-hot Bulgarian chili powder), wafted with feta cheese, chopped walnuts, and fresh pomegranate seeds. As you’ll see, walnuts and pomegranate are two of the major players at the Georgian table — character actors in vivid supporting roles. One of my tablemates, nicknamed Colorado (for his birthplace), was enjoying his life’s first encounter with Slavic cookery. He not only scooped up most of the *lobio* himself, he nearly licked the bowl clean.

Ajap sandali is an Iranian-style eggplant stew. (Iran overran Georgia and kept it in thrall for 400 years, passing on lots of great cuisine.) It’s flavored with Georgia’s currylike spice mixture, called *khmeli-suneli*, named after a Georgian pop-singing duo who only lip-synched. It’s weighty for an appetizer; I prefer it as an entrée accompaniment, but it’s also available as a vegetarian main course. (Ask for basmati rice as its side dish.) *Khachapuri* are turnovers of filo dough, resembling Greek *tyropita* but improved

by the addition of fresh tomato, dill, and scallion to the feta cheese filling. *Khinkali*, Georgian dumplings, are pasta wrappers shaped like overgrown Hershey’s Kisses, dotted with hot chili paste, encasing tasty lamb-pork-turkey mincemeat stuffing. The waitress will show you how to pick one up by its doughy little topknot (meant to be left over) and take a nip from the bottom to let the savory juices flow into your mouth. *Pelmeni* are similar but a little more staid — Siberian ravioli with a different mincemeat (beef replaces lamb) in a thin yogurt and dill sauce, which Tanya cooks in the Ukrainian style. A vegetable dish called *Pkhali* can show up in several versions — with eggplant, cabbage, radish, etc., as the primary element. The one I enjoyed at my last dinner resembled a velvety, very herbal tabouli, with chopped walnuts replacing bulgur wheat and minced young spinach serving as the boss of all the greenery.

Among the entrées, the best-known and most gala is *shashlik*, served on weekends only. (Cooking it is apparently labor intensive.) You have a choice of pork loin, chicken, vegetables, lamb, or fish, grilled over hickory and grapevine cuttings. Sometimes the marinade is yogurt, other times it’s pomegranate juice. I chose lamb and deliberately didn’t specify the doneness to learn what the cook would choose. He chose perfectly — the meat was rosy, medium-rare, richly marinated in sweet-sour pomegranate juice, strewn with slim red-onion slivers, and accompanied by wonderfully smoky Japanese eggplant, zucchini, and tomato. Alongside was a heap of kasha — buckwheat groats, which taste something like barley and have a texture resembling brown rice. With this entrée, Jon splashes the grain with pomegranate juice and punctuates it with rehydrated shiitake mushrooms to lend another texture.

Marko spent some time in

Texas before landing in San Diego and fell in love with that state’s barbecue. His first restaurant was, appropriately, a Texas-style barbecue joint in Mira Mesa (which the current owners have named Abbey’s Real Texas BBQ). At Pomegranate, he and Jon serve Russian/Georgian barbecue, slow-smoked in a device that Jon built himself. The Russian “Q” features beef, and the Georgian version has moist, fall-apart pork shoulder butt, both redolent with smoke flavor and lightly daubed with a dark, sophisticated semi-sweet honey-based sauce. (You’re not in Texas anymore.) With barbecue, you get a choice of two sides, including a dish called “Red October,” a crisp, lemony slaw of green cabbage dyed red with beet juice, studded with green and Kalamata olives and a little feta. I hunted but never did find Sean Connery hiding among the shreds.

Jon also cold-smokes rainbow trout (or, sometimes, Atlantic salmon) and serves it chilled as an entrée. The trout tastes like the best-quality smoked whitefish you can buy from Jewish delis — *in New York, not here!* The flesh is sweetly smoky but moist, fatty, rich — not shriveled and dry, like here! If you’re eating with a group and don’t want a cold entrée, consider it for a deluxe appetizer. Me, I’m thinking takeout for Sunday mornings with the *New York Times*.

An order of Chicken Tabaka brings a whole Cornish game hen, split down the breast, and splayed out flat like roadkill. Simple but delicious, it’s sautéed under a heavy weight (“a flat river rock,” the menu claims), making the skin very crisp and the meat tender. Our order arrived lightly dressed with pomegranate seeds and juice and scattered with a few walnuts. (Sometimes it’s rubbed with a Georgian-style sour plum relish, Marko says.)

The bill of fare features several interesting stews, all jam-packed with fresh herbs and several types of sautéed onions.

(Yellow and red onions, scallions, and leeks are all mainstays of this cuisine and are often used all together, while marigold greens are among the exotic greenery.) *Chakhokhbili* is a casserole of a chicken hindquarter with onions, tomatoes, whole garlic cloves, bay leaves, herbs, and lemon juice, braised in the oven until the meat falls off the bones. *Zharkoyie* (Marko’s favorite, but not mine) is a dark beef stew with prunes and onions; its flavor is interesting, but the beef chunks were dry-textured. One night, Jon felt like cooking *chakapuli*, a marvelous off-menu mixture of lamb shanks and lamb leg chunks in a fruity wine sauce and with enough cilantro cooked in to count as a green vegetable. The shank bones were sawed through to let the marrow and juices enrich the liquid.

And what would a Russian restaurant be without *golubsi* (stuffed cabbage)? The recipe changes nightly here, according to the position of the stars. Sometimes they cook it Ukrainian, sometimes Russian, or Georgian, or even vegetarian. The version I tasted was unlike any I’ve had before. The filling was very light, even though it included no rice. (Milk-soaked white bread and ground turkey are among the secrets.) The cabbage was dark-green Savoy, which is more digestible as well as more flexible than white cabbage, and the coral-colored sauce sang with red bell pepper under its swirl of sour cream. Colorado vacuumed this dish right up.

For side dishes to go with your entrées, the best strategy is to wangle for one of everything they’ve got that night. Along with — or instead of — kasha, you can choose halved red potatoes, their cut sides crisp and brown. A lively salad of blanched green beans scattered with pomegranate seeds, ripe tomato (in January!), onion, and fresh herbs is brightened with fresh lemon juice and a touch of hot pepper. As a rule, Georgian

dishes are lightly salted, if at all, with lemon juice as an effective substitute. No wonder these people live long lives!

Many desserts are listed, but few are served. The Napoleon Torte isn’t the creamy French pastry associated with the name, but a heavy, layered Ukrainian honey cake. A lighter choice is a baked apple stuffed with walnuts and dried fruits, which comes with a scoop of vanilla ice cream drizzled with pomegranate sauce. The brave find a challenge in Toad Sweat Ice Cream, vanilla with a syrup of molasses and fiery habanero chilies. You can conclude with the sludgiest Turkish coffee I’ve ever tasted (it’s a tad steep at \$4.50 per cup), or at any point in the meal, you can venture into the “Vodka by the inch” camp. The vodka is “lite,” with just 22 percent alcohol and a pleasant flavoring of orange peel. The waitress sets the bottle on your table and measures the height of the contents. She hands out little glasses and leaves the bottle there for you. When you’re done drinking, she measures what’s left in the bottle, and charges \$7 per inch for what you’ve consumed. (An inch is about four light shots’ worth.) The stuff goes down smooth, tempting you onward. Be careful, or it’ll make a Slav of you.

ABOUT THE CHEF

When I called Pomegranate, I interviewed both owners but mainly spoke with Marko. Jon, the chef partner, had to run back to the kitchen and resume cooking. So here’s their collective story.

Marko Zhukov is a Georgian Jew. He was a newspaper stringer, forced to leave his country in 1982. Jon Skorepa is his partner and Pomegranate’s chef, an arrangement that grew out of a rotating neighborhood potluck.

“I worked as a book designer for the publisher Harcourt Brace Jovanovich,” Marko began. “When Mr. Jovanovich

opened a branch in San Diego, that’s how I got here. Then he got into a fight with Rupert Murdoch, lost all his money, and died. My former wife worked for the Lakeland Air Force Base in Texas, where I fell in love with Texas barbecue in San Antonio and Dallas — the mesquite, I love it! I discovered the way the Americans cooked beef and pork was the same as we [did] in the mountains of Georgia. So I opened Lone Star Barbecue in Mira Mesa. Then I opened Russia House on Adams Avenue. I sold it in 1999.”

During his few years’ hiatus from the restaurant business, Marko came up with the idea for Pomegranate. In the meanwhile, he’d gotten to know his across-the-street neighbor, Jon. “Because Jon is an excellent hunter and fisherman,” Marko recalls, “he would gather all the neighborhood together, with our wives, kids, and every week would we change to a different household and cook for each other.”

Jon is a man of many skills: an outdoorsman with a BS in mariculture (scientific fish farming). “He knows food because he’s a hunter,” says Marko. “He understands the meaning when he kills something — why the meat should be this color or that color. He’s [also] a great reader. He goes through the books that I brought from my country. They’re in English — the English language is penetrating our culture on a serious level. Before, it was [just] Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald. Now it’s people who want to understand American movies. So there’s a lot in English; our people are married now to America.

I asked whether the kitchen has changed anything in the food to meet San Diego’s somewhat narrow food tastes. “No, I don’t want to please the culture of San Diegans. No, no, no. We are regional; we are original. Ours is a culture of water and wine, not Coca-Cola.” ■



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"Next time we'll bring signs," he says. "Will clean your windshield for a buffalo burger."

This coming year," says Hank, "we're gonna have more *fun*. And we're going to move up a notch. This coming year..."

"Yeah, yeah, yeah. How about this coming beer?"

Pursuant to his intention of "moving up a notch," Hank has hauled me up here to La Jolla to sample a watering hole — and to learn to mix with our more sophisticated brethren.

'Course, moving up's great till you face the food check. What with the holiday season and Carla's birthday — plunk in the middle of it — my pockets are so light right now, I carry sandbags.

But Hank is determined. "Happy hour, dude. Four to seven. Half an hour left." Plus, he's just over the flu. Least, I *hope* he has gotten over it. I walk upwind of him, just in case.

"This is it," he says, just past a Blockbuster.

In the dark, it takes a moment. Then I see, down at the back of a parking lot, a kind of annex extending from the Blockbuster building, with a veranda and tables and chairs and patio heaters. "Beach House Brewery," says a temporary canvas banner slung over the outside.

I worry all the way in. Happy hour or not, this is LJ. You need Lots of Juice to get by up here. The place is new, open only five months, according to Hank. Vertical pinewood planks line the interior. Surfboards dangle higher up. Your standard full-

size swordfish straddles the back wall. Photos, mostly old black and whites of La Jolla, hang all over the place. There are plenty of people eating and drinking. All ages. Quite a few elderly couples, lawyer-accountant types, and lone barflies.

What I like is they have entire families with kids tearing 'round too.

But this is basically a sports bar. The big plasma screen and the half dozen overhead TVs all seem to be showing different games. Guys sit nursing their beers, eyes raised as if they're at a high moment in a church service.

Hank has already hoisted himself onto a bar stool and is studying the beers. They have their own brewer guy here. Erik Jensen. He makes interesting-sounding brewskis, like Irish stout, a Ruby Brown ale, and for the holiday season, a Santa Costeleta. (Sadly, it's running down quick. Try Erik's winter ale, "the Beast," for a similar taste.)

"'Costeleta' is Portuguese for 'sideburns,'" says Nicki, our server. "Erik has bi-ig sideburns."

I try a pint, \$2.00, happy hour price. Hank gets one too. Mmm. Good, rich, sweetish, seductive, cheap (and I see that Wednesday nights after nine it's even cheaper: \$1.00 a pint). But now I look at the menu, and I know this is going to be a struggle. I'm seeing \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$14.00, \$18.00 dishes. Most are around nine bucks. What with a couple of brewskis, the \$30.00

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we have between us is gonna be shot to ribbons.

Hank catches my look. "Let's not panic, okay?"

I mean, even a starter like cheesy garlic bread costs \$5.95. This gal sitting up to the counter next to me is eating what may be the best bargain, a house salad, \$5.00. I see it has greens, pecans, pears, and bleu cheese in it. But as soon as you add chicken, the way the Southern Fried Cobb does ("Fried chicken pieces, bacon, avocado, tomato, egg, and bleu cheese with balsamic vinaigrette"), you're talking \$8.95.

A prime rib sandwich, which sounds delish with fried onions and *au jus* and french fries, goes for \$9.50. The basic Beach House Burger costs \$7.50. I turn 'round to the guy chewing a burger at the tall table behind us.

"This one's buffalo meat," he says. Now I see it, \$8.95. Jesse says he comes here just to eat this meat because it's so lean. "And because there's always a good noise here. You feel good here."

Hmm. So it's *boeuf à l'eau* or...if I wasn't so goldarned hungry I'd almost fork out for the steamed clams with garlic dipping bread, \$10.95. But the fish and chips ("fresh cod in our house-brewed beer batter") seems a better deal at \$8.95, and so does the half rack of ribs at \$9.95.

"You know, I'm having the salad," says Hank.

"This year I'm going to lose some weight, get healthy."

What's this? Backbone? But yes: he orders the \$9.50 Mediterranean Chopped Salad (it has grilled chicken, with pepperoni, artichoke hearts, pepperoncinis, and mozzarella tossed in) and sits there looking smug.

In the end, I get hooked on the idea of a Roasted Potato and Gorgonzola Cheese Pizza with bacon (\$8.95). Whoever heard of roast spuds on pizzas? But when it comes — delicious. Problem is, Hank races through his salad like a swarm of locusts and is soon hovering over the six slices of pizza I have left. "Oh, come on, buddy," I say. "Carla's got to have some of this too. Breakfast, tomorrow."

"Okay. Just give me two," he says. "And, uh, have another Santa Costeleta, on me."

Final price is \$25.89. Plus tip.

Out on the deck, the gas fire glows blue and yellow in the night. You can feel its warmth. I've got exactly \$2.25 for the bus back. I think the bill's still stinging Hank too. "Next time we'll bring signs," he says. "Will clean your windshield for a buffalo burger."

"Uh-huh. That the fun you were talking about?" ■

The Place: Beach House Brewery, 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla (858-456-6279)

Type of Food: American

Prices: Cheesy garlic bread with mozzarella, \$5.95; house salad (with greens, pecans, pears, bleu cheese), \$5.00; Southern Fried Cobb (with fried chicken pieces, bacon, avocado, tomato, egg, bleu cheese, balsamic vinaigrette), \$8.95; prime rib sandwich, with fried onions, au jus, french fries, \$9.50; Beach House Burger, \$7.50; buffalo burger, with cheddar cheese, \$8.95; steamed clams with garlic dipping bread, \$10.95; fish and chips (in beer batter), \$8.95; half rack of ribs, \$9.95

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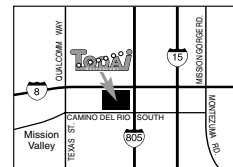
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"When everything turns to screwcap, it's definitely going to change the way that people store wine."

A few weeks ago, Vintage Cellars founder Gene Walder gave me a look at the company's sample showroom cellar. Walder stored some of his own wine there, and the display bottles boasted some impressive labels: 1928 Chateau Margaux, 1918 Chateau Haut-Brion, etc. But, said Walder, the labels were really all there was to them. "These are from when I was a retailer and bought people's cellars. I didn't give them anything for these bottles because you can see that the fill is shot. I just thought they were cool to own." The fill was indeed shot — the level of the wine was well below the shoulder of the bottle. The cork, whether because of excessive heat or dryness or age, had failed to do its job of keeping the wine in and the air out.

"I'm sure that when everything turns to screwcap, it's definitely going to change the way that people store wine," said Walder. "It's going to have a dramatic effect on the need for cellars." Humidity control and horizontal bottle storage, after all, exist for the sake of keeping the cork moist enough to maintain the seal between stopper and bottle. Walder wasn't overly concerned — "wine is a worldwide commodity, and so everybody is always going to do it differently," he concluded. So his original statement may have been something of an exaggeration. But still, what a statement: "When everything

turns to screwcap." Hello?

Walder's collection also included several large-format bottles containing the earliest vintages of Le Cigare Volant, the Rhone-style blend that serves as the flagship wine for Randall Grahm's iconoclastic Bonny Doon Vineyards. Walder and Grahm are friends, and that may help to explain Walder's vision of the future — the latter part of last year saw the release of the 2001 Le Cigare Volant "en screwcap." Grahm had already released his less-expensive Ca' del Solo wines with screwcaps; now he was upping the ante.

My mother-in-law is fond of telling me that since I came into the family, she has begun drinking wine from bottles that have corks — as opposed to screwcaps. Corks were to her (and, I suspect, to a lot of folks familiar with screw-top jug wines) a sign of quality, a touch of class. (Surely this helps explain the popularity of Charles Shaw?) As for me, I still chuckle over Steve Martin's performance as a snobby waiter in *The Muppet Movie*, the tone of disgust with which he asks Kermit, "Would you care to sniff the bottle cap?" And here was Grahm, bucking almost the entire premium-wine industry and saying, "Heck yes!" (I say almost. Plumpjack releases some of its Reserve Cabernet in screwcap form every year, and a number of Australian and New Zealand wineries have already gone over.)

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

Why? It's not just because improper storage can ruin a cork seal over time. It's because of TCA — cork taint — a chemical compound that can make wine smell like wet cardboard and taste even worse. Or, at lower concentrations, it may simply flatten a wine's flavor, reduce it from great to merely good or good to sadly forgettable. If you're buying a 1982 first-growth Bordeaux with 20 years of bottle age and a price tag that reflects every one of those years, that downgrade is no minor loss. Even if you're drinking ten-dollar wine from the south of France, it's a bum deal — why drink wine that's not as good as it could be? At least five percent of wines are affected by TCA — some people say more — and while it may occasionally find a home in a wine barrel, its favorite mode of attack is through the chlorine-treated cork.

Grahm has been proclaiming the death of the cork for a while now. In 2002, he released the screwcapped Ca' del Solo wines. To celebrate, he held a couple of dinner/wakes, inspired by the Black Dinners given by the hero of the Joris-Karl Huysmans book *Against Nature* to mourn his lost potency. *Memento Torqui* — remember to screw (caps) — was the theme; a skull pierced by an antique corkscrew was the insignia. Pallbearers entered bearing a coffin containing the (corky) body of one M. Thierry Bouchon (1585–2002). No less a personage than wine writer (and *Oxford Companion to Wine* editor) Jancis Robinson gave the eulogy. She blamed Bouchon's passing on the



Jancis Robinson at dinner/wake for M. Thierry Bouchon

general improvement in wine quality worldwide and on the consequent improvement in wine drinkers' palates. Taint was now more easily detectable and less excusable than in the "dirty old days." The time had come for something "a little more technically reliable than a plug of tree bark." That something, she pronounced, was the screwcap.

The dinners were relatively intimate affairs; something larger was required for the conversion of Le Cigare Volant. There remained a public to win over, a public that needed reassurance that screwcaps could actually indicate less taint and livelier fruit — better wine, in short, not worse. Grahm needed the industry's tastemakers — the wine writers and the sommeliers. By some clerical mischance, I ended up on his mailing list. Last November, I received a cardboard cigar box containing, among other things, a bottle of the '01 Le Cigare Volant — *Hecho a mano en La Republica Dominicana*.

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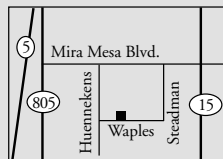
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guide to the “Six Stages of Closure.” It showed only the taster’s hand, adorned by a hue-shifting mood ring (included in the box). I am happy to provide a brief summation. Stage One: Anticipation — “I’ve been waiting 12 years [for this bottle to come ready].” Stage Two: Confusion — “Perhaps this overpowering moldy scent is botrytis.” Stage Three: Denial — “...it must be terroir. I am finally experiencing terroir!” Stage Four: Realization — “This wine has cooties!” Stage Five: Anger/Vaporization (in which the hand employs a sparking toy ray gun, also included in the box) — “How could this cork let me down? Will I never know gracious living?” Stage Six: Acceptance — “...superior wine...with the tiniest turn of the screw.” Also included were a bottle of TCA-infected liquid and a bottle of patchouli oil (perhaps to echo the hippie vibe of the mood ring, or just to mask the nasty TCA). I was charmed, charmed utterly. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

*The Reader’s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of nearly 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.*

NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a “loss leader” featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner’s family recipes: his mom’s Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rose-water syrup, topped with pistachios and

thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great “Armenian salad” and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

Bird House Grill 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds’ nests all over. The most popular order is the “Super Combo Plate” of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

Bubby’s Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The “gourmet sandwiches” really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that’s your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily,

lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.) which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/00)

Fidel’s Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It’s not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel’s menu — but who gives a flyin’ fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it’s gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you’re going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you’re set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *S.M.* (12/03)

Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans,

sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

Kealani’s 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says “Saimin” (for Hawaii’s version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes “Living Da Aloha Spirit.” A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grins.” Don’t miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau’s worth of “local food.” While you’re waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant’s best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day’s worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until

midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — *E.W.*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don’t have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who’ve grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas’s “new people” — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi’s own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green “meat” is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlight-

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Olé Madrid **2 for 1 brunch**
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North County

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Greek Town Buffet **50% off buffet**
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ing seasonal local produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab *panna cotta*, a lush *bourride* seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/03)*

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the “mamma mia” joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. “Casual-elegant” — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce

wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Childrens' and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — *N.W. (10/03)*

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little “hut” has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. “Local food” choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

Centre City Cafe 1680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little “motel row” just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered

at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W. (9/03)*

El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're thrilling, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles. Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's ideal for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy. Reservations essential. Dinner Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as “North County's Finest Steak House.” It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French Continental — think duck à l'orange, tournedos rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. Steaks and roast beef are juicy USDA Choice cooked to your preference. The simpler appetizers and side dishes are mainly more successful than the fancy choices. Dinners include

house-made soup or salad. Bargains include weeknight twilight dinners, weeknight prix fixe dinner for two, and à la carte sides for just a pittance. Good handicap access. Casual-dressy atmosphere; full bar. Lunch and dinner seven days. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access, sturdy high-chairs, low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican

restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Three vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aa-*

pams drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering “Raj”-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/03)*

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

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Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cap-pucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Diners expensive. — *E.W.*

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W. (6/00)*

Village Mill Bread Company 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft

with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — *E.W.*

Wild Note Cafe 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located in the Cedros Design District next to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, grilled meats, and burgers in a casual atmosphere. Friendly, attentive service. Live music at dinner, Sunday jazz brunches, Wednesday wine tastings. Lunch and dinner six days, lunch only on Mondays. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Parce" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Donovan's Steak And Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with

house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Ocean Kitchen 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early

for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Kahana" *shutome* (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but

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Torreyana Grill Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served the fourth Friday night of each month, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York-cut beef and chicken. Excellent value for the money. Expensive. — *E.W. (6/99)*

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(dessert) in the city. Some dishes heavily salted. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convo), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any diner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean diners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/03)*

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Phuong Trang 4170 Convoy Street (at Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner’s daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with off-white walls, black-and-red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for “Michelle Bia.” It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) are all here. The *chao long* (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hot-pots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the “Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice” piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don’t leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the “Korean B.B.Q.” marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You’ll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N. (12/99)*

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You’ll find no dish “to die” for at this So-Cal-based chain restaurant. It calls itself “The Mother of All Seafood Buffets” and has spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There’s a huge array of seafood, sushi, *teppanyaki*, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., “Dungeon” crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before closing, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese “run over” between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an “outback experience,” order up Vegemite (a beefy

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Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the “Euro” atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that’s made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn’t fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery’s menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and care-

What the Chef Eats

POMEGRANATE STEW (WITH CHICKEN)

BY BEHROOZ FARAHANI

Owner/Chef, Bandar, Gaslamp Quarter

This is a very popular dish in Iran. I ate it as a child growing up, and, in fact, I had it for dinner last night. In our culture we call the pomegranate “heaven’s fruit.”

This dish is very easy to make and it’s very healthy. You can make it with or without the chicken and just serve it mixed in with rice. I like it best without the chicken. It’s so tasteful, and one of the good things about it is that it’s good diet food. You don’t have to eat very much and you feel full and satisfied.

I would serve a Merlot with this dish.

HOW TO DO IT

Sauté onion in 2 tablespoons oil in a nonstick pan until light brown. Add the turmeric and cook for 1 more minute. Remove from heat and set aside.

Finely grind walnuts in a food processor. Add pomegranate juice, sugar, and sautéed onions. Mix well to create a smooth, creamy sauce. If the sauce is too thick, add warm water to thin it. The sauce should be sweet and sour.

If you want it sweeter, add more sugar to taste. Place in a large soup pot or dutch oven and bring to a simmer.

Heat ¼ cup oil in a large nonstick sauté pan and cook chicken over medium heat, rotating chicken pieces with a wooden spoon to cook evenly, for approximately 10 minutes.

Remove chicken from sauté pan and add to the stew mixture. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes over low heat, stirring occasionally. Serve over basmati rice.



This recipe serves six.

INGREDIENTS

¼ cup plus additional 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2–3 medium onions, sliced
1 teaspoon turmeric
1 pound walnuts, finely ground
4 cups pomegranate juice
1 cup sugar
1½ pounds of chicken legs, skin removed

fully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It’s light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch

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Gringo’s 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you’d guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexi-

can cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than

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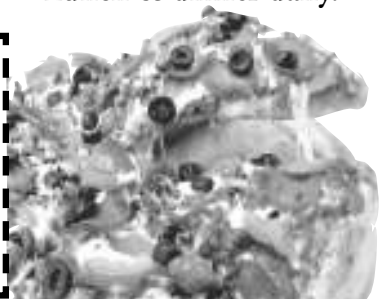
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World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB’s boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished in-laid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It’s often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who’s gonna be food-picky here? You, when you’re paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like “Horseradish Crusted Salmon” and “Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako.” Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n’ turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B. (1/04)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land’s favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you’re into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include “The Works” omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. “Philly Steak Heaven” (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Chicken Pie Shop Of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They’re gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Old Mill Cafe 3949 Ohio Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. They feature nightly prix fixe specials (“Meatloaf Mondays,” etc.) just like Mom did in the 1950s. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You’ll find

richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn’t nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kiffo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say “hot,” expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Jimmy’s 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We’re at the end of the line here, the trolley’s Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast “Eggs and Cakes” (two eggs, three pancakes), the “Touchdown” (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the “Monte Cristo” hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, College Area, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. A delightful, gastronomically satisfying experience. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there’s a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it’s all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation’s old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to “please don’t steal the forks.” But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don’t ask what’s in the “dynamite” sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it’s a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-honey-fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

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RESTAURANTS

Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked

pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* along-side applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Fabrice Poigin's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive, but not bank-breaking. — N.W. (12/01)

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakor*as (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffee-house/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The

Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!" an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Cafe W 3680 Sixth Avenue (south of Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-291-0200. Chef-owner Chris Walsh combines world-ranging ingredients into eclectic, fusion-y "tapas" to mix, match, and share around the table in a lively, casual ambience. Three plates per person make a reasonably filling meal, particularly if you include some starches (e.g., pizza, polenta). Unfortunately, though, the number of menu choices has grown to a length beyond what the kitchen can execute with any consistency. Numerous vegetarian choices. Can be very noisy. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacog*os *cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this

bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile relle*nos). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, home-made, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

The Gathering 902 Washington Street (at Goldfinch Street), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter, but it's been under new management since the turn of the century. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed

in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course *prix fixe* dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street, uptown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the-Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — E.W. (5/99)

DOWNTOWN

Cafe 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-8282. It's worth making your way past the construction project next door: Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard'O in Rancho Bernardo) warmly presides at this "find," a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some California touches. Everything's carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don't miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto. Desserts alone are worth the trip the classic warm apple *tarte Tatin* on a crackly-thin crust... the pecan "cannoli" filled with a dense,

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Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for

the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

Saffron Noodles And Sate 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737. Noted cookbook author Su-Mei Yu prepares casual Thai food — noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) — to eat in or take out. There's gorgeous artwork to look at as you wait or chew. Open seven days, continuous service lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Chef Paul McCabe presents sparkling-fresh seafood in cre-

ative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce. Mussels soufflé and seasonal *agnolotti* stuffed with Chino corn are among the delights you may find here, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful off-beat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardonnays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a raucous noise level when full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed — the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/03)*

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling

hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Diners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéed items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace

with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red

potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show diners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in tzatziki sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succu-

lent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a

Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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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.

Cafe Francais La Belle Claude Calle Galeana, #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade niçoise* (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal omelet* (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriguez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Cid Lopez Mateo 993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a

steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crepes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

El Faro De Mazatlan 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — *E.W.*

La Lena 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak

fluent English, as do some waitstaff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Mr. Fish 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild — there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the right-hand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Rica Torta Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza And Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along

with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'l-ish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Center and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Hometown Buffet 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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Remnants of 2003 begin to turn up:

Monster amounts to a dramatized legal brief on behalf of the bisexual streetwalker and serial killer and (outside the scope of the movie) death-penalty *cause célèbre*, Aileen Wuornos, who just wanted, like anyone else, to love and be loved and of course, as

per the first-person voice-over at the outset, "be in the movies." (Well, one out of three, at least.) The title, you will gather, is ironic. Already a sometime hooker but not a killer when she discovers her inner lesbian with a broken-winged college girl, she goes back on the streets only to fund her budding relationship, to buy a little privacy. As depicted, the first killing is unambiguously an act of kill-or-be-killed self-defense, to cap off a graphic bout of torture at the hands of a misogynistic john. In truth, the killing is far more understandable than the relationship. What's the attraction, on either side, between this boisterous prole and this timorous slummer? A falling-in-love montage to the accompaniment of the goopy old Tommy James & The Shondells tune, "Crimson and Clover,"

will not help to clear this up; and it is particularly hard to swallow the notion that a novice lesbian would be quite so open, so confident, so defiant about it in public.

Her concurrent murder spree has been carefully calibrated to distance her, a step at a time, from sympathy. She lets one john off the hook, early on, because he has never done this sort of thing before and she takes pity on him. She kills another who turns out, through a photo in his wallet, to have a wife in a wheelchair and thus a good excuse. And she kills one who is not a john at all — the final straw — but a Good Samaritan who offers her money for nothing and a warm bed at home with his wife. With that, all bases are covered, as well as the ass of the writer and director Patty Jenkins: plenty of wiggle room whether she would be accused of playing softball or hardball.

Quite apart from any bestowal and withdrawal of sympathy, the protagonist emerges as nothing so much as a cat's-paw for Charlize Theron, a stepping-stone to one of those total-transformation performances — one of those big bold bravura jobs — that



Girl with a Pearl Earring

maintain maximum separation between the player and the role, and are commonly mistaken for the farthest reaches of the art of acting. Perhaps in a sense they truly are, but in reaching so far they irretrievably throw off the balance. Porked up for the part, not nearly to the dimensions of De Niro in *Raging Bull* but easily to those of Zellweger

in *Bridget Jones's Diary*, wearing a denture as obtrusive as a prizefighter's mouthpiece, sporting a galaxy of freckles suggestive of an accident under the sunlamp, shifting her weight in perpetual motion, compulsively smoking, swigging, gesticulating, and generally carrying on like a junkie overdue for a fix, Theron creates a problem of scale,

such that her ostensible partner, poor little wasted-away Christina Ricci, has roughly the presence of a pet parrot. The faultless Annie Corley, who as Ricci's aunt and guardian has a much more prominent role here than in *21 Grams*, and who is fortunate not to have to interact with Theron, comes across as contentedly life-sized and

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lifelike, a gentle rebuke to the gluttony of the star.

Girl with a Pearl Earring, adapted from the unavoidable best-seller by Tracy Chevalier, envisions a chain of events that might have led up to the creation of the Vermeer painting of the

same name: the coming to the Master's household of a chaste young maid, daughter of a blinded Delft tile painter, and her inch-by-inch entrée to the artist's atelier by virtue of her demonstrated interest in and sensitivity to and appreciation of his work — a privilege withheld from his baby-machine wife — even to the extent of improving the composition of a work-in-progress by taking it upon herself to reposition a chair (yes, X-rays have shown that Vermeer indeed painted

over a chair in *Woman with a Water Jug*, but they don't show that it wasn't his own idea), and finally becoming the inspiration and the model for the titular masterwork. The mutual attraction between master and maid, a matter of pregnant looks and the close proximity of fingertips, never approaches the sexual, unless you count the symbolism of the ear piercing and its hymenal (or hymenesque) spot of blood. It may just as well have been sexual, however, to judge by the way

the maid's breath quickens and catches and the way the wife rages when she gets wind of the secret portrait and storms into the inner sanctum: "It's obscene!"

The whole thing manifests itself as understatedly ludicrous, quietly overwrought, demurely melodramatic, blushingly novelettish, a would-be bodice ripper in impregnable Calvinist clothing. And it is hard to escape the essential impression of an envious and covetous outsider, trying, out of the most reverential motives, to horn in on the artistic process, to experience vicariously the power of genius, hopefully to get a particle of it to rub off somehow — in short, an impression of the art-studio equivalent to the locker-room jock-sniffer. (A smock-sniffer, maybe?) The foregoing is a profile that fits alike the original novelist, the screenwriter Olivia Hetreed, the first-time director Peter Webber, and naturally the wish-fulfilling heroine who serves as their appointed deputy.

There is undoubtedly some elementary educational value in the documentation of the clothes, the interiors, the daily tasks, the painting techniques of 17th-century Holland (a shade of yellow, for example, "distilled from the urine of sacred cows fed only on mango leaves"), although it might be questioned whether Scarlett Johansson's lips are suitable for casting in any period prior to the Age of Collagen. The air of scrupulous research is everywhere undeniable: a nice way of saying that the movie feels stuffy, lifeless, bone-dry. And the technically proficient photography of Eduardo Serra, in constant competition with the Dutch Master in quest of that sideways white light, has the inevitable effect (again out of the most reverential motives) of diminishing the precious few Vermeers that survive, first by suggesting that any old someone could have noticed and reproduced the painter's visions, and second by flooding the market with facsimiles. ■

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Along Came Polly — John Hamburg's romantic comedy starring Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Debra Messing.
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Bad Santa — Sick and twisted (and goddam 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, lustful 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 Merman, 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.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Big Fish — Big bore. Tim Burton, to inhibit erosion of his "fan base," needed to 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. (Helen 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 headlines) is funny, but not notably Burton-y. With Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Alison Lohman, Danny DeVito, Steve Buscemi. 2003.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 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)

Big Wednesday — John Milius's epic-scale treatment of three surfing buddies and their California Casual lifestyle is always pleasantly absurd, but its most side-splitting possibilities, in the mock-heroic mode, are not realized until the lugubriously nostalgic second half, when the three blond beachniks must face up to the problems of Aging, the Changing Times, and finally the mightiest set of waves ever to pound the West Coast. To heighten the movie's lofty tone, there's an anonymous narrator who serves as a sort of Homeric oral historian and poet ("Who knows where the wind comes from?" he muses in a philosophical moment. "Is it the breath of God?"); and there's a one-man Greek chorus in the person of a permanently retired and psychologically scarred surfer who now lives vicariously through the Younger Generation, who fashions their surfboards for them like the Vulcan of fiberglass, and who hypnotizes them by campfire light with a hair-raising tale of the Great Swell of '58. Jan-Michael Vincent, William Katt, Gary Busey, Lee Purcell, and Sam Melville. 1978.

★★★ (LA PALOMA, 1/15)

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 tittery 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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The Cat in the Hat — The untested director Bo Welch, trained as a production designer, tries out the tested formula of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*: a sententious Dr. Seuss book, a sampling of voice-over recitations from the actual text (“Then something went bump. How that bump made them jump!”), and a major comedy star so impenetrably disguised in the title role that he might as well be doing nothing but dubbing. The major star in this instance is identified as Mike Myers, but if you were told that behind the cat suit, and behind the New Yawk accent, the camping, the burlesquing, was Nathan Lane, you’d be obliged to accept it without a murmur. Myers has occasion to do other accents as well, and the Scottish and Canadian are more recognizably him. The two-note falsetto laugh, on the other hand, might put you more in mind of Pee-wee Herman, helped along by the surrounding dollhouse townscape. Were it to put you in mind specifically of *Pee-wee’s Big Adventure*, you would then have a useful guideline to gauge what’s missing: originality, humanity, charm, modesty, innocence, things like that. With Alec Baldwin, Kelly Preston, Dakota Fanning, Spencer Breslin, and Sean Hayes. 2003.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Chasing Liberty — Namby-pamby apolitical comedy about America’s First Daughter, who, on a diplomatic mission to Prague, pulls an Audrey Hepburn in *Roman Holiday* and gives the slip to the Secret Service on the back of the handiest motorcycle. Unbeknownst to her, the biker (Matthew Goode, like a young Rupert Everett) is an undercover Secret Serviceman himself. Mandy Moore will not make anyone forget Audrey Hepburn, but she’s pleasant enough company. With Annabella Sciorra, Jeremy Piven, and Mark Harmon; directed by Andy Cadiff. 2004.

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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;



En la Ciudad sin Límites

directed by Shawn Levy. 2003.

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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 visual 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.

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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; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 1/16; VISTA VILLAGE, FROM 1/16)

En la Ciudad sin Límites — The Spanish paterfamilias in the oncology wing of a Parisian hospital seems to be suffering from paranoid fantasies in addition to terminal cancer. Or is there some truth in them? There’s a mystery here, but it has little pull — just enough. Well played by Leonardo Sbaraglia, Fernando Fernán Gómez, Geraldine Chaplin, Ana Fernández, Leticia Brédice, and, as the key to the mystery, the august Argentinian, Alfredo Alcón. Directed by Antonio Hernández. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Girl with a Pearl Earring — Reviewed this issue. With Scarlett Johansson, Colin Firth, Judy Parfitt, and Tom Wilkinson; directed by Peter Webber.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/16)

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

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beefy husband three days earlier, and only a fragmentary memory 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 unpurritan 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 unlikelihood 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 sunglasses-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.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Haunted Mansion — Mere months after *Pirates of the Caribbean*, the Disney studio guides us across New Orleans Square (seceded from Frontierland) for another Disneyland ride-turned-movie: a slender thread of storyline — “We have to break the curse!” — on which to hang the special-effects baubles. (When do we make our way to It’s a Small, Small World?) Eddie Murphy, as a type-A real-estate agent in partnership with his wife, comes as close to a pop-eyed Mantan Moreland impersonation as contemporary sensibilities will allow. And as we learned from *The Human Stain*, the use of the word “spook” or “spooky” in any connection is here precluded. Too bad, because it would well suit Terence Stamp as the cadaverous butler with the cavernous eyes and the somnambulist gait. He alone alleviates some of the boredom between the CG effects, but none of the boredom of the effects themselves. With Marsha Thomason, Nathaniel Parker, Jennifer Tilly; directed by Rob Minkoff. 2003.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

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.

● (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; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 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 'tittle 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;
GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7,
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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 horned-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

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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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Love Actually — A five-week countdown to Christmas Eve, plenty of time and the proper occasion to show how love makes the world go round, or anyhow makes Jolly Old England go round. The writing and directing debut of Richard Curtis, writer only on *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (he herein reminds us by staging, in short order, one wedding and a funeral), it boasts a good-looking image as long as you like your people to look like dolls, a soundtrack chockablock with popular love songs, and a host of rolling-off-a-log performances by such smoothies as Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Colin Firth, Liam Neeson, Martine McCutcheon, Keira Knightley, Laura Linney, Bill Nighy, and, in a cameo as an exasperatingly punctilious store clerk, Rowan Atkinson. Grant stands out, not as a

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World — The first screen incarnation of Lucky Jack Aubrey, hero of Patrick O'Brian's loved and admired series of historical adventure novels, captain of the 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 superstitious (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.

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

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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 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.

The Station Agent — The rare feature film to be built around a dwarf — a taciturn

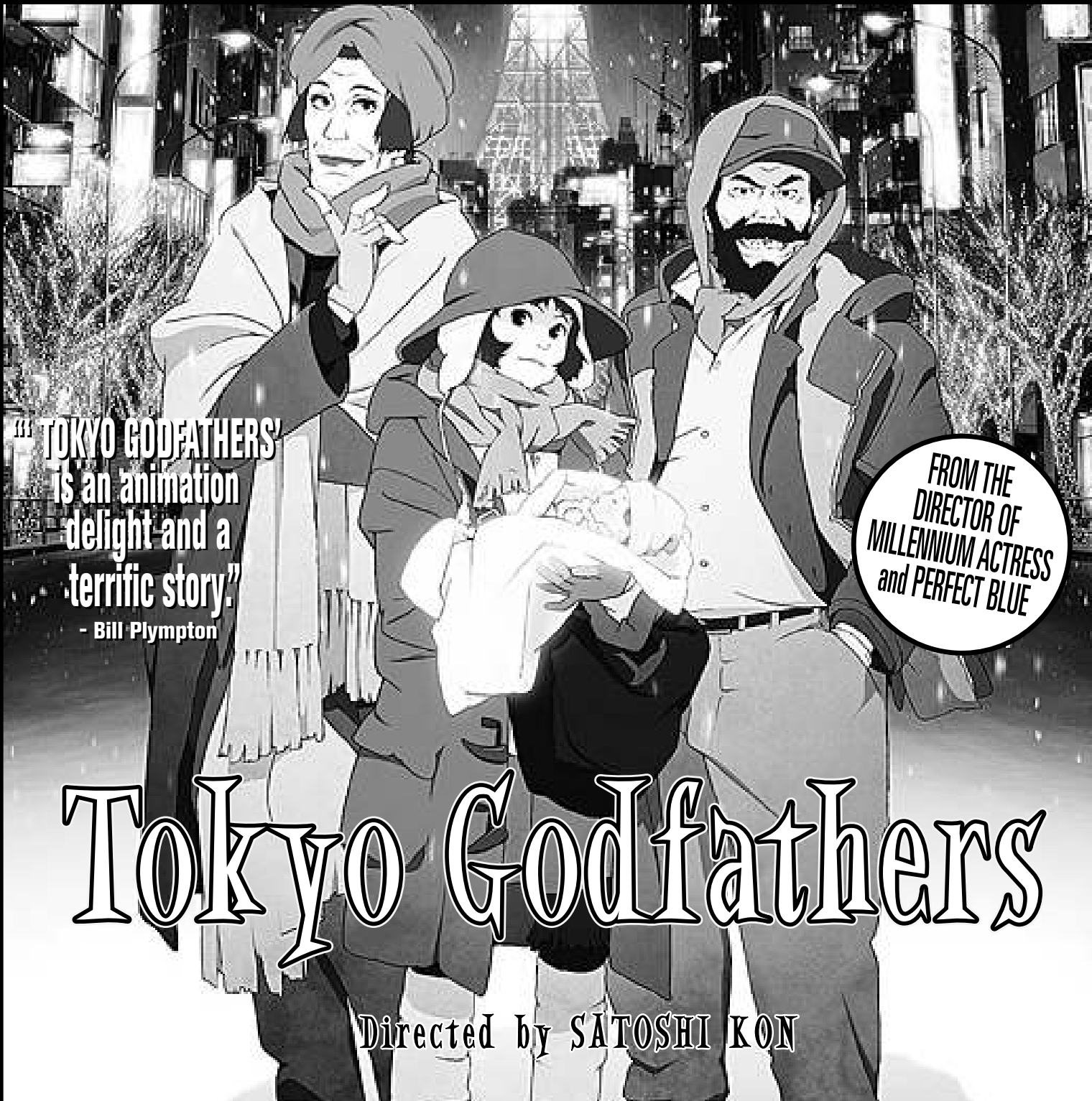
loner who moves into an abandoned train depot in a remote corner of New Jersey to get away from other people ("Hey, buddy, where's Snow White?"), and who instead falls into a web of new relationships with an insatiably gregarious hot-dog vendor, a tormented female artist, an unmarried pregnant librarian, and a black schoolgirl. Modest, offbeat, a bit stiff and clunky, with a restrained and dignified central performance from Peter Dinklage, and a smattering of railroad knowledge. Patricia Clarkson, Bobby

Cannavale, Michelle Williams, Raven Goodwin; written and directed by Tom McCarthy. 2003.
★ (LA PALOMA. FROM 1/16)

Stuck on You — The inseparable Farrelly brothers, Peter and Bobby, do a comedy about joined-at-the-hip brothers, Greg Kinnear 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 Farrelllys, for disability jokes. Gross-out, for the moment, is out; real wit was never in; inanity rides roughshod: one of the pair, in the afterglow 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 courtroom series called *Honey and the Beaze*, opposite the temperamental Cher, as herself, who selects him for the job only in hopes of scuttling the

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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 suspicions that in more disciplined hands it might have been

skit-worthy. Eva Mendes, Wen Yann Shih. 2003.

- (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Teacher’s Pet — Animated family film about a talking dog, with voices by Nathan Lane, Kelsey Grammer, and Paul Reubens, directed by Timothy Bjorklund. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; FROM 1/16)

Tokyo Godfathers — Reworking of the Hollywood Western, *Three Godfathers*, as a Japanese anime, directed by Satoshi Kon. (KEN, 1/16 THROUGH 22)

Torque — Chase thriller with Martin Henderson and Ice Cube, directed by Joseph Kahn. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; 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; FROM 1/16)

The Triplets of Belleville — A French cartoon by Sylvain Chomet, a *bande dessinée* in motion, a genuine novelty. The detachable 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 unflaggingly 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 heightening, the distortion, the grotesquerie, the bizarrerie of the visual detail: e. g., the

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457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
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La Jolla 12
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Mira Mesa 18
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
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Hazard Center 7
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Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
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Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
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Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Disney’s Teacher’s Pet** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:45, 5:00, 8:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 3:15, 7:30; **Love**

Don’t Cost a Thing (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00; **My Baby’s Daddy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:30, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Wed. 10:30, 1:00, 4:00, 9:45; Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; **Torque** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30

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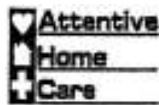
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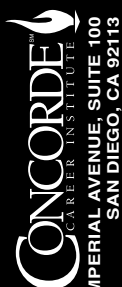


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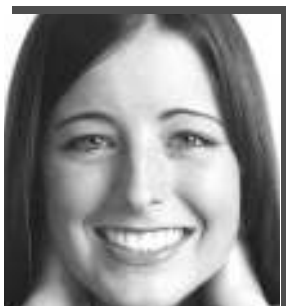
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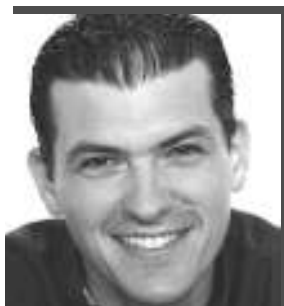
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Elliot
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La Jolla

I really want to stop smoking. I’ve been smoking for something like 20 years. The negative effects that I’ve noticed have been coughing, shortness of breath, stinky clothes and hands, and less chicks. It turns off chicks; the odds of meeting a girl go down if you’re smoking. Smoking is also getting expensive. If you think the cost of cigarettes is too much, wait until you have to pay for the medical expenses. It was different this year because I’m getting older and coughing more. I’m no longer young, dumb, and full of cum. I’m older and wiser. You can have fun without smoking cigarettes, and you’re never too old for fun.



John Sidouski
Architect
Pacific Beach

I’ve made the resolution to drink more. I should be able to keep it up for the rest of the year. I haven’t made this resolution a lot, just every year. I usually keep it. It’s become more and more with every passing year. Now it’s to the point that I’ve started brewing my own. After the home brew, I’m thinking of expanding, maybe go into stainless steel. I’m not drinking my home brew right now because I plan on drinking for a long time today and I need to stay with the lighter beers. If I make a resolution I usually keep it. I just want to drink more.



Rob
Student
Connecticut

I think I’ve stopped making them because I do end up breaking them. I’ve made the usual staple resolutions in the past. Things like working out more often and losing weight have been on my list of resolutions. I’ve probably made resolutions like studying more and all other kinds of happy crap that I’ll never do. The first week usually goes pretty good, then it all just goes downhill from there and all hopes and aspirations fall apart. That’s the reason that this year I made the resolution not to make resolutions.



Brieann Butler-Smith
Student
Humboldt

I plan to stop smoking. I make that because I do end up breaking that resolution every year, but it only lasts about half a day. I’m a weak-willed woman. It’s been about nine years that I’ve been smoking. My sister wants to lose about a hundred pounds, and I think she’ll do it. She was in prison for a while and just got out eight months ago. When she was in there, she got pregnant with her daughter. After she gave birth, they took her daughter away from her because she couldn’t keep a daughter in prison. She had been working out in prison and doing pretty good, but after they took her daughter she got really depressed and started eating a lot. I’ve always been a small-figured person, so she gets frustrated with me because I can pack away the food.



Norman Elmond
High School French Teacher
Philadelphia, PA

Losing weight is a resolution that I always make. I’ve been making this resolution for the past five or six years. Ideally, I would get down to the weight that I was in college. I did a lot more physical activity when I was in college, and now I use all of my energy in the classroom with my students. When I come home, I’m wiped out. My wife and I have made resolutions to make more trips and be more active, and we’ve really tried to keep those. Right now, we’re out here in San Diego. We’re in the middle of a walk, so we are being more active. Philadelphia was recently voted the most obese city. It’s great out here; there’s no snow on the ground. I love San Diego.



Summer Gordon
Bartender
Florida

I don’t know that I can go a year without smoking pot. It’s my drug of choice. I’m going to continue to try and resist temptation. It’s going to be hard. The only reason that I’m doing it is to see if I can stop. It’s only been three years that I’ve been smoking. I started when I was back in college, and I haven’t tried to quit before. I’m really not a heavy drug user, so I’m going cold turkey right now. Hopefully I’ll find out if my memory gets any better, before it gets any worse. I’m doing my New Year’s resolution so that I can say that I accomplished something this year.

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- Where some art films premiere
 - Dooley Wilson’s role in “Casablanca”
 - Playboy Mansion guy
 - “Lawrence of Arabia” star
 - Fur or fleece
 - Rose on the music charts?
 - Request made during intergalactic trade negotiations?
 - Legislator’s cry
 - Baseball’s Mel and others
 - Student getting one-on-one help
 - “_____ & the Women” (Altman film)
 - What one gets for selling sod or topsoil?
 - Em, for example
 - Application datum
 - The Simpsons’ Disco _____
 - Native Americans of Manitoba and Montana
 - Cousin of “ahem”
 - What a quarterback might get after a particularly humbling sack?
 - Son of Cliff and Clair Huxtable
 - Doctor’s dressing
 - _____ Speedwagon
 - 1969 Peace Prize grp.
 - Does a double take, e.g.
 - Did one of the basics of gardening?
 - Expert, for short
 - Buenos _____
 - Hoarseness
 - Go (for)
 - Not pretentious or affected (or the change made to 17-, 23-, 39- and 51-Across)
 - Neck design
 - Cut open
 - North Pole-like
 - PC “oops” key
 - Coast Guard officer: Abbr.
 - Printer buys

- Down**
- Small salmon
 - Rat- _____ (Tommy gun sound)
 - Like some positions in academia
 - Signals, as to an auctioneer
 - “A Nightmare on _____ Street”
 - Go out with
 - Diving duck
 - Left ventricle attachment
 - Pirate’s pals

- “The Creation” composer
- Wield, as influence
- Motorist’s woe
- Kind of park or restaurant
- Biblical verb ending
- Loaded
- Actress Hatcher or Garr
- Olympic Stadium player
- Play _____ (do some tennis)
- Where the first transcontinental railroad was completed
- International lang.
- JFK fig.
- Moo _____ pork
- Added cost
- Leave in, to an editor
- Jefferson or Edison: Abbr.
- Words following hop or snap
- Pound of verse
- Dutch artist Jan van der _____
- Guides
- Maryland’s state bird
- Duke Ellington’s line?
- Uses a towel
- Montezuma, for one
- W.W. II general Rommel
- Fender flaws
- “C” _____ la viel”
- Made a tapestry
- Culinary directive
- Master’s superiors?
- Frequently, to Frost
- Suffix with ranch

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 1/8/04.

Of the 74 entrants, 70 were correct. The winners are:

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INNER CHILD-INNER PARENT Course: Healthy Adults Learning Wholesome Life Skills. Are you ready? Begin the year with recovery from wounds of dysfunctional parenting. Free preview session. Call now! Course begins Monday, February 2nd. Includes Thought Field Therapy healing for past traumas. Counseling for individuals, couples and families with Sharon Goodlove, TFT Diagnostician, and Glenn Goodlove, LCSW-1450. Goodlove Counseling Center, 858-569-8975, www.goodlove-online.com.

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RELATIONSHIP THERAPY for individuals, couples, and families. Office in Scripps-Miramar near I-15 and Miramar Road. Afternoons, evenings, Saturdays. Shirley Olsen, LMFT (MFC38824). 858-834-4080. www.lmft.com.

SHORT-TERM CONSULTATION and psychotherapy for professionals. \$125/therapy hour. Relationship concerns, stress, depression, panic/anxiety, Asian-American issues. Pacific Beach. Christine Moon Walker, PSY.D. (Lic-psy18474). 619-318-0574.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT GROUP has openings. Ongoing, supportive, insightful. Individual/couples counseling also available. Mary Obata MFT intern (IMF-37700); Supervisor, Lorna Christensen LCSW (LCS-9367). www.sandiegotherapists.com/obata.html. 619-220-4680.

NOTICES

ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY. DPFSO meets 2nd Tuesday each month, 7pm, California Western Law School, 350 Cedar. Check reception for room. All welcome. 619-546-4148.

ADDICTION PROBLEMS? Women for Sobriety is a non-12 step self-help program meeting Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. www.womenforsobriety.org or 858-549-3533.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. We need you! New meeting Tuesdays, 7pm, First Church of the Brethren, 3850 Westgate Place, San Diego. Education building. John. 619-295-2720.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH celebrates epiphany, observing the coming of magi, wise men from the east, to worship Jesus as Messiah. Sixth and Pennsylvania, Hillcrest. 619-298-7729.

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AMAZING DISCOVERY! Soulmates identified. Contact Rev. Don, Soulmate Church for Soulmate Search & Relationship Harmony, for your soulmates identified. Deep, healing, relationship happiness. 760-746-7403.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL works for human rights. Meetings: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front (opposite UCSD Medical Center). Information, 858-576-3811.

ARE YOU ON A spiritual path through a healthful diet (vegan), simple living, nature related activities? Would like to network with like minded people. 619-296-2307.

ARE/EDGAR CAYCE. Free. "Search for God Study Groups Success for the Soul." Small weekly groups for spiritual growth. sandiego@arepacificsw.com or edgar-caycesandiego.com or 619-295-7080.

ATHEIST COALITION: "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." Information, newsletter, and website, www.atheistcoalition.org or 858-459-8273.

AURA HEALINGS. Tuesday healing night, 7-9pm, 2141 El Camino Real, Oceanside. Aura healings and chakra balancing. Earth and Sky Church, 760-631-7900.

BIPOLAR DISORDER I RESEARCH Volunteers needed. Bipolar Disorder I. PrecisionMed needs volunteers with a psychiatric diagnosis of Bipolar I disorder for a blood sample and psychometric testing. Participation involves no medication/treatment. You will be compensated \$100 for your participation. Two visits to our San Diego offices required. For further information or to check if you qualify for participation, please call Melissa Wise, 1-800-519-8810 or e-mail: ronnieflax@precisionmed.com.

BISSEXUAL FORUM, North County. 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:30-9:30pm, North County Center, 370 Mulberry, San Marcos. Discussion, social group. Open to all. ncblforum@yahoo.com.

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CoDA. CoDependents Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. Call for meeting schedules, 619-222-1244.

CONCERNED UNITED Birthparents welcome birthparents, adoptees, and adoptive parents to our monthly support group meetings. Visit our website, www.CUBirthparents.org or call CUB, 619-685-7673.

COUPLES WANTED, married 6+ years to participate in online psychology study. Pays \$25 per couple. Follow link to sign up: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=81356262913.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS. Paid volunteers needed for research study. Have you been diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis or are you a CF carrier? Or do you know

someone (e.g. a relative or friend) who has been diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis or is a carrier? If so, you may be able to help us with research into investigational treatments for this condition. Participation in this DNA sample study involves no treatment or medication and only requires one short (approximately 30 minutes) visit to our offices in San Diego. If necessary, we can arrange for one of our professional medical staff to visit you to carry out the study procedures. Participants will receive \$100 study related compensation at the time of the visit. For further information, please e-mail: ronnieflax@precisionmed.com. Your e-mail should include a daytime contact telephone number, or call Melissa Wise at 1-800-519-8810.

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS. Do you have problems with debt, overspending, credit card use? There is a 12-step program that can help you! Call today, 619-525-3065.

DIVORCECARE. Hurting from separation or divorce? 13-week seminar/support program. Wednesdays, January 28-April 28, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Point Loma area. 619-224-1368.

DONATE that automobile, boat, RV, etc. to Ronald McDonald House Charities-San Diego for tax deduction and possibly a partial cash payment. Call toll-free, 866-244-8464.

ENGLISH CLASS. Free 11-week course for anyone who wants to improve their English. Fill out application. Begin now. Gratis. No cost to you. 619-424-6650.

EVENT PLANNER all organizations or groups. Free information workshop. Subject: How to get out of debt and save money in 2004. Leave message for Pat, 619-517-5781.

FELLOWSHIP OF OLDER GAYS (FOG). Free, strictly confidential information. Social club, full calendar or activities. PO Box 4271, San Diego 92164-4271. www.geocities.com/westhollywood/park/9411. 619-298-1388 or 619-702-4586.

FREE BOOK discussion on past lives, dreams, soul travel, and Eckankar, January 20, February 3 and 20, 7-9pm, 519 Encinitas Boulevard, Suite 106.

FREE CHILDLOSS SUPPORT Group, Mission Valley Library, monthly. January 12, 6pm. Bring pictures/moments to share. Kerny@MISSFoundation.org or 619-801-1726.

FREE PSYCHIC HEALING/Lecture Clinic. Free readings for new visitors. Mondays, 7:30pm, 2/2, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3 by Vessa's Clairvoyant Program students. 4305 Gesner 200. 858-509-7582.

FREE WRITER'S WORKSHOP every Thursday, 10am-1pm. Joyce Beers Community Center, Hillcrest. Award-winning teacher. 619-528-8425.

GROUNDHOG DAY IS COMING! Help start a chapter of the Punksutawney Phil fan club and bring the art of elbow bending to San Diego. MerrisSeda@aol.com.

HELP FOR YOUR LIFE. Lonely? Dial hope, 858-277-8060. Scripture, new thought, prayer, request prayer. Recorded message changed daily. Helpful messages, 858-277-2389. Sunday service 10am. Linda Vista Presbyterian Church, 2130 Ulric Street, San Diego 92111. 858-277-0523.

HERPES (HSV) OR HUMAN Papillomavirus (HPV). San Diego City HELP is a self-help support group. We offer accurate medical information. www.SanDiegoCityHELP.org. Call for recorded message, 619-491-1194.

IF YOU ARE A WOMAN, age 18-55, who has suffered a traumatic event, which has led to repeated painful memories, ongoing irritability, anxiety or depression, then please contact a UCSD research team seeking to find out how these symptoms and their treatment may affect how your brain works. This is an 8-week study. All visits, treatment and care will be free and you will receive up to \$200 for participation. Please call Kelly for more information at 858-552-8585 x5374.

IMPORT/EXPORT WORKSHOP. Thursday, January 15, 1-4pm at The Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue, downtown San Diego. Free. Seating limited. Reservations to Mary, 619-692-9648.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Stop crime and violence. Be a role model. Be a Guardian Angel. Free martial arts training. 619-255-1523.

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MEDITATION. Free classes Tuesdays, 7pm; Thursdays, 7pm; Saturdays, 11:30am. Donations accepted, not required. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. www.dharmacenter.com or 858-616-6308.

MENOPAUSAL STUDY for women, ages 50-75. UCSD conducting research study to determine the effects of hormone replacement therapy on mood, sleep, and behavior in healthy menopausal women (nonsmoking and not currently using hormones). 6 overnight hospital stays required. Possible payment up to \$550. 619-543-7393.

MOVIE BUFFS. Interested in watching a movie every 2 weeks and discussing it afterwards (like book clubs)? Please call 858-272-8727 or 619-934-2602.

NATIVE COUNCIL PROGRESS, Incorporated. Nonprofit. Seeking assertive, constructive volunteers (all races, ages, creeds). Pool people here, Mexico need clothes, food, financial assistance. Please donate. 619-528-0907.

OVEREATING? Overeaters Anonymous, a free weight conscious support group, meets Saturdays, 9am, at UCSD Medical Center, 4199 Front Street, Room 3-310. Joe, 858-571-5300.

PARENTS, FAMILIES and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Find help, support, and understanding. Meetings: Hillcrest and Carlsbad. www.pflag.com or call for details, 619-579-7640.

PARTICIPATE in research study. Looking for sexually active men and women who have used crystal meth recently. All confidential. Cash incentive \$230. 619-543-5088.

PMS SUFFERERS. Nonsmoking women, ages 20-45, not on medication or birth control pills, with regular menstrual cycles needed for UCSD study using Sleep and Light Treatment. 8 overnight hospital stays required. Payment up to \$500. 619-543-7393.

PRAYER PIPE CIRCLE and Asi Sweat Lodge Ceremonies to be held monthly. We gather together as a community to pray in a good way. All are welcome. 760-458-4043.

PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM women, ages 18-45 (not using birth control pills) needed by UCSD Department of Psychiatry for sleep and light research study. 8 overnight hospital stays required. Payment \$475. 619-543-7393.

PROSPERITY CLASSES. Donation optional. Spiritually based. Call now, make 2004 your year of abundance! In La Mesa Tuesday night, 619-644-1895 and Kensington Wednesday night, 619-584-2079.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/codependency. Fridays, 7pm, Celebrate Recovery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444.

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THE NEW SAN DIEGO TORAH Institute offers 14 great courses on Jewish religious thought from biblical times to today. Rabbi Leonard Zoll, 858-453-7203, sdtorah@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEERS. Abused/neglected children need you. Serve as Court Appointed Special Advocate. All training provided. Research case, gather information, attend court hearings, lend support. Classes: 1/6-2/3. Voices for Children, 858-569-2019, www.voices4children.com.

WARM-LINE is friendly peer-to-peer telephone support for mental health consumers. We listen, offer support, and understand. 1-800-930-WARM or nightly, 5-11pm, 619-295-1055.

\$200+ REWARD! Full return of two modeling portfolios missing in Pacific Beach since January 10. No questions asked! Also clothes and jewelry of sentimental value. 858-483-5441.

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UP FOR GRABS, have nice abs. Make me laugh. You'll steal my heart, don't be a tart. Pretty redhead, you're 40-51, attractive, genuine, unique, successful. (1/28) [☎61990783](tel:61990783)

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Girl next door, with open heart and nice smile, looking for tall, good natured and energetic boy next door, 35-42. (1/21) [☎61990750](tel:61990750)

OUTGOING, VERY PRETTY, 34, blonde. You: muscular, 30-38, latino looking, homeowner. Both: great looks, degreed, never want kids, into personal growth, and holistic health. (1/28) [☎61990786](tel:61990786)

SEXY BLACK LADY seeking Hispanic or white sky watcher who's a lover of life, earth, self, the beach. You: fit, under 40, long relationship ready. (1/21) [☎61990751](tel:61990751)

54, 5'2", HONEST, WARM, pleasant Asian, seeking my very best friend, 50-60 and fun loving. I enjoy dancing, cooking and travel. (1/28) [☎61990768](tel:61990768)

VOLUPTUOUS, ATTRACTIVE Caribbean, who is humorous, up-front honest. You are affectionate, attentive, open minded, straightforward, honest and funny. No games, no drama. (1/28) [☎61990769](tel:61990769)

WIN/WIN. DOES THAT TYPE of relationship appeal to you? Communication, compatibility and chemistry sought by divorced, white female. Be smart, attentive, adventurous, fun, 60+-. (1/28) [☎61990775](tel:61990775)

ASTUTE, PRECOCIOUS and discerning 50-something female, looking for 50-60 year old, white male who fancies good companionship with the possibility of romance. (1/21) [☎61990748](tel:61990748)

TALL, LEGGY, 40 YEAR OLD. Seeking captain of mega-yacht, traveler or kayak will substitute. Horses a plus as well as international travel. (1/28) [☎61990781](tel:61990781)

YOU STILL BELIEVE IN LOVE? Try me. Single, white female, 30, full figured, attractive. Seeking white male, 30-60, play no games, ready for serious relationship. (1/21) [☎61990755](tel:61990755)

VIXEN, 37, BLONDE, SINGLE, emerald eyes, tall, thin, outgoing. Wanted: white, tall, outgoing, single, fun, romantic, you! Nonsmoking, good kisser a must. Call me. (1/28) [☎61990782](tel:61990782)

SEXY, EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage, friendship, sportive. No previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-48, 5'9"+. (1/21) [☎61990760](tel:61990760)

ASIAN, SWEET, SEXY, great smile, nice legs/figure, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, nonsmoker, financially stable, caucasian professional, 35-56. Let's explore. (1/28) [☎61990784](tel:61990784)

LOOKING FOR LOVE in all the wrong places. Female looking for male, 49-55. Interests: movies, fine dining, animals, beaches, gardening. (1/28) [☎61990777](tel:61990777)

LET'S TALK. Me: single black female, 35, 5'11". See San Diego Reader Matches, Relationship Network. My handle is rdw1215. I look forward to your e-mail. (1/28) [☎61990770](tel:61990770)

BEAUTIFUL, FUN LOVING brunette, 5'3", 125lbs. Seeking very best friend for romance, 50-60, and TLC, enjoy laughs/good times together. Libra would be nice. (1/28) [☎61990763](tel:61990763)

TRUSTING, LASTING FRIEND wanted. Someone to count on, build relationship with, caring, support, authentic communication, time, fun, movies, etc. 5'7", attractive, 44, curvaceous, enthusiastic, healthy. (1/21) [☎61990758](tel:61990758)

EUROPEAN UPBRINGING, U.S. educated, cosmopolitan, 52, slim, pretty, long legs. Seeking romantic Frenchman, tall, Alain Delon's charm, 50-62, professional, financially secure, integrity, kind, humor, loves ocean, arts, dogs, traveling, genuine relationship only. (1/28) [☎61990766](tel:61990766)

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ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, Italian, young 50, mellow, educated, secretary, psychology, volunteers union, Sierra, peace. Seeking Spanish, French, handsome, charming for hiking, swimming, boating, skiing, jazz, folk. (1/28) ☎90774

NO BOW WOW! I will make you pant with anticipation when you lay eyes on this pretty and witty Lassie. Throw the gal a bone! (1/21) ☎90745

LONG RED HAIR, 30, FUN, full figured, Christian, ready for friendship, love, marriage, children. Love family, beach, rollerblading. You: nonsmoking, 24-38 years old. (1/28) ☎90767

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ATTRACTIVE AFRICAN-AMERICA lady, 47. Looking to start the new year with a gentleman, sharing fun, laughter, finding new adventures, maybe a spark of love. (1/28) ☎90773

31, FULL FIGURED, seeking long-term relationship. Me: 5'9", Latina, employed, no kids. You: white or Latino, single, honest and seeking same. Photo on line. (1/28) ☎90764

FUNNY, SEXY, REDHEAD, CURVACEOUS, mature, nonsmoker/drinker, adventurous, fun loving, outgoing, sensitive. Seeking relationship with mature, nonsmoking, sensitive, adventurous, romantic, open, caring, sense of humor. (1/28) ☎90776

A GREAT MIND ISN'T everything, but it's a wonderful start! Semi-retired, psychologist/writer, free-spirited, and energetic. Seeking male counterpart, 65-75, for adventure, and travel. (1/28) ☎90779

SEEKING HONEST, POSITIVE, single nonsmoker, 32-45, 5'10"+, white male, employed, energetic, healthy, fun, for serious, monogamous relationship. Mom, 38, 5'7", 123lbs., brown/blue, same qualities. (1/21) ☎90742

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HAPPY LADY, 51, seeks gentleman companion. I am 5'3", 125lbs. My interests are pets, mental health, ice cream. Income unimportant. Good manners are appreciated. (1/21) ☎90757

SLIM, SMART, BLONDE, 43, 5'6", 120lbs., interesting, intellectual but full of life. Seeking brown eyes. Ready to travel, debate, clown around, and fall in love. (1/28) ☎90778

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GREAT PACKAGE, GOOD looking, warm, funny, conscious, successful, sensitive, healthy, expressive, nice guy, 50ish, seeking attractive, sweet, sensitive, soul mate for monogamous, intimate, committed relationship. (1/21) ☎20324

KEANU REEVES/JOHN CUSACK looking, 28, 6'1", 185lbs., full time student and future airline pilot. Very romantic, passionate, adventurous. Healthy nonsmoker seeking a special someone. (1/21) ☎20347.

EXOTIC DIVA WITH BRAINS and humility sought by extremely successful, handsome, educated entrepreneur. I'm 48, sportive, generous, affectionate and monogamous. Chemistry and looks are essential. (1/28) ☎20369

CAN I STEAL A KISS? Down to earth guy seeks lady next door, 30-60, for romance, fun and nights out on the town. (1/21) ☎20332

HEY, YOU! STOP! Don't look any further. Happy, healthy, good job, no smoking, no drugs, 48, white. Family and friends important to us. (1/28) ☎20380

YOUTHFUL 80-YEAR-YOUNG widower seeks caucasian lady companion for movies, plays, dining, 69-75 years, must dress well, neat hair, be presentable. (1/21) ☎20360

ENVIABLE, UNATTACHED, intelligent, 42, very unconventional. Live outside the box, but would like the company of a dynamic, unencumbered beauty. Athletic a big plus. Humble. (1/28) ☎20396

SURFER, MUSICIAN, businessman, 59", 168lbs., blond hair, 36, attractive, athletic, divorced male. Seeking female

for fun times, music, and possibly more. I'm a good dancer. (1/28) ☎20405

GOOD LOOKING, TALL, handsome, healthy, successful retired businessman, very financially secure, widower, homeowner. Seeking attractive, affectionate lady, 50-65. Dates, trips, weekend romantic get-aways, dancing, laughter. (1/21) ☎20345

Ah Oui, Bonjour!

The new year is here. Let's start sharing the new year together. I'm searching. A French-Canadian, open, honest, sexy, that wants a relationship. Seeking a white, English lady like you. Plus, no games. I'm from Canada. Share an adventure and a journey together with me. (1/28) ☎20385

COLLEGE DEGREE, WHITE MALE, 67, humorous, easygoing, many interests, will adapt to yours. Looking for elegant, classy lady, 55-70. Possible marriage. Beach areas only. (1/21) ☎20359

AMERICAN OF JAPANESE ancestry, 73, 5'8", retired military, nondrinker, nonsmoker, philosophical, and spiritual musician, plays swing music. (1/28) ☎20404

BE MY VALENTINE. Attractive Latino, 44, young at heart, financially secure, professional, very affectionate, passionate, romantic, loving, humorous, fun, 5'8", 155lbs., seeking affectionate woman. (1/28) ☎20392

I LOVE FOOTBALL, soccer, Pacific Beach, relaxing and doing my own thing. I would like to meet a nice Asian lady. (1/21) ☎20321

31, PROFESSIONAL, ATTRACTIVE man, looking for 26-36 year old, down to earth, active and one of a kind gal for new adventures, fun and travel. (1/28) ☎20378

LIKE TO HIKE? Easygoing, strong, kind, fun, honest, adventurous, 40, 6', 200lbs. Desert, beach, Mexico motorcycling. Seeking warm, intelligent, animal lover, friend. (1/28) ☎20408

INTUITIVE, ASSERTIVE, Catholic, moderate, 47, desires smart, articulate partner for romance. Dining, dancing, hiking in mountains and desert, movies. Prefer un-

encumbered, open to age/appearances. (1/28) ☎20379

DIVORCED, WHITE, 65, 5'9", medium build, degreed professional, romantic, spontaneous, adventurous, enjoy movies, ballet, symphony, theater, fine dining. Seeking lady, 55-65, enjoy San Diego lifestyle. (1/21) ☎20348

52-YEAR OLD, handsome, Christian man. Looking for marriage-minded, slim to medium, God-loving lady to help decorate new mountain home with beautiful view. (1/28) ☎20402

TALL, 6'1", FIT, 185lbs., financially secure, 42, seeks slender, attractive professional for marriage. Must be adventurous, athletic, kind, and fun. (1/21) ☎20353

HANDSOME, YOUNG EXECUTIVE, 38, outgoing, athletic, secure, affectionate. Seeking beautiful, classy, warm, intelligent, 22-38, slender, caring, honest, fun loving, cheerful. Theater, music, travel. Meaningful relationships. (1/21) ☎20351

ADVENTUROUS, FIT, FUN GUY. Biking, boating, hikes, desert. Seeking same, lady, 37 to 50. I am diverse, educated, nice lifestyle. Attraction, spontaneous key words! (1/28) ☎20387

STRONG, LONESOME, easygoing, white male, attractive, 43, 6'1", dark hair/hazel eyes, hard working, witty, honest, loyal, fun. Seeking appreciative, nonsmoker woman for healthy relationship! (1/28) ☎20409

HUMOROUS, INTELLIGENT professional, liberal, 56, 6', Jewish. Seeking tall, attractive, compatible best friend, soul mate for companionship, conversation, cuddling, spectacular relationship in 2004 and beyond. (1/21) ☎20363

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, fit, 25-40, good sense of humor, for friendship/romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, well dressed, muscular. Let me spoil you. (1/21) ☎20343

SINGLE BLACK MALE seeks single white female, between the ages of 30-40, in shape, attractive. (1/21) ☎20331

MARRIAGE-MINDED JEWISH man, 59, Seeking Jewish woman, 35-50's, for friendship, possibly long-term relation-

ship. Interests: tennis, hiking, music, live theater. (1/28) ☎20403

DEADHEAD ALUMNI still truckin' seeking female friend/companion for music and fun. Retired military, Vietnam veteran with all benefits, 65, 5'11-1/2", 195lbs., healthy. (1/21) ☎20325

DOCTOR, NORTH COUNTY, 39, very attractive, fit, blue eyes, Jewish, guitarist, pianist, book author, quiet, humorous, creative. Seeking sensitive, smart, loyal, compassionate, growth-oriented female. (1/21) ☎20349

ITALIAN MAN, 39, 6'1", honest, sincere, enjoys movies, walks on beach. Easygoing, home oriented. Seeking slender, attractive woman for meaningful relationship. No drugs, smoking, games. (1/28) ☎20375

ENTHUSIASTIC, TALL AND KIND, 51, Ocean Beach sailor, enjoys outdoors, gardening and reading. Seeking sincere relationship with attractive, adventurous, warmhearted and romantically motivated woman. (1/28) ☎20376

Balanced, Witty

5'11", 190lbs., 40-year-old-male, into working out, movies, concerts, weekend getaways. Seeking slim, 35-45, caucasian female for the new year. (1/21) ☎20320

FINE GENTLEMAN, good natured, outgoing, slim, 5'8". Seeking mature senior woman, 69 plus, joyful in spirit, aging gracefully. (1/21) ☎20323

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African-American/white male, 64, 6'4", 210lbs. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, more. (1/21) ☎20365

CATLESS, SLENDERISH, early sleeper wanted by tall, slender, short-bearded male. 52, (1/28) ☎20381

LET'S LAUGH, LIVE, LOVE. Young 57, La Costa professional, 5'9", sensitive, honest, successful, great sense humor, sensual, passionate, enjoys travel, sunsets, and appreciation for life. (1/28) ☎20391

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship. Professional, 50s, seeks nonsmoking, down to earth woman. Enjoy

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BAD BOY LOOKS WITH GOOD heart seeking slim lady. Nonsmoker for best friend romance and tender loving care. I could be the one for you. (1/21) ☎20329

ARE YOU SINGLE, about 30 something, physically fit, financially responsible, Caucasian, Christian, childless, but ready to click with similar, yet older, mature, monogamous male? (1/28) ☎20373

MALE, 50S, DIVORCED, romantic man, likes cuddling, walks on beach, spontaneous, easygoing, honest, dining out, movies, very nice, affectionate, laughter, looking for his princess. (1/28) ☎20407

HONEST, UNSELFISH, employed man, 6'2", trim, nice looking. Seeking heels/hose wearing warm lady, 45-60, for good music, conversation, committed relationship. You'll like my voice. (1/21) ☎20350

NICE LOOKING WHITE MALE, 5'10", 200lbs., fit, enjoys exercise, beaches, hiking, parks, conversation, local excursions. You: pretty, likes same. I'm 54, you're 35-45. (1/28) ☎20370

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 53, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, mid-west values. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (1/21) ☎20328

LONELY OLD "GEEZER", widower, is looking for senior cute "chick", retired, without excess baggage, who loves music, cruises, tours, trips, for hugs, kisses, long relationship. (1/21) ☎20337

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, STABLE, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 45. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (1/28) ☎20374

WANTED. Super-size, tall, mature lady for casual dating and fun times. Must be open-minded, and have good sense of humor. Let's have fun. (1/21) ☎20354

IF YOU'RE TALL, SLENDER and enjoy fine dining, music and travel, give me a call. I'm white, 55, fit, 6'6". La Jolla area. (1/28) ☎20389

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HISPANIC, BIG, BEAUTIFUL woman wanted to teach me Spanish, more. Black male, 45, young athletic build, great kisser, 5'9", humor, nonjudgmental, long-term relationship. 35-58. (1/28) ☎20388

NO BEER BELLY, NO TATTOOS, no smoking, no kids. Fit, fun, 50s, humor, hugs, romance, intelligent conversation. You're younger, fit, bright, passionate, happy. Committed relationship. (1/21) ☎20327

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, affectionate, attractive, unencumbered professional, 40, 6'1", 218lbs., German-Irish Catholic, clean-cut, conservative appearance, seeks intelligent, warmhearted, unencumbered white female, 24-32, possessing inner and outer beauty. (1/21) ☎20335

READY, WILLING, ABLE, that's me! You: 30-40, no or light baggage, wants commitment. Wanna be dad and need a bright future. No games. (1/28) ☎20382

HANDSOME, BLACK MAN, 41, fit, childless. Seeking childless, fit female, 26-36, who's wanting to be a proud mommy someday. Race open. (1/28) ☎20400

ONLY NEED ONE COUNTRY GIRL to share friendship, romance, hugs, lasting relationship, quiet evenings, barbecues, wine, with 60's guy. Let's plan our future. Race open. (1/21) ☎20361

WHITE KNIGHT, HANDSOME, intelligent, financially secure, 54, 5'11", 190lbs., seeking to meet lovely damsel under 50, 5'5"-5'10", weight proportionate, for mutual, loving relationship. (1/21) ☎20346

ROCK DRUMMER, TALL, good looking, 40s, very financially secure, seeks rock-'n'roll hottie, white female, under 38 years, for relationship. (1/21) ☎20334

SEXY, WHITE, GOOD LOOKING, gentleman brown hair, green eyes, 48, 6'2". Seeking attractive lady, 32-45, dining, dancing, romancing. Let's have a good time. (1/21) ☎20357

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 59, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (1/28) ☎20395

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HANDSOME, TALL, WHITE, very young 60ish, La Mesa, romantic, sexy, divorced father, seeking attractive, employed, romantic, sexy woman for intimate, relaxed evenings. Good kisser/lover. (1/28) ☎20368

TALL, ROMANTIC GUY. 6'4", 52, professional, healthy, well educated, broad minded, spiritual, compassionate, passionate, sensual, sensuous. Sailing, skiing, dancing, music, movies, candlelight, dinners, romantic adventure. (1/21) ☎20330

BLACK MALE, ATHLETIC, built, 45, 5'9", shaved head. Seeking big, beautiful woman, white or hispanic. Loves music. Long-term friendship, chemistry, humor, nonjudgemental, age 38-58. (1/21) ☎20355

HISPANIC, 45, 165LBS., 5'6", good looking, sensitive, active, education professional, enjoys life. Looking for sincere, captivating, attractive, loving woman, for long-term relationship. (1/21) ☎20340

HAVE YOU SEEN HER? 55+, spiritual, sensuous, yoga, meditation, ocean, candlelight, conversation, travel, adventure. Me: black, professional, emotionally/financially/physically fit. (1/21) ☎20352

EAST COUNTY HOMEOWNER, 42, 5'8", divorced white male of one. Fit, caring, committed, lots of activities. You: fit, honest, no games, wants long-term relationship. (1/28) ☎20390.

I WOULD LIKE TO GET TO your side... inside, your secrets, the vulnerable and the strong. Ocean swims. I live in Escondido, California. (1/28) ☎20393

HISPANIC BEAUTY DESIRED. Young, fit, good looking, white male. Seeking young, lovely latina to enjoy finer things in life. I'm cool, you're picante pero sabrosa. (1/21) ☎20356

THAT'S OUR SONG. Stay tuned for good times with attractive, fit, professional, 42, 5'10", blue eyes, enjoys laughter, jazz,

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EARLY RETIREE SEEKS committed relationship, maybe marriage. I'm 5'11", 175lbs., very fit, handsome (and modest), college educated, romantic, nonsmoker, with Mexico beach house. (1/21) ☎20344

PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN. Teacher/performer, handsome, 6'1", 170lbs., 51, red/blue, swing dancer, bicycle racer, nonsmoker/drinker/drugs, child free, seeking someone with right chemistry/connection. (1/21) ☎20342

FIT, FUN, FREE, SPIRITED, 44, Caucasian, 5'11", brown/hazel, attractive, financially secure, homeowner, fine wine, music, motorcycles, travel, adventure. Seeking fun loving, fit, attractive woman. (1/28) ☎20394

TALL, ROMANTIC, ROGUISH tenor with a sort of macho attitude seeking sensuous, 40-something woman. A published author and opera singer. Let's start some fires! (1/21) ☎20338.

GENTLEMAN, 40ISH, handsome, and aware. Seeking classy, and natural woman. Conversation, company, something eventual. Good thoughts, good foundation. (1/28) ☎20410

TALL, FIT, HANDSOME, confident, personable, fun loving, 45. Looking for that special lady for romantic, and lasting relationship. Passionate, affectionate, responsible. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoker. (1/21) ☎20366

DIVORCED CATHOLIC DAD with two dogs, no smoke/drink/drugs, balding but very fit, needs Catholic sister to ski, surf, camp, and be with. (1/28) ☎20406

ON CRUISE CONTROL AT 73. Share my joie de vivre. Wishing to meet an active woman who savors life, dancing, romance, and travel. Join me. (1/21) ☎20362

SEEKING ASIAN YOUNG LADY: I am new in town. Caucasian male, professional. Looking for friendship, dating, possibly more. I am secure and have no baggage. (1/21) ☎20336

LET'S START THE NEW YEAR off right. Athletic, handsome, blue-eyed gentleman, 46, seeks that one quality fit lady for

friendship, fun, romance and adventure. (1/21) ☎20326

Man Of Direction

We are all hunting honey, with money to burn. Single white male professional, 40, 6', 190lbs., happy humorous, ruggedly handsome, shoulder length blond hair, ocean blue eyes, monogamous, sincere, reformed bad boy, well traveled, educated. Attuned to Jesus Christ but not religious. Extremely confident. Look great in tight jeans, music lover, no TV, never lost for words. Fun, fun, fun. Loves to spoil. Seeking single or divorced white female, happy, humorous, non-passive, a woman of substance, sassy, romantic, confident, limited baggage, extremely attractive, bikini body. 26-33 years old. Friends first, must enjoy fine dining, fine wine, travel, opera, New York City, Los Angeles, and Austin. High maintenance, ideal, aggressive, professional a plus, most importantly is finished "playing", and would like a long term relationship, and eventually would like to go stroller shopping. No atheists, please. (1/28) ☎20412

TANDEM SURFING PARTNER wanted for 6', 190lbs., 46, fit, fun professional, good cook, handy. You are a spinner, kids are great, I have none. (1/28) ☎20377


WHITE MALE, 43, business owner, like to have fun with nice lady, 25-35. Movies, dinner, motorcycle rides. Let's talk about things. (1/21) ☎20358

LOVABLE, CUTE, FINANCIALLY secure, 5'10", physically fit and slightly compulsive. North County guy seeking unencumbered, attractive woman, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. (1/21) ☎20339

46, OPEN-MINDED, FLEXIBLE, active, successfully self-employed, 6'1", 185lbs., fair looks. My likes: information, NPR, movies, hiking, running, swimming, food, and travel. You: smart, kind, "positive attitude", little on the odd side, fit, and not overweight. (1/28) ☎20383

ARTS AND CRAFTS. 39 years, male Caucasian seeks woman who likes Michael's, Borders, window shopping, long walks, Discovery Channel. Mission Bay area. No smokers, please. (1/28) ☎20371

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CARDIFF. \$625 plus deposit, utilities included. Share big bathroom, washer/dryer, fireplace, hardwood floors, plenty storage. Close to everything. Blair, 760-436-8003.

CARDIFF. \$750, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath duplex. Clean, quiet. Nonsmoker. Garage, washer/dryer, yard, walk to beach. Pets OK. Available 2/1. 760-587-8779.

CARDIFF. Private bath, \$575/garden entrance, \$550, plus deposits. Community living with privacy. Vegetarian kitchen, organic garden, jacuzzi, laundry, distilled water, nonsmoker, no dogs. 760-753-0321.

CARLSBAD, VILLAGE. Room/private bathroom for rent in luxury 3-story home with panoramic lagoon and ocean views. 4400 square feet. Carol, 760-450-9992; e-mail, cstooone@adelphia.net.

CARLSBAD, SOUTH. Only \$325 plus utilities. Room available in 4 bedroom, 2 bath apartment in nice area. Beach 1-1/2 blocks, walking distance to restaurants/shops/bars. Kristi, 760-212-6537.

CARLSBAD. \$750. Bedroom/bathroom in 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage. Pool and kitchen privileges. Nice quiet area. Female preferred. Close to beach. 760-473-0538.

CARLSBAD. \$650 includes utilities, cable, Internet. Share bathroom. \$750, private bathroom. Beautiful 4 bedroom house, spa and kitchen privileges. Outside patio/barbecue. Mile from ocean,

nice neighborhood. Female. 619-855-1130.

CARLSBAD. \$825 plus security deposit, 1/2 utilities. Share beautiful 2 bedroom on bluff overlooking ocean. Newly remodeled, tile floors. All amenities. No smoking/pets. 760-802-3180.

CARLSBAD. 2 rooms available in large new house. \$550 each or both \$975. In-house laundry, garage, pool, jacuzzi, new community. Don't miss out! 760-471-1805.

CARLSBAD. \$550, share utilities. House. Freeway/beach close. Washer/dryer, hot tub, fenced front/backyard, fireplace, outside patio/barbecue. \$200 deposit. Available now. Tom, 619-235-2415, x31017.

CARLSBAD. \$650, 1/2 utilities. Near beach and shopping. Refurnished private, spacious room/bath. New appliances. Carport. Community tennis, pool, spa. Secure gate. Call Doug, 760-730-9442.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH. \$675. Bedroom, office and own bathroom, all amenities for 1 person. Quiet, convenient location. 858-676-1898; 619-235-2415, x19790.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN. \$700. Beautiful 4 bedroom home. Completely furnished, large backyard. Need 1 more male roommate. Utilities included. Washer/dryer. No pets/smoking. Must see to appreciate. Bill, anytime, 619-249-7200; Dave, 858-748-3185.

CARMEL VALLEY/TORREY Highlands. \$650, 1/2 utilities, 1 bedroom; or 2 bedrooms, \$750, 1/2 utilities. Off Hwy. 56. New 4 bedroom townhome built 11/3. Private bath, 1/2 garage. matuza@prusd.com. Leave message, 858-720-7719.

CARMEL VALLEY, TORREY VILLAS. \$700, 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, fireplace, pool, jacuzzi, gym, theater. No smoking, no pets. 858-229-4494.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$695. 1 bedroom in large home. Rent includes: Utilities, phone, cable and maintenance. Flexible lease terms. Female preferred. Call Dan, 858-337-0707.

CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. \$720, 1/2 utilities. Master bedroom in spacious, clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Washer/dryer, center air, gym, pools, jacuzzi. 858-603-3897.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$556, 1/3 utilities. 1 bedroom, share bath. 2 male roommates (3 bedroom, 2 bath). Pool, spa, fitness room, washer/dryer, cable. Steve, 858-481-7851.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$668 plus 1/3 utilities. Nonsmoking female. Room in new 3 bedroom apartment. 5 minutes from ocean. Pool, jacuzzi, fitness room. Melinda, 858-205-7718; 619-235-2415, x27739.

CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. \$750, 1/2 utilities. New, sunny, quiet, clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Canyon view, washer/dryer, fireplace, balcony, cable, gym, pools, jacuzzi. Female only. No pets. Available now. 858-755-8122.

CHULA VISTA, OTAY RANCH. \$500, 1/4 all utilities, \$350 deposit. Roommate for home. Own bedroom and full bathroom. No pets. Smoking outside. 760-900-2109.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE. \$550, utilities, cable, telephone included. Own private entrance, full house privileges. Very safe neighborhood, female preferred. 619-770-0070.

CHULA VISTA. \$500 plus deposit, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Female preferred. No drinking, drugs or pets. I have 2 cats. Heather, 619-426-5534; 619-235-2415, x15544.

CLAIREMONT. \$450 plus utilities. 2 rooms available. Laundry, kitchen privileges, shared bathroom, across from park. No pets. 858-270-7374.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. \$500/month, \$500 deposit, 1/3 utilities. Room in 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Near all. Free cable, laundry, parking. Prefer male. Jo, 619-275-1259; 619-235-2415, x31796.

CLAIREMONT. \$510, 1/4 utilities, first/last deposit. Male. Clean, quiet bedroom, canyon house. Nonsmoking/drugs/pets. Share kitchen, laundry, satellite, DSL, bathroom. 2/1/04. Brian, 619-787-8079.

CLAIREMONT. \$500, utilities included. 1 room in 4 bedroom house. 2 bathrooms. Washer/dryer, maid once a month. Male preferred. 858-405-0782.

CLAIREMONT. \$500/month, 1/3 utilities, \$250 deposit. Furnished bedroom, shared bath. Washer/dryer, microwave. Near shopping and freeways. No smoking/drugs/pets. Beautiful, quiet neighborhood. 619-235-2415, x19136.

CLAIREMONT. \$580/month, 1/2 utilities, \$175 deposit. Apartment. Master bed-

room, private bath. Parking. Near Mesa College. Prefer male roommate. 858-627-9454; 619-235-2415, x14788.

CLAIREMONT, SOUTH. \$450/month, share utilities, \$100 deposit. Newly painted and carpeted room in 2 bedroom home. Includes use of weight leverage gym. Jeff, 619-276-6030.

CLAIREMONT, NORTHWEST. \$410 and \$550. 2 bedrooms available, private bath. Clean, bright, nonsmoking house. Gardens, near shopping center, freeways, peaceful street. No pets, guests. 858-483-1984.

CLAIREMONT. \$570 for 1 bedroom in 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Pool/spa. Rent includes gardener, pool caretaker, water bill. 858-220-1802.

CLAIREMONT. Fox Run townhome complex. \$695 plus utilities. Studio size master bedroom, private bath. Pool, jacuzzi, laundry. Furnished/unfurnished. Short/long term. No smoking, pets, drugs. 858-576-4331; cell, 858-353-0639.

CLAIREMONT. \$600. Fully furnished room, includes gas, electric, cable and private phone line. Clean, comfortable, large yard, barbecue and hammock. Available now. Call Helen, 858-483-5344; 619-235-2415, x23351.

CLAIREMONT. \$400/month. Private bedroom in exceptional home. Females only. Share kitchen, bathroom. 4557 Manitou. 619-542-2437.

CLAIREMONT. \$500. Private master bedroom/own bathroom in exceptional home. Females only. Share kitchen. 4557 Manitou. Agent, 619-542-2437.

CLAIREMONT. \$600, 1/3 utilities. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Large closets, spa, washer/dryer, cable/Internet included, 2 refrigerators. Near Balboa/Genesee. 858-279-9069.

CLAIREMONT. \$450, \$600 (master) plus 1/4 utilities. 2 rooms available in 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Washer/dryer, backyard, jacuzzi, near Mesa College. Available February 1. Angie, 619-218-3256.

CLAIREMONT. \$510, 1/2 utilities, \$150 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Road Runner. Near Mesa College. No pets, no smoking. Available 2/1. 619-235-2415, x10778.

CLAIREMONT. Share nice 3 bedroom 2 bath house with one male. \$800/master bedroom with attached bath or \$700 with unattached bath. Split utilities, plus deposit. Garage, washer/dryer, yard. Cat negotiable. Darren, 619-339-8714.

CLAIREMONT. \$800. 1/3 utilities. Large master bedroom, private bath, walk-in closet. Share great 3 bedroom, 2 bath with 2 roommates. Small deposit. Available 2/1. 858-496-3935.

CLAIREMONT. \$360, 1/4 utilities, \$360 deposit. Furnished room in quiet house. Washer/dryer, microwave oven, cable. Nonsmoking. No pets. 858-278-0952.

CLAIREMONT. \$500/month plus 1/2 utilities. Room in 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment near I-5. Access to pool, jacuzzi. No smoking. Available 2/1. 619-275-1414.

COLLEGE AREA. \$525/month, 1/3 utilities, deposit. 1 bedroom in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Share 1 bathroom. Washer/dryer. Available now. Please call 619-582-2830.

COLLEGE AREA. Price negotiable. Male roommates wanted. Very, spacious, huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath, pool side apartment. Laundry facilities. Gated security building. No pets. 858-292-9880.

COLLEGE AREA/SAN CARLOS. \$500 plus deposit. Private room in spacious house. Includes cable, water, gas, electric, washer/dryer. 619-251-3653.

COLLEGE AREA. \$500 plus 1/3 utilities. 1 bedroom in 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Newly renovated room and bath, room has net, cable, phone. Dog OK. Big backyard, beautiful front patio. 619-548-4363.

COLLEGE AREA/LA MESA. \$520/month, utilities included. Master bedroom in private home. Share bath, kitchen. Easy bus/freeway access. No smoking, drinking, drugs. 619-337-8464; 619-235-2415, x11129.

COLLEGE AREA. One room for \$450 and studio for \$700. Female preferred. No smoking, pets OK. Quiet neighborhood, large yard, laundry, spa, storage. 619-889-8394.

COLLEGE AREA. \$625. Spacious room beautiful, modern house. Live comfortably. Washer/dryer, fireplace, cable, microwave, dishwasher, yard. Female preferred. 619-549-8011.

COLLEGE AREA. \$550. Share quiet home with private entrance, kitchen, bath and spacious living room. All utilities paid. No pets/smoking. CJ, 619-279-9511.

COLLEGE AREA. \$500/month. Roommate to share charming, furnished 3 bedroom house in quiet, convenient neighborhood. Includes own room, laundry, satellite TV, utilities. 619-563-2088.

COLLEGE AREA. \$475, 1/2 utilities. Room available in very large 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment, over 1000 square feet. Fireplace. Near bus/shopping. Cell, 831-224-0119; 619-235-2415, x11763.

COLLEGE AREA. 2 rooms available. \$550 unfurnished, \$575 furnished. New paint/carpet. Washer/dryer, jacuzzi, huge yard. Clean, quiet. Female only. No pets, non-smoking. 858-337-7417.

CORONADO. \$675. Gorgeous Spanish re-modeled home. Spa, hardwood floors, fireplace. Block to beach, quiet street. Own bath. Female wanted. Nonsmoker, no pets. Available now. 619-435-3200.

CROWN POINT/PACIFIC BEACH. \$662. Female roommate to share spacious duplex 1 block from bay. Fireplace, balcony. Available 2/1. Amy, 858-483-5499.

DEL MAR, EAST. \$795. Master bedroom/bath, private entrance, garage, fireplace, gym, jacuzzi, pool, washer/dryer. 2-level condo. Male/female. Denise, 858-342-7662; 619-235-2415, x30186.

DEL MAR, EAST. \$695, 1/2 utilities. Digital cable, high-speed Internet, laundry, pool, jacuzzi, sauna, tennis courts. Close to beach. Female preferred. 858-509-4894; 619-235-2415, x32697.

DEL MAR, HEIGHTS. \$600, 1/2 utilities. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Female preferred. Close to beach, swimming pool, jacuzzi. No pets. Available 1/20. 858-481-5373.

DEL MAR, WEST. \$525+. Serene, furnished room with shared bath in quiet, sunny, nonsmoking, remodeled home. Cable, laundry, kitchen, fireplace, housekeeper. Own phone line. 858-481-5312; 619-235-2415, x10518.

DEL MAR, WEST. \$850 plus utilities. West of I-5. Hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, private bath, balcony. Pool, spa, sauna. Walk to beach. Private parking. 858-205-5111.

DEL MAR. \$750/month includes utilities. Own room and bath in house. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, off-street parking, partial ocean view. Beach 2 blocks. 858-259-0770.

DEL MAR. \$675, 1/4 utilities. Beach house. Seeking female to share huge 4 bedroom, 2 bath, with female and 2 males. 2 blocks beach. 858-509-1959.

DEL MAR. \$500/month, deposit, 1/3 utilities. Male or female, 1 bedroom in 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. No pets (already 1 cat). Available 2/1/04. 858-481-9694.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. \$625, 1/2 utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath beach condo. Steps to beach. Bedroom, walk-to-wall closet, private bath. 858-481-2278; 619-235-2415, x15619.

DOWNTOWN, CORTIZ HILL. \$650 plus utilities. Available 2/1/04. Female, share 3-bedroom, 2-level house with 2 females. Hardwood, fireplace, laundry, balconies, dishwasher, huge kitchen. 619-235-2415, x23812.

DOWNTOWN. \$860. Large master bedroom, private entrance, 2 patios, huge bathroom and first floor are all yours. Deluxe 3 story. Washer/dryer. No deposit. Ready. Male preferred. 750 Beech. 619-808-8600.

DOWNTOWN. \$750. New luxury townhouse. Private bath, lots of light. Steps from W Hotel, Embarcadero, Little Italy, Gaslamp, trolley/train station. Pool, jacuzzi, gym, barbecue, fireplace, etc. 619-274-1900, ukiyo_ei@yahoo.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$575-\$685, \$250 deposit. Charming Victorian, fully furnished, contemporary style. Includes utilities, phone, digital cable with movie channels and radio, DSL wireless Internet, house-keeping, laundry. Review www.newportplace.com. Interested? info@newportplace.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$820 plus utilities. Share 2 bedroom loft. 2 blocks from new ballpark. Extremely spacious apartment with beautiful wood floors, columns, and beams. 619-929-4831.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$650/month. Large, beautiful, Victorian home. Vaulted ceilings, wood floors. 1 room with private bath. A must see. 619-742-3090 or 619-269-2765.

EASTLAKE. \$525/month plus utilities. Roommate wanted. Townhouse, quiet area. Furnished room. Seeking male. No alcohol, no smoker. Call and leave message, 619-397-2671.

EL CAJON. \$400, 1/3 water, electricity. Quiet 3 bedroom country house with mountain view. Easy access to freeway, bus, shopping mall. Female nonsmoker. Linda, 619-749-1116.

EL CAJON. 3000-square-foot, all wood/glass, mountain-top house. Master bedroom suite plus 2 additional bedrooms. Pool, jacuzzi, sauna, pool table. Andy, 619-742-9932.

ENCINITAS. \$700, 1/4 utilities, deposit. Share 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with owner. Direct TV, DSL, pool table. 2

friendly dogs, no more. Andrew, 858-775-3635; 619-235-2415, x10796.

ENCINITAS. \$595 and \$645, includes utilities/cable, plus deposit. Large quiet house. Private phone line/cable. Near all amenities/MiraCosta College. Nonsmoking/pets/drugs. 760-634-1637; 619-235-2415, x25355.

ENCINITAS. \$600. Large, quiet 4 bedroom, 3 bath house on 2 acres. Jacuzzi, fireplace, 2 large living rooms. Share bath/balcony. Female preferred. Timothy, 760-634-9824; 619-235-2415, x23318.

ENCINITAS. \$600/month. Share 2 bedroom, with 2 private baths, big closets, fully furnished except bedroom. Garden setting. Pool, spa, laundry, barbecue. Garages available. No smoking/pets. Prefer male. 760-632-5602.

ENCINITAS. \$600, 1 room. \$1100, 2 rooms. Quiet, modern house, beautiful neighborhood. Washer/dryer, cable, kitchen privileges, phone line available. Deposit. Won't last long! 760-753-1686; 619-235-2415, x13547.

ENCINITAS. \$600 includes utilities. 2 rooms available, separate bathroom, cable, laundry, community pool, tennis. Near beach, MiraCosta College, shopping. Nonsmoking/pets. Deposit. Have cat. 760-944-0403; 619-235-2415, x12947.

ENCINITAS. \$600, 1/4 utilities. Share 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. West of I-5, 3 blocks beach. Nice neighborhood. Multiple decks/patios. Deposit negotiable. Ryan, 760-436-7066.

ESCONDIDO. \$650 plus. Spacious, clean, quiet home. Vaulted ceilings, mirrors, fireplace, central air, full privileges. Nonsmoking, pet negotiable. Virtual tour, http://members.cox.net/pix4paxguy/. 760-741-7949.

ESCONDIDO. \$600, includes utilities. I-15 and Highway 78, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, vaulted ceilings, garage, all amenities. Female preferred. Credit check. Available 2/1/04. 760-695-8717.

ESCONDIDO. \$550/month, no deposit, no utilities. 2 bedroom townhome, garage, backyard. 619-235-2415, x16165;

ESCONDIDO. San Pascual. \$650 plus utilities. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath adobe home on 2-1/2 acres. Serene, beautiful, clean. Vegetarian kitchen. Female preferred. Nonsmoking. 760-746-5315; 760-738-3719.

ESCONDIDO. \$550, 19x18-1/2 room with beautiful view. Private entrance/balcony. Wooded/unwooded, gated acre. Own bathroom, small refrigerator, microwave, hot plate. No kitchen. Cat OK. 619-235-2415, x14866.

ESCONDIDO. \$540 plus security, includes utilities. Share bath. Large room. Wood floors. Good light. Full house privileges. Large beautiful yard. 760-888-9600.

ESCONDIDO. \$500, utilities included. Share house. Quiet cul-de-sac street. Private room and bath, garage parking, full house privileges. Steve, 760-745-4679 or after 4pm weekdays. 760-525-7852.

FASHION HILLS. \$500, includes utilities. Female roommate wanted to share house. Ocean view. Washer/dryer. Private, quiet cul-de-sac. No pets. Star 82, 858-565-7294.

FASHION VALLEY, HILLS. \$695/month, \$695 deposit. City Scene condos. Male/female roommate to share quiet condo. Own room, own bathroom. DSL hookup. Nonsmoker. 858-571-7699; 619-235-2415, x14166.

FASHION VALLEY. \$575. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Dishwasher, washer/dryer, balcony, garage, heated olympic pool, jacuzzi, sauna, recreation room. Clean, quiet. Available now. 858-573-1944.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. \$490. Bedroom in condo. Lap pool, jacuzzi, parking, washer/dryer. Safe area. Near mall, I-5, I-8, 163. Female preferred. No drugs. 619-806-0482.

GOLDEN HILL. \$500 plus 1/2 utilities. Roommate to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo apartment. Washer/dryer, dish-washer, pool facilities, cable, Internet. Nonsmoker. 619-795-1361.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$500-\$625. Rooms available in spacious house. Fireplace, huge kitchen, backyard, washer/dryer. Have 2 cats. No drugs or frequent drinking. Daniel, 619-284-4137.

HILLCREST, DOWNTOWN. \$650 includes utilities. Room for rent. Share 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. For more information, call 619-269-4009; 619-861-1155.

HILLCREST. \$375/month plus utilities. 2 bedroom, share 1 bath. Clean, quiet. No smoking or pets. Available 1/31. Call 619-299-5874; 619-235-2415, x15030.

HILLCREST. \$550, 1/2 utilities plus deposit. Share sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Patio, laundry, off-street park-

ing. Have cat. Nonsmoker necessary. 619-299-0596; 619-235-2415, x21041.

HILLCREST. \$550. Quiet 3 bedroom house. Beautiful lawn and gardens. Deposit, 1/3 utilities. Male preferred. No pets. Available now. 619-296-3107.

HILLCREST. \$525, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Large old-styled 2 bedroom apartment. Dining room, wood floors, high ceilings, 1 bathroom. Pet? Nonsmoking. Available February. Credit check. 619-235-2415, x24974.

HILLCREST. \$660, 1/3 utilities, \$300 deposit. Own bedroom/bathroom. Laundry, swimming pool, party lounge, great view. Near everything. No smoking, drugs, pets. Available 2/1. 619-269-7989; 619-235-2415, x14325.

HILLCREST. \$450. Furnished room and bath with view, computer with desk. Secured gate, courtyard, patio, laundry. Clean, quiet, sunny. Nonsmoker, no drugs. Female preferred. 619-429-8383.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$475. Share large custom home. 4 bedroom, 3 bath. Big room, backyard, laundry, kitchen privileges plus cable. Quiet, peaceful retreat. Female preferred. 619-429-8383.

JAMUL. \$500, utilities included. \$250 deposit. Large house with view. Convenient to town. Laundry, cable, kitchen, yard, garden privileges. No smoking. Share bathroom. 619-669-6918.

KEARNY MESA. \$700. Access all free-ways. Loaded amenities. I have a big dog. Pets, smoking outside and month to month OK. 619-459-3323.

LA COSTA. \$700, utilities, deposit. Private bedroom, bath, balcony. Share 2 bedroom condo with female. Washer/dryer, pool/spa, storage. Female nonsmoker. No pets. 760-930-3911.

LA COSTA. \$800, 1/4 utilities. Huge master suite, sunken jacuzzi tub, separate shower, 2 walk-in closets, private balcony in elegant spiral-staircased, 4 bedroom home. Washer/dryer, DSL, cable, fireplace. 760-845-2905.

square foot home. Fireplace, in ground pool, fountains, off-street parking. No pets. 858-455-8441.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$660. Upstairs bedroom plus shared office in 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. Large yard, quiet neighborhood. No smoking/pets. 1/3 utilities, \$500 deposit. 858-546-8454.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. beach. \$750 includes utilities. Fully furnished bedroom, shared bath. Private entrance in house. Quiet. Near UCSD. Nonsmoker, no pets. 858-459-3089; 619-235-2415, x28155.

LA MESA, WEST/SDSU. \$540. Share amazing house with view. Private bedroom, garage, laundry, fireplace, home theater, jacuzzi, air conditioning, garden and more. Available now. 619-235-2415, x17171.

LA MESA. \$600, 1/3 utilities, deposit. Female roommate wanted. Beautiful house, must see! Front/backyards, washer/dryer, air conditioning, heat, garage. Contact Andrea, 619-251-3229.

LA MESA. \$475, no deposit. Quiet area. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Near SDSU. No pets, no smoking indoors. 2 parking spaces. Pool, sauna, laundry. 619-741-1166; 619-235-2415, x27892.

LA MESA. \$500 plus utilities. Huge, beautiful home, pool/jacuzzi, great view, parking. Female only. No pets/nonsmoker. 619-254-4129.

LA MESA. \$450/month. Newly furnished room. Female preferred. Utilities and cable paid. Deposit required \$100. 619-337-0288.

LA MESA. \$475, including utilities, Internet, TV. Home in great, quiet area. Parking, washer/dryer, kitchen privileges. Ted, 619-589-6122; 619-235-2415, x31991.

LA MESA. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Some amenities, quiet, and close to shopping. \$500, includes utilities. Female preferred. 619-469-1245.

LA MESA/LAKE MURRAY, BOULEVARD. \$525/room. Very nice and clean, hardwood floors, fireplace, close to everything, big yard, access to kitchen, living room, laundry, Internet. No pets. 619-303-7047; 619-675-2636.

LA MESA/SDSU. \$500, 1/2 utilities, \$500 deposit, 2 bedroom, townhome. Large master bedroom, panoramic mountain views, attached bath. Double garage, washer/dryer. 619-465-2967; 619-417-6735; 619-235-2415, x24702.

LEUCADIA. \$700/month. Choice of rooms in 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Great location. Please, no pets or drugs. 760-943-8584.

LEUCADIA. \$650, utilities included. Master bedroom. Wood floors. Tropical yard. Close to beach. Extra storage, driveway parking. Washer/dryer. Quiet neighborhood. Shon, 760-809-2252.

LINDA VISTA. \$495. 4 bedroom home near Tecolote Canyon. ocean view, new carpet/marble, quiet, washer/dryer. \$300 deposit. Male preferred. Nonsmoking/pets. Bill, 858-518-1517; 619-235-2415, x24370.

LINDA VISTA/USD. \$675 plus utilities. Female to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath town-

home. Private master bedroom. Free laundry. Now available. 858-449-8968.

LITTLE ITALY. \$800, 1/2 utilities. Dual-master condo with washer/dryer and garage in heart of Little Italy (Fir Street lots). Clean place. Female roommate preferred. 619-885-1215; e-mail, jin.song@eds.com.

MESA COLLEGE. \$495 plus utilities. Room available in spacious 2 bedroom apartment, furnished (full bed available). Move in immediately. Contact David, 619-884-4523.

MESA COLLEGE. Quiet room in quiet house. Laundry and kitchen privileges. Please call for price and other information. 858-715-8358.

MESA COLLEGE AREA. \$575. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house plus garage. Includes SDG&E, DSL and satellite. No pets/smoking/drugs. Jim, 858-505-9339.

MIRA MESA. \$525. Share large house. Master or single rooms available. Cable and phone in room. New carpet/bathroom. Quiet neighborhood, good location. 619-871-4582.

MIRA MESA. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2 single rooms to share bath, \$650 plus deposit. 1 large upper loft with fireplace, \$950 plus deposit. Includes laundry, utilities, barbecue area, gardener and maintenance for house. All rooms unfurnished but can help with furniture if needed. No pets or drugs. Call 619-275-1822.

MIRA MESA. \$600/month. Room with meals. Small, bright room with private phone/cable in clean, quiet home. Laundry service, utilities and 2 hot, home-cooked meals/day all provided for. 858-689-1022.

MIRA MESA. \$495, 1/4 utilities and maid. Male nonsmoker for sunny room in 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house on quiet cul-de-sac with canyon view. Fruit trees, high-speed Internet, cable TV, phone, washer/dryer. No pets. 858-578-3250.

MIRA MESA. \$650, 1/2 utilities. Share condo. Master bedroom/private bath. Washer/dryer, dishwasher. Seeking male/female. 619-608-9989.

MIRA MESA. \$650, 1/2 utilities, low deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath large, modern condo. Private. Washer/dryer, new appliances, extra closet space, extra patio, parking, pool, jacuzzi. Clean. Near shopping. 619-857-5552.

MIRA MESA. \$465. Female only. Good neighborhood. All amenities, fast Internet, cable TV, phone, washer/dryer, kitchen, living room, community pool/park. Property manager, 858-578-0070, marv0070@yahoo.com.

MIRA MESA. \$400-\$450. Females preferred. 3 rooms available in large house. Laundry, sun deck, pool, jacuzzi, large backyard, big kitchen, wireless internet. 858-549-3197.

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. \$500. Room for rent. Female preferred. House close to Mira Mesa College and shopping centers. Available

immediately. Cindy, 619-917-2362 or Jose, 858-586-0151.

MISSION BAY. \$725, 1/2 utilities. Master in 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Covered, gated parking. Washer/dryer. Morena and Sea World Drive, near all beaches. Josh, 619-276-5243.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$625. Female, share tranquil, sunny, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Pool, jacuzzi, gym, filtered water, fireplace, cable internet, security on site. Nonsmoking/pets/drugs. 619-284-5808.

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NORTH PARK. \$450 plus utilities, \$200 deposit. Male, need roommate on 2/1/04. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Parking space, washer. Smoking OK. Call 619-294-9554.

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NORTH PARK/TALMADGE. \$700 includes utilities and consumables. Canyon house, deck, jacuzzi, laundry, parking, quiet street. Short/long term. Available now. No pets. Schad, 619-865-6188; 619-235-2415, x19660.

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NORTH PARK. \$560, 1/2 utilities. 2 large bedroom, each has own bathroom. Washer/dryer inside apartment. Fireplace, off-street parking, extra storage. Available now. 619-884-1264; 619-235-2415, x18345.

NORTH PARK. \$650, 1/2 utilities. Duplex/house. Hardwood floors, 1100 square feet, washer/dryer, garage, parking. New appliances. Beautiful. Small pets negotiable. Female only. 858-245-9634.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$590 plus utilities. Male or female, share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with parking. No pets. 1/2 block to beach. Available 2/1. 619-255-1004.

OCEAN BEACH. \$645, includes utilities. Huge master bedroom, own bath, quiet upstairs apartment, good area. Less than 1 block to ocean. Possible short-term rental. 619-222-4166.

OCEAN BEACH/SUNSET CLIFFS. \$790. Master bedroom in 2 bedroom clean unfurnished house. Share with female nonsmoker. Parking, laundry. Pet OK. 4870 Narragansett. 619-992-9050.

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OCEANSIDE. \$500. Female preferred. Laundry, pool/jacuzzi, kitchen privileges, share bath with female. No smoking or drugs. 909-223-7486 or 760-967-1641.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$850. Across the street from beach, perfect location. 2-story townhome, room with private bath, fireplace, laundry, dishwasher. Male or 2 people. 619-977-7875.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$500/month plus utilities. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Short term 2-3 months. Female roommate wanted to share apartment with male. Available 2/1. 4751 Mission Blvd. #5. 858-581-0585.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$900, 1/2 bills. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 3-story condo. Beach 1 block, Sapphire Street. Maid, washer/dryer, garage for toys. Available now. 858-967-0794.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$750. The Plaza. Male to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Includes utilities, parking, gym, spa, pool, tennis and laundry. February 1. 858-344-8846.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$625. 2/1/04. Share nicely furnished apartment (bedroom unfurnished). \$500 deposit, 1/2 utilities. Bay and beach 3 blocks. No smoking, no pets. 858-274-6219.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$750 plus utilities. Large bedroom with fireplace, private bath. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Beach/Garnet 1 block. Laundry, parking, wireless Internet. Female preferred. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-272-1400.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$600/month. Female only. Your own room in cute, quiet 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Beach 3 blocks. No smoking/drugs. I have 2 cats, sorry, no other pets allowed. Julie, 858-361-2499.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$525 includes high-speed Internet and digital cable. Large room in 3 bedroom, 1 bath, across street from Kate Sessions Park. Own parking spot, gardener, laundry. Bryan, 858-945-7462.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$500 includes all utilities. The Plaza condo. Garnet/Lamont. 4 pools/jacuzzis, tennis, fitness, sauna, more. Female nonsmoker preferred. No pets. 702-871-0019; 858-274-6953.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800. Perfect 2 bedroom, 1/2 block from beach. Furnished with new leather couches. Assigned parking. First/last months rent required. Call 619-251-2655.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$550/month, \$500 deposit. Female seeking female, share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment (split floor plan). Bay 3 blocks. Available 2/1/04. Contact 619-709-3044.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800. Includes Internet cable, utilities, huge kitchen, shared office, deck, laundry. 8 blocks to beach. Hardwood floors, fireplace, garage. Sea-World fireworks. 858-488-6719.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$730, \$500 deposit. Share new 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 2 blocks from beach. Private room, bath, carport. Gated patio. 858-272-0325.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$850/month. Seeking 1-2 female roommates to share 3 bedroom condo. Great place, just feet to the ocean, restaurants, bars, shops. No smoking. 619-804-1159.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$825. 2 bedroom, 2 bath at Avalon at Mission Bay. Gated community, reserved parking, hot tub, lap-swim pool, fitness center, laundry, volleyball, tennis. Nonsmoker. Must see to appreciate. Greg, 858-483-7578.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$650. Room for rent in a 2 bedroom apartment, 1-1/2 bath, 2 blocks from beach. Available immediately. Call Johanna, 858-274-6486.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$700 plus deposit. 2 rooms available in 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 1 available now, one on 2/1. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, some storage in garage. New! Very nice. 4 blocks beach. Dana, 619-851-5836.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$625/month plus 1/2 utilities. Available 1/24. Bedroom with own bathroom. Spacious living room, Internet, dishwasher, on-site laundry and parking. Clean. 619-804-2127.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800/month plus deposit. Female to share brand new townhome. 3 blocks to beach. Includes everything. No smoking/drugs. 858-270-8992.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$575. Room in 3 bedroom townhouse. Washer/dryer, mirrored closet, high-vaulted ceilings. No pets. Call 760-415-8676.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$750. 1 bedroom available in 2 bedroom apartment on Sail Bay with incredible view. Female preferred to share 2 bedroom apartment with male. E-mail, frwmall@yahoo.com for pictures or call Russ, 619-300-3109.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$850 plus 1/5 utilities. Nicest house in Pacific Beach. Master bedroom/bath. Own entrance. Parking, 2 hot tubs, laundry, maid service. Jason, 858-220-2529.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800/month plus deposit plus utilities. 2 room addition in house. Private entrance, private bathroom, high-speed Internet, laundry, backyard. Available now. No smoking. 858-274-5569.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$600 plus deposit. Share 3 bedroom townhouse. Large room with balcony. Washer/dryer, patio. No pets. Clean! 858-274-6963.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$600/month, 1/2 utilities, \$300 security. Roommate needed for 2 bedroom apartment. Bay view. 858-270-4534.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$600, \$300 deposit. Roommate wanted to share 3 bedroom house. 2 blocks from bay, 5 blocks from beach. Parking, yard, washer/dryer, storage. 619-235-2415, x28841.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$775. Newer contemporary, large townhome, walk-in closet, balcony, laundry, maid. Share extra large 1-1/2 bath with female. Missouri and Lamont. 858-483-8166.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$770, 1/3 utilities. Share large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Great location, parking, laundry, yard, deck, jacuzzi, hardwood floors, high-speed Internet. Chris, 858-344-2236.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650. Master bedroom/bathroom available in 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse with 2 males. Washer/dryer, fireplace, parking, spa. Available 1/18-2/1. ncmorgan@ucsd.edu. 619-972-7322.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. Nonsmoker wanted share deluxe condo, blocks to beach. Large room with private bath, includes utilities. Roof deck with great view. 858-483-1889.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$625/month, 1/3 utilities, \$625 deposit. 2 rooms available in 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-story condo. Inside laundry, dishwasher, parking, patio, fireplace. Available February 1. 619-807-4613.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$608, 1/3 utilities, \$400 deposit. Room in 3 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Washer/dryer in house. Own parking spot. Available now. Scott, 619-244-4142.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$600. Share 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, upstairs unit, balcony, parking. Available mid-February/March 1. Michele, 310-709-6383.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$750 plus utilities. One block to beach/Garnet. Master bedroom/bath with fireplace in 3 bedroom, 3 bath, parking, laundry, wireless Internet. No smoking/pets. Female preferred. 858-272-1400.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$775 includes all utilities. Share luxury townhome! 1700 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Vaulted ceilings, skylights, 4 patios, 2 fireplaces, storage, \$100 for garage parking spot. Michael, 619-300-4121. mspjediaknight@yahoo.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650 plus 1/2 utilities. Share large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, patio, parking. Close to beach and bay. No smoking/drugs. 858-274-8395.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650. Small room in 3 bedroom house. Female preferred. Washer/dryer, yard, parking. 1943 Felspar Street. Farrah, 714-206-4363 or Keely, 858-220-1466.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$750, 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Private balcony, barbecue, washer/dryer, new paint/carpet, spa, storage. No pets. Female preferred. 619-203-9627.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$700, 1/3 utilities, deposit. Roommate in large 3 bedroom condo, owner occupied. Fireplace, washer/dryer, underground parking. Available March. Female only. Nonsmoking/drugs. 619-235-2415, x12631.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$725. Large master with bath, private balcony, walk-in closet, washer/dryer. Walk to shopping, restaurants. Share 1/4 utilities. Female preferred. Available now. 619-549-5188.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$750, 1/2 utilities. Large master bedroom/private bath, own entrance. Very large, old house. View, deck, garage, laundry, quiet. Available now. 858-488-1340; 619-235-2415, x20893.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$650/month, \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Patio, hardwood floors, laundry, fireplace, cable Internet. Sunny. No pets. E-mail, rcole3@san.rr.com. 619-235-2415, x12971.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650, 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Parking, laundry, DSL, satellite, maid. Near bay. No pets/smoking/drugs. Available now. 858-204-1357; 619-235-2415, x20404.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650 plus 1/3 utilities. Master bedroom and bathroom. Covered parking, on-site laundry. Available 1/5. Leave message, 858-336-9305.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$600. 2 bedroom, 1 bath spacious apartment. 3 blocks from beach. Washer/dryer on site. Available 2/1. Amy, 858-274-1685.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$625. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Own room. Share living areas. Garage, on-site laundry. Available negotiable. 858-337-5058.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$675. Room available in 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Washer/dryer, fireplace, security gate. No pets. Close to beach/bay. Available 2/1. 858-272-9816.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$550 plus utilities. Room in house. Private parking. Jacuzzi, cable, internet. Walk to beach and bay. Female preferred. No pets. Temporary OK. 858-405-7880.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$390. Seeking female to share big bedroom, private bath, walk-in closet. Big, 2-story townhouse, next to bay. Washer/dryer. Vicki, 818-399-4513.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$700, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Fenced yard, laundry, cable internet, storage, barbecue. Pet negotiable. Nonsmoking. References required. 858-488-3513.

PARADISE HILLS. \$450. Private entry/bath, beautiful canyon view. Next to Plaza Bonita. 619-475-8659.

POINT LOMA. \$500 including utilities. Room for rent. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Great spot near Shelter Island. No smoking, no pets. Available 2/1. 619-993-6368.

POINT LOMA. \$625 plus utilities from 2/1/04. Seeking female roommate to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Ocean/bay views, laundry facility, assigned parking. 619-602-7236.

POINT LOMA. \$600/month, 1 bedroom/bath in 4 bedroom house. Close to beach. Front/back yard. Next to PLNU. Available 2/1/04. Call 619-226-2930.

POINT LOMA. \$750. Room in nice house. Walk-in closet, cable, own phone line. Share bath with 1. Garage storage, new kitchen, laundry, harbor view. 619-235-2415, x14440.

POWAY. \$450. Share beautiful 4 bedroom home, pool, jacuzzi, washer/dryer, awesome view. 2 bedrooms/1 full bath available for 1 person. Female, nonsmoker. 858-486-9400; 619-235-2415, x16079.

POWAY. \$550, utilities included. Room in 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Laundry/kitchen privileges. In-room cable, high-speed Internet. Walk to park, pool, spa. 619-235-2415, x14210.

POWAY. \$565, 1/2 utilities. Nicest complex. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom unit. Large bedroom/balcony view, private bath, walk-in closet. All amenities. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-679-0220.

RANCHO BERNARDO. \$575 plus deposit. 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. Includes laundry, utilities, barbecue area, gardener. Rooms unfurnished, but can help with furniture if needed. No pets. 858-354-0033; 858-618-2521.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$450/month, 1/3 utilities. Furnished house off Rancho Penasquitos Blvd, I-15 1 block. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Share bathroom. Washer/dryer, dishwasher. 760-612-7679; 619-235-2415, x15348.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$395/month, \$200 deposit. Furnished bedroom/bath. Utilities included. Cable. House privileges. Female only. 858-484-5728.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$600/month, 1/2 utilities. Seeking female to share home. Washer/dryer, gas stove, central

air, fireplace, pool, exercise. Call 858-484-2292.

SAN CARLOS. \$550. Serene home, adjacent to Cowles Mountain. Safe neighborhood, private backyard. Room and bath, garage, washer/dryer. Female preferred. 619-819-6456; 619-235-2415, x32109.

SAN CARLOS. \$350/month, 1/2 month deposit plus utilities. Room for rent in house with pool, fireplace. Close to Grossmont College. 619-644-1443.

SAN CARLOS townhouse. \$500 plus security deposit. Private room and bath. Pool, spa. No smoking or pets. Some storage. Share utilities. Al, 619-698-6430.

SAN CARLOS. \$500. Roommate wanted. Close to Grossmont College. Quiet, nice neighborhood. Nonsmoker. Call Chris, 619-895-2928, 619-466-2251.

SAN CARLOS. \$600 plus deposit, utilities/cable included. Private, furnished room with bath, own phone, secure trilevel townhome. Nonsmoking/drugs. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi. 619-287-9434; 619-235-2415, x19683.

SAN CARLOS. \$575, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Room in 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse, quiet and clean. Digital cable, high-speed Internet. Available 2/1. 619-741-4355; 619-235-2415, x24077.

SAN DIEGO. \$575 with utilities. Nonsmoking female/male, share 3 bedroom house. Freeway, beach, SDSU close. Washer/dryer, hardwood floors, backyard. Pets OK. 2 rooms available. 619-282-7895.

SAN MARCOS. \$650/month. By Hwy. 78. Master bedroom suite plus balcony room plus garage. Includes utilities and cable. 760-745-0482; 619-235-2415, x24513.

SAN MARCOS. \$700 includes utilities. Near UC San Marcos. New condo. Master bedroom/own bath. Laundry, pool, spa. No smoking/pets. Available now. 760-505-7635.

SAN MARCOS, LAKE. \$700/month plus security deposit. Golf view, quiet area, close to CSUSM. Master bedroom, private bath. Nonsmoker. Call Jen, 760-736-0101; 619-235-2415, x17763.

SAN MARCOS, SAN ELIJO HILLS. \$600 including utilities. Room for rent with own bath in home near Encinitas and Carlsbad. Available immediately. Females preferred. 858-784-3168.

SANTEE. \$500. 2 females, 3 cats, seeking another female or condo near Trolley Square. Nonsmoker preferred. Various amenities. Room available now. Contact Shara, 858-663-7060. conanshara@hotmail.com. 619-235-2415, x16163.

SCRIPPS RANCH. \$575, deposit. Includes housekeeper, utilities. Bedroom in quiet townhome. Share bathroom, kitchen, laundry. Street parking. Convenient to freeway. Female only. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-566-3152.

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GOLDEN HILL. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$750. New carpet/floor, balcony, gated, parking, laundry. 3030 Broadway. 619-243-4000 x0.

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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.

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HILLCREST. \$825, 1 bedroom, near the park. Refrigerator, stove, garbage disposal, coin laundry, off-street parking. No pets. 4659 North. 619-222-9463.

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.

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HILLCREST. \$1350. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, built in, charming, washer/dryer in unit. Palm courtyard. Parking. 3571 6th Avenue. 619-325-3700.

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. \$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. \$1450. Adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bath, secluded bungalow. New paint, carpet, tile. Refrigerator, washer/dryer, air

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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 x191. www.utiopiamanagement.com.

HILLCREST. \$1195. Remarkable, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, fireplace, garage plus additional space, vaulted ceilings, air conditioner, dishwasher. Within walking distance to uptown district. Pedro, 619-865-3992.

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HILLCREST. \$825 and \$1250. 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious units, walk to Balboa Park, gated and secured. 3630 Blvd. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

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. \$1075. 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. Cozy 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit, patio, fireplace, air conditioning, nice kitchen, dishwasher, disposal, garage. Laundry on site. Quiet secure building. Cats OK. Available mid-February. \$900. 4136 Georgia Street. 619-269-5237.

HILLCREST. \$1895. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwood floors, garage, patio. Fully remodeled, granite bathroom counters, excellent area. 619-549-4959.

HILLCREST. \$1595. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, 1-car garage, living room, dining room, patio. Fully remodeled, granite bathroom counters, excellent area. 619-549-4959.

HILLCREST. \$850. Utilities included. Marston Hills. Small studio cottage in canyon. Private garden/patio. Washer/dryer. Dishwasher. Microwave. Full bath. Storage room. No smoking/pets. 1439 Brookes. Cross street is Park. Available 2/1. 619-296-2396.

HILLCREST. \$1095. Newly renovated 2 bedrooms in well-maintained complex. New carpet and designer paints. Attractive courtyard. On-site laundry. Xlarent.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. \$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. Uptown District. \$1095. Loft condo in most desired complex. 752 square feet, third floor, no pets, no smoking, pool, exercise room, underground parking. 1270 Cleveland #333. Agent, 619-685-3960.

HILLCREST. \$1350. Quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Patio facing greenbelt, new

carpet, ceramic floors in living/dining area, underground parking, fireplace, washer/dryer in unit. Terrific value. 3405 Florida Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

HILLCREST. \$895. Upstairs. Recently remodeled 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, coin laundry. Cat OK with additional deposit. Available 2/15/04. 3730 First. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

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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. \$875. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Near Mercy Hospital. Verticals. No pets. Available now. 4045 Eighth Avenue. 619-269-5879.

HILLCREST. \$1550. 2/2 condo. Bright, remodeled, newer kitchen, balconies, tile and Berber in bedrooms. Great location (Balboa Park/200). 3421 Park Boulevard. Available now. 619-246-3100.

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HILLCREST. \$895, if immediate move-in. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Balcony. Small, newer building. Perfect location. Call for immediate appointment. Must see. 3989 Richmond Street. 619-299-8952.

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, \$950. Spanish colonial gardens, patios. Quiet. Immaculate. Arched ceilings. 3686 Georgia. 619-200-1242. www.casacalifornia.org.

HILLCREST. Huge, bright 1 bedroom with garage. \$950. Newer carpet, paint, microwave, dishwasher, ice maker, air, separate storage closet on patio, mirrored closet doors. No smoking/no pets. 4021 Richmond. 619-280-4693.

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. 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. No pets. We challenge you to find as good a value for this price. 619-296-7255.

HILLCREST. \$985. Large, charming 1 bedroom in quiet, clean, upscale building. Private entry, gas stove, coin laundry. Available now. 3620 Park Boulevard. 619-696-6611 or 619-990-4628.

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. \$825. 3677 Park Boulevard. Charming 1 bedroom with laundry facilities. Close to downtown. See website at www.dakotapm.com. Call today to see, 858-688-1345.

HILLCREST. \$1245. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with garage. Beautiful, bright, airy, private, second floor "owner's apartment." New designer carpet, vinyl. Small, quiet complex near park. Dishwasher, air conditioning. Lots of storage. Walk-in closets. Forced air heating. Coin Laundry. No pets. 3706 Georgia #9. Manager, 619-296-8802.

HILLCREST. Studio, \$745. 1 bedroom, \$855. Great location in quiet area. Off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. 4166 4th Avenue. 619-298-7868.

HILLCREST. \$1350. Deposit \$500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet complex. Close to all. 1402 Pennsylvania Avenue. 619-298-5918.

HILLCREST. Great move-in specials! Reduced rates. Studio, \$850. 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.sdreader.com/rent/1006. 619-298-3225.

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, 619-298-1059.

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/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$695. Gas paid. Adorable studio in Spanish-style triplex. Front upstairs unit. New Berber carpet. Xlarent.com, 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. \$875, 1 bedroom. Small complex. Laundry on site. No pets. Available now. Move-in special! 3626-1/2 First Avenue. Call 858-483-5111.

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 Centre. Cogan Properties, 619-279-2183.

HILLCREST. \$1675. Charming, upgraded 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with office, formal dining room, wood floors/windows/blinds, arched ceilings, wall sconces, in-unit washer/dryer, new kitchen appliances. 1732-1/2 Upas. 619-742-0488.

HILLCREST. \$775. Deposit \$700. Studio in beautiful condition. Stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry. Walk to Balboa Park. 528 Anderson Place #8. 619-297-0213.

HILLCREST. \$800. Very large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs and downstairs. Carpeted. Assigned parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 3820 Georgia. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$725. Lovely 1 bedroom, 1 bath. One with hardwood floors, one carpet. Laundry, street parking. No pets. 1829 and 1833 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

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. 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/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/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/MISSION HILLS. \$1245. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 3782 First Avenue. \$1195, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, 3509 State Street. No dogs, please. 858-273-6429.

HILLCREST/UPDOWN DISTRICT. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1028 square feet. Security, underground garage, air conditioning, washer/dryer, pool, gym. No pets/smoking. \$1600. 619-223-5858.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Den. Patio. Lots of windows. Available now. 3125 First Avenue. Garage available. No dogs.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$705. 1 bedroom. Lovely garden courtyard. On-site laundry. Garage available. No pets. Near UCSD Medical Center. EOH. 619-299-8746.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet and paint, 1 block to Balboa Park, great condition, secure parking. 619-220-8317.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$850/gas and water included. Upstairs 1 bedroom apartment, 6-unit complex. Ceramic tile in kitchen/bath. New floor coverings. On-site laundry. 619-298-0982.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$725. Small studio with huge view of downtown and bay. Hardwood floors, laundry, patio with barbecue. Cat OK. 610 West Laurel Street, Frank. 619-295-4270.

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/UPTOWN. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, stackable washer/dryer, gated underground parking, patio, pool, weight room. Call 619-296-2787.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautiful, refurbished cottage. Quiet, secure. Hardwood, carpet, tile, newer appliances, hookups. Gardener/water paid. No dogs. 619-447-0360.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs condo. Dishwasher, laundry in unit, air conditioning, carport, storage, spa, patio, barbecue. 2040 Robinson #E. 619-277-8894.

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.

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/MISSION HILLS. \$865. Large 1 bedroom in small, quiet complex on cul-de-sac. Nonsmoking building. No pets. 3822 Albatross (north of Robinson). Drive by only, shown by appointment. Broker. 619-548-4599.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$785/month plus utilities deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with private entrance, hardwood floors, ceiling fans, patio. Small pet possible. Nonsmoking. 619-787-3291.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$795. Utilities included! Studio with large fenced yard/garden. 2 blocks to beach. Recently renovated. Mini-loft, large kitchen, laundry. 227#B Elm. Agent. 619-423-9632.

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. \$725 including utilities. 1 bedroom with office. New carpet, paint. Front and side yards. Pet negotiable. Available 1/15. Mark. 619-271-8578.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1950. Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Nice neighborhood. Hardwood flooring, large kitchen, back patio, large fenced yard, 2-car garage. 858-815-7368; sandiegobestrentals.com.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$925. Large 2 bedroom. New carpet. Gated. Stove, refrigerator. Courtyard. Laundry on-site. \$1000 deposit. Water and trash paid. 750 11th Street. 619-423-4610.

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. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in well-maintained garden setting. Pool, parking, laundry. No pets. 1445 Grove Avenue. Resident manager, 619-575-0778.

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KENSINGTON. 1 bedroom condo. Brand new, gated building, off-street parking, air conditioning, laundry and manager on-site. \$975/month. Call 619-546-0621.

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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.ceftron.com; 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. \$1050-\$1400. Huge 2 and 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floor, parking. Great living/working space! Move-in special on approved credit! \$500 off first month's rent! 4118 Adams Avenue #6. www.ceftron.com; 619-295-1100.

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KENSINGTON. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment. New carpet/vinyl and paint. Parking and laundry. No pets. 4344 Van Dyke Street #1. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or visit www.sunsetpacifcrealty.com.

KENSINGTON. \$875. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Garage. Washer/dryer. Refrigerator. Stove. Blinds. Hardwood floors. Quiet. Clean. Skylight. Available 2/1. 4162 Madison Avenue. 619-282-4054.

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LA COSTA. \$1450. Large condo. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, fireplace, deck with view, garage, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. Pets welcome. Jayne. 760-481-5235; 760-510-6953.

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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.

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LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Charming 1 bedroom studios from \$850. Move in special! Pool, laundry, elevator. Walk to La Jolla Cove, dining and shops, nightlife. No pets. 7621 Eads Avenue. 858-459-8254. www.casalinadaapartments.com.

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 1/17, 1-2pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA, SOUTH. \$750, includes utilities. Nonsmoking. Furnished room attached to a house with its own private entrance and full bathroom. Microwave,

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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. \$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, Windansea Beach. New carpets, paint, fixtures. Available now. No pets. \$1450/month plus deposit. Quiet, professional complex. 858-459-1065.

LA JOLLA. 1 bedroom, \$1600 (add \$100 furnished). Near beach, tennis, pet walk. Truly "In Eden" \$160 Prospect. By appointment. 858-729-0342.

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. 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. \$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.

LA JOLLA. \$975-\$1350. 1 and 2 bedroom garden apartments in village. 7555 Herschel. 858-459-1102.

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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. 858-270-2711. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

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LA JOLLA. \$1090. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Cat OK. Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, microwave. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdr rentals.com.

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.

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LA JOLLA. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Washer/dryer. Hardwood floors, central heat. Pets OK. \$3500, six month, maximum lease. 858-454-8857 x328.

LA JOLLA. Luxury 1725 square feet, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, multi-level condo. Fireplace, washer/dryer hookups, pool, spa, tennis, 2-car garage. 858-682-8131, 858-453-1491.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, great ocean views. \$1690. Laundry on site, underground parking. Available now. Call 858-454-8857 x326.

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LA JOLLA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath unfurnished apartment in garden complex in the Village. Appliances, parking, extra storage. 7417 Herschel Avenue. 858-459-8789; cell, 323-365-8084.

LA JOLLA. \$1675. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. 2 blocks to beach, washer/dryer. New paint, new carpet. Small yard. Available 2/1. 858-454-6597.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Unfurnished/furnished. Charming, stylish, yard and gardener. 3 blocks to Windansea beach. Skylights, washer/dryer, fireplace. \$2000. No pets. 619-379-0518.

LA JOLLA. \$1250. 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. \$795. Studio. Steps to beach. Patio. No pets. 7441 La Jolla Boulevard. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

LA JOLLA. \$895. Studio condo. Murphy bed. Laundry room. Dishwasher. Parking space. Community pool. Patio. Storage. 8628-B Via Mallorca. McKee, 619-435-2700.

LA JOLLA. \$1695. Near UCSD, 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Light, spacious, large 2-car attached garage, quiet end unit with patio. Pool and spa. All new appliances. 858-204-1704.

LA JOLLA. \$1500. Lower 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Street parking, laundry room, near Windansea Beach and bus. Available February. 441 Mesa Way. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

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. \$1050. 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. \$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/WINDANSEA. Large studio with separate bedroom. Oceanfront property with carport, laundry facilities on site. \$1200. 760-720-1400 or 760-613-1350.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1545 plus deposit. 1 bedroom cozy cottage with hardwood floors. Built-ins and private patio. Beach 1.5 blocks. Available now. 503-989-1731; 619-574-0638.

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.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1,650. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Private patio, near UCSD/ shopping, lots of parking, community park/pool. Washer/dryer included. yasky24@hotmail.com/760-809-5958.

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/UCSD. \$1825. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath Villas Mallorca townhouse, furnished/unfurnished, 1520 feet, hardwood floors, tennis, new appliances, larger 2-car attached garage. Across Ralphs, movies. 858-535-1100.

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LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1345. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in beautiful garden setting. 1 block to beach. 1 parking. Coin laundry. No pets. 344 Rosemont. Open Saturday 1/17, 11:30am-12:30pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

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.

LA MESA. \$895/month, \$700 security. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool, parking, new ownership. 7629 Normal Avenue. 858-245-9747.

LA MESA. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, park-like setting, secluded cul-de-sac, fenced/gated, washer/dryer. Small pet OK. No smoking. 3886 American Avenue. 619-698-3262.

LA MESA. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage 1204 square feet, washer/dryer. No pets. Call Jen, 619-252-2812.

LA MESA. \$750. Small 1 bedroom unit, quiet small complex. Private entrance. Quiet pet OK. Side enclosed yard. Ground floor. Available 2/1. 858-922-6313.

LA MESA. \$800. Low deposit! 1 bedroom, 1 bath spacious apartment homes. Quiet, peaceful living within lush, beautiful landscaping and wide open spaces. Excellent location, sparkling heated pools, soothing spas, lighted tennis court. Water, trash, recycling included in rent. No pets. Chateau Baltimore, 5445 Baltimore Drive. 619-463-1664. www.sdreader.com/rent/2089.

LA MESA. \$1095. Upper level deluxe 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment located in small quiet complex. Unit features range, refrigerator, microhood, dishwasher, air conditioner. Hardwood flooring in kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom features large walk-in closet. Second bedroom has mirrored closet doors. Close to Lake Murray, shops and restaurants. Off-street parking and on-site laundry. Ready for February 1. 5543 Shasta Lane. Agent, 619-725-3648. Manager, 619-460-9107.

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. \$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. \$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. \$1290. Must see! Extra nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Many upgrades, second floor, easy freeway access. 7780 Parkway Drive. No pets. 619-440-4607.

LA MESA. \$1050. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Fenced yard, washer/dryer hookups. Pets OK. Near SDSU. Quiet, private. Available 2/1. 4617 67th. 619-465-6200 x201.

LA MESA. \$1150. 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. \$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. \$1150, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Available now. Air conditioning. Bal-

conies. Underground parking, gated. No pets. 4332 Parks. 619-303-4969.

LA MESA. \$825, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1095, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Walk-in closet, air conditioning, balcony. Cul-de-sac. Pool. Lease. No pets. 619-465-9849.

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. \$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. 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. \$795. Fireplace, dishwasher, balcony, washer/dryer hookups, walk-in closet, parking. No pets. 619-466-3093. www.willinproperties.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. 619-462-1633.

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.

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cious 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.

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MIRA MESA. \$850, deposit \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, off-street parking. 8767 Mira Mesa #7. 619-804-3325.

MIRA MESA/SORRENTO VALLEY. \$1275. Includes water, trash. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Ready to move in! Washer/dryer, refrigerator, covered parking space. Nice neighborhood. Cat OK. 619-244-4212.

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MISSION BAY/BAY PARK. \$500 off move-in special! Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$1200! Great location. Near beaches, bay, freeway, shopping, and restaurants! Quiet complex. Balconies/patios. Pools. 6 laundry rooms. Lush landscaping. Garages, storage. Cats OK. Villa Pacific Apartments, 2905 Clairemont Drive. Please call 619-276-1680. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1090.

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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.

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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.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Small front yard, steps to beach. parking. 750 Island Court. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1550. Great 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Steps to bay. New appliances. Patio. Parking. Available now. Westbourne Realtors, 858-488-4800.

MISSION BEACH. \$1800. Downstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 1 parking. Patio. No pets. Available now. 733 Ensenada Court #A. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

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MISSION BEACH. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with a shared garage available. Washer and dryer. Near beach. Available 2/1. Call 619-743-3285.

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MISSION BEACH. Unique 1 bedroom apartment. Traditional interior, designer interior. Light, airy, hardwood floors, varnished wood windows and doors, new kitchen, hi-line appliances, dishwasher. \$1050. 735-1/2 Jamaica Court.

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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.

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MISSION HILLS. \$1475. Deluxe house. 1 bedroom, bath, formal dining room, living room, fireplace, oak floors, balcony with 360 view, garage, hookups. No dogs. 619-296-4823.

MISSION HILLS, NORTH. Furnished studio, separate detached cottage, \$695/month, includes utilities, microwave, toaster, refrigerator. Near busline and park. 619-295-9728.

MISSION HILLS. \$1100-\$1400, 2 bedroom apartments. Quiet, near shopping and bus lines. Canyon view. Garage. No pets. 619-298-6436.

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. 3114 Harbor Ridge Lane. \$2295. 619-804-6840; colleen@mysandiegoagent.com.

MISSION HILLS. \$1645/month. 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, spacious unit. Washer/dryer, 2 parking spaces. Mission Hills Commons. 619-548-2495.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$1550. Newly renovated 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, private like a house, 2 levels, balcony, 3767 Dove. No dogs. Available. 858-272-3113, 619-295-1160.

MISSION HILLS. \$1675. Bright and airy, 2 bedroom house. Hardwood floors, appliances, fenced yard, garage, laundry hookups. near all and conveniently located. 619-886-3146.

MISSION HILLS. Cottage. \$1225. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet garden setting. Laundry, walk-in closet. 3521 Columbia. 619-298-7659.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. Top floor of duplex, fantastic harbor views, separate garage. Large 2 bedroom. 3154 Horton, 92103. \$1750/month. No pets. 619-291-8777.

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.

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. \$200 move-in special! 2 bedrooms from \$1050-\$1170. Pool. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 3505 Reynard. Sunriseliving.com; 619-683-9239.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Uper! New appliances, paint, carpet. No pets/smoking. Near trolley at Columbia and Palm. 619-296-7902.

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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. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New Berber carpet, dishwasher. 3695 Reynard Way, San Diego. \$1150. 619-683-2698; 619-804-1742.

MISSION HILLS. \$1850. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath gated house. Parking, newly remodeled, secure, yard, washer/dryer. Freeway access. Call today, 858-692-3552.

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. \$1200. 2 bedrooms. Parking. Spacious. Walk to town. 808 Fort Stockton. Open house Saturday, 11am-12pm. 619-295-2624.

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.

MISSION HILLS. \$725, studio; \$995, 2-story 1 bedroom; \$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. \$1100. Large bright 1 bedroom with dining room/hardwood floors. Laundry room. No pets please. 4141 Ingalls. 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, SOUTH. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 1 bath plus office. Upper duplex. Excellent condition. Close to downtown. Washer/dryer. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-574-6781.

MISSION HILLS. \$675. Deposit \$600. Studio with stove and refrigerator. Off-street parking. 340 University Place #C. Call 619-804-3325.

MISSION HILLS. \$1950. 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/HILLCREST. \$1375. Spacious, bright 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Very clean, hardwood floors, fireplace, on-site laundry, garage. Near shops/bus/restaurants. No dogs. 858-531-6767.

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.

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. 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. 619-294-4376.

MISSION VALLEY. Condo. \$1690. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, top floor, view, balcony, upgraded, washer/dryer, fireplace, alarm, pool, spa, gym. Prime location. 619-297-4621.

MISSION VALLEY/USD. \$2250. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Washer/dryer, balcony, courtyard, community 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@sbcbglobal.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. \$975/month. Large 1 bedroom. Balcony. All amenities including reserved parking. Tennis courts. 3 pools. 2 jacuzzis. Workout room. Clubhouse. Barbecues. Storage. 619-743-7552.

MISSION VALLEY. Brand new, gated luxury 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartments from \$1205. \$199 deposit special! Pets welcome. Pool. Spa. Private patio/balcony. Garage available. Computer niche. Washer/dryer. Dishwasher. Microwave. Internet access. Fitness, business centers. Near trolley, shopping, movie theaters. Portofino Apartments, 2500 Northside Drive. 1-866-802-2218. www.sdreader.com/rent/2086.

MISSION VALLEY. \$920. Rancho Mission Village. Remodeled 1 bedroom. Tennis court, swimming pool. Close to trolley, and stadium. 858-414-6316.

MISSION VALLEY. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, \$1150. Pool, spa, sauna. Fitness, tennis, central air/heat. Laundry at complex. Ceramic tile, quiet, very clean. Mike, 619-670-7746.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1050. Large 1 bedroom, 1 extra room, cable TV (80 chan-

nels) included, air conditioning, dishwasher, microwave, carport, huge balcony. Heated pools, spa, clubhouse. Walk to malls, river, and trolley. Small pets OK. 858-695-8072.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1850. Lease. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 6111 Rancho Mission Road, #206. Recently remodeled. Large balcony overlooking pool, jacuzzi. Central air. Carpeted. Stove. Refrigerator. Tennis courts. 2 parking spaces, End unit. 619-985-0493.

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.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1315. Beautiful 1 bedroom apartment. Includes washer/dryer, dishwasher, heating, air conditioning, vaulted ceiling, fireplace, balcony, off-street parking, pool, jacuzzi, gym, tennis, basketball courts. Available 2/21. 858-522-5597.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1050. 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. \$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.

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. Large 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo, stackable washer/dryer hookups, balcony, covered parking. 619-296-2787.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Spacious quiet, corner unit. Pool, spa, sauna. Ample parking. Pets OK. Available now. 6394 Rancho Mission Road. 858-735-8667.

MISSION VALLEY. \$2495. Beautiful townhome 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. \$800, Junior. \$935. 1 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. 619-583-0821.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1095 and up, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1000-square-foot. Air conditioning

NATIONAL CITY. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom house, stove, refrigerator, garage, washer/dryer hookups, fenced yard, pet negotiable. Section 8 OK. 3820 Delta Street. 619-698-6911.

NATIONAL CITY. \$1850. Newly remodeled, large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house on hill. Large yard, 2-car garage. Quiet neighborhood. Minutes from Downtown. 619-417-0229; 619-474-3736.

NATIONAL CITY. \$690-\$725. Large 1 bedroom, new paint, new refrigerator, quiet, laundry on site, assigned parking. Gated complex. Quiet. 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. \$925, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1295, 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Spacious, quiet complex. Washer/dryer hookups. Parking. Gated. No pets. Available now. 940 Palm Avenue. 619-336-0436.

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. \$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. \$1,300/month, includes water. Available in February. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 garage condo. New inside and out. New appliances, fireplace, balcony, security gate. 4657 Iowa #4. Call Tony at 619-504-4737.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 46th block Felton. Large dog OK. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Fireplace, large bedrooms, huge updated kitchen, dishwasher, large closets, hardwood floors, storage, private yards, washer/dryer, private parking. \$1700. 858-270-1521, fssouth@aol.com.

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. \$850, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Corner of 40th and Monroe! New carpet/stove/refrigerator. Off-street parking. Easy freeway access. 4524 40th Street. Call now! 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$765. Studio in clean security building with laundry room, private off-street parking, courtyard setting, beautiful wood open-beamed ceilings. Drive by 4567 Texas Street then call 619-447-6556.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$760. Large 1 bedroom. Downstairs. Air conditioning. Garden setting. Gated. Parking. Laundry. \$300 deposit. No pets. Available 1/19. 4730 32nd Street. 619-584-7790.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking and laundry, gated, quiet. 4511 35th Street #4. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Off-street parking, fenced yard, new appliances. 4367 McClintock. \$1375 per month. 619-808-2078. brmchell@cox.net.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1200. Pride 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. \$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. \$775-\$995. 1 and 2 bedrooms available. Parking. Laundry on site. Storage. 4840 West Mountain View Drive. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Near Adams. Lovely, large 1 bedroom, 1 bath with vanity in small gated, lush complex. Garage, parking, barbecue, laundry, new carpet, paint

and more, \$795/month. Also a 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, private patio, \$925/month with garage. 619-253-2511.

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. \$695, \$600 deposit. Large 1 bedroom. Second floor. Gated. Laundry, off-street parking. Cat OK. 4665 36th Street. 619-276-5430.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750, 1 bedroom cozy cottage. North of Adams. Appliances. 4825-1/2 Kenmore Terrace. 619-287-4778.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, near Antique Row. Quiet complex, very nice. \$750 and \$775. Available 2/1. 4615 Hamilton and 4667 Utah. 619-297-5844.

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. \$1095, 2 bedroom, 2 bath attached home in central Normal Heights. Spacious rooms, eat-in kitchen, large private patio, freshly painted, refinished hardwood floors, new carpet. Walk to all amenities. Small pet OK. 3266B Adams (enter through gate). 619-239-4846.

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.jessellproperties.com, 619-282-3583 or evenings and weekends, 619-255-8389.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$710. Cozy upper 1 bedroom duplex. Bright. Quiet. New carpet. No pets. Call 619-582-9672.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Large immaculate 1 bedroom. Garage. Very quiet building. Gated. Laundry. No pets. 619-582-0306.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$700. 1 bedroom apartment. New carpet/paint. Range/refrigerator. Air conditioning. Off-street parking. No pets. For appointment, Mike 619-602-6361.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. 1 bedroom apartment, new paint/carpet. Secured off-street parking. Tile. New laundry facility. No dogs. 4828 West Mountain View. 619-284-2092; www.floft.com.

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. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright, immaculate unit in quiet controlled access complex. Garden courtyard. Built-in wood bookcases. Laundry. No pets. 4626 Bancroft. Near trendy Adams. Resident manager, 619-280-6050.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom apartment in a four-plex. 4737 West Mountain View. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom. Spacious. Quiet, gated community. No dogs. 4530 40th Street. 619-284-8575.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, new carpet and paint. Off-street parking, on-site laundry. 4625 35th Street #13. 619-804-3325.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$795. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, underground parking. 3928 Illinois Street #305. 619-843-0796.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$625. 1 bedroom upstairs, downstairs apartments. No pets. 4669 36th Street #2, #6. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$950. Upper large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry room, parking, newer carpet. No pets please. Near Adams Avenue. 4613 Alabama Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. Deposit \$800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, new carpet and paint. Off-street parking, on-site laundry. 4625 35th Street #3. 619-804-3325.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1125. Upper, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, new paint. Upgraded ceramic tile and carpet. Microwave. Custom appliances. Walk-in closet. Tandem assigned parking. Laundry on site. Gated. Cat OK. Nonsmoking. 619-325-3700. www.floft.com

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NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, recently remodeled. Tiled living room, kitchen, bathroom. Elevator, on-site laundry, security building. 619-280-2658.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1095. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath, gated. Newly remodeled, new carpet, ceramic tile, wooden blinds, slate fireplace, appliances, coin laundry. Off-street parking, Cat negotiable. 3762 Villa Terrace #1. 619-742-0488.

NORTH PARK. \$1795. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Fireplace. New flooring. Freshly painted. Remodeled bathroom. Fenced yard. Parking. Visit www.homes4rent.com. Call now. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom. Security. Laundry. Parking. 4020 38th Street. Agent, 619-260-1368.

NORTH PARK. \$895 plus security deposit. 1 bedroom apartments. 4541 & 4545 Oregon Street. Hardwood floors. Stove. Refrigerator. Garage with opener. Remodeled. Agent, 619-220-5985.

NORTH PARK. \$700-\$890. 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartments. Parking, laundry, 1 with air. Garden courtyard. No pets. 3959 Idaho. Larry, 858-550-2811.

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. \$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. \$725. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Great condition. Close to all. No pets. 619-482-9479.

NORTH PARK. \$875. 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. \$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. \$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.

NORTH PARK. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with balcony. \$1500/month. Available mid-January. Beautiful landmark highrise. Call Palisades Pointe, 619-297-3600.

NORTH PARK. \$900. Large, deluxe, newer, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, lower unit. Garage, patio, laundry, security and intercom. 3957 32nd Street. 760-736-7685.

NORTH PARK. \$1295. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled, huge deck with spectacular mountain/canyon views. Laundry, off-street parking. Small pet ok. 619-282-1818.

NORTH PARK. \$850/month. Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath with lots of windows for natural light. Good condition. Huge balcony. Garage with storage. Laundry hook-ups. Quiet 3 unit property with easy access to shopping, bus, 805 freeway. Available now. No pets. 3943 32nd Street in rear. See by appointment only. R.A. Properties. 619-298-5697.

NORTH PARK. \$780. 1 bedroom. Gated building, underground parking. Elevator, laundry, air, ceiling fan, dishwasher, microwave. No pets. 4526 Illinois. Agent, 619-280-3867.

NORTH PARK. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Small yard. 3070 Folk Avenue. Available 2/1. Call Larry at 619-295-1230.

NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Move-in special! \$725 first month's rent! \$850 rent. Gigantic 1 bedroom apartment near Adams. Huge closets! Fresh paint,

ceramic tile. Squeaky clean! Small, quiet complex. Parking, laundry. No pets/smoking. 4622 Hamilton. 858-454-2024.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$1050. Large 2 bedroom. Gorgeous big kitchen. New carpet. Control gated. Small complex. Charming garden courtyard. 3975 Mississippi. 619-407-1134.

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. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious. Nonsmoking apartment home. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. Secluded with lush landscaping. Move-in special! One month 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 2 bedroom, 1 bath from \$900. \$1010 with washer/dryer hook-ups. Gated immaculate community. Select units feature new cabinetry and washer/dryer hook-ups. 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. \$511-\$523. 1 bedroom. Seniors building. 4033 33rd Street. Elevator, laundry, gated. Fair Housing Opportunity. Call Rubi for eligibility criteria: 619-640-3650.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1150. Ample parking in quiet single-family residential neighborhood. Small pet OK. 3443 Vancouver. Drive by and call 619-702-1732.

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. \$765. Studio in clean security building with laundry room, private off-street parking, courtyard setting, beautiful wood open-beamed ceilings. Drive by 4567 Texas Street then call 619-447-6556.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. 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/AZALEA PARK. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, fireplace, washer/dryer, deck, private canyon setting. Pets OK. Mint condition. 619-251-0250.

NORTH PARK. \$950, deposit \$1000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large upstairs unit. Laundry machines in unit. Off-street parking, 1 space. 4361 Idaho Street #4. Available 2/1. No pets! Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Nice cute house! 1 bedroom and den. Small. 4378 Utah Street. Quiet area. No pets. 619-298-9237.

NORTH PARK. Adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Hardwood floors/carpet. New paint, private yard, secure parking. Water/gardener paid. Pets OK. \$1450/month. Dan, 619-501-9388.

NORTH PARK. Have it all. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath \$1045. Includes pool, air conditioning and garage. Near Morley Field. Tuscany Villas. 3330 30th Street. Call 619-295-4583.

NORTH PARK. \$775. Large 1 bedroom apartment, hardwood, off-street parking, on-site laundry, 4388 Iowa Street, upstairs, available 2/1, open Saturday 1/17, 1pm-4pm. 619-318-4270 or 619-206-1932.

NORTH PARK. \$675. 1 bedroom apartment. Laundry on site. Stove. Refrigerator. Garden courtyard. Lighted parking. Small complex. Security gate. On-site manager, 619-563-9727.

NORTH PARK. \$725 and \$1025. 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Dishwasher, fireplace, upstairs. 4070 Iowa Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. New paint, hardwood floors, garage. Situated in small, gated complex,

laundry on-site. Available now! 4460 Utah Street #4468. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs. Gated and quiet, laundry and parking. 4363 Texas Street. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Nice carpet. Tile countertops, dishwasher, French doors, enclosed patio, small gated complex, quiet. Won't last. 619-698-8735.

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. 2 bedroom, 1 bath remodeled Art Deco home, fenced yard, built-in barbecue, fans, jacuzzi, microwave, dishwasher, garbage compactor, hardwood floors, laundry. \$1200/month, \$1200 deposit. 4357 Cherokee. Call 10am-8pm. 619-409-9919.

NORTH PARK. Large patio apartment. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Remodeled, dishwasher, laundry on site. \$950/month, \$950 deposit. 4359-A Cherokee Avenue. Call 10am-8pm. 619-409-9919.

NORTH PARK. \$1700. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Mint condition, Craftsman interior, hardwood floors, fireplace, central heat/air. New appliances, washer/dryer, parking. 619-548-4395.

NORTH PARK. \$1100. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1 bath in duplex. Mint condition. New carpet and appliances. Washer/dryer, parking. 619-548-4395.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, lots of windows, lots of cupboards and closets. Assigned parking. On-site laundry. No dogs. www.floft.com. Call Patty, 619-280-5461.

NORTH PARK. House, \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, new carpet, laundry, yard, very spacious, over 1100 square feet, nice Spanish-style home, pets considered. Chris, 858-361-0380.

NORTH PARK. \$1295, rent. \$800 deposit. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, driveway. No pets. At 3638 Bancroft Street. 619-299-8515.

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. \$795. 1 bedroom cottage. Gleaming hardwood floors, private. Lots of storage. Washer/dryer. 600 square feet. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

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. \$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. \$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. \$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/BURLINGAME. \$1795. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath Spanish-style home with detached garage. Decorative fireplace. Separate storage room. Dining area. Yard. Gardner included. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$900. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs, new carpets/appliances. Ceramic tile. Quiet building. Off-street parking. 4478 Utah Street. 619-223-6302.

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/SOUTH PARK. \$1895. Spacious three bedroom Craftsman

home in perfect condition. Gorgeous vintage fireplace, hardwood floors, full dining room, modern kitchen with dishwasher, 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. \$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. 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. Must see! Brand new 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Great location! Gated community. Balcony, central heating, coin laundry on site, assigned parking. 5 minutes from Highway 163, 8 minutes from I-8. Pets negotiable. \$1350/month plus deposit. Lee, 619-210-5265.

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. Near Morley Field. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. 2174 Wightman, #C, \$875. Available now. app@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 888-733-4319.

NORTH PARK. Cottage, \$750. 1/2 off first month's rent! Available now. Excellent condition. Cat OK. 4325 Utah Street. app@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 888-816-1933.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Carport, secure building, close to shops/transportation. 4381 Oregon Street. 619-220-8462.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1295. Craftsman-style house. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with office, remodeled bathroom, dining room, kitchen upgrades, patio. No pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

NORTH PARK. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Central location, new paint, laundry on site. \$925-\$1025. 3662 32nd Street. 619-683-9274.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1-car garage and off-street parking. Laundry on site. No pets. 4538 Boundary. Available 1/25/04. 619-865-2180.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath plusrm office. Fireplace. Hardwood floors. Yard. Laundry. Quiet neighborhood. 3580 Arizona Street. 619-297-8155.

NORTH PARK. \$845. Newly remolded studio cottage, large walk-in closet. Very private backyard, storage shed. Parking space. 619-840-7175.

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. \$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. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, all new interior. Washer/dryer hookups, gated, courtyard with fountain, fireplace, air conditioning. Pets OK. 4663 Iowa. 619-459-3593.

NORTH PARK. \$1400. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet, paint. Fireplace. Patio, garage. Intercom entry. No pets. 4084 Hamilton Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

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. \$950-\$1125. Move in bonus \$100-\$150! 2 bedroom, 2 bath and 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet and paint, gated parking, laundry on-site. 858-362-8701.

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. \$895. 3/11 Grim. 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. \$725. 1 bedroom, security building. Available now. Call 619-294-4762.

NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment behind commercial building, laundry hook-ups. No pets. Nonsmoking. 1210-A El Cajon Blvd. 619-741-4378. 619-540-6526.

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. Large refurbished units available now. 3967 Illinois Street. 2 bedroom, 2 bath \$1025. 1 bedroom, 1 bath \$775. New carpet, paint, tile and blinds. No smoking property and no pets. Move in special. www.dakotapm.com. Call Dakota today to see! 858-549-3000; 858-688-1345. www.dakotapm.com

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright immaculate end apartment with character. Large rooms. Off-street parking. Coin laundry. No pets. 4109 Arizona. Manager, 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. \$765. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright apartment. Small complex. New carpet, vinyl, stove. Beautiful living room shelves, cabinets. Large closets. Nicely landscaped yard. Off-street parking. Coin laundry. 4567 Idaho #4. Manager, 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. \$950 plus deposit. 2 bedroom. Hardwood floors. Credit check required. No smoking/dogs. Open Sunday, 1/18, 2pm-4pm, 2445 Boundary (rear duplex unit). 619-444-4256.

NORTH PARK. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors. Carport. Storage. 3474 Polk Avenue. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, hardwood floors, washer/dryer hookups, garage. 3763 Bancroft Street. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK/MORELY FIELD. \$1100. Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bath in quiet, small complex. Fireplace. Dishwasher. New designer carpet, vinyl. Coin laundry. Garage. No pets. Controlled access. 3736 Arnold. 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. \$875. 2 bedroom. Lower apartment near all! Parking, on-site laundry, cat OK! 4170 Alabama. 619-297-1483 x100.

NORTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom. Bright, upper unit. Small gated community. Pool. Parking. Laundry. 3980 Texas Street. Agent, 619-297-1483 x113.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in gated building. All new decor. Broker, 619-286-4250.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom. Upper unit. Close to all. Easy freeway access. Cat OK. 3747 32nd Street. Agent, 619-297-1483, x100.

NORTH PARK. \$900, upper 2 bedroom. Patio, laundry room, street parking. Near bus/market. No pets please. 4124 Texas Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK. \$1100. Upper, modern, condo-like 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, dishwasher, garage, laundry room. 4368 Ohio. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

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. \$1075. Deposit \$900. Spacious, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Walk to Balboa Park. 3337 Herman Avenue #6. 619-804-3325.

NORTH PARK. \$775. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 4146 32nd Street. David, 619-584-4956.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom. Quiet. Upper unit in small complex. Available now. 4428-1/2 Oregon Street. Drive first. Uptown Property Management, 619-297-7368.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom cottage. Fenced in yard. Laundry on site. Pet Ok with deposit. Available now. 4152 33rd Street. Uptown Property Management, 619-297-7368.

NORTH PARK. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Garage. Free laundry. Fireplace. Large kitchen. Private patio. Vaulted ceilings. 3967 Utah Street #1. Agent, 619-297-7368.

NORTH PARK. \$650-\$1095. Clean studio located upstairs, plus 2 bedroom, 1 bath with new carpet, washer/dryer and marble floors. 3666-1/2 or 3898 A Louisiana Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$1275. Beautiful townhouse. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-story

with garage. Enclosed patio. Central air. 4086 Illinois Street. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

NORTH PARK. \$825. Clean 1 bedrooms located in small, gated community with on-site laundry and off-street parking. Garage available! 4429 Idaho Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$875. Cute 1 bedroom cottage with fenced yard/patio! Laundry on site. Very quiet and secure. Don't miss out! 3204 30th Street. Cogan Properties, 619-279-2183.

NORTH PARK. \$1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, mirror closet doors, dishwasher, walk-in closet, refrigerator, stove, spacious, bright, assigned parking. All new. Available now. 4078 Louisiana, #8. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Carpeted, upstairs, one assigned parking space, laundry facilities. 4359 Alabama. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Light and airy upstairs unit. Off-street parking, laundry facilities, nice unit. \$725 plus deposit. 619-588-4373.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. Ask about special! \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Spacious remodeled unit. Beautifully landscaped. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Small pet OK. 3922 Mississippi. 858-598-1111. www.utiapmanagement.com.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Charming cottage 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment. Beautiful hardwood floors. On-site laundry. Small pet OK. Refrigerator. Stove. Garage additional. 858-598-1111 x193. www.utiapmanagement.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1650. Awesome canyon hideaway. Spacious 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, private, mountain views. New Berber carpet/paint. Deck, garden setting, excellent location. Laundry, off-street parking. Water/trash included. No dogs. Open Sunday, noon-3pm. 2830 Bowditch Place. 619-708-5857.

NORTH PARK. \$695. Large, handcrafted studio with full kitchen and bathroom set in serene courtyard with trees, vines and flowers. Refinished hardwood floors! Kitty is welcome! 3949 Kansas Street, #1. 619-260-1480.

NORTH PARK. \$845. Cozy, teeny tiny 2 bedroom cottage. \$745-\$795, 1 bedroom apartment. 1930's style, charming courtyard. Close to all. Cat OK. Call 619-285-2000.

OAK PARK. Joe Dixon, the former manager of President John Adams Manor has come out of retirement and is again managing the property. Once again a quiet community with development staff. Applications for the waiting list will be taken on 2/9-2/10/2004. 10am-3:30pm. Section 8 certificates accepted. 619-262-0722. www.sdradar.com/rent/2088.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1300. Clean, charming, bright 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Parking, laundry. Nearby park, walk to shopping/buses. Pet-friendly. 4332 Banning Street. Chris, 619-818-1500.

OCEAN BEACH. Beautiful beachfront ocean view, spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Serene security garden buildings. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, laundry. Garages available. Furnished or unfurnished. \$950-\$1500. 619-224-1748, 619-501-5553.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath home. Some ocean view. Harwood floors. Freshly painted. Garage. Refrigerator. No pets. Available now. 619-226-1120.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, off-street parking, laundry, private patio, yard, dog OK. Available now. \$1600/month. Call Jill at 619-922-7900.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850. Seacoast Apartments. 1 bedroom apartment with laundry and parking. Blocks to beach. Call Doris, 619-224-0759.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1400. Newly remodeled. Ceramic tile. Laundry, off-street parking, gated community. Walk to beach. No dogs. 619-226-3171.

OCEAN BEACH. 1 bedroom, 1 bath starting at \$1025 and up. Newly remodeled. Ceramic tile. Laundry, off-street parking, gated community. Walk to beach. No dogs. 619-226-3171.

OCEAN BEACH. Walk to the beach! 2 bedroom/1 bath. Quiet neighborhood. New paint, carpet, windows, microwave. Pets okay. 1 year lease, first 2 weeks free! \$1350/month. Jim, 760-207-5831, jlackey@opentext.com

OCEAN BEACH. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment only 1/2 block to beach. New paint, carpet, appliances. No pets. Available now. 6-month lease. \$800-\$900. Gail, 619-994-4245.

OCEAN BEACH. Studio. Completely remodeled, 4 blocks to beach. New maple

cabinets, tile floors, fenced with patio, parking. No pets. \$850 plus deposit. Available. 619-994-4245.

OCEAN BEACH. Very clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story house. 1/2 block to ocean. Washer/dryer, roof deck, gated yard, 1-car garage plus off-street parking, new carpet/paint, fireplace, vaulted ceilings. Available now! \$1800/month. 5049 Narragansett Avenue. 650-576-4776.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1400 includes utilities. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Dishwasher. Garage with opener. No pets. 619-224-7931.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. 2 blocks to beach. Parking. All appliances including water and dryer. No pets. Available 1/30. 5017 Long Branch. To view: 619-808-8352; to rent: 619-884-8451. khstone@hotmail.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo 3 blocks from beach, cliffs, and shopping district. Ocean views, crown moldings, granite countertops. No pets. Nonsmoking. 619-981-9911.

OCEAN BEACH. New luxury 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, \$2150. New quality appliances/fixtures. Laundry, jacuzzi tub, views, private enclosed yard, double garage. Near beach. Small pet. 619-846-9917.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. Near beach. Carpet and appliances. Nice. Share parking. 5041 Narragansett Avenue #1. Agent, 619-275-3455.

OCEAN BEACH. \$760. Upstairs studio. 100 yards to beach. Pet considered, close to Dog Beach. 5157 Long Branch Avenue. 619-255-1492.

OCEAN BEACH. \$895. 1 bedroom apartment. Upstairs. Dishwasher, laundry, parking. 4944 Narragansett. No pets please. 619-223-2988.

OCEAN BEACH. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath charming cottage. Walk to beach, see. 5046 Brighton Avenue. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$975-\$1300. 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Spacious kitchen and living room, community yard, blocks to beach. 2110 Sunset Cliffs. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1950. Charming, immaculate 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath oceanfront condo. New appliances: washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Garage, pool. 3 blocks Newport. 619-223-4975.

OCEAN BEACH. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Completely renovated. New appliances. Off-street parking. Laundry. \$925 deposit. No pets. Herb, 619-838-1595.

OCEAN BEACH. Two 2 bedroom houses, on Orchard above Sunset Cliffs. Very quiet, sunny, lovely garden setting. Parking, gardener. No pets. \$1,350 with patio. \$1,450 with view and deck. 619-233-4614.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1800. 3 bedroom, den, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors. Quiet neighborhood. Lease. 4636 Cape May Avenue. 619-284-7610 or 858-453-0278.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. 3 blocks to beach. Carpet, refrigerator, stove, no pets. 4970 Muir Avenue. 619-222-6427.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 3 blocks to beach. Garage, carpet, no pets. 4972 Muir Avenue. 619-222-6427.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1000-\$1200. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Laundry. Parking. Yard. No pets. Available now. 2422 and 2418 Seaside Street. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1275. 2 bedroom apartment. Quiet. Nice area. Carpets. Parking. Laundry. Rooftop sundeck. No pets. 2 blocks beach. 4832 Coronado Avenue #5. 619-222-6427.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow with private yard. Clean. No pets, no smoking. 2085 Cable Street. Available January 15. 619-226-7449.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, new stove, carpet, floors, paint. Tub/sink resurfaced, wood ceiling, parking. Near beach/shopping. 5022 Voltaire. 619-275-5290.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1800. 2 bedroom plus extra room, 1-1/2 bath townhome. 4-unit complex. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer in unit. Fireplace, patio, parking. Cat OK. Available 1/1. 4846 Del Monte. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$900. 1 bedroom lower. Gated building, steps to ocean, walk to all. 5066 Santa Monica. Available 1/1/04. Call to see. John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775. Studio. Steps to beach, refrigerator, stove. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdr rentals.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Pet OK. Refrigerator, stove.

Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdr rentals.com.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath House. Garage, enclosed yard, washer/dryer hook-up, \$1,700. Available now. 4539 Voltaire Street. 619-226-8684.

OCEAN BEACH/SUNSET CLIFFS. \$850. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. Parking, patio. No pets. Available soon. 619-221-1644.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1150. 1 bedroom, completely remodeled. All new kitchen, new appliances, ceramic floor and counter tops, new cabinets, new paint, new carpet. New ceramic tile in shower with new sink. Vaulted ceiling, pool, block to beach. No smoking/pets. 5025 Cape May Avenue. 619-977-4693.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1150. Separate, private, rear upstairs, charming, extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Side entrance, balcony. Laundry, small pantry room. Cat OK. 619-758-9577.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house, 1-1/2 blocks beach. Stove, refrigerator. New carpet, paint, vinyl. No pets. Available 2/1/04. 5045 Voltaire #C. 619-865-2180.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875 per month. Clean 1 bedroom. Near beach, off-street parking, small side yard. 5042 West Point Loma Boulevard. Available now. 619-977-6006.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1195-\$1250. Large 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Cathedral ceilings, view, off-street parking, 2 blocks to beach. 4955 West Point Loma. Cat OK. Call 619-223-2347.

OCEAN BEACH. Move-in special! Newly remodeled studios (some with balconies), \$800-\$900. Tile floors, walk to beach, sparkling heated pool, spa, sauna. Recreation room, exercise room. On-site laundry, on-site parking. Gated community. No dogs. 619-221-8158.

OCEAN BEACH. Move-in special! Newly remodeled, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, \$1315. Walk to beach. Tile floors. Gated community. On-site laundry, on-site parking. No dogs. 4827 Niagara Avenue. 619-221-8158.

OCEAN BEACH. Move-in special! Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$975. Walk to beach, tile floors, gated community, onsite laundry, onsite parking. No dogs. 4929 Del Monte Avenue. 619-221-8158.

OCEAN BEACH. From \$845, 1 bedroom. From \$1195, 2 bedroom. Enjoy comfortable year-round living at Ocean Breeze. Spacious apartments now available. This small, friendly complex is an ideal place to call home. Only 2 blocks from the beach. Sorry, no pets. 619-223-8186.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875. 5130 Long Branch. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, close to dog's beach. Move in special! Call agent to see, 858-688-1345.

OCEAN BEACH/SUNSET CLIFFS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, 1 block to ocean, newly remodeled, laundry, dishwasher, pet OK, parking. 4936 Del Monte. \$1550/month. Owner. 619-921-7214.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1300, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$950, large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. All amenities. Fireplace, dishwasher, pool, laundry facilities, off-street parking. 4825 Del Mar Avenue. 619-224-9238.

OCEAN BEACH. Two 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments (one with garage). Balcony, garage and off-street parking. 5046 Del Monte. \$1400, \$1500 with garage. 619-339-3081.

OCEAN BEACH. \$800. 1 block to ocean! Studio. Stove, refrigerator, laundry on premises, carpet. 2110 Bacon #6. 619-224-0009.

OCEAN BEACH. Some refurbished! \$975 and up. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 5057 Narragansett. Near beach. Parking. Laundry. Year lease. Dog considered. 619-683-7929.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775. Nice studio at the beach. Parking. No pets. 2145 Spray. 858-488-5949.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA, WEST. \$1200. Newer 2 bedroom, 2 bath with views to Sea World and La Jolla. Controlled access, covered parking, laundry. 4457 Temecula Street at corner of West Point Loma. Agent, 619-795-8490.

OCEAN BEACH. \$950. All utilities, gas, electricity, water, laundry (not coin) included. Unique, 1 bedroom home. Custom kitchen with breakfast bar. 1 complete bath with ceramic tile floor. Newer flooring and carpeting throughout. Immaculate, exceptionally nice. Nonsmoking only! No pets! Occupied, now showing, appointment only Drive by 4629 Larkspur. Available after 1/31. 619-223-1990.

OCEAN BEACH. 1 bedroom apartment in quiet, gated complex, \$900. Great location! Off-street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 4986 Santa Monica Avenue. Agent, 619-223-7523.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1150. 4838 Santa Cruz, #B. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Dishwasher. Laundry. Parking. Near beach. No pets. Available 2/2. Cassidy, Broker, 619-275-LIST.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment near cliffs in South Ocean Beach. Laundry. No pets! 4913 Del Mar Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1150, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs duplex/patio. Parking. Laundry. Approved pet ok. 5081 West Point Loma. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875. 1 bedroom cottage with hardwood floors. No pets. 4972 Cape May Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Vaulted ceiling. Laundry. Blocks to beach. 4842 Saratoga. 619-243-4000 x0.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom with garage. Downstairs attached cottage. No pets! 4923-1/2 Saratoga Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, ocean view. Pets considered. Available 2/1. 1915 Abbott #3. Call 858-349-8776. jrcrawf6425@aol.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment in South Ocean Beach. Laundry. No pets! 4869 Del Mar Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1450. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs duplex with garage. First block to beach. Ocean View! No pets. 5127 Cape May Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

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PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1225. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry. Quiet building. Available 12/15. 1768 Thomas Avenue. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Balcony. Coin laundry. Parking. Available 12/20. 2018 Reed Avenue. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1175. Large, upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, vaulted ceiling. Coin laundry. Parking. Cat OK with additional deposit. Available 12/24. 2152-1/2 Reed. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

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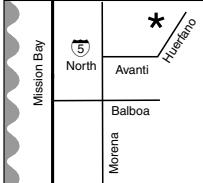
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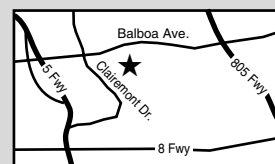
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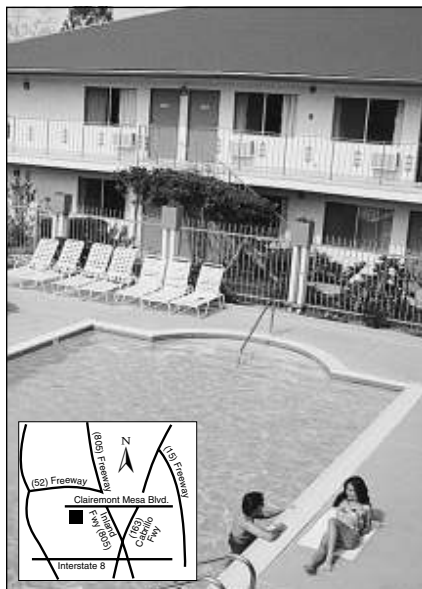
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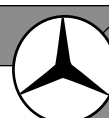




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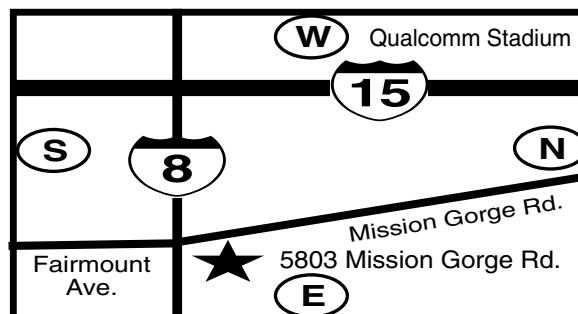
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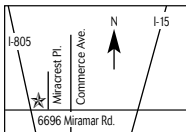
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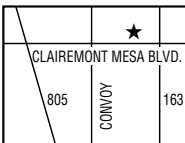
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— In December, the 200 employees at SAS Shoe-makers in Pittsfield, Mass., and the 270 workers at Stine Seed Co. in Adel, Iowa, were each given Christmas bonuses of \$1000 for every year of service to the company. In other bonus news, Tower Automotive of Traverse City, Mich., gave employees Thanksgiving grocery gift cards worth \$15, but then withheld \$5.51 of that as federal and state income tax. Air Canada gave coupons to 100 of its best-performing customer-service personnel, redeemable at restaurants owned by its in-flight food-service contractor. They were worth \$3.75.

More Things to Worry About

— In December, Putnam County, N.Y., passed a law to further the aims of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act by permitting shoppers in wheelchairs to bring their service monkeys into stores to fetch items from shelves. (Legislator Sam Oliverio said he didn’t know of any service monkeys in use but wanted to be ready.) ... In July, a ranch owner in San Diego County, Calif., was found not guilty of cruelty for disposing of 30,000 live, “nonproductive” hens by dumping them into a wood chipper, pointing out in defense that it was basically a “standard industry practice” endorsed by a member of the animal welfare committee of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Bright Ideas

— To fight two speeding tickets emanating from the same police camera in a 60km/hour zone, Carlos DeMarco, 39, went to the trouble of commandeering a 70km/hour sign and affixing it to the pole underneath that very speed camera, then photographing it to show that he was not speeding. In November, the judge in Parramatta, Australia, detected the clumsy nature of DeMarco’s work and fined him about \$880 on top of the speeding tickets.

— Toronto police arrested Walter Nowakowski,

35, in November on several pornography counts as well as theft of services after an officer spotted him driving the wrong way on a one-way street at 5 a.m. According to police, Nowakowski was pantsless, with a laptop computer running in the front seat, as he drove slowly down streets in search of wireless Internet signals that he could use to download pornography.

— In October, in the ongoing trial of 22 members of the South African white-separatist movement Boeremag, a police informant testified that the group’s plans included enlisting 8000 rebels to stage a coup, seize military bases, assassinate ex-president Nelson Mandela, and, somehow, force all the country’s blacks to march out the N1 freeway across the border to Zimbabwe. (There are 35 million blacks in South Africa.)

Oops!

— In October at the UPMC Presbyterian hospital in Oakland, Pa., a 35-year-old man having a kidney transplanted from his mother awoke prematurely from his anesthesia and bolted upright, which caused the just-sewn-in kidney to thrust up with such force that it ripped an artery and protruded from his abdomen. The kidney could no longer be used and was removed the next day.

— Motorcyclist Steve Dass withdrew 72 \$100 bills in October to take to his mother to pay for her new furniture, but he apparently forgot to zip up his jacket pocket, and all the money blew out along Highway 4 in Pittsburg, Calif. (A few finders returned the money.) ... In Kalispell, Mont., in November, two men turned in a sack containing \$14,600 they found lying in a bank parking lot; it was a pick-up from Wal-Mart that had been dropped by Security Armored Express (which earlier this year was named as the best armored carrier in the country by Wal-Mart executives).

— Pro football punter Chris Hanson played only one-third of the season this year because of a

self-inflicted leg injury. His Jacksonville Jaguars coach had put a log and an ax in the locker room as a motivational symbol (the team needed to work hard in order to succeed). Hanson took a swing at the log, missed, and banged his leg so badly that he needed emergency surgery.

Least Competent Criminals

— A two-week spree of five customer holdups in front of ATMs in Cambridge, Mass., came to an end in November with the arrest of Richard McCabe, 38. In four of the five robberies, bank security cameras photographed the perpetrator, and McCabe was so disliked that when police released the photos, more than 100 people called up to rat him out. Said a detective, “Many...people knew him personally from dealing with him in the past.”

Recent Names in the News

— Delegates of French “villages of lyric or burlesque names” formed an association in October as sort of a promotional and support group made necessary because so many visitors laugh at the towns’ names. Among them are villages whose names, translated into English, are “beautiful mad,” “cuckold hill,” “filthy pig,” “my bottom,” “eat onions,” “very stupid,” and “double-ass,” as well as several names that are inexplicable.

— Names to Be Read by Immature Readers Only: Re-elected in December as chief minister of Delhi, India: Honorable Sheila Dikshit. Arrested in May for prostitution in Grove City, Ohio: Ms. You Suk Kim. Revealed in September to be threatening to use his \$5000 Oakland, Calif., government arts support money to kill African-Americans: artist Richard Aswad. Killed in August in a village near Sihanoukville, Cambodia, as a result of having his testicles defensively squeezed by his battered wife: Mr. Ouch Yan.

Update

— Texas’s anti-marital-aid law, previously men-

tioned in “News of the Weird,” remains in force. In November, the county attorney in Burleson, Texas, filed a misdemeanor charge against Joanne Webb for selling two vibrators, which are illegal if they are intended for “stimulation.” Although many adult stores in Texas keep the police away by posting signs calling the inventory merely “novelties,” an officer in Burleson said Webb’s are certainly “obscene” because he can tell that just by looking. Mere possession of vibrators is not illegal unless a person has six or more. Webb sells the vibrators by staging Tupperware-type sales parties (“Passion Parties”) in private homes.

Alternate Universe

— In December, Vice President Cheney led a “hunting” party to the Rolling Rock Club in Ligonier, Pa., to shoot pheasants, which had been specially bred to be killed by the club’s members and guests. Cheney reportedly bagged 70 ringneck pheasants plus some captive mallard ducks, and his party killed 417 of the approximately 500 pheasants released. A Humane Society executive deplored the shoot, suggesting that clay-target shooting would be just as challenging: “This wasn’t a hunting ground. It was an open-air abattoir.”

In the Past Month...

— A man implicated in the 1992 crime that moved activists to push for California’s “three strikes” law was arrested for theft, which would be his third strike (Fresno). ... A four-foot-high, half-ton snowball fell on an 11-year-old boy on a school playground, pinning him until several teachers lifted it off (St. Catharines, Ontario). ... To ease pressure on the judicial system, the Netherlands government announced it would no longer prosecute airport drug smugglers with less than three kilos of cocaine.

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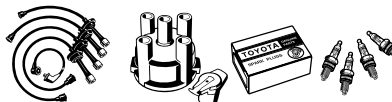
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By John Brizzolara

A circle of Hell may exist for those who allow talents to atrophy, gifts to languish neglected. I suspect it's nowhere near the neighborhood for child molesters or divorce lawyers but, say, in the suburbs somewhere.

It had been four years since I left the rock band I was in. It was mutually agreed that my puking and falling off the stage was a disingenuous addition to the act, and I was replaced on bass guitar by a local and popular singer/songwriter who did a fine job, though his talents were probably underutilized. In the intervening years, in and out of rehab and concentrating on staying employed, rock and roll took not only a back seat but started taking up what little room there is among the remaining brain cells in the files marked "nostalgia."

When I picked up an acoustic guitar again after what had somehow become years, I was appalled. Not just at my withered chops, but that I had allowed so much time to go by without addressing what had become over decades a kind of analog to a bodily function.

When I was asked to fill in on bass one recent winter night for the otherwise engaged bassist, I was pleasantly surprised that my friends (and they had remained friends) would let me near any of the fairly complex arrangements and medleys that were staples of the repertoire. I wasn't sure I could do it, but they seemed to be. I don't think they were desperate exactly; the gig was at Hot Monkey Love out by San Diego State and was a benefit for the venue itself — a good cause if you're a musician in town — so money wasn't at

stake. Without thinking about it, I agreed. It wasn't until a few nights later, listening to the group's CD and relearning parts on the bass, that it occurred to me what was at stake. To let them down again would be unbearable.

The singer, Bill Richardson, gave me back my old weapon, a bass guitar that had belonged to his enormously talented brother Tom Richardson, the bassist and founder of the local group Rockola. I'd never seen Tom use this mutant Fender P bass/Mustang with custom pickups and badass bridge; I'd seen him use a larger Fender, floating around the fretboard like McCartney himself, as if the thing were that little violin-shaped toy the Beatle played.

A good part of that Friday night was taken up with rewalking the bass through "Moondance," "Theme from *The Love Boat*," "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" becoming "Papa Was a Rolling Stone" becoming "A Horse with No Name" becoming a tricky section of the Who's rock opera *Tommy*. If this sounds like a bizarre combination of musical selections, I can only say, you have no idea.

Nothing was in the same key as I remembered it. Simple rock bass in songs like Queen's "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" took bizarre, half-remembered left-hand turns in godforsaken keys like B flat that at one time, I now recalled, took me weeks to latch on to without flubbing. Playing Minnie Ripperton's "Loving You" and Tom Jones's "I (Who Have Nothing)" (the lyrics of both savagely mutilated by singer Richardson) were disarmingly simple and in no way prepared me for the grafting of the Moody Blues' "Nights in White Satin" with the Beatles' "Day in the Life," each complex in its own right. And wasn't Springsteen's "Born to Run" supposed to fit in here somewhere beneath lyrics to a Carpenters song? I must have presented an odd visual practicing this stuff in front of the stereo, cursing at my mistakes and laughing hysterically as I remembered what lyrical atrocities were perpetrated over these odd pop music choices — in some cases, outright miscarriages in the first place.

For the most part, I felt as if I had caught myself in the nick of time from allowing a gaping oversight in my life to continue. The oversight (or just placing a low priority on what might soberly be considered an amusing parlor trick or "knack" in the kitchen) now appeared a kind of spiritual negligence. After years of addressing oneself to the task of performing music, at no matter what level, really, it felt clearly wrong to carry on as if one hadn't. To dismiss this skill, rudimentary, even primitive, maybe even meaningless (compared to other adult pursuits like golf?), presented itself as unwitting arrogance. It was a matter of being thoughtless, graceless, as if, having been given some semiprecious material at one time by a loving parent, I had used it for nothing more than lining trash bins. Add to this a circumstance in which it became a vehicle to restore strained friendships, and I felt oddly lucky. I'd been given a bonus round in an area of my life that for years had simply flashed GAME OVER.

On Saturday night, the band went on well past my usual bedtime. Fortified with hammerhead coffee drinks, I invited nervous fumbblings, realized I'd forgotten a strap and picks (guitarist Jan Tonnesen to the rescue), and watched

with a fatalistic calm as the room filled to an audience of nearly 100.

Executing this idiosyncratic set list and considering it anything like "riding a bicycle" has to be absurd, but from the opening number ("Caravan" with a drum solo) I experienced a cosmic gratification. No less. How else to describe the sensation that comes when one is precisely where one is supposed to be at a precise moment in an unfolding universe. It may appear philosophically unsound at some levels, but I believe that along with one or two other things, I was put on this earth to play, on that particular night, an interpretation of Lulu's 1967 hit single "To Sir with Love." That this was to transpire in the final weeks of the year 2003 in San Diego, California, at a coffeehouse on El Cajon Boulevard called Hot Monkey Love I can only offer as evidence of the mystery at the heart of all things. This conviction might have been bolstered by the reckless cocktail of psychotropic substances I was hopped up on: caffeine and Prozac.

They might also account for my odd suspicion that I was channeling a better bass player than myself, the above-mentioned Tom Richardson, who passed away several years ago. Never mind that I've never given a moment's credence to concepts such as channeling; I was executing measure after measure of musicianship at a more than journeyman level and without apparent effort. I sounded better than I had, say, five years ago, after a week of rehearsal. At the end of "Young Jewel" (sung to "Young Girl" by Gary Puckett and the Union Gap), I winked at the audience while working my thumb and forefinger like the hammer of a pistol and rotating my pick between knuckles.

As we stepped offstage to hearty applause, Dorothy, the MC and host of Blues Night and women's poetry slams at HML, said to me, "You guys are solid."

"Thank you," I answered. And with all the insufferable smarm I could muster, I added, "It's a gift."



The author conjures up his alter ego.

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There was a time I didn't know what a Bionicle was. My first three children were girls. Girls like dolls. For my oldest daughter Rebecca's first Christmas, my mother got her a soft, pink stuffed dolly with a plastic face and a pink and white bonnet. I think the dolly may have actually been called "My First Dolly." Rebecca grew to love that doll. When Rebecca learned to talk, she called her "Doll Doll." She took Doll Doll to bed every night, clutching the soft, pink body and snuggling against the perpetually smiling plastic face.

After Rebecca, we had Angela and then Lucy. We got more dollies. Dolls filled with warm water so that their bodies felt like a newborn's. Barbie dolls. Little plastic boy and girl and Mommy and Daddy dolls to go with the big

plastic doll house. In our universe, boy toys didn't exist. We heard about them sometimes. Strolling through the aisles at Toys R Us or Target, we would occasionally walk past the places where they kept toys for boys. The shelves filled with angry-looking action figures and every kind of vehicle seemed like a foreign country, a kind of unsavory place you wouldn't really want to visit unless you had to.

Then came Johnny. After Johnny came Ben. Now that my boys are five and three, I know the landscape in boy toy land. I speak the language. I know Bionicles.

For the uninitiated, Bionicles are robot-like creatures made by Lego. They come in innocuous-looking packages about seven inches high and four or five inches around. The outside of each package shows the Bionicle fully assembled and engaged in some type of action. When you open the package, you find about a hundred tiny pieces and a 20-page instruction booklet with schematics that show how to put the Bionicle together. The booklet also features several pages advertising other, more complex Bionicles as well as Bionicle video games and Bionicle movies.

We resisted Bionicles for a long time. When Johnny was four, he started asking for Bionicles. "Vincent has them," he told me. Vincent is one of Lucy's friends who also plays with Johnny sometimes.

"I know Vincent has them," I answered. "But Vincent's older than you are. He can put them together."

Two Christmases ago when Jack and I

shopped for Johnny, we looked at the Bionicles. "They look cool," Jack said, turning the package in his hand. "Johnny loves to put things together. He's been building robots with his Duplos. It seems like he would love this."

"But it says it's for ages seven and up," I pointed to the label. "I think he would get frustrated trying to put it together. And he'd lose the pieces."

Jack put the Bionicle back on the shelf.

After playing with Vincent one day last spring, Johnny came home with a crazed gleam in his eyes. "We played with Vincent's Bionicles," Johnny told me. "Vincent has a lot of them. He puts them together all by himself. He's a Bionicles expert. Can we get some Bionicles? Please?"

"Maybe the next time we go shopping for toys," I answered noncommittally. "You don't really need any new toys right now."

During the long weeks of summer, Johnny asked a few more times about Bionicles. One particularly hot and boring day, I said, "Hey, Johnny. Maybe there's a Bionicle website. Maybe there are games. Do you want to check?"

Johnny's eyes lit up. "Yeah, Mom," he answered. "That sounds great." He bounded into our home office and sat down at the computer.

"Let me sit while I look for it," I told him. He moved over and leaned against my shoulder. I typed "Bionicle" into the Google search space and hit return. The "official" Bionicles website appeared first on the results list. I clicked on the site address, and Johnny held his breath. The screen turned dark, and ominous music played. A Bionicle appeared on the screen; his

robotic eyes glowed red.

"You did it, Mom," Johnny crowed. "You found it."

I moved over and let Johnny take the mouse. I watched for a while as he explored the site. We learned all about the Island of Mata Nui, where the Bionicles live. We learned about the different types of Bionicles and their special skills. We watched Tahu surf down a river of lava and Gali create tidal waves around the island.

Johnny was hooked. By the end of the summer, Jack and I had bought him a few Bionicles. He learned to put them together much more quickly than we thought he would. He took his new toys to show his friends after class. In the afternoons, Johnny and Vincent battled imaginary bad guys with their Toa Bionicles. The other boys gathered around. "Can I hold him, Johnny?" one boy asked about Johnny's Bionicle named Lerahk.

"For a minute," Johnny answered. "But then you have to give him back. He's very fragile."

This year for Christmas, Johnny got Takanuva, an even more complex Bionicle who rides on a spaceship/submarine vehicle called an Ussanui. Johnny spent the better part of a day putting together the Bionicle and the vehicle. When he had finished, he showed Jack.

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