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## Ex-Wife Defense

I can't believe that erudite Don Bauder could have gotten this story so wrong ("Scripps' Lerner Apes Moores," "City Lights," January 15). Richard was courted by Jeb Bush, who wants to make Florida the number one in biotech in the U.S. to strengthen the economy. The state of Florida, where I am now living, pulled off a coup in getting the brilliant Dr. Richard Lerner and his colleagues to take on the challenge of opening up Florida peninsula's potential. Richard has no need for more money or responsibility, so for him to do this is to extend his intellectual largesse to the people of Florida. Richard has devoted his life to the pursuit of excellence in scientific research, and he is far from finished.

I know all of this because I am Richard's first wife.  
Diana Pickett, M.D., Ph.D.  
via e-mail

## Me, Too

In your January 15 issue, in the "Blurt" column, there was a statement with which I'd like to take a respectful difference of opinion — or maybe just an invitation to/request for a meeting, since it was probably technically correct in its wording.

Ken Leighton referred to the estimable Harlan Schiffman as "the last remaining independent promoter [Paul] Tollett knows who still books national acts in Southern California." Even if the implied criteria was "big-name national acts," I know of at least one other independent promoter who books national acts in Southern California.

Me.  
And I know there are others.

I'd like to meet Mr. Tollett. Then at least he'd have met one more promoter who

meets the criteria stated.

My music series, in its first six months, has presented John McEuen (of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) and Peter Case (founder of the Plimsouls), as well as other national acts with lesser name recognition, and will present Byrds/Flying Burrito Brothers cofounder (and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member) Chris Hillman on January 24. Those are certainly national acts with big names — at least within the genres in which they ply their musical trade.

No disrespect to Mr. Leighton, Mr. Schiffman, Mr. Tollett, or anyone else — just setting the record straight on behalf of myself and others who do present national acts and who are definitely independent.

Carey Driscoll  
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## Brave Misspelling

Jeff Smith misspelled the name of one of the actresses in his review of *Brave Smiles...Another Lesbian Tragedy* ("Stunt Dreams," Theater Review, January 15). It should read "Jeannine Marquie," not "Jeannie Marique."

Jennifer Marquie  
via e-mail

## Pure Moore Joy

I would like to thank Judith Moore for her wonderful "Reading" section article, "Snowbound," in the December 24 issue. Her selection of, and excerpts from, great writers was pure joy to all those who love literature in San Diego.

Also, her many author interviews over the past years are much appreciated; I always feel that I have almost — though, of course, not quite — read the book! Has Judith published any books/articles besides those in the *Reader*?

Kathryn Wilson  
Clairemont Mesa

Judith Moore is most recently author of *Never Eat Your Heart Out* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux), and her newest book, *Fat Girl*, will be published in 2004. — Editor

## Never Uses Ugly

I own San Diego Fast Dating at the Bitter End and invited Josh Board to go to our event at the Bitter End on December 16 ("Crasher,"

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**Family life in the barrio** National City mayor **Nick Inzunza** filed an amended personal statement of economic interest after a complaint to the district attorney last fall from local government watchdog **Mel Shapiro**. Inzunza had failed to list a raft of multi-family units he owns with his wife in his brother **Ralph's** San Diego city council district. But D.A.



Nick Inzunza

**Bonnie Dumanis** is letting Nick off the hook. "This office has inquired into the matter. The facts and circumstances surrounding Mr. Inzunza's SEI will not support a criminal prosecution," wrote Deputy D.A. **Sally Williams** in a letter to Shapiro two weeks ago. "The District Attorney's Office will take no further action in this matter. Your letter of complaint will remain on file in our office." Meanwhile, Nick Inzunza's wife **Olga**, who is said to hail from a wealthy Tijuana



Benjamin Hueso

family, has kicked in \$250 to the campaign of the Inzunza brothers' close ally, **Benjamin Hueso**, the city redevelopment staffer for Barrio Logan who is running for the school board from that district. Hueso, whose various family members also own considerable real estate in the neighborhood and have contributed to his candidacy, is expected to rely on the extended Inzunza clan's South Bay political organization to ward off what is regarded as a minor challenge from the only other candidate who qualified for the ballot. Write-in plans by at least one of the two women who failed to collect enough qualifying signatures are said to be proceeding, but their chances look iffy to most insiders. The Primacy Group company of **Larry Remer** shows up on Hueso's newly filed list of campaign vendors. Remer, the onetime '60s radical and friend of **Jane Fonda**, later morphed into a political consultant catering to the local establishment and ran the school district's successful multibillion-dollar ballot campaign. The Primacy Group also makes an appearance on the vendor list of **Miyo Reff**, a candidate in North City's district A. One of Reff's opponents is **Mitz Lee**, wife of defeated teachers' union candidate and self-professed **Alan Bersin** skeptic **Jeff Lee**, who has left politics to become a chef. The forthcoming March electoral tussle may raise the stakes for both Bersin and the so-called Commercial Street redevelopment project being considered by the school district. After district staffers recruited two competing development groups — the nonprofit National City-based Maac Project (with whom the indicted Ralph Inzunza has been affiliated) and another nonprofit, the Bronze Triangle Community Development Corporation — word on the street has it that both may be rejected by the district in favor of an as yet unnamed private developer.

**Gee, thanks, Dick** San Diego city auditor **Ed Ryan**, who abruptly turned in his retirement notice last week, might have been a bit discomfited

when Mayor **Dick Murphy** noted the occasion with a disjointed news release loaded with defensive praise. "This was at his initiation," said Murphy's statement. "There is absolutely no suggestion, hint, or innuendo that this resignation is anything other than his choice. In fact, his retirement is being reluctantly accepted by me and everyone familiar with his outstanding performance. Reports indicating that Mr. Ryan has anything other than a stellar record are false. It would be a great injustice to report anything to the contrary." During his 21-year tenure, Ryan was at the helm during a succession of fiscal embarrassments, including the Qualcomm Stadium contract, the Chargers ticket guarantee, and the retirement system blow-up.

**Sure bull** Back in the fall of 2001, when ex-mayor **Susan Golding** joined the board of Sure-



Susan Golding

Beam, the Titan, Inc., spin-off that was supposed to popularize the use of radiation to kill bacteria in food and mail, the *Union-Tribune's* **Diane Bell** was full of good news. "SureBeam stock dipped below \$5 in early October but zoomed up after the anthrax attacks resulted in a \$40 million contract with the U.S. Postal Service to sanitize mail. Yesterday it closed at \$12.20. Golding, who couldn't have foreseen this most recent demand for SureBeam's technology, seems to possess an uncanny sense of timing. She is a director on the boards of both SureBeam and Titan, and last month a press release went out naming her president of Titan's new Homeland Security Office tasked with finding ways to fight bioterrorism." Last week SureBeam went belly-up. The *U-T* made no mention of Golding.

**Craver trips** San Diego Data Processing Corporation president **Roger Talamantez**, forced to submit his resignation last week after word of prodigious spending on tequila shooters made its way to local media, isn't the only one living high on the government's tab. Members of the regional airport authority have been running up some healthy travel expenses of their own since the board was formed two years ago. Samples: a \$207 dinner at fancy Zola restaurant in Washington, D.C., for former Air Force colonel **Joe Craver**. Says a review in the *Miami Herald*, "Named for the French novelist Emile Zola, champion of the falsely accused spy, Alfred Dreyfus, the restaurant is filled with subliminal references to intrigue like espionage texts on acrylic panels... Zola carries 300 wines, many of them American, and 18 by the glass."



Joe Craver

— Matt Potter

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## Debt Stench

By Don Bauder

**S**an Diego's massive pension deficit and retiree health-care liabilities have created two warring political camps: the roses and the garlies, or stinking roses. In coming months, it should be clear that the garlies have the grasp on reality. The city's pension situation smells, and not like a rose, despite everything you hear from Mayor Dick Murphy and assorted "Pecksniffers."

According to documents

drawn and the offering delayed. The city is reported to have hired a law firm to help it pen the new document. Although San Diegans will have to cut through craftily created obfuscation — that's what lawyers are for — the prospectus should reveal more details on the pension



Dick Murphy



Diann Shipione



April Boling



Ed Ryan

put out by two Wall Street firms, the city will try once again to sell half a billion dollars in sewer bonds this spring. The offering was cancelled in September after Diann Shipione, the whistleblower who has brought the pension issue to the fore, challenged the veracity of the bond prospectus on pension and healthcare issues, according to city government sources.

The prospectus was with-

odor.

If the city is honest about the deficits, Wall Street may well cock an eyebrow at San Diego's credit. If, on the other hand, the prospectus gets too cute with legal gobbledegook, Wall Street might also look askance. After all, San Diego became a laughingstock of the bond market when it agreed to pay junk-bond yields on insured ballpark bonds two years ago. There still has been no plau-

sible explanation for the astonishingly high yields.

And little but sweet talk is coming out of city hall on the pension mess. In his state of the city speech, Murphy soft-pedaled the issue and said he was committed to putting the pension system on a firm foundation. For this column, deputy city manager Pat Frazier did not respond to faxed questions about the pension woes.

Next month, a civil lawsuit charging the city with deliberately underfunding the pension system goes to court. It also charges that an overwhelming majority of

the 13 members of the San Diego City Employees' Retirement Fund are voting on matters that line their own pockets — an obvious conflict of interest. That suit represents "the last best hope to avoid city meltdown," says Michael Conger, attorney for

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## Neal Obermeyer





# Police Disappear While Lincoln Park Bleeds

By Joe Deegan

Sooner or later, according to Bill Farrar, president of the San Diego Police Officers Association, tragic events will expose how understaffed the city's police force is. At 1.65 per 1000, San Diego has one of the lowest ratios of police officers to 1000 residents in the country. Cops on the street also complain that their pay is lower than they could get in areas as close as Riverside County. "We're losing eight or nine officers a month,"

former Dr. J's Liquor in the last two years.

"We've lived in this neighborhood since 1983," says local resident Mike Miller, "but what's been going on here in the last two years is beyond the pale. This stretch of Logan between 47th Street and Euclid Avenue is a virtual killing

1, 2002]." In that case, Gerardo Ojito was ordered to stand trial on charges that he murdered 14-year-old Larson Tufi and 16-year-old Jose Alegria.

In May of last year, I went with Miller to visit Dr. J's at 5080 Logan Avenue, near the intersection of Logan and Euclid Avenues. On the first of the month, someone had fatally shot the owner, Eddie Meram, and left him lying in a pool of blood in the rear of the store. Meram was a friendly, popular man in the neighborhood, often permitting customers to run up lines of credit. Now his store stood abandoned, its door locked with chains. Flowers had already wilted on the sidewalk.

Miller pointed to bullet

and Sharon Burton, 32, of Temecula. Four of the bullets also struck Waites's nephew Ozvie Harris, who eventually recovered from lung injuries after a stay in the hospital.

As cries against gang violence and pleas for police action went up in more affluent neighborhoods, such as Mission Beach, in the past year, resignation seems to have gripped many in Lincoln Park. Perhaps residents there already knew it was useless to ask, much less demand. They believe the city doesn't send enough police into the area to prevent crime. And Mike Miller wonders what the police have been doing since the murders. "If these kinds of events took place in any



Bill Farrar



Mike Miller

of stuff to happen down here.

"In the van Dam scenario," continues Miller, "it seems like lots of police personnel appeared right away. Of course, an ongoing kidnapping was suspected for a while. But you would think that the city fathers could do

murders. The chief also claims that police need only a bit more evidence to make an arrest in the New Year's Day killings. But they have yet to announce any suspects in that day's shooting or the store owner's murder.

Regarding crime of a different type, says Mike Miller, "People are so poor around here that if somebody wants to burglarize, they're going to go to some other neighborhood. I don't think we're any worse than other areas in that respect. But this murder rate is horrendous. If the killings are all gang-related, then the police ought to come down hard on the gangs no matter how it infringes on their constitutional liberties. Traditionally, the attitude has been, 'As long as they're doing each other in, then who cares?' But now they're shooting innocent people and kids — anybody that happens to be around."

Today, next door to the newly painted Island View Market (formerly Dr. J's Liquor) sits the local YWCA. A shopping center on the other side of the street houses several Christian groups and the nonprofit "Children Having Children, Inc." In the same center, the upstairs Southeast Alano Club occupies a few small rooms across the hall from Prodigal Sons Fellowship.

Miller blames many of the area's problems on high concentrations of people along Logan between 47th and Euclid. Large apartment buildings on both sides of the street make available hundreds of dwellings, many of them Section 8 housing (a federal allowance program that provides rent subsidies).

A woman who attends

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5080 Logan Avenue

says Farrar, "and none are being hired for the next year. This budget mess we're in is real."

Many people assume the tragic events Farrar speaks of already happened in Lincoln Park, where five people were murdered at or near the

ground.

"The latest murders," continues Miller, "go back in my memory to a six-year-old boy who was killed near 49th and Logan a couple of years ago. Then we had two gangbangers that were killed in front of Dr. J's [on March

holes all over the wood of the store's front wall. Those came from a spray of bullets fired into a crowd of people gathered in front of Dr. J's a little more than a year ago, at 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Day. The shots killed Carol Waites, 45, of Valencia Park,

other part of town," he says, "resources would become immediately available. But we seem to suffer from the Chinatown syndrome. It's business as usual, and after a week or two, everybody forgets about it. I guess the city fathers expect that kind

more in our area. I'm sure they've heard this."

Apparently new police chief William Lansdowne has heard it. On January 1 of this year, the *Union-Tribune* reported that he has formed a special task force to investigate Lincoln Park's recent



## Debt stench

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the plaintiffs.

But such critics exaggerate the seriousness of the issue, insists April Boling, who

is chairman of Murphy's pension-reform commission. "I think there is a lot of unfounded hysteria," says Boling. "We can have a problem without getting hysterical about it. I'm not willing to say the city is going

bankrupt."

Conger, in turn, points out that Boling was Murphy's campaign treasurer, as well as a key member of the blue-ribbon committee that he set up to study city finances. That blue-ribbon

group also recommended that the city fully fund its pension obligations. "The pension-reform commission is the broom to Dick Murphy's attempt to sweep this under the rug," says Conger.

Boling's critics don't

question her competence but wonder whether she and other members of the commission will, for political reasons, try to spray perfume on the stench. The city's pension fund is \$1.15 billion in

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the hole, and the retiree health-care deficit is \$1 billion. Both sums are growing rapidly. While the three-year bear market in stocks is part of the pension-deficit problem, the major cause is underfunding. The city council since 1996 has intentionally refused to put the city's share into the fund. In return, the labor unions representing city workers have been granted large benefit hikes. It's a double whammy, and city officials, who stand to profit from the huge benefit hikes, didn't blow the whistle on the billowing deficit.

Last week, city auditor Ed Ryan elected to retire in February. His office audits the pension system's financial statements. Ryan has a representative on the pension board and is, of course, a recipient of the generous benefit increases. "Why didn't the auditor raise penalty flags?" asks Shipione. "Where was the auditor when information was being vetted?" According to city hall sources, Shipione, a member of the pension board, pointed out that the prospectus for the sewer bonds used outdated and incorrect actuarial information on the pension deficit and essentially ducked the billion-dollar health-care deficit.

Officially, the pension system is 67 percent underfunded. But Conger says the city has fudged the accounting to get the figure up to 67. He has been negotiating with the city. "The city said to us that if the pension fund is below 70 percent fully funded, it concerns bond issuers [underwriters]. But they [city officials] are doing several things to cook the books. They use a little-used funding method that understates the debt. They are not counting all their liabilities. They are understating the expected age at which people start paying into the retirement system." Some of these tricks are called "actuarial gaming." Without all this "ledger-deman," the system is actually below 60 percent funded, says Conger.

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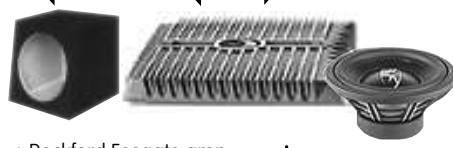
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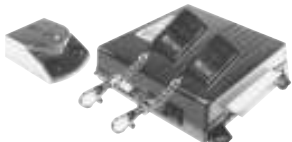
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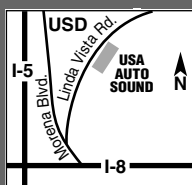
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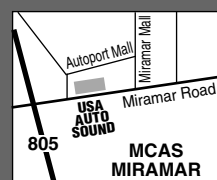
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That's scary. And, unfortunately, it's very believable. But Conger feels his negotiations with the city and the pension fund are progressing well. "The pension fund is realizing how dire the circumstances are," says Conger. "They want the city to do more." Conger's goal: "We want no more IOUs." The city must agree to fund the system now.

On January 6, Frazier made a presentation to the pension-reform commission about pension-obligation bonds, or the possibility of plugging the deficit by floating a bond issue, resembling Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed deficit bonds. The counties of San Diego, Mendocino, and Contra Costa have all issued pension-obligation bonds in the past two years. The bonds would be taxable, and the interest rate would likely be a bit above 6 percent, Frazier told the commission. After fees and the like, the actual interest rate would be 6.3 to 6.4 percent, says Boling.

From an actuarial perspective, the city's pension fund is set up to survive on an 8 percent annual return, explained Frazier. The pension board says that the city made 7.95 percent a year on its portfolio in the past five years. That portfolio is about 53 percent stocks, and stocks were in one of U.S. history's worst bear markets in three of the past five years. Shipione, for one, wonders if that 7.95 percent return is accurate and whether the 8 percent actuarial assumption is realistic, particularly since Berkshire Hathaway, headed by the legendary investor Warren Buffett, lowered its expected annual return to 6.5 percent.

But if the interest rate is around 6 percent and the rate of return is 8 percent, then the pension-obligation bonds are a winner, Frazier told the commission. Boling says that the claimed 7.95 percent five-year rate of return and the 8 percent actuarial assumption are both being audited. "If it turns out that something is not being correctly characterized, that should surface in the audit," says Boling.

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"It's very clear that she [Frazier] does not believe in pension-obligation bonds," Boling continues. But Jim Gleason, a city retiree who is a plaintiff in the lawsuit and who heard Frazier's talk, says it's clear to him that the city is seriously considering the move.

In her presentation, Frazier said that Fitch, a bond-rating service, says that "a funded ratio at less than 60 percent is a cause for a significant rating concern." If Wall Street does its homework, it should not be fooled by the phony accounting that has pushed San Diego's ratio to 67.

Frazier also told the commission that the pension deficit is a "soft" internal liability, while the bonds would be a "hard" external debt obligation. Basically, what that means is that the current pension deficit is out of sight, out of mind, and off the balance sheet. If the city sells pension-obligation bonds, the matter would be on the balance sheet, front and center.

Says Shipione, "Pension bonds would take hugely expensive off-balance-sheet debt hidden from the budget and put it on the city's balance sheet so it would have to be dealt with every year." But, she warns, because of last year's actions by Murphy and the council, the city could become insolvent "even if pension bonds are issued. The only answer is to recognize that the pension problem is in the billions and be willing to deal with it at that level. There's no suggestion that will happen under this mayor and council." ■

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the Alano Club recovery meetings says she's heard other attendees admit the apartments were where they bought or used drugs. And police officers say that local gang members sneak in and out of the apartment complexes' rear entrances to deliver drugs and hide out.

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Methodist Heights Apartments on Logan near 49th Street. El-Amin feels the police use the stereotyping more flagrantly than anyone. "They should get to know the community instead of stereotyping people," she says. "They never approach the people in a good way. The first thing they should do is teach us our rights." She remembers looking out the window of her Bay Vista office last summer and seeing a cop "harassing" one of the building's residents as he played with his son on the premises. "They're trying to get their quota," she says.

Samantha Meachem, El-Amin's colleague at Bay Vista, is also disappointed with the police, especially in connection with the unsolved murders. Like Miller, she thinks if the murders had occurred in a different area, the police would investigate more. "And when they can't find anything," she adds, "they say, 'Oh, it's gangs,' and they drop it."

Adds El-Amin, "There could be a real crook coming in from outside the area. Come to think of it, there were no witnesses to the murder of Meram inside his store."

Law enforcement is not likely to take its eyes off gangs anytime soon, however. Says Lieutenant Vince Villalvazo, head of the SDPD's special gangs unit, increased police attention to gang crime in the year leading up to last July had reduced such crime by 15 percent. Yet he cites the occurrence of 11 gang-related homicides in the same period. So even before Lansdowne was named its new chief, the police department had increased the number of its gang-suppression teams from two to three. (Each team has six officers and a sergeant.)

"Specialty units, however valuable they may be, are drawn from the ranks of patrol," says the Police Officers Association's Farrar, a 32-year veteran of the SDPD. "Patrol officers are the ones who answer 911 calls, which are our highest priority." Even with San Diego's police

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staffing at its current low levels, he adds, a specialty like the gang unit is not going to be eliminated, because gang problems are too evident throughout the city. But others, such as the inebriation and community policing units, may have to be cut to avoid robbing the patrol of its forces.

When Susan Golding was mayor, the city made a five-year commitment to raise its ratio of police officers from 1.65 to 2.0 per 1000 residents. But time passed, says Farrar, and the city council lost sight of its pledge. "Other large cities," he says, "have ratios double, triple, and quadruple that of San Diego. But we're used to operating at this level."

Farrar thinks that San Diego's police suffer from their own success. Over the years, he says, San Diego has developed an excellent reputation for its police work. That may explain how the city has been able to hire Chief Lansdowne at an annual salary nearly \$17,000 below what he was making in the smaller department of San Jose. Farrar also points to nationwide praise the department received for its success in controlling the 2001 Biotechnology Conference. Similar gatherings held elsewhere, such as the antiglobalization conferences in Seattle and Genoa, Italy, caused widespread chaos and lawlessness.

But, according to Farrar, the city council is not facing up to what's going on in the police department. Take the health-care plan provided for its officers, he says, which covers all health costs of unmarried personnel. "But officers who have families," says Farrar, "pay out of their own pockets an extra \$150 to \$200 per payday to get their spouse and children covered." He adds that Mayor Murphy even voted against the modest increases in officer pay that the last contract negotiations granted and that the whole council eventually approved.

"The police [just] react these days," says Lincoln Park resident Mike Miller. "They don't seem to be as proactive as they were 15 or 20 years ago. Now they're going around to scrape up all the garbage, coming in to deal with it after the fact." ■



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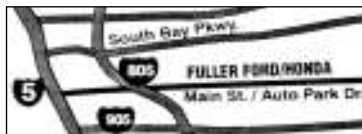
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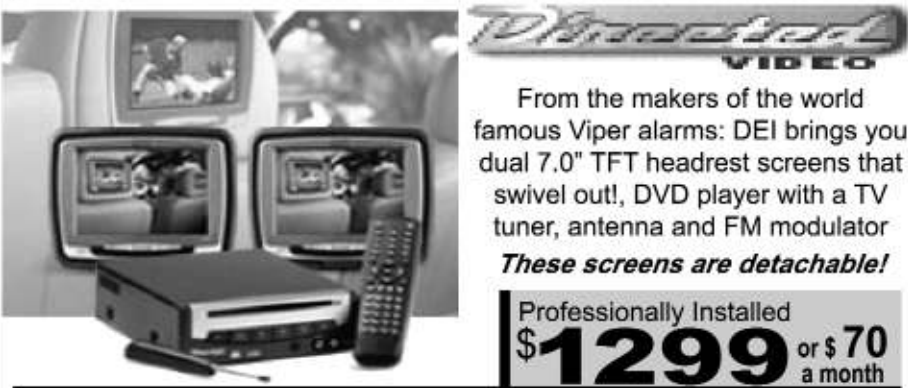
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Yes, you were there when a dynasty began, witness to the first championship victory by Carolina, a team that played their home games in a location unknown to 280 and out of 292 million citizens then living in the United States. Although, to be fair, it was common knowledge that the Carolina Panthers were headquartered on the Eastern seaboard, most likely in North or South Carolina.

And on that Sunday in the winter of aught-three, aught-four, Carolina came upon the New England Patriots, a team hailing from the backwoods of Maine, to play a game that was for all the marbles on the table, all the chips in the stack, all the ducks in the pond, all the food in the refrigerator...namely, for the World Championship Of American Football.

I gotta stop for a minute. My hands are trembling in excitement. This story line is fantastic. I'm seized by the moment — put down my writing tools and pick up the telephone.

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Add \$153.74 to rent a Hertz Ford Taurus and the total is \$668.64. Not bad. Time to run a Google search for Super Bowl tickets. First hit is the very agreeable "Cheap Super Bowl Tickets," and one click later I'm on the eSeats website.

There is "Section 400. Level Suite, 24 Person, 5 yard in, fully catered, \$205,000." That comes out to \$8541 a head. Not bad, since you get free food and booze. What else? "Section 400. Level Suite, 12 Person, 10 yard in, fully catered, \$89,880." Looking at \$7490 a head. Hmm, too much of a bargain, must be a problem with the sight lines.

Not that it matters. Truth to tell, there is one nagging drawback to what is, otherwise, a

remarkably well-thought-out Super Bowl plan. I don't have any rich friends, a fact of life that has caused me endless difficulties. Therefore, I reserve a single ticket for Section 127, Row H, which looks to be on the 45-yard line. The price is right — a paltry \$4815, plus, I won't have to spend the afternoon with a gaggle of over-familiar, loud-mouthed poor people.

Suddenly feeling a lot better, I reserve tickets for the Super Bowl Bud Bowl Party, \$105; the Super Bowl Celebrity Celebration, \$300; Super Bowl Celebrity Soiree, \$300; the Super Bowl Cheerleaders Party, \$1075; the Super Bowl EcoBowl Party, \$240; the Super Bowl Moorad Sports Brunch, \$595; Super Bowl NFL Stadium Club, \$625; Super Bowl NFL Tailgate Party, \$905; Super Bowl Opening Ceremony, \$270; Super Bowl Red Carpet Party, \$1125; Super Bowl Taste of the NFL, \$1130; and two hookers, \$3500; for a grand total of \$14,985.

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I better stop here for a moment and take inventory. Let's see, I have reserved one Super Bowl ticket, 12 Super Bowl activities, lodging, and transportation in exchange for \$15,772.10. What am I missing?

Local color! That's it. How do the inhabitants live? What's the sense in paying all this money to travel to an up-and-coming vacation paradise and not experience raw life as it's lived by natives?

We'll have to get to that next week. Anyway, Houston is the fourth-largest town in the country and must needs has a stock of inspiring treasures to charm every visitor.

Right now I should say a few words to Philadelphia fans. The Eagles lost another NFC championship game on Sunday. Three years. Three championship games. Three losses.

Put the gun down. The Buffalo Bills made it to Super Bowl XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII, and lost every game. That franchise was a proverbial swarm of locusts, eating all the joy from the face of the earth. Compared to the Bills, Philadelphia is summer sunshine.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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**Senior pastor:** Reverend Charlie Youngkin  
**Congregation:** 850  
**Staff:** 12 full-time  
**Sunday school enrollment:** 450  
**Annual budget:** \$1,300,000  
**Weekly giving:** \$25,000  
**Singles program:** no  
**Diversity:** white, African-American  
**Dress:** casual to dressy  
**Services:** Sunday worship, 8:30 a.m. (said Mass), 11:00 a.m.

Early last week I told Reverend Matt Tague of Carlsbad Community Church that I no longer understood what “community” meant. Nowadays people say things like “dog-owner community.” Many churches have dropped their denominational affiliation from their name and instead call themselves a “Community” church. Reverend Tague understood my confusion.

“Until recently a ‘Community’ church was a Congregationalist church. The meaning was specific. In America, Congregationalism was a result of Pilgrims and Puritans getting together. A Congregationalist ‘Community Church’ was a product of a new country where a Lutheran, for example, might settle in a town where there was no Lutheran church. A Congregationalist ‘Community Church’ was a church that accepted differences between Protestants and allowed people from different denominations, like Lutherans, to join in and fellowship.

“People often think that the ecumenical movement is recent in the history of Christianity. In every generation there’s been a certain amount of distrust among Christians, but in every generation there have always been Christians who made a point of reaching out to others.

“But we’re also a ‘community’ church in the sense that our church has deep roots in Carlsbad. Much of our membership is ‘old Carlsbad.’ The majority of our membership has lived here for a long time.”

I had a better feel for Carlsbad Community’s Pilgrim/Puritan roots when I visited last Sunday. The church’s hangar-like “new” sanctuary, built 15 years ago, takes no advantage of the property’s direct sightline to the sea. I thought of Prince of Peace Abbey in Ocean-side, just a few miles north, where the nave’s floor-to-ceiling windows look to the ocean, creating a sense of awe, even mystery.

Carlsbad Community Church’s 1500-

seat sanctuary is done in shades of beige. In the vaulted ceiling, a skylight of milky glass admits subdued light. Windows in the western wall don’t open to admit the ocean air. Carlsbad Community does, however, have a 50-member choir dressed in red robes. A 15-member brass section, seated down front, accompanies the hymns, which represent an accommodation of contemporary and traditional.

But last Sunday morning I wasn’t as interested in the church’s architecture as I was in the sermon, delivered by Byron Paulus, a guest speaker who runs something called Life Action Revival Ministries in Buchanan, Michigan. Life Action seems to be a spiritual concession that hires itself out to instill or spark “revival” in a given church. To me there was something creepy in this notion that spiritual revival could, for a price, be ordered up and delivered like a pizza.

Most of the people who attend Carlsbad Community’s 11:00 a.m. service are elderly. He asked how many present liked to fish. A number of men raised their hands. “I’m not saying that all men who fish are liars,” Paulus said, “but all the liars I know like to fish.” A bad joke made worse when Paulus parlayed it into a narrative about Peter and Simon fishing on the sea of Galilee. Paulus said that he’d figured out, given the size of boats in Jesus’ day, and the size of fish in the Galilee, that it would have taken 5000 fish to sink those two boats.

Paulus said “God loves to do his greatest work in the most unlikely places,” and he was holding up a piece of chalk. In five weeks, he told us, a “revival team” from Life Action Revival Ministries was coming to Carlsbad Community

Church to lead a revival. A pastor he knew had once taken a piece of chalk and drawn a circle on the ground and begged God to make a revival take place, starting within that circle. Paulus said that after the morning’s service he would hand out pieces of chalk, which worshippers were to keep in a “conspicuous place” in their homes. Whenever they saw the chalk, Paulus said, they should pray, “God, send revival to my life.”

After the service, many of the elderly folks around me took time to introduce themselves, embrace me, and say they hoped to see me again.

When I’d spoken with Reverend Matt Tague, he told me that churches like his looked to theologians like Jonathan Edwards, one of America’s foremost Congregationalists, for guidance and inspiration.

“We can look at church history from a more respectful tradition, and we can acknowledge and learn from the faith of our fathers.”

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND CHARLIE YOUNGKIN

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Carlsbad  
★ 1/2

<b>Sermon</b>	
content.....	no stars
delivery.....	no stars
<b>Liturgy</b> .....	★★
<b>Music</b>	
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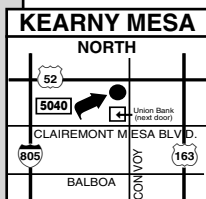
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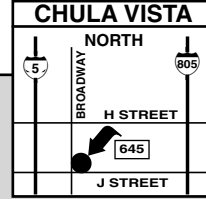
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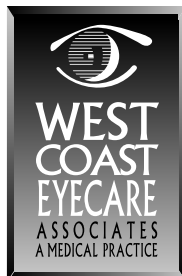
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### Dear Aunt Trudy,

On New Year's Eve I went out to dinner with my cousin and his extended family. My cousin is in his 50s. His wife was there, and his son, along with his son's two little kids. We were all crammed into his large sport utility vehicle. As my cousin was negotiating the crowded parking lot at a popular restaurant, there was an impatient driver in back of us. When we finally parked, he jumped out of his car, ran over to my cousin (we were all still in the car), and motioned for him to roll down his window. He did so and this guy started yelling at him, saying he was a stupid driver. My cousin ignored him but the guy kept berating him. Eventually my cousin got out of the car and told the guy to leave us alone. He didn't, so my cousin shoved him. The guy threw a punch at my cousin (amazingly, he ducked it), and when my cousin's son saw this guy throw a punch at his dad, he came raging out of the car and socked the irate guy. The guy got up and ran around to the passenger side of the car, leaned in the window and spit in the face of my cousin's wife. Then he got into his car and drove off. We were all pretty shaken when we got into the restaurant. My cousin was practically in tears. I tried to console him about what had just happened, but my cousin's wife said, "You're just making it worse by talking about it. Drop the subject. Let's pretend it never happened." My cousin's son's oldest child, who is seven, was asking questions. Her grandmother silenced her by saying, "We will not discuss this. You are not to bring it up ever again." My cousin hung his head all night. Also, being a dad myself, I thought the little girl should be allowed to ask her questions. I tried a couple more times to broach the subject, but my cousin's wife came down on me real hard. No one contradicted her or stood up for me, and so I gave up. Isn't this a strange way to react when something dicey happens? No one is allowed to talk about it? Did this matriarch have the right to put a gag order on us all?

SHOOK UP IN EL CAJON

### Dear Shook Up,

What a sorry way to start the New Year! While I think your cousin's wife's insistence on banning all discussion is less than healthy and is also unfair, I'm not sure there's much you could have done about it. I agree that generally it can be helpful to talk about upsetting experiences. But this may not be the way your cousin's family handles such events. If you think it would help, you

can offer to chat with your cousin privately about the altercation. I also agree that a child of seven, who had just witnessed her father punching someone and her grandfather angrily pushing another grown man, might want some help in figuring out what she'd seen. Unfortunately, since she isn't your child, and since her father and grandparents were right there in the restaurant when you tried to respond to her and none of them seemed disposed to allow you to do so, you may have to drop it. You can tell your cousin that you feel someone should have a talk with the girl to help her deal with any fears she may have. I don't think you're in a position to insist upon this, since such openness seems to run counter to her family's wishes.

### Dear Aunt Trudy,

Never in my wildest dreams could I imagine writing to an adviser. But after reading the letter from the young lady who's torn because she feels the man she's dating places too much importance on his dog, I had to write. I have been living with Kymba, a husky who has been my best friend, buddy, and listener. Unlike what most people assume about us dog people, I have a sea of friends. I have lost many relationships because my significant others felt threatened or couldn't cope with the "competition." In the last 12 years or so, every morning he has been my alarm clock, gently waking me up, with his leash in his mouth, ready to go for a run on the beach. Just the thought of having him standing by my empty bed would stop me from spending the night over at my S.O., even if she were a super model. I don't think I need to apologize for reciprocating a small part of the endless loyalty and companionship he has given me over the years.

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In the pre-Christmas whirlwind, I failed to keep my coffee jar stocked, and the two mornings I had to start without a jump weren't pretty. Thinking of that and of my mother-in-law's upcoming visit, I decided to look for an instant coffee that would suit both of us, something I could always keep in my freezer for emergencies, and maybe something that could forge a new sentimental bond between Mom and me. "When I'm in San Diego, I always drink..."

A tour of some local grocery stores and specialty shops yielded a wide variety of instant coffees, as well as an instant cappuccino and an herbal coffee alternative called Cafix. I put the kettle on and sat down with Patrick and Mariyah, an old college friend of mine in town for a visit. She was to be our voice of experience. "I probably prefer brewed coffee," she said, "but I drank a lot of instant coffee a few years ago. I was living in Monterey and didn't have a coffeepot. I found a good organic brand at Whole Foods called Mount Hagen." I assured her it was in the lineup.

As Patrick poured boiling water into the long row of coffee cups, I twisted lids and punctured freshness seals. Mariyah stirred the rounded teaspoonfuls of dried coffee into each cup. We started, for sentimental reasons, with Taster's Choice (\$4.69 for 2 oz. at Ralphs). The granules resembled dusty brown gravel more than anything else, and didn't smell like much. "The acid is too low, and it's just weak," I complained. "I prefer to say, 'Exceedingly mild and perfect for older Irishwomen,'" said Patrick with a smile.

Next, we sipped on Folgers (\$2.99 for 2 oz. at Ralphs). The caramel-colored granules reminded us of bacon bits, but they smelled more like "old used coffee filters," said Mariyah, wrinkling her nose. I could barely swallow my sip: the taste reminded me of warm pool water, heavily treated with chlorine and tainted with suntan lotion. "It must come from whatever chemicals they use to process it," guessed Patrick. Ralphs Coffee Crystals (\$5.19 for 8 oz. at Ralphs) didn't fare much better. Again, the grounds resembled bacon bits, but this time, they smelled of stale pipe tobacco and tasted

*"Exceedingly mild and perfect  
for older Irishwomen."*

mostly bitter, finishing with a burnt and sour aftertaste.

Things picked up with the 90% acid-neutralized Kava (\$6.99 for 4 oz. at Ralphs). Dark, almost black granules gave off a lovely chocolate aroma, though the flavor was so mild as to be empty on the middle of the tongue. "It's a wimpy coffee," said Mariyah. Patrick protested that you couldn't expect much punch from an acid-neutralized java like Kava. Then we scored our first hit: Yuban (\$5.49 for 8 oz. at Ralphs). The dark, teeny grounds smelled rooty and real, the closest yet to fresh-brewed. The acidity was low, but not as low as the Kava, and it was buttressed by a genuine roasted flavor. In contrast to the Yuban, Trader Joe's Instant Coffee (\$2.99 for 3.5 oz. at Trader Joe's) was tangy with acidity, with a strong flavor and light finish. It smelled deliciously of chocolate.

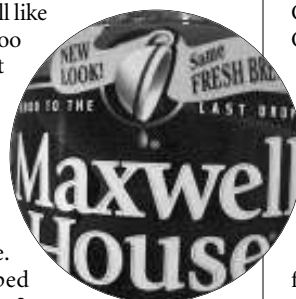
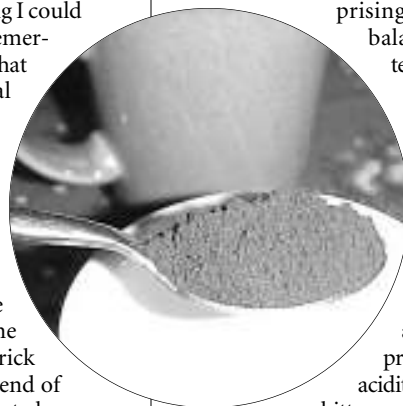
Bad smells wafted from both Maxwell House (\$5.35 for 8 oz. at Ralphs) and Nescafé Classico (\$1.89 for 3.5 oz. at Ralphs): spent wet grounds from the former, flat bitterness from the latter. But both tasted surprisingly good, showing a

balance of acidity, bitterness, and zippy richness. We got still more zip from the Medaglia D'oro Instant Espresso (\$4.99 for 2 oz. from Mona Lisa Italian Delicatessen). Fine as baby powder, the granules smelled mild and sweet. Patrick praised the coffee's high acidity and deep, rounded bitterness, but noted that "its only flaw is that it lacks the richness of true espresso."

When we plunged into the Mount Hagen Organic Coffee (\$7.99 for 3.5 oz. at Whole Foods), we discovered that we had unwittingly saved the best for last. The smell reminded me of freshly ground coffee beans. "It tastes the most like fresh-brewed coffee," agreed Mariyah. "I knew there was a reason I bought it even though it was expensive," she said. I sipped and exclaimed, "So strong and balanced! So clean and crisp — there are no rough edges!" I could have been a commercial.

We finished up with two specialty drinks: General Foods International Coffees Italian Cappuccino (\$4.99 for 8 oz. at Ralphs) and Cafix (\$4.99 for 3.5 oz. at Whole Foods). Mariyah was familiar with both. "I drank the Italian Cappuccino as a dessert-type thing after dinner," she recalled. It did have a sweetness to it, but I found it watery, and without much coffee flavor. "The Cafix I drink when I'm trying to purge coffee and caffeine from my system. It's made from barley, chicory, and beet roots, but it still tastes like coffee." I was skeptical. The smell reminded me of a walk in the forest. But while I found a watery edge to the drink, I had to admit to its "real" coffee flavor and balanced bitterness.

To recap: first place to Mount Hagen. Second place was a three-way tie between Maxwell House, Trader Joe's, and Nescafé, depending on how much acidity you like in your coffee. I preferred the Trader Joe's, and Patrick liked the strength of the Nescafé, but I think I'll buy the milder Maxwell House for Mama Kelly. No sense pushing too hard with your mother-in-law.



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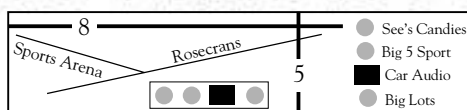
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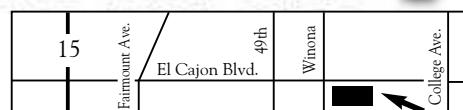
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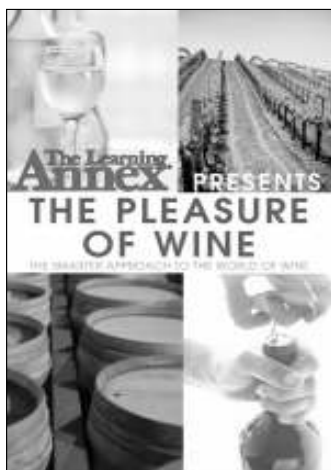
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## BACK WHEN

*In the Reader*



San Diego Reader, January 25, 1979

### Thirty Years Ago

"PIGS? Some people are going to call us capitalist pigs for sure, but even though we don't wanna...we gotta. Classified ads have been free for fifteen months and in that time we've given away almost 10,000 of them.... "How much?" you demand. "50 cents for 35 words," we say meekly. "Why?" you shout. "Because typesetting just went up 10 percent, printing/paper is taking a big jump in January, and the bank is supposed to start getting paid back this month...."

— CLASSIFIEDS, January 24, 1974

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

I am supposed to be conducting an "exclusive" interview with Cheech and Chong between sets.... Cheech Marin informs me that they are "all interviewed out," so I end up with only one worthwhile quote...Do they harbor a Sixties hangover?

"The Sixties didn't die, man. People just pretended that they did. Dope is ingrained in our culture so it's a source of humor. We don't do just old dooper stuff; we do new stuff. But the drug material is an important part of the act because it stays relevant."...

A tall surfette, whose monotone voice and pie eyes make it difficult to tell whether she is straight, drunk, or doped, walks in begging for a conference. I'm politely ushered out, having gathered barely enough information to cover one side of a Zig Zag, which seems just about enough.

— "HIGH COMEDY," Steve Esmedina, January 25, 1979

### Twenty Years Ago

While I threw quite a few strikes last year, one or two did sail over the catcher's head — and landed in the laps of a few eager fans who were only too willing to draw attention to my errant deliveries. I herewith acknowledge those wild pitches. Most egregious of the uncorrected errors occurred in my column of December 22 when in discussing jukeboxes, I placed the Beach Club and the Arizona Café in Pacific Beach. I rarely go near the beach — the salt air tends to corrode my synapses — so I haven't had the pleasure of enjoying the ambience of those establishments. But next time I'm in Ocean Beach, I'll drop in and listen to their counter boxes.

— "STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP," Matthew Alice, January 26, 1984

### Fifteen Years Ago

Attending another cocktail party, Natasha had met Dr. Jonas Salk. "We got so excited talking to each other — it was such fun! — that he called Françoise [Gilot] in Paris that night, from the dinner party, to say he met a woman that she would just love meeting." Françoise and Natasha met for dinner soon after and "clicked."

— "SMALL AND SEARCHING BIG AND FINDING," Mary Lang, January 26, 1989

### Ten Years Ago

At the moment...the song "Jeremy," as sung by former troubled teenager/current rock god Eddie Vedder, sends crowds of alienated youth into an emphatic hysteria. But ten years from now, the words "gnashed his teeth and bit the recess lady's breast," sung by an Eddie impersonator, are bound to mean a hell of a lot less (if they mean anything at all).

— "THE SONG REMAINS THE SAME," Gina Arnold, January 20, 1994

### Five Years Ago

The kid next door had a black-bottomed pool and played guitar. Across the street, another kid played flute and was heavily into one of Jeff's idols, Jethro Tull. They immediately formed a band.

Eventually named Blue Wind, Jeff's band made KGB's *Homegrown 5* album with a song called "Earthquake." They played San Diego State and opened for some national acts at Montezuma Hall.

Jeff went to Grossmont College but figured his future lay on the *Billboard* charts.

"I had this sociology professor at Grossmont saying four out of five people in our class would live within ten miles of their birthplace doing some kind of work similar to their parents," he recalls. "I thought, 'Not me!' I was going to be a rock star and get out of Dodge."

— "EVERYBODY I NEED TO KNOW I MET IN KINDERGARTEN," Steve J. Thomas, January 21, 1999



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## 'TIS BETTER TO GIVE...

by Josh Board

**Y**ou know how people bitch about Christmas lights and decorations being put up around Thanksgiving? Well, I've always loved it. I enjoy the decorations, the trees you see in store and home windows. And I'm Jewish! But one thing I did get burned out on this year was the amount of Christmas parties I went to.

The first one started off shaky. It was Anne's seventh annual holiday party. I had to bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange, plus she asked for an unwrapped toy for a toy drive. I went to have a shirt made that said, "I went to Anne's holiday party and all I got in the gift exchange was this crappy T-shirt." Well, the day before the party, the company called and told me they wouldn't have it done for another week. I had to quickly go buy something else and settled on a candle, which was \$28 — more than the \$10 limit on the flyer.

When I drove to the party, which was a sit-down dinner for more than 50 people, my car overheated on the 163. I ended up making it there more than an hour late — just in time to eat.

I saw a lot of shoes on the porch and remembered



being told, "Don't wear socks with holes or anything, because they make you take off your shoes."

I was given a name tag. Each name tag had a different symbol. Mine had a star. People with certain symbols would be in charge of bringing out dessert and coffee. Other symbols had to clean up. Luckily, I high-tailed it out of there



Top: Chubby Bunny contestants; bottom left: the lifeguard; bottom right: gift exchangers

**One guy looked like Dizzy Gillespie, and when he tried to speak, he spit out bits of marshmallow and drooled down his chin.**

before the duties attached to my name tag came up.

I sat next to a young lifeguard at dinner. He told a lot of stories about people get-

ting stung by stingrays and jellyfish. Damn, when I saw *Jaws*, that kept me out of the ocean for years. Now this. He also promised to invite me to

The dinner was amazing. It was like Thanksgiving, with ham and turkey being passed around, as well as five different side dishes that others had brought. There were little gifts at the table, and one included Post-It notes. That made it fun when I wrote, "Pass the damn chocolate cake, you greedy bastards" and had it passed down the table. You see, they had three tables, each seating about 25 people. Since I was late, I was sitting at the very end.

After dinner was served, a game called "Chubby Bunny" was played. Anne had a few

volunteers but had to drag a few others up there. The object is to stick a marshmallow into your mouth and say "chubby bunny." The one who can say that with the most marshmallows wins. Well, if you've ever watched those highlights of the hot-dog eating contest in New York, you know how gross this can become. One guy looked like Dizzy Gillespie, and when he tried to speak, he spit out bits of marshmallow and drooled down his chin. Anne was prepared for this; she placed a bucket in front of each person.

One man had no trouble saying "chubby bunny," and one of the contestants said, "This isn't fair. He chews tobacco and has had practice." One lady (who I don't think understood the concept of the game) kept chewing after putting the marshmallows in her mouth. A guy named Carter finally won and received a bunch of movie tickets. The prize for second place was the leftover bag of marshmallows, although I'm sure they won't be eaten anytime soon.

When it was time for the gift exchange, we moved to a different room. Everyone joked about a picture of

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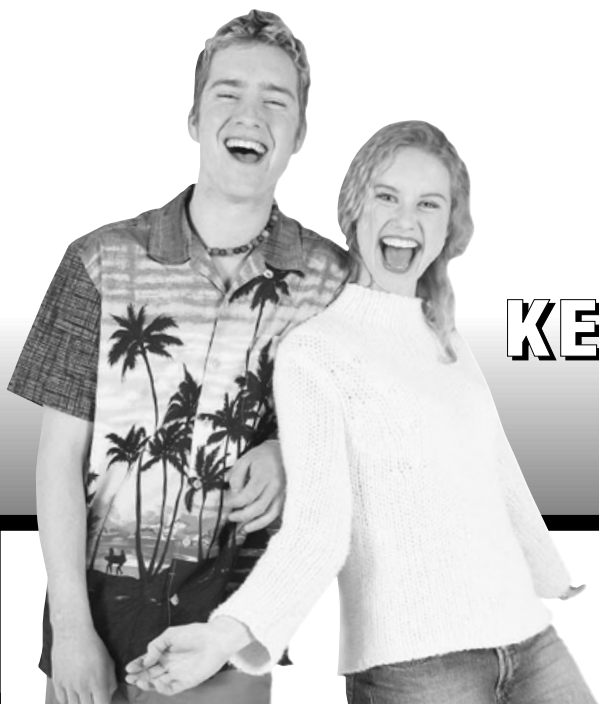
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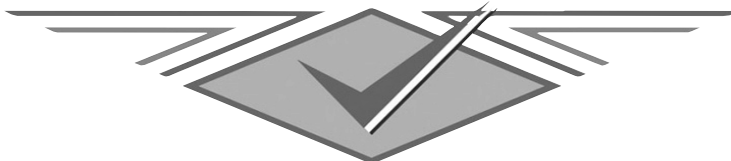
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The presents were placed in a pile, and the first person picked one and opened it. The second person could steal that gift or pick a new one. I reverted back to my childhood, shaking and feeling a few gifts before picking one. I got a tiny picture frame. Another person got a needle with different-colored threads. The only present that people stole was a coffee-table book of

One person opened a package and found two nice photo albums. As he opened up the photo albums, he said, "That is strange. There are photos already in here." Somebody looked over his shoulder and saw a woman in her bikini. Then a bunch of the men ran over to take a peek. Nobody could figure out who brought the albums and why they had already put photos in them. One person said, "That's actually more convenient. You

The only other Christmas party I went to with a gift exchange was for the Multinational Mortgage & Real Estate company. They did the gift exchange right, saying it had to be “gag gifts.” Although sometimes a gag gift ends up being something people want. One guy got a pair of SpongeBob SquarePants slippers and was thrilled, saying, “I’ll give these to my kids. They’ll love them.” There was a Monopoly game, which seemed like a good gift for realtors. I was surprised that two different people gave nice chess sets. I thought that was a weird coincidence until a guy named Irwin said, “I

One lady got a purse, and it started a few ladies next to me talking about Louis Vuitton and Kate Spade purses. I decided this was a good time to go and check out the food, which was mostly Filipino stuff. (Most of the staff here is Filipino.) And I enjoy their food, aside

J. Chivante, a realtor there, kept running back and forth into another room. I followed him and found out where all the

One lady was carrying a bag of food to the table and dropped it. There was something with strawberry that went all over the place. As she was cleaning up, somebody said, "This is all going to be in the *Reader*." I assured her it wouldn't be. Ah...sorry. ■

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# What Insiders

*Food = joy...guilt...anger...pain...nurturing...  
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Tim Klepeis, the chef at Adams Avenue Grill, spoke hesitatingly at first. “I think the greatest reward is the food.” Then the tempo picked up. “Oh my God, I can’t believe it. I think it really is the food. Because you know what, I can make whatever I want, I can eat whatever I want.”

Klepeis, who is also the restaurant’s owner, and I talked one day last February about the work lives of those who prepared and served food in his restaurant. I’d hoped to sit down with the crew at a staff meal, a tradition in which employees gather once or twice a day to eat as a family. But Adams Avenue Grill did not have staff meals. Klepeis said most San Diego restaurants did not. Like other local chefs, Klepeis offered his front-of-the-house staff — the servers, hosts/hostesses — any meal on the menu for half the price. The back-of-the-house staff — cooks, preparation help, dishwashers — were provided a free meal, but they didn’t sit down together to eat.

Some words and phrases might be helpful to introduce. The “line” is where the food is prepared and plated for service. The “pass,” or “window,” is where the dishes ready to be delivered to the dining room are placed. A “sous chef” is second in command in the kitchen. An “expeditor,” or “runner,” coordinates the food orders brought to the kitchen and gets them out to the dining room in a timely manner. A “slam” is when it’s busy.

In between slams, eight San Diego County restaurant staffs allowed a visitor to join them in a meal. Each restaurant also provided a recipe.

## Nine-Ten La Jolla

When I arrived at Nine-Ten, in the Grande Colonial Hotel in La Jolla, everyone was in a frenzy of preparation for the evening ahead. Michael Stebner, the executive chef, had arranged to meet with me in the kitchen. I don’t know if it was the high gloss of the stainless steel, the array of sharp and *long* knives, the handsome men in white starched chef’s jackets, or the realization that my elbow was resting on an open crate of expensive porcini mushrooms just flown in from France, but I felt light-headed.

Anyma Kleinsorge, an expeditor and bartender, folded whiter-than-kosher-salt towels into squares. An enormous number of towels are used in kitchens as makeshift pot holders and to clean the rims of plates just before serving. Jack Fisher, the

pastry chef, breezed in and out. Fisher oversaw all the baking for the hotel and restaurant, from bread to croissants to desserts. Chris Bellini, a line cook, was chopping ingredients for appetizers and cleaning lobsters.

Travis Murphy, also a cook, planned the staff’s daily dinner. At Nine-Ten, he said, the hardest part of arranging the staff meal, also called the “family meal,” was “to find something to use. The biggest challenge is protein. I have to improvise with what’s extra. Basically, we have to scavenge around. The family meal is...what’s the word I want? Spontaneous.” Traditionally, staff meals are many times improvisational works. “The restaurant doesn’t serve chicken,” he continued, “but we use chicken for making stock, so often I use chicken for the protein. Or extra fish. Sometimes I make a meal

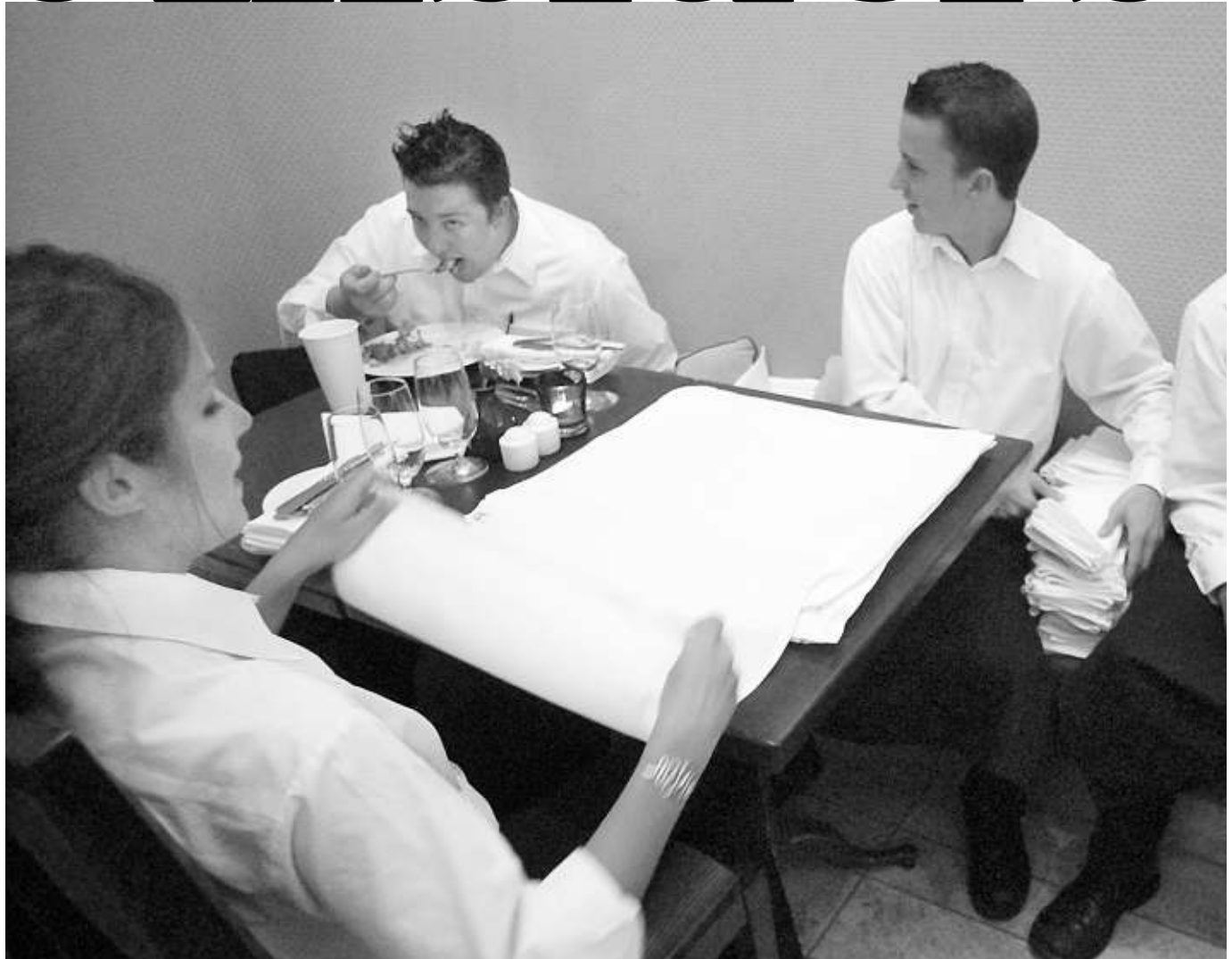
that doesn’t have any protein. Occasionally I’ll do a big pasta dish.”

Another consideration was staff members’ food preferences. “I’m a vegetarian,” said Kleinsorge, “and he always remembers to fix something that I can have.”

Murphy was trained at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. When I quizzed him on his biggest challenge as a chef, he immediately responded, “Patience. My biggest challenge is with myself and with the people around me. I need to be patient.”

Michael Stebner, the executive chef, was immersed in last-minute details before the staff meal, but we talked as he stirred a large bowl of saffron-laced risotto on the stovetop. (Stebner has since left to open Region, in Hillcrest.)

He grew up in Scottsdale, Arizona, spending much time in





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*Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant*

the kitchen helping his mother. He remembered pictures of himself as a little boy sporting a chef's hat. Although he had an innate love of food preparation, he wasn't thinking of making food his career. Ironically, his father's business failed at the time Stebner was beginning to hunt for his first job. "If my dad's business had not gone under at that time," he said, "I would have probably followed in his footsteps." Instead, at 15½ years old he got his first restaurant job. All it took was "one step in the kitchen, and I knew this was it." Stebner went on to train for three years at the Phoenician, a resort in Scottsdale. He'd worked in San Diego for the past nine years and was at Loews Coronado Bay Resort prior to the opening of Nine-Ten.

Stebner removed the risotto from the stove and spooned it

into a wide, shallow pan. He said this was a trick of the trade. Chefs cook risotto ahead of time, until it's halfway done. Then they transfer it to baking pans. They finish cooking it just before the restaurant opens for dinner. He spread the risotto, then ran a crisscross design through the golden pearls. Next, he pulled large pots of braising lamb shanks out of the oven and assessed their progress.

I mentioned to Stebner the difficulty of finding restaurants that offered staff meals and asked why he keeps the staff-meal policy. "It doesn't make sense not to," he said. "It's a soft cost."

As for problems with personnel, he replied that his key to success was "retaining a staff that's retention-worthy." He added that relationships in restaurants can be riddled with friction. "We're a little bit out of the box."

It was now time for the staff meal with this out-of-the-box crew. We sat down at tables at the back of the dining room.

I asked what topics they threw around for discussion at their meals. Stebner said, "Well, we have all the political analysts here tonight. Usually we get into really deep conversations about politics and religion, and what's the other thing? Sports."

Tiffany Girvin, a busser, said, "And vegetarianism."

"Yeah, we talk about that a lot," Kleinsorge said.

"We've been talking lately about war and the possibility of war," Girvin said.

Shane Rilling, a server, said, "Yeah, what's your views on war? We've got to get some of the Republicans out here."

"We talk about the school systems," Amanda Dowd, also a server, said. "We talk about

things we read in the paper. We're all very dynamic individuals, so there's a lot going on."

"And we spend about three minutes talking about the menu," said Stebner. "And we spend about 30 seconds talking about any important people that are coming in for dinner, but we usually wait till the last minute to do that."

Almost everyone at the table, with the exception of Kleinsorge, had worked at the restaurant for the past year and a half.

I asked what was the best thing about working at Nine-Ten.

"Food!" said Kleinsorge.

"The people we work with," said Dowd.

"I think what makes it different is that we learn a lot about the business and food," Girvin said. "That's the biggest thing I noticed when I started here. You just learn something new every day."

All had worked in restaurants before. Johnson mumbled, "Unfortunately, yes." He said he was just kidding, but Dowd said, "There aren't many restaurant jobs that are as good as this."

Kleinsorge concurred: "That's true. Turnover in most of the restaurants is high. Here it seems like everyone comes to stay. They like their jobs."

Rilling said, "I think the coolest thing, like she

[pointing to Girvin] was saying, is that you're always learning. Everyone here is dedicated to one's progress. 'Cause a lot of places, you can come in on a set menu, learn the menu, learn the wines by the glass, stay there, and never progress at all. But it seems like we switch the wine list pretty frequently, and it seems like everyone has a passion for learning about the wine and food. Like when I started, I could go up to almost anyone above me and ask them, 'What does this taste like? What's it good with? Where's it come from?' So I was able to learn from a lot of people and just keep on learning, and everyone kind of helps each other. It's cool. It makes it fun, instead of just coming to work and doing the same thing."

I inquired about the hours they work.

"Thirty-five," said Johnson.

"Twenty," said Girvin.

"During the day, I bartend, and a couple of nights a week, I expedite," said Kleinsorge.

"Thirty-five," said Dowd.

"I take two days off



India Palace

a week," Stebner said. "I try to work under 12 hours a day, which is not a lot for a chef." Stebner said he lived with his wife and one-and-a-half-year-old son.

Everyone at the table, other than Stebner, had come to San Diego to attend college. I asked the students if they planned to work in the restaurant business in the future.

"I will definitely own a restaurant," said Johnson.

Rilling said he didn't want to own a restaurant, and Kleinsorge said, "I don't know if I would want

to own a restaurant either. Unless it was international; then I would."

Johnson continued, "I've been working in restaurants since I was 16 years old. It's all I really know. Even though I want to go further, the restaurant's where I can make my money. Then I can eventually graduate on to other things."

"It's definitely good money," Kleinsorge said. "None of us are really studying culinary aspects. I study economics, Scott's political science, Shane's biology."

How did they get

along when it was busy and stressful?

"Just make sure you don't make the chef mad," Johnson said.

"Just do whatever you have to do," Rilling added.

"In the four months that I've been here, it's never really gotten to the point where it's escalated to extreme high-stress level," Kleinsorge said.

"I mean, I think that everything is run very well here. I haven't seen anything yet, but I'm sure you have stories."

"There are very definitely tiffs and issues and stress-related problems," said Girvin,

"but you have to finally realize that's what you're being paid for."

"In everyday stress," said Rilling, "when you do have an argument with somebody, you just have to say it's just another day and you have a job to do, execute it, and that's that."

On the flip side, they went on and on about the positive aspects of their jobs.

"I like it that the chefs make it known when you're appreciated," said Dowd. "Like, I've worked in other places where appreciation's never shown, and it's just really obvious here."

"I'll second that," Kleinsorge said.

"Along those lines," said Rilling, "I felt at other restaurants, managers were trying to run the place by fear and punishment. 'You better do a good job or else.' Whereas here: 'We want you to do a good job, and we'll help you if you can't. We'll help you learn.' So it's more respectful between people, as opposed to treating someone like a subordinate, which is really nice."

"I think we are the best restaurant serving the best food in South-

ern California," said Johnson.

"People ask us, 'What's good tonight? What's the best thing here?' " Dowd said. "It's funny, because you sound like a broken record, but everything is phenomenal. Truly, everything is delicious. And I say to my table, 'I know it sounds like a cliché to sit here and tell you that everything is delicious, but I feel the utmost pride in what I am going to serve to each person.' I'm never afraid that they're not going to like it. I'm never afraid that they're going to send it back. Or that it's going to have a hair in it, or that it's going to be undercooked. None of that is an issue. And I've been working in restaurants since I was, like, 17, serving, and people would ask you, 'What's good?' and you'd be, like, 'Nothing.' Truly. You try to pick and choose from the worst. Here there'll be things on the menu that are brand new, and I tell them, 'You have to try this. You will cry it's so good.' And people will get it and say, 'Oh my God, you're right.' "

"I have to agree with almost everything that's been said at the

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table, and then I have to add that I love the staff I work with too," Kleinsorge said. "It seems for some reason they've hired everyone that just absolutely gets along. You come into work, and everybody's really cheery, ready to work, and happy. And no drama. In most restaurants there is a lot of tension."

They had definite ideas about what they liked to eat.

Kleinsorge said, "I personally love to cook. I grew up on very organic, very, very fresh foods all the time, so I keep that."

Rilling said, "Me too. I eat all organic, all that good stuff. Also, as a server, ultimately you're just trying to make everyone at the table happy. The ultimate thing is the food, so if we're confident that the food's going to be good, that makes the rest of the job a lot easier."

Dowd shared how difficult it was in San Diego to find fresh organic food served in restaurants. She had lived in San Francisco, where organic food is more of a mainstay.

Stebner said that after work, he went home and ate crackers and cheese and had a glass of wine. "My wife is a vegetarian, so at home I eat vegetarian. We have a lot of pasta and salad."

Stebner, bringing the troops back to the evening ahead, asked, "Do you guys want to hear about the menu?"

"It's a little early, isn't it?" Johnson said.

"We might spark other conversation, I think," Stebner said. "For fish tonight, we have char and cod. The cod is with cauliflower puree, roasted turnips, beets, and kohlrabi. The sauce is a brown chicken reduction with a little bit of butter. The char we're serving with

chanterelles, braised cabbage, cranberry mousse. Let's see, what else do we have? Michel mussels tonight. The pasta is a little different. We're serving it with mushrooms, snow peas, pea shoots, Parmesan.

"The special arugula salad, we're doing with fresh cèpes — porcini — very rare. Everybody's had cèpes, right? It's porcini; it's the same mushroom. These are from France, so I'm

calling them cèpes. It's kind of the king of all mushrooms. Very expensive. They're about \$35 a pound. We're going to serve 'em raw tonight, sliced really thin with the special arugula, a little bal-

samic. A real simple setup. Just accentuate the freshness. Cèpes are, even though they're really expensive, really rare, they're really prone to mushroom worm. So a lot of times you get a box in — you

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and nice, we are going to serve them raw.”

Johnson asked if they had morels.

“We don’t have any more morels,” Stebner responded. “They’re not out of season, but I don’t want to have \$700 worth of mushrooms in the kitchen at any given time. I want to keep one special mushroom at a time.

“We do have a party of 50 tonight. They’re getting, believe it or not, caprese salad, which you guys are enjoying the secondary trimmings of. These are the first tomatoes we have used in, like, six months. We try not to use things that are not in season. We’re doing caprese salad tonight because they insisted on it. The tomatoes are from Holland. They’re greenhouse-grown, so they’re as good of a tomato as you can get right now. So we’re doing that special for them. We’re also having braised lamb shank.

“On top of that, we have the owners coming in — a party of 16. They are going to sit here on the banquette. They are having a limited menu. Whoever has got them, talk to Sean about the wine, and talk to me about



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150 Grand Cafe

the menu. The limited menu is a first-course salad with mozzarella, Italian vegetables. They actually have canapés from 6:30 to 7:30 at the bar. Choice of potato or pasta and a choice of three entrées — king salmon, beef, or lamb shank. The lamb shank is not on the à la carte menu tonight. I just have enough for the two parties.

“So, very high profile. They’ve been here all day. They had a meeting starting at 7:30 this morning in the sunroom. They went off-site for lunch. Of

course, Mr. Spogli, I’m assuming, being a foodie, has probably told everyone how great the restaurant is, so hopefully we want to show ’em what we’re made of. I don’t think anybody else in the party has eaten dinner here. That’s good. That’s all of the ID we have for tonight.”

“It was good last night,” said Johnson. “A hundred and thirty,” said Stebner. “That’s really busy for us.”

“Especially for a Wednesday night,” said Johnson.

“We have 54 seats in the restaurant,” said Stebner, “so that’s keeping the restaurant full all night. We’ll be busy tonight. I think that’s it. Any questions about the menu?”

“We have a meeting every Saturday,” Stebner told me. “We try and touch base for half an hour or so on product knowledge. The main thing is that these guys are willing and able to ask questions. And we’re all willing to answer them. The knowledge in the kitchen is pretty deep. It’s not just me. Every-

body back there knows a lot, so as far as product knowledge goes with the food, they can ask any kind of question and get a pretty good answer. So that’s the important thing in the restaurant here is that everybody that works out here has an interest in food, and this isn’t really a nine-to-five kind of punch-the-clock sort of job. They take it as seriously as we do, so we capitalize on that as much as we can.

“I’ve never worked in a place that has as much positive, I guess, energy as this place,” Stebner continued, “and you know, I don’t take credit for that. I credit everybody that we hire. That’s how we screen people. We don’t say, ‘Oh, this guy’s been doing it for 15 years so let’s hire him.’ We hire people that we know are going to fit into a team. And if they’ve never worked in a restaurant, then that’s fine, ’cause we know we can teach them. And everybody around the table, everybody in the restaurant, may have goals outside the restaurant business, but hopefully they’re learning things that are going to help them get

to those goals. Like, if they’re going to be a psychologist, or if they want to be a lawyer, they’re going to learn things from this experience that are going to help them. Not necessarily just from me and the management, but from each other. There’s just a lot of intelligence here, and there’s a lot of respect. That’s the best part.”

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me to the far end of the restaurant, where a bustle of activity was underway. People, all Chinese, were flinging fresh linens onto tables and setting down plates, napkins, chopsticks, and soup spoons. Others brought bowls of soup and large platters of food for the staff meal. Five or six tables filled with hungry employees.

Ng entreated me to join him at a table with five other men. The men were chefs, and none spoke English well.

From Ng I learned that the restaurant had been in business for 11 years. "The location is, uh, okay," he said. "The major owner of the restaurant also owned the property too. And

first they bought the land and built the building in '92. At that time, they had the space for it, and they had a really nice chef, but the chef is already passed away. So they think it is a good idea to open a Hong Kong-style restaurant, because at that time there weren't many good dim sum restaurants. So everything just happened. We had the space, we had the people."

The restaurant employed between 60 and 70 people. Half of these were women, who primarily worked the front of the house. "We, most of us, are middle-aged," Ng said, "about 40 or 50 years old." They gathered as a staff twice a day for meals,



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Beach Grass Cafe

once for each shift. Ng described our meal. "The soup is our vegetable soup. That's supposed to be good for your body. You know,

Chinese is healthy, believe in balance. So if you have a fever or...you know, this soup can cool you down. Things like that.

Once in a while you can drink it to balance your body. It's a very good, a very popular soup. This is a roast duck left over from the lunch. You

know, if we have a couple of ducks left over, we cannot sell them. And here is fish, flounder fish. Steamed beef." There was also a large platter heaped with "pork, Napa, carrots, potatoes." One of the gentlemen who *didn't* speak Chinese told me it was called Fiery Feast.

Generally the staff meal consisted of "basically three dishes and one soup," Ng said. "We have a couple of chefs sponsor the employees' lunch and dinner. They have to figure out the menu for that day. That's part of their job." Responsibility for staff meals rotated among chefs.

"Usually we don't eat dessert during our dinner," Ng said. "Occasionally, some of the

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employees go to get dessert to share with everybody, but it's extra, not provided. Some employees, maybe they have a special day, they like to treat the other coworkers. Very often when we have dessert, somebody brings it."

I asked if any women employees cooked. Ng said that the women who worked the back of the house mostly helped the cooks by prepping food and cleaning. "We have a couple women do the cooking for dim sum," Ng said. "Usually, there are not many women in the kitchen. It's a pretty physical job. Lots of lifting. Things like that. Some women can do it, but not often. It's a tough job."

All the chefs agreed that their job could be stressful. Ng said, "I have to explain. At lunchtime we have another group

of chefs. We have dim sum," and he jumped up to find the dim sum head chef.

Dim sum are artfully prepared dishes often cooked in bamboo steamers. They are served in snack-size portions, so a diner may combine several to make a meal. "Dim sum" means "touches of the heart" or "small choices of the heart." Served from 11:00 to 3:00 weekdays and 9:00 to 3:00 weekends, the dim sum menu at Emerald offered 120 small choices of the heart.

Ng returned with Mr. Young, the dim sum chef, and also introduced me to the head à la carte chef, Mr. Tam. Mr. Young had been working there 8 years. "Mr. Young came here for working," Ng said. "He used to work in Hong Kong for 20 years in a restaurant, so he came here as a chef."

Mr. Young had



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Bertrand at Mister A's

"only a sister in Hong Kong. He is single, he's by himself."

Mr. Tam had lived in the United States since 1988. "Because his family lived here" they found a job for him before he arrived. "Mr. Tam's family is here —

the wife, the children are here," Ng said. "Only one brother of Mr. Tam is in China."

"When Mr. Tam tried to apply for a visa to come to the United States," Ng continued, "he wanted to get some kind of skill, you know, for living, so he decided to go to the restaurant business. Because at that time, as an Asian, this was the easiest way to get in and make the most money instantly. So he went to some school and went to a restaurant."

"Basically, the chefs work eight-hour days," Ng said. "Sometime they might stay a little longer to oversee. They work five days a week."

Mr. Young said he usually worked from 8:00 till 3:00, when dim sum is over.

Mr. Tam worked from 2:00 p.m. until midnight.

Ng worked both shifts. "I come at the morning shift, so I come here at 11:00, and I end at 3:00. And then I go home for a little nap. Then I come back at 6:00 until whenever. We are open till midnight."

"We have a special menu, a late-night menu — a special setup for the light dinner. It starts at 9:00. The dishes are about \$4 or \$5 a dish and are basically some noodles, some little dish, rice, soup, things like that. We attract lots of students. Like college students, young people."

Ng asked the men to share the most difficult aspects of their jobs. After Mr. Tam, who looked like a young Asian version of Marlon Brando, heard the question in Chinese, he spoke with intensity for several long minutes. When he stopped, I turned and said, "Help me, Check."

To my surprise, Ng

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said, “I’m trying to figure out what he’s talking about.”

Mr. Tam spoke again. Ng said, “I think that what he is trying to say is that because of our style, for example, the meat, it comes here frozen. From frozen to ready to cook it takes a real long time to defrost and marinate and everything. So this wastes a lot of manpower. The food preparation is very time-consuming.”

Now it was Mr. Young’s turn. He got right to the point, causing Ng to laugh. “I think actually he says that everything is pretty good, except that he would like to have more of the preparation area because he needs more room. We have so many dishes. Lots of preparation and, especially with our style, there are lots of ingredients involved. So for Mr. Tam, it’s the same too. He needs a lot of space to prepare.”

I asked what their favorite dishes were to prepare. Mr. Tam said, “Seafood.”

Ng chimed in with “I think this is a tough question. Which dish he likes to make most? He has to make whatever the customer orders. But actually, in the departments we have lots of others help to make each dish. Some get the ingredients ready. Some give them to the chef to cook. So I think it’s kind of like everybody works together to make one dish.”

About 20 people worked in the kitchen. “So each department has about 8 or 9 people in the dinner section. Dim sum has about 7 or 8. Then we have a barbecue department, like the roaster and things like that.” Only one cook worked in the barbecue department.

Regarding employee relations, Ng

said, “I would say good, very, very good. I mean, compared with other restaurants. I’m proud of them. Yeah. We don’t hardly have any fighting during the busy times. Occasionally, but usually it’s over after the rush is gone. Usually they do real good.

“We have a very minimum turnover,” Ng said. “Most of our employees have been working for, oh, at least five or six years, or longer. We still have probably almost half of our employees who started from the very beginning.

“Basically, regarding the food, they are very familiar with it.

family to meals to gambling to sports and anything at all. Just the normal, you know, people talking. I can tell you because I have joined them.”

At home, Ng said, they all ate Chinese food. Mr. Tam said, “Sometimes myself cook, sometimes my wife.”

Concerning the best part of the restaurant life, Ng responded immediately, “Good comments from the customers. I have to say something.” The rest of the staff at the table had finished their meals and left. Ng pointed to Mr. Young and Mr. Tam. “They are

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They been in this business for a long time. The biggest challenge is the personnel. Sometimes you have some employee quit the job because of some reason and you need to get somebody else. And because in San Diego, in this kind of style, you know, it’s really hard to find some replacement. We are different from Szechwan style or Peking style or any kind of style. So if we need some replacement for the kitchen, sometimes we have to go as far as to New York or San Francisco.”

I asked them what they normally talked about during their staff meals. “Anything from

part owners of the restaurant. There are several owners. Mr. Tam says, every time he sees the business growing, that makes him happy. That’s why I have to explain that he’s part owner.

“When we first opened this restaurant, we were mostly targeting Asian people. But for the last five or six years it seems kind of mixed. We have lots of Asians, we have Caucasian, Filipino, Mexican, Japanese, so it’s kind of mixed now. I would say it’s pretty balanced. On dim sum on Saturday and Sunday, usually we have waiting. On dinners Friday and Saturday, it is usually the most

busy.”

When they realized I had not eaten anything, they insisted on cooking me fresh food. Mr. Young returned with four different dim sum items: *har gau*, their most popular dim sum dish, is a shrimp dumpling; he also made egg rolls, rice rolls, and barbecue pork bun. Mr. Tam whipped up a fresh batch of honey walnut shrimp. He did this in only minutes.

I reminded Ng that I needed a recipe for the article. Mr. Tam struggled to think of something that wasn’t complicated. Then he wrestled with reducing the ingredients to small portions. He wanted to give the recipe for the honey walnut shrimp, but evidently the process of caramelizing the walnuts was difficult. First they soaked the walnuts in water. Then by hand they peeled the

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**INGREDIENTS**

- ½ pound semolina pasta dough, prepare per instructions on package
- 1 tablespoon butter
- ½ pound assorted mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
- ¼ cup reduced chicken or mushroom stock
- ½ pound fresh snow peas or snap peas, cleaned
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 ounces goat cheese
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 ounces arugula, cleaned and torn

2 ounces radicchio, cleaned and torn

**HOW TO DO IT**

Roll the pasta dough out into thick sheets, about 1/16 inch. Cut the sheets into ribbons about 3/4 inch wide. This is pappardelle-shaped pasta.

Place a large pasta pot on the stove 3/4 full of water and bring to boil.

In a large sauté pan, melt the butter over medium-high heat until golden brown. Add the

mushrooms in two batches, making sure not to crowd the pan with mushrooms. Too many mushrooms will cause the pan to cool, and the mushrooms will release their moisture too fast, resulting in a mushroom soup-like mess. As the first batch of mushrooms cooks, about 6 minutes, remove them and add the second batch. Repeat this process, and set mushrooms aside.

Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook for 4–6 minutes, or until

desired al dente. Meanwhile, add the stock to the mushroom pan, bring to a boil, and add the cleaned peas.

Once the peas are bright green, about 3 minutes, add the mushrooms back in. Drain the noodles. Season the noodles with salt and pepper to taste and toss with the vegetables. Place pasta onto serving plates or platter. Sprinkle with crumbles of goat cheese, olive oil, torn leaves of radicchio, and arugula.

skin from each nut. The caramelizing was tricky because the nuts can’t be too sticky. To attain the right result without burning them was the issue.

In the end, I came away with a recipe for

Mr. Tam’s lemon shrimp.

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At two o’clock at the Pamplemousse Grille, most of the staff was

seated at the bar, talking and eating oven-baked chicken, fresh corn tortillas, and Caesar salad.

Jeffrey Strauss, the owner and executive chef, greeted me and encouraged me to help

myself.

Strauss launched in with his light New York accent. “We’ve been here seven years. I own the place, so I have to be here the whole time.

“Felix, down there at the very end, has

been here since we opened, before we opened. Brian has been here almost three years, which is kind of long in the kitchen. Natalie, his future wife, has been here almost a year. Scott’s our newest guy. He came from Thee Bungalow. Then Maureen is kind of like a mother hen around here. She keeps everybody in line. She’s our bookkeeper and office administrator.”

“I’ve been here over a year,” Maureen said.

“Her husband works with my brother at *proflowers.com*, so we have to keep her busy during the daytime,” Strauss explained.


“Arthur’s the new guy. And then Jalime. *Quantos años* now?”

“Seis,” said Jalime.

“Jesús is a sous chef,” Strauss continued. “He opened up the restaurant with me. And James is the chef de cuisine, and he’s

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been here, well, this is his second stint here.”

“It’s going on three years,” James Montejano said. (Montejano and Brian Brown have since left.)

Strauss introduced the general manager: “Roy opened up the restaurant. James and Jesús both co-run the kitchen. Jesús does more daily operations. All the guys, he’s pretty much responsible for. All the catering, he’s responsible for. James is more responsible for the restaurant. They make my life pretty easy.”

There were five Latino employees present, more than I’d seen at other staff meals. They were so quiet, sitting at the far end of the bar, that I asked if they spoke English.

Strauss answered, “They pretty much all speak English. The amount of time they speak is another story. Abel has been here four years, and I think he understands a lot more than he speaks. Felix does a pretty good job with it. If I was to tell anyone here, ‘I’m going to have to pay you less money next week,’ they would understand.”

“If I wasn’t visiting, what would you all be talking about?” I asked.

“What’s for dessert,” said Brian Brown.

I asked where they had learned to cook.

Montejano offered, “I graduated from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. I graduated in ’93.” The academy had a 19-month program, which Montejano said is shorter than most, but he also had ten years of restaurant experience before he enrolled.

Montejano continued, “We have some who graduated from CIA [Culinary Institute of America], the New England Culinary Insti-

tute, some are self-taught. Not everyone has to go to cooking school to become a good chef.”

“Our last pastry chef studied in Paris,” said Strauss. “Felix worked under her for

three years, and now Felix obviously knows everything. Sarah, our pastry chef, is off today.”

“She went to the Arizona school,” said Montejano.

“She does breads,”

said Strauss. “We get regular baguettes from a place here in Del Mar, O’Brien’s. Jalapeño corn muffins and lemon-thyme biscuits, we make all that; Felix or Sarah will make that. The only other things

we don’t make here are most of the ice creams or sorbets and the baguette. Everything else comes from within our little borders here.”

The menu at Pamplemousse changed frequently, and Strauss

and Montejano regularly updated the staff on new menu items and how to serve them.

“They see the plate — the presentation,” said Strauss. “I mean, every plate has to be put down in a cer-

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“Then we break down the dish,” said Montejano, “and tell them all the ingredients that are in it. Let ’em know, ‘Okay, this has peanut oil in it’ or ‘This has garlic,’ because a lot of people have allergic — you know, they can’t have certain things. ‘This takes so much time’ — like this dish will take 25 minutes to prepare, as opposed to something else that will take 10, so they know in their head when they’re taking the order what it’s going to take.”

Brian Brown put in his two cents' worth. "Right now, it's been replaced by an abalone dish."

Strauss: “I think what works well for us: we don’t care about the cost. People don’t want to spend money on truffles. I remember when we first opened, the accountant said, ‘You can’t get truffles. It’s too expensive. You can’t make money in truffles.’ I decided it’s easier to get another accountant than not to

For Montejano, it was “anticipating what Jeffrey’s next move is.”

Brown added, "We know our customers. Every customer has a way they like something. Somebody likes

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just plain mashed potatoes. We have a gentleman comes in every Sunday, he likes none of his food touching each other. Plain mashed potatoes, a certain vegetable, cooked a certain way, a certain chicken. But he's a great guy, you know? He'll come by in the kitchen. He says hello to everybody. Walks in the back, knows everybody by their first names."

Strauss said, "Christmas season comes by, he gives everyone more money."

"At this restaurant," said Brown, "we cater to everyone. If someone calls in and says, 'Hey, we want chocolate soufflé,' we'll make it if we can do it. Just give us the time."

"We have a policy,"

Strauss added. "The servers will never say no to someone. They'll come back and ask if we can do it first. If we can't do it, we can't do it. But there's been some customers in the restaurant watch me run across the lawn going next door to get spareribs 'cause a little kid wants spareribs. I don't have it here, I'll buy it from Red Tracton's."

"You're going to get people unhappy," said Montejano, "but we try to alleviate the problem. Send them something else out. Or give them a gift certificate to come back and try us again if we fail. Buy them dessert or a cocktail. Say we miss a reservation or someone's waiting — right,

Brian? — we do something like that."

"Right," said Brian Brown, "but it hardly

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RECIPE FROM PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE

### INGREDIENTS

¼ vanilla bean  
½ pound unsweetened chocolate  
1 pound semisweet chocolate  
½ quart half-and-half  
1 cup sugar  
2 whole eggs  
8 egg yolks  
2 cups milk  
1 loaf brioche, cubed and toasted  
½ cup chopped pecans  
½ cup semisweet chips

### HOW TO DO IT

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Split the one-quarter vanilla bean down the middle and scrape out seeds and save. Melt the two chocolates together in a double boiler. Set aside. Place half-and-half and the vanilla-bean pod and seeds in a medium-sized pot, and heat on medium-high heat to just boiling. Reduce heat to medium and add sugar, whole eggs, and yolks, stirring constantly until it is ribbon consistency (a dense texture).

Gently blend milk into the mixture, then blend this pudding mixture into the chocolate. Strain mixture through a fine mesh strainer. Combine the cubed brioche with the pudding. Divide equally, filling 6–8 ramekins. Sprinkle each ramekin with pecans and semisweet chips. Place ramekins in a large baking dish filled with warm water reaching halfway up the ramekins' sides. Bake in oven for 40–45 minutes until done.

wants to start a deli," said Brown. Tommy, a chef who wasn't working that day, had at one time wanted to open a deli/golfing range.

"I think most chefs have a dream that they'd like to open up their own restaurant," Strauss said. "I just make it real difficult because they all love working for me so much. I'm lucky."

I was curious about what kind of food this bunch liked to eat when they were away from the restaurant.

Scotty, a line cook: "I eat out a lot." He eats fine food when he can afford it.

Montejano: "I like sushi. I go out for sushi a lot."

Strauss: "I like sushi."

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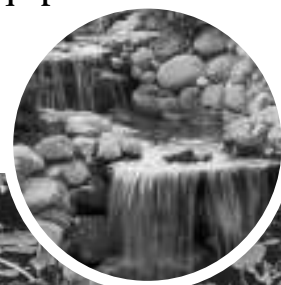
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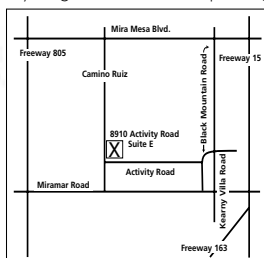
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Montejano: “Thai food. I like Asian food, Chinese.”

Strauss: “I don’t know how chefs cook at home.”

Montejano: “Unless you’re going to someone’s house and cooking for them, you’re rarely cooking. Or all getting together for a barbecue or something like that, like Super Bowl or Fourth of July.”

Strauss: “The amount of time we use our ovens in our own homes, you could buy...”

Arthur interrupted: “Me, I cook at home all the time.”

Strauss: “He’s domesticated. The rest of us aren’t.”

Arthur: “It’s cheaper to eat at home than to go out all the time.”

Strauss: “I have no desire to cook at home. I have zero desire to cook at home.”

I asked if they had

### SAG PANEER (CREAMED SPINACH)

RECIPE FROM INDIA PALACE

Serves 4

**INGREDIENTS**

1 pound fresh spinach, washed and stemmed

1 onion, finely chopped

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 large clove garlic, minced

2 tablespoons fresh grated ginger

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon cardamom

1 teaspoon coriander

1 teaspoon cumin

1 teaspoon turmeric

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon pepper

½ cup cream

4 tablespoons chopped cilantro

**HOW TO DO IT**

In a large pot, steam or boil spinach until just wilted, about 2 minutes. Drain in a colander, pressing with a large spoon to remove excess

water. Set aside.

Sauté onion in oil until browned. Add garlic and ginger and cook lightly. Add the spinach and all the spices and blend together. Add the cream. Blend in two tablespoons of the cilantro and sprinkle the remaining cilantro on top. Serve immediately.

any crazy stories to tell.

“We had a guy electrocute himself,” Strauss said.

I interrupted: “Wait, wait, you mean electrocute, as in died?”

“No, no,” said Strauss. “There was a short in a wire, and he hit it with a metal screen, and he shorted the whole restaurant. We lost power in the

restaurant.”

“We lost power when the guy was working,” Brown said, “when Juan was scrubbing behind the oven. And some water got behind the oven, that’s when the power went out.”

Fortunately, this occurred before customers had filled the restaurant.

“We do a lot of joking around, talking, but there’s not really a lot of practical jokes going on,” said Montejano. “The kitchen’s kind of a dangerous place; some-

times people take things wrong. There’s not a lot of tomfoolery going on.”

“We’ll do more practical jokes to the customers than we will to ourselves,” said Strauss. “We have a few clients that, umm...”

Montejano interrupted: “His clientele plays more practical jokes on Jeffrey.”

“We have a pig bench in the front of the restaurant,” said Strauss. “It was missing for three months. One day I came home, and I found rose petals leading from the front door to my bedroom, and I found the head of my pig in my bed.”

“Hostage notes,”

added Montejano.

“And we suspected somebody who we thought did it,” said Strauss. “and we sent two police cars up to the house. The guy just got his American citizenship here; he’s from England. It all started the day he got his American citizenship. Chris Rivers, one of our servers, and I went to his house and had a banner made and pinned it to his front door. It said, ‘Limey, go home.’ So I think that was the start of it. Then he arranged for the kidnapping, or pignapping, of the pig out there. There’s been a few things.”

Everyone said that the staff got along at work and enjoyed each other’s company away from work as well.

“We just got through this morning with basketball,” said Montejano. “A lot of the guys surf together, you know, since we’re right by the beach. We have a softball team. Every year we have a restaurant league with the local restaurants. We play on Tuesdays. We get some camaraderie going that way. A lot of people get together and go out after work and go to a

bar and play pool.”

“It’s a family here,” said Strauss.

“But most restaurants are like that,” said Montejano.

The scarcity of restaurants in San Diego that offer meals to staff was mentioned.

“Not many in San Diego,” said Montejano, “but in the Bay Area...”

“How can you *not*, though?” asked Strauss.

“When I was in San Francisco, every restaurant I worked at had a staff meal,” said Montejano.

“We don’t feed the waiters,” said Strauss. “My feeling is, the waiters come in for a four- or five-hour shift, max, but these guys are here ten — it’s a ten-hour shift. So we feed them lunch and dinner every night.”

“But if there’s anything left over,” said Montejano, “we are more than happy...”

“Yeah,” said Strauss, “we feed the bartenders, ’cause their shift’s a little bit longer, and the runners. We have guys called expeditors/runners. We consider those guys as kitchen guys, so they get to eat. And then the waiters — after everyone has eaten their food, whatever’s there,

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if the waiters want it, that's fine."

Montejano: "And I feel, too, when you feed your staff, you're going to have fewer people who are going to try to get something for free or try to take something from the restaurant. We've never had a problem with that here."

Strauss shared one more story, about a charity event.

"We get 30 to 40 requests a week," he said. "We'll pick something out once a month. The most

memorable — although we weren't even there — was UCSD Cardiovascular. They asked me to donate a dinner for eight people, where I go to someone's home. We'll do it every once in a while, where I'll donate a dinner for eight and go to the house with the beverages and the food and make dinner for the guests. That dinner went for \$61,000. Which was fun, you know, when I heard about it. But then everyone and his uncle

said, 'Wow. If we can get half of that. If we can even get 10 percent of that,' you know? So we had everyone calling us up."

**India Palace La Jolla**

Ram Pathak, the manager of India Palace in La Jolla, greeted me and invited me to join him and three other Indian men for the staff meal. Pathak appeared a self-assured young man. His three coworkers seemed humble and shy, yet friendly. Their large dark eyes shone with

curiosity and warmth as they assessed this woman who had invited herself to dinner.

According to Pathak, India Palace had been open "two years and a couple months." (Pathak has since moved to the India Palace in Hillcrest.) There were 10 to 12 full-time and a couple of part-time employees. It was an all-male staff with the exception of the hostess. The staff ate between lunch and dinner and was welcome to

eat again at night after the dinner business was finished. Often workers ate something quickly and left to do errands or go home. This day some of the staff had already eaten and left.

Luis Esteavo Pereira was a waiter. Gopi Singh and Francisco Bacheco were both cooks.

Pereira studied food-and-beverage management for one year in India. "Before that," he said, "I used to work as a waiter. I spent nine years in the Middle East, in Kuwait. I

was in Kuwait after the war" — the Gulf War, in 1991. After moving to the United States, he said, "One of my friends sent me here, so I come to this owner and he likes me. And the way he speak, I like him. And I come here, and I like this atmosphere. I used to work in a restaurant like this, only in India, so here we are."

Bacheco said, "I used to work long time before in India. I had a little experience in other kinds of food, but I didn't have experience

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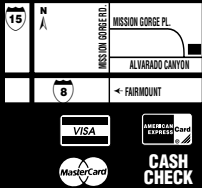
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in Indian food. I used to work in a hotel in India. I worked for five years in the Pizza Hut. Then Wendy's. Waiter as well as a cook." He learned to cook on the job.

Gopi Singh had been in the United States for two years and spoke fragmented English, so the others translated.

Pereira spoke for him, "Somebody told the manager about him. He was working somewhere else."

Singh interrupted with "7-Eleven."

Pereira continued, "7-Eleven, in the store. But before, he trained as a cook, so if he had no job, if something goes wrong, he can cook. He came here and started."

Pathak, who had been here six years, offered a blanket explanation for why all of them came to the United States. "To be honest with you, people who come from India, like Asia, poor country,

they don't come here to have fun, you know. They come here to make money and go back to their country and live their life. So what we did is, my parents pay for me when I came here, and their parents pay for them too. Everything your parents provide at first.

Now we are here, and we send them money." Pereira added, "For living, we have to."

"It's too expensive in our place," Pathak explained. "Our place is like a tourism place. Goa is a tourism place."

"We are on the west coast of India," said Pereira. "Before, it was

a Portuguese colony. That's why the living standard is higher than other places."

I inquired if they had families. They all answered, "In India."

Thinking they'd misunderstood, I said, "I mean here."

Bacheco said, "None of us have fami-

lies here."

Only one of them said he "kind of" had family here, because he was living with someone but "not getting married."

All sent money to their families in India. They conferred briefly, with Pathak reporting, "It's \$1 equals \$45. So if

we send \$100, it's like \$4500. A lot of money."

Pereira said, "In some places, the living standard is very high. It's not all the places in India. Some places it's very high."

They all made trips home to visit when they could.

"I'm planning to go this coming year," said Bacheco. "My parents, my brothers, my sister, my wife, my son is there. He is one year four months." Bacheco had seen his son only in photos.

Singh also planned to visit India in 2004.

Pereira visited as often as possible. "I have a big family. Every week I call them, and they miss me."

Between the restaurant's downstairs and upstairs dining rooms there were 35 tables. Pereira described the challenges of working the front of the house: "You must know how to look at your tables. We have to consider that most of the time

# BLOOD-ORANGE-GLAZED BREAST OF DUCK, BABY LETTUCE, STRAWBERRY EMULSION, AND HAZELNUTS

RECIPE FROM 150 GRAND CAFE

Serves 2

## INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup blood-orange juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 1/4 cups strawberries, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- Kosher salt, as needed
- Ground white pepper, as needed
- 1 duck breast
- Ground black pepper, as needed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cups mixed baby lettuce,

washed and dried

1/4 cup chopped toasted hazelnuts

## HOW TO DO IT

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Glaze: Whisk together blood-orange juice, honey, and brown sugar in small saucepan. Add cinnamon stick. Place over medium heat. Stir and reduce until it is a syrup consistency.

Strain and reserve.

Strawberry Emulsion:

Place 1 cup of strawberries and allspice in blender. Puree until smooth. Add canola oil in thin stream to emulsify. Season as needed with kosher salt and white pepper. Reserve.

Duck: Season duck breast with kosher salt and black pepper. Sear in olive oil over high heat on skin side only. Place in oven in a baking dish, skin side down, for five minutes or until medium rare.

Remove from oven and let

duck rest for five minutes. Brush glaze on skin side only. Return to oven, skin side down, for one minute.

Presentation: Toss lettuce in with strawberry emulsion. Place on center of plate. Spoon remaining emulsion around the greens. Slice duck thinly on a bias. Arrange duck slices atop the greens. Garnish with remaining strawberries and hazelnuts. Serve immediately.

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and check with the customers.” He spoke of the tricky business of overseeing 5 and 6 tables at one time, making sure the customers had what they desired in a timely manner.

The back-of-the-house staff faced their own hard tasks. I asked Bacheco if he ever cut himself. Big laughter, “Yeah.”

Pathak brought up clientele issues. “Customers, there are always a few people who want to complain about things. It’s normal. Most of them are really happy, and everything is good, great. It’s, like, one in a hundred people, you get one person, like, a little bit get crazy.”

Bacheco: “The

Indians.”

Pathak: “Mostly Indians.”  
Bacheco said that most of their clientele were Americans and European tourists. A lot of the regulars were La Jolla residents.

As a staff, everyone seemed content, saying they all tried to get along. I asked, “No one ever gets upset?” They laughed and shrugged.

I mentioned that working in the close confines of a kitchen with rushes at meal-times must present some tense moments. Pathak admitted, “Well, yes, kind of. But since you have a lot of people working — like on Fridays and Saturdays, like a couple people more, just to help — it doesn’t get very stress-

ful, really. But everything seems like it goes pretty smooth.” As if on cue, the other three chimed in with Pathak

Like the chicken spicy.”  
Pereira interrupted, “Spicy, spicy, spicy!”  
They said the average American could not

“A COUPLE OF THE GUYS IN THE KITCHEN ARE FROM GOA. MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE KITCHEN ARE GOING TO BE FROM PUNJAB AREA, THE NORTHERN PART OF INDIA.”

on the word “smooth.”  
Asked what the lack of problems could be attributed to, Pathak said, “Good teamwork.”  
Bacheco said, “After the dinnertime we make special things.

tolerate the level of spiciness that they were accustomed to and enjoyed.  
The dish most often ordered by the customers was chicken tikka masala, and the

favorite dessert was kulfi. “We have home-made ice cream, like mango and pistachio. That’s what they order most,” said Pathak.

They served me chicken tikka masala. It had been roasted in the tandoori oven and bathed in a spice-infused tomato sauce. They also served mushroom mattar makhani, mushrooms and peas in a yogurt-based sauce, and sag paneer, a spinach dish. The recipes came from northern India.

Bacheco said, “It’s very hard to make, this Indian food. It takes a lot of time. Even if you want to cook the same kind of rice, you can’t make it. It’s a simple thing, but you can’t make it like this.” He

said the spices they used were not available in the United States. They bought them directly from India.

Curious about what they ate away from the restaurant, I asked if they ever had fast food. I mentioned french fries.

Bacheco bristled, “No, I have no use to eat french fries. Sometimes, once a week when we go for an off day, I don’t like to go to Jack in the Box or McDonald’s.” They all agreed that Indian food was more healthful and better.

During staff meals, they discussed a variety of topics. Bacheco offered, “We talk about whatever is happening in the kitchen, whatever is happening in the

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dining room. Like teasing and everything. After eating, we discuss what happened in that night.”

Pathak said, “We talk most of the time about games, sports, like cricket. Now there is a game going on, like the World Cup. Most of the time we talk about that. And we play some games we have here when we have break time. It’s an Indian game. It’s almost like pool, but you play with your hands and fingers.”

Bacheco said they also talked about their families and politics.

When I asked what was the best thing about living in America, the table became quiet. Finally, Bacheco answered, “Goa is a paradise place.”

It seemed prudent to switch the subject. I asked what they did for fun.

### CHOCOLATE CREME BRULEE

RECIPE FROM BEACH GRASS CAFE

Serves 8

#### INGREDIENTS

1 cup semisweet chocolate, chopped  
1 cup superfine sugar  
12 egg yolks  
4 cups heavy cream

#### HOW TO DO IT

Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Melt chocolate in double boiler on low heat (6–8 minutes). In mixing bowl, whisk sugar into yolks for 30–45 seconds and add cream. Do not

mix too long. (Sugar will “cook” the egg yolks if you mix too long, producing a grainy consistency.) Fold melted chocolate into yolk mix. When thoroughly blended, pour mixture into eight 6-ounce ramekins. Place the ramekins in a baking dish with deep sides. Carefully pour warm water into pan until it reaches halfway up sides of ramekins. Bake 45–50

minutes or until center is firm. Do not overbake or the custard will be rubbery. Remove the pan from the oven, and then remove the ramekins from the pan. Cool ramekins completely on wire racks. Refrigerate until chilled. When ready to serve, sprinkle top of each with 1 tablespoon of sugar and caramelize with a torch or by placing under the broiler for 1–2 minutes.

Pathak replied, “For me, I go to play soccer every week.”

“When I am off,” Pereira said, “mostly I go for shopping, especially North County. I am not buying, just

going and looking. It takes a lot of money, and I don’t have that much money. I just go and watch the system and say, ‘One day I will buy that.’ ” I asked him what he would buy

first. “The Bose speakers. I like very much. Those speakers are very expensive, like \$1700, very expensive.”

Singh said something and his friends burst into guffaws.

Pathak translated, “He just said, ‘Watching the girls passing by.’ He said he’s met some girls, and they’re very nice.”

Bacheco said, “I, myself, I go watching movies on off days.” He rents movies at Indian stores along Miramar Road and in Clairemont Mesa. “There’s a lot of story in Indian movies, so that we like the Indian movies because of the stories. We like the different kind of story. That’s a real kind of story.”

When asked how many hours they worked a day, Pereira, Bacheco, and Singh all looked to Pathak for the answer. “It depends. They get, like, 48 hours a week. Sometimes we are short on people, so they have to work a little extra. Since they are from India, they know how to cook and everything.”

Concerning the most fun aspect about working at India Palace, Pathak said, “Like, they know everybody. They can speak their language. Like, some guys, they don’t really speak English well. They can communicate with each other very well. A couple of the guys in the kitchen are from Goa. Most of the people who work in the kitchen are going to be from Punjab area, the northern part of India. They are young and old, both. They understand each other. They speak their language.

“Everybody lives in one apartment,” Pathak said. “Like a three- or four-bedroom apartment.”

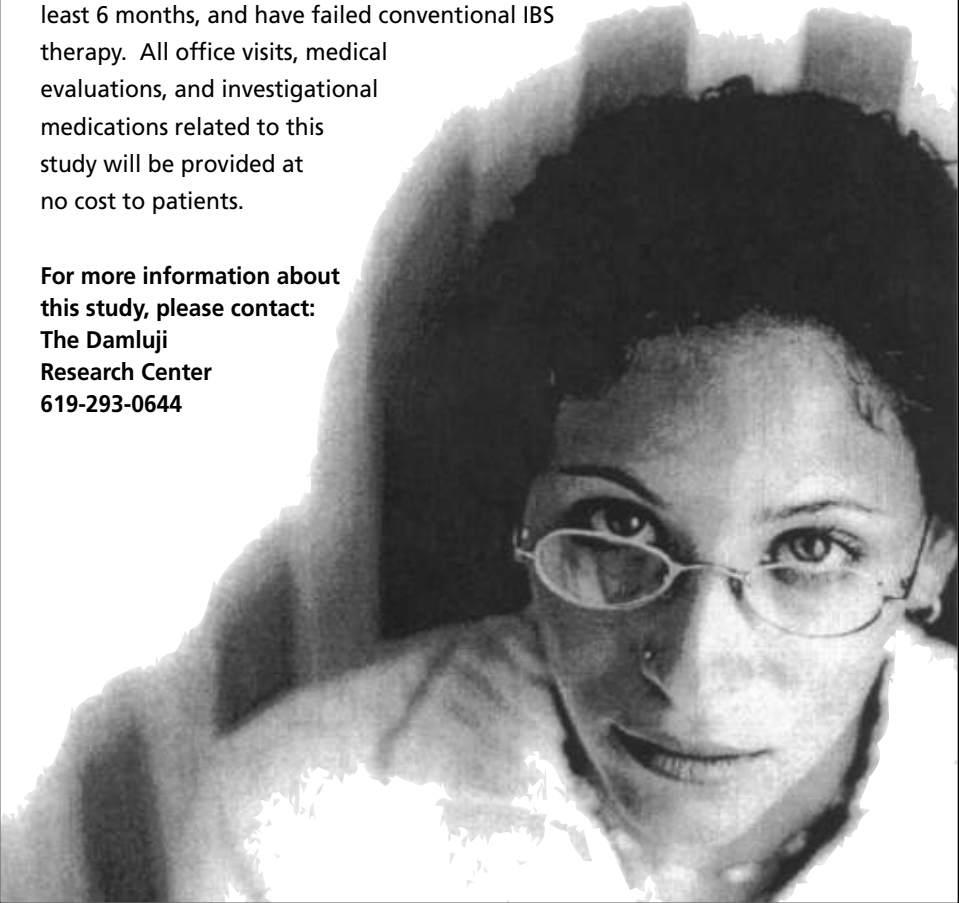
“It saves time,” said Bacheco. “We are all staying in one room. And the Punjab people, they are staying in one room, but there is a

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common hall. And the bathroom is separate. That's it."

"It's just one block away," said Pathak.

"It's very easy for us to go and come," Pereira said. "There's a lot of traffic and all."

They said they sometimes walked down to the Cove. This got them talking about Goa, their home.

"Much more beau-

tiful place," said Bacheco, "much more than this. In our place, we have the most beautiful beaches."

"Goa is a coastal area," said Pereira. "If you go to the south you can see the beaches and the temples and the plantations."

Pereira and Bacheco said that they were both Roman Catholics, which

explained their first names: Luis and Francisco.

Bacheco said, "I do not know why the Americans leave the Catholic Church. Most I have seen move from the Catholic Church."

Pereira shut it down with "You cannot discuss religion. You will never finish it."

The conversation ended with another

topic that can never be finished, dreams. I asked if any of them had a dream to own their own restaurant.

Pathak blurted out, "Absolutely."

Everybody grinned and nodded. "Everybody here."

Pereira said, "Just looking for the finances." Lots of laughter.

Pathak said,

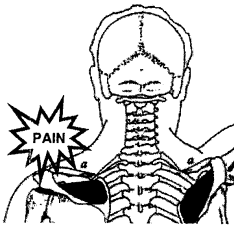
"Someday, sooner or later, that's going to happen. When you work in the restaurant, that's going to be your dream, because that's it. Because you know when you dream, yeah, for me, yeah, I'm going to do that for sure."

### 150 Grand Cafe Escondido

When I arrived at 150 Grand Cafe, executive

chef Carlton Greenawalt was setting samples of the night's specials on the bar. "No digging in until I get to them," he admonished the staff. At 150 Grand, the staff meal was eaten quickly. The fish taco dinner had been served at the kitchen pass. "What we usually do is sit down and have our menu-sampling at the same time as we eat," he

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Greenawalt called the group to attention. "I'll start at the top. Tonight's special is herb-crusted Alaskan halibut. This is Alaskan halibut you guys are eating. This is the special, only in different pieces. So the herb crust is panko bread crumbs, blended with parsley, chives, basil, a little bit of spinach, and seasoned real well. The fish is going to go into that, into a pan, and into the oven. It'll be a very nice, flaky, mild, very fresh, direct from Alaska. We're at the first of the halibut season. We're serving it with a saffron cream. This is a reduced cream sauce with white wine and shallots, in addition to the saffron. And julienned vegetables, which are carrots, leeks, red peppers, and red cabbage.

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**INGREDIENTS**

*¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil*

*2 medium-size shallots, finely diced*

*1 carrot, finely diced*

*1 stick of celery, diced*

*4 vine-ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and coarsely chopped*

*2 cloves garlic, chopped*

*1 sprig of thyme*

*Salt and pepper*

**HOW TO DO IT**

In a medium sauté pan, heat ¼ cup of the olive oil over medium-low heat. Add the shallots, carrot, and celery, and sweat the garniture for 3 to 4 minutes, until softened. Add the tomato, garlic, and thyme. Season with salt and pepper. Increase the heat to medium, and continue to cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the tomato begins to break down. The mixture will still be chunky and quite

moist. Stir in the 2 tablespoons of oil and remove the pan from the heat. Set aside, covered.

**BRAISED PORK “CREPINETTE”**

**INGREDIENTS**

*2 tablespoons olive oil*

*4 tablespoons butter*

*1 small (1½ pounds) boneless pork butt, shoulder, or pork cheeks (boneless spare ribs would work fine, cut in large cubes)*

*Salt, to taste*

*Pepper, to taste*

*Paprika, to taste*

*Fennel seed, to taste*

*1 onion, diced*

*2 carrots, diced*

*1 garlic head, diced*

*1 or 2 celery sticks, diced*

*1 cup dry white wine*

*1 sprig fresh thyme*

*1 sprig fresh rosemary*

*1 tablespoon fresh thyme, finely chopped*

*1 tablespoon fresh chives, finely chopped*

*1 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped*

*½ pound lamb or pork caul fat, rinsed under cold water for an hour, then patted dry (Caul fat can be found in Asian stores such as 99 Ranch Market or ordered from your local butcher)*

*1 tablespoon grapeseed oil*

**HOW TO DO IT**

In a heavy saucepan or Dutch oven, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil and 1 tablespoon butter on medium-high heat. Add the meat and lightly brown on all sides. Season with salt, pepper, paprika, and fennel seeds to taste. Add the *mirepoix* — the onions, carrots, garlic, and celery — and sauté for 5 more minutes without lowering the heat. Add the wine and deglaze, stirring and loosening brown bits of food on the bottom of the pan. Tie the thyme and rosemary sprigs together with cooking twine. Add the sprigs

and a cup of water. Cover and cook in a 350-degree oven for approximately 2 hours or until the meat is tender.

Remove the meat, reserving the cooking broth. Shred the meat. Place ½ cup of the broth in a small saucepan and simmer until the liquid is reduced in half. Mix the reduced broth with the shredded meat. Add the fresh chopped herbs and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Make a small patty of pork in your hand, then wrap in caul fat. Repeat until all the meat is used.

Sear these sausages well in a pan with 1 tablespoon grapeseed oil and 1 tablespoon butter until brown. Finish in a 350-degree oven for a few minutes and serve atop the tomato concassé. Can be served over risotto, pasta, or roasted potatoes.

“The quail moved back down to an entrée. Mustard grilled, brushed with the mustard dressing from the salad after it comes off the grill. Going with roasted beets and kalamata olives, wild rice, balsamic mushrooms, and pine nuts. Probably throw a little green on there to give it some color, an extra veggie. The wild rice will go in the middle. We’ll probably put some watercress on top, then the beets and olives over that. We haven’t put one together yet, so

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we'll all find out together.

"The cheese is worded differently. It says, 'Daily Selection of California Specialty Cheeses.' So we have a cheese plate today."

Paul Ryker, a server, asked, "No French cheese?"

"No French cheese," Greenawalt said. "This is called Mezzo Secco. It's an

aged, dried jack cheese. And this is the Red Hawk. This is the Cow-girl Creamery. This is actually the last day we are going to serve this. We are going on to a different product tomorrow.

"So your dessert menus over there are current, except for the cheeses aren't listed on them. I don't think many of you have tried

the bread pudding yet, so here it is. This is the white-chocolate-and-banana bread pudding. Rum-raisin ice cream, caramel sauce, and the garnish is a frozen banana with chocolate." Lots of *oohs*, *aahs*, and "that's amazing."

"We haven't changed desserts this week," Greenawalt continued. "Everyone was here Saturday or has

seen them all. Anyone have any questions about desserts?" No one did, thus the meeting ended.

The conversation with Paul Ryker continued. He considered himself a foodie and cooked at home for himself and friends he entertained.

Greenawalt reminded him, "You bought those scallops

off me."

"Yeah, that's right," Ryker said. "A couple months ago he had some scallops, and I took those home. Normally, depending on what I have, I've played with different things I've learned from here, including the bulgur wheat, the pearl barley. I've taken those home and done things with them. I've grown a real

affinity for food since working here."

Lynnette Oliver had been a server at 150 Grand for one year. "I was in fine dining for two years before I moved from LA a year ago. I had a really hard time finding a job. I came by and left Vicki my résumé, and maybe a month and a half later she called me after I had already taken a

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horrible job. I was so happy to hear from her. At the time, I guess her dog was sick, and she kept having to cancel interviews, so I actually got hired on the phone. But it's been working out really well."

Machelle Ferketic, another server, had worked at 150 for three years. "I read a lot about 150 Grand, so I came down to apply and they called me a few months later." She had worked in the restaurant business for 20 years before coming to 150. "I was a cashier at a nice restaurant while I was in school." I asked Ferketic if she had a passion for food, and she said, "I sure do. I like to cook, but being single I don't get much of a chance. Everybody in my family cooks. I'm always dining out. I went out to lunch today. I like gourmet foods. I don't like fast food. I'm the biggest critic, I think."

Deidre Cobbe was also a server (Cobbe has since left). She'd worked there three years. "I love it." Before working at 150, "I was a server at Bernard'O Restaurant in Rancho Bernardo. It's a more

comfortable atmosphere here, especially for older women servers. 'Egalitarian' is the word. I like the clientele. I love the whole style. I was a fan before I applied. This is where I came to dinner, so when I saw the ad I thought, 'Hmm, switch.' I'm a foodie. I like the ingredients that Carlton uses, unusual ingredients. Fresh produce. I like the whole concept."

I prompted them to talk about the toughest part of their jobs. Oliver said, "I guess it would be dealing with very picky people. I mean, you don't get a lot of difficult people. I always just kill 'em with kindness. They usually end up happy. You just have to deal with it. If you don't, you get fired."

Ferketic said the toughest part of the job was getting everyone seated and fed during a rush. Located near the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, the restaurant had many guests who came in for dinner before a show, and that could put pressure on the staff in trying to accommodate the diners' schedules.

"That gets kind of rough," Ferketic said. "On the other hand, it's nice that we can do that."

Much of the staff's happiness about working at 150 centered on the employees themselves.

"Our staff is incredible," said Ryker. "One of the best I've ever worked with. Everybody works hard,

us, and we're good to them."

Scott Clark, the sous chef, was attired in the typical white tunic, checkered pants, and heavy black cloglike shoes. There was one difference. Earrings and tattoos.

Even though it was five o'clock on a Friday evening, everything was in order, allowing him to give a tour of the

fectly cut halibut waiting to be encased in panko bread crumbs.

He pointed out translucent plastic bottles with squeeze tops containing oils and sauces to be used in the course of the evening. "Everything is made from scratch in this restaurant." Motioning to one of the bottles he said, "This one's balsamic port wine that we reduce down into motor oil."

The challenge for him was that "every day is so different. You have to organize your mind constantly, because there are always new problems. It's hard and it's good. It's not boring. You always know you have a job, 'cause everybody's got to eat."

Clark, too, mentioned that everyone got along well even in the close and often hot quarters of the kitchen. A digital thermometer announced the temperature as 87 degrees, but Clark said that wasn't bad. He said in the summer months the thermometer might read 111, and across the room in the stovetop area, the temperature could rocket to 130. Scott said he bore up

okay under the heat. "I don't pass out like some people."

The pantry chef, also called the *garde-manger*, was Stephanie Greenawalt, Carlton's wife. Her greatest joy about her job was working with her husband. "We were looking at different restaurants in this area, and we just fell in love with this restaurant. Carlton started working here with the previous chef, and I was over at the Golden Door. There are only so many things you can do with a carrot.

"It's really turned into such an incredible synergy within the whole restaurant, because not only can Carlton focus on his food, he knows that I can stand there next to him and talk about the food. And he knows that I understand what he's saying instead of having to explain it. He does the same thing with Scott. To find a good sous chef and a chef that can work together is just really hard, but they're really wonderful together. All three of us will hang out together and talk about accompaniments

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everybody loves what they do."

"I've worked in quite a few restaurants," said Oliver. "This is amazing. Everyone gets along really well. Especially this kitchen."

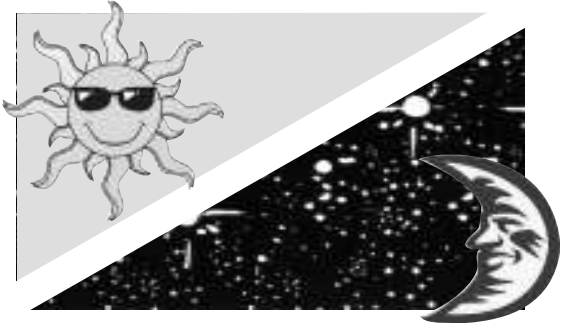
"Yeah, usually it's the front of the house against the back of the house and vice versa," said Michael Wilcsek, a bartender. "This one all works together. They're always really good to

kitchen.

Clark's greatest joy in his job was that "the menu is constantly changing. I get to work with the best products, beautiful fresh produce. It keeps me excited." He proudly showed me plump pillows of scallops in neat little rows; massive red steaks stacked like bricks; chopped scallions; diced tomatoes; sliced mushrooms; and per-

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to go with different foods and the seasonality of things. That's really important to Carlton, the things that are indigenous to San Diego and supporting the community. And also what's the peak of season, and what can he get that's going to be a little bit different than most restaurants, whether it's the Meyer lemons or the Carlsbad

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strawberries or the Pio Peterson lettuce.

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“Oh, Julio Iglesias came here one time. It was so cute. He had played a concert, and he called up and said, ‘Can I come in after my show?’ and I said, ‘Well, we’re not open.’ Carlton

goes, ‘Well, if you guys come in right after the show, we’ll set you up.’ It was his bodyguard’s birthday. So here he comes with all of his people and everything. He said, ‘I want to meet the staff.’ And he told Carlton, ‘It’s so nice to find a good restaurant in the middle of nowhere,’ and Carlton’s, like, ‘Hey, we’re not in the middle of

nowhere.’ ”

When I’d talked to Carlton Greenawalt a few days earlier, I asked him how it was for a husband and wife to work so closely. He grinned, “We both have knives, and neither one of us has any cut marks. We do well together. We met at work. She was a server. I was a cook. We have been chef and sous chef before. We’ve worked almost every job we’ve ever had together. Sure, we snap at each other once in a while, but for the most part it’s not a problem. It’s what we like to do.

“The restaurant’s been here ten years,” he told me. “I’ve been here

for about two and a half years, and one and a half of those as chef. I worked for the former chef for about a year.

“I got a job washing dishes when I was in college. That was in Pittsburgh. When I moved out to San Francisco after I left school I looked for a job for a long time. I was looking for either carpenter or cook, basically, those two. The first job I found was in a restaurant, so I worked as much as I could. I worked my whole way down the line. I started off in the salad station and ended up as the supervisor. By the time I finished all that, I thought, ‘Okay, now what am I going to do? Oh, maybe I should just go to school. If I go to school, then I can get a better job.’ ”

He and Stephanie attended culinary school in Seattle at the Art Institute. “We worked in a few places up there. Before that, we met in San Francisco, where we were both working in restaurants, so we had probably 15 years of experi-

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ence between us before we went to school.”

Regarding the staff, he said, “There are about a dozen in the back, including myself. And maybe 18 or 20 in the front.” Employees were white and Latino. As for age, “We’re pretty spread out. The kitchen is younger. The kitchen years are hard. You have to stop after a while. We’re pretty spread out in the front of the house. We’re probably through mid-50s, at least, down to 17.

“We have a really

good staff as far as loyalty. I mean, they’ll stay with us. Like I said, I’ve been here two and a half years. The problem is replacing the people that are really good. It’s not so much that turnover is so bad. It’s finding the people to replace them. Like when our previous pantry lady left, it took us six months to get the station running well again.

“If people don’t get along, they don’t get to stay.”

As for staff training, “I do a lot of one-

on-one. We’re small. There’s four people who work the hot line. We don’t have to sit down real formal and do that. We have big staff meetings maybe once a year.

“Cooking’s the easy part. It’s dealing with all the other stuff that’s harder. Cooking’s the easy part ’cause that’s what I’ve been doing for 12 years, or whatever it is. As a chef moves up the ranks, you get more and more things you have to do. You get to the chef level, and you have to

be doing all these other things, and cooking is what you’ve learned. All this other stuff has been added on over time. So it’s not as natural to do all the administrative stuff.”

He chuckled when I asked him what he liked to do when he wasn’t working: “My wife and I have Disneyland season passes.

“I spend a lot of time on the computer reading about food or in chef bulletin-board forums. Watching the Food Channel.”

I inquired about

the clientele. “We get a fair amount of regulars. Once people realize they don’t have to drive to La Jolla to get a good meal, they come back. We do get people coming from the opposite direction. We get people from La Jolla saying, ‘We heard this is so great that we drove all the way out here.’ It’s always so easy to drive to La Jolla, no big deal. But for La Jollans, it’s ‘all the way out here.’ ”

He insisted that the greatest reward of working with his staff was when “we all sit

down at the end of the night and we talk over the evening. We get all the complaints out of the way or problems. Or good parts. They’ll say, ‘Oh, table 14 just loved it. It was their first time here. They’re going to be back.’ ”

As rewarding as being a chef could be, it required long, demanding hours. “I did about 14 yesterday. I got here a little bit after 9:00 and I left at 10:30 last night. That’s not 14, that’s only 13. Today’s only going to be, like, 11. Generally, five days a

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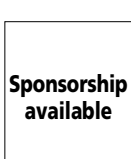
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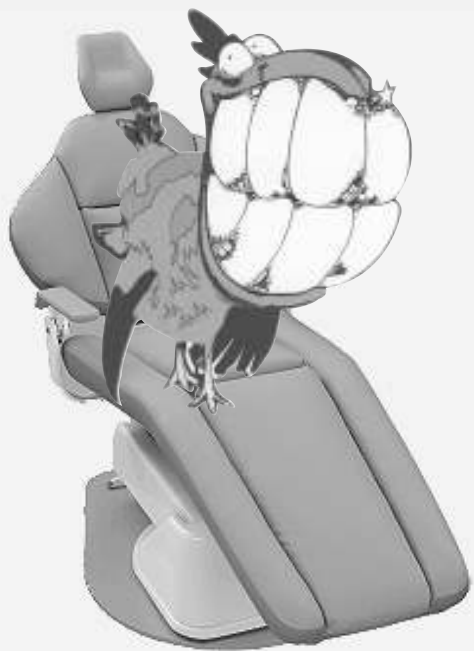
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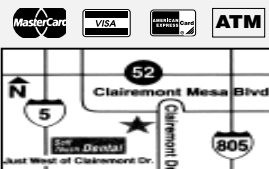
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week, sometimes six. We're closed for one day, so that guarantees a day off unless I have some sort of event. Some weeks are seven."

I asked him if he had any funny stories about the restaurant. "They always say, 'Restaurant is like theater,' " he said. "You don't have to know what is going on in the back. You don't have to know that Juan just cut his finger off, and he spilled the stock all over the floor, and one of our dishwashers is out and the drains are backing up. You don't need to know any of that stuff out here. There's always something, so you wake up in the morning and say, 'Okay, what's going to happen today?'"

"I was reading a website about practical jokes. Servers are really easy to take in, gullible. All you have to do is leave something that looks like a dessert at the side station, and they'll eat it. Okay, I'll just say it. Mayonnaise crème brûlée. We took a crème brûlée dish and filled it up with mayonnaise and then caramelized it. Then left it in the server's station. 'Oh, is this for me?' Took a giant spoonful and then the worst look. I mean, it wasn't anything that was going to hurt her." Big yucking laughter. "The horseplay, the practical jokes come after the important work is done."

## Beach Grass Cafe Solana Beach

If I had to sum up in a word my first impression of the staff at the Beach Grass Cafe, it would be "young." Shorts-clad beach girls zipped around the dining room, taking orders and carrying plates of food. The back-of-the-house employees working in the partially exposed kitchen looked

young from the neck up as well. It came as no surprise when Kelly Flores, the manager, mentioned that the restaurant was blessed with "a lot of professional surfers" as regular customers. (Flores and several others have since left.)

Beach Grass Cafe did not have a special menu for its staff meals. Flores explained, "They make us plates, pretty much anything on the menu. There are some things at dinner that are expensive, like the rib-eye steak and the prawns, which we can't have because of the cost, but besides that, we eat off the menu whatever we want. Everybody gets a meal every time they work, and they make it the way they make it for the customers. You can have an entrée or you can have an appetizer and a salad, or an appetizer and dessert, you know what I'm saying? You can have two little things or one big thing. So, yeah, a lot of times we choose dessert as our meal."

The mood was playful as everyone gathered to eat, and the five young women eagerly shared funny stories.

Katie Brown, a hostess, said, "One time when it was raining, the roof was leaking right there, and Jacquelyn came and slipped and fell right on her butt." Big giggles.

Jennifer Brown, Katie's sister, added that Jacquelyn, who was not present, "has had a few episodes. Were you here when she ran into some guy and flipped a whole plate over her head? It just went straight over her head and right onto the floor. It was really funny."

Someone asked, "What about when you got shot in the butt, Kell, with the steamer thing?"

“Someone turned on the espresso machine,” said Flores, “and hot water shot out and burned me in the butt.”

Four of the young women had all started working at the restaurant at the same time, about five months earlier. Romiro, a buser, had been there three months.

Erika, a server, got her job, she said, “through a friend. I have a friend that was waitressing here. I just moved out here from Minnesota and didn’t really have a job.” Before that, she went to the University of Minnesota, where she played soccer and earned a degree in nutrition. “I’m actually looking into culinary schools. In San Francisco or maybe abroad.”

“I worked in a restaurant in downtown San Diego,” Katie said. “I used to live in that area, and then I moved up here.” She and her sister, Jennifer, were roommates with another waitress.

“Romiro’s our star buser,” Mishael Olson said.

Romiro had done prep work at a restaurant in Del Mar before he heard about this job. He liked working at Beach Grass because he got more hours, thus made more money. He also had fun because his brother and his friends worked in the kitchen.

Flores began working in the restaurant business at an early age. “I was living in Park City, Utah, and that’s what you do when you live there, is work in restaurants. I’ve done everything: waitressing and bartending and managing.

“I went to school, got a degree, and stayed in the restaurants. I went to school first in Colorado, and then I came home to San

Diego. I finished at San Diego State. I studied liberal studies because I intended to become a teacher.” But she liked the flexible hours a restaurant job could offer and had been working for the café’s owner, Tommy Golden, since 1996.

The young servers all said they worked between 15 and 25 hours a week. The kitchen crew worked longer hours.

Flores said, “Some of the servers work more like 25 to 30 hours a week, and then some less.”

I was curious to hear what these young people found challenging about their jobs.

Olson, a server, said, “I don’t think it would be good to print.”

Flores said that for her, “It is the details, small details. Running out of bread. Or running out of adding-machine tape. Everything here, you can run out of.”

Tino had cooked at Beach Grass for a year. “I worked at Las Olas before. I like working with the *Americanos* because I learn more English.” He said things went fairly smoothly in their kitchen, except when someone made a mistake. He was referring to mistakes made outside the kitchen. Then the back-of-the-house crew got mad at the front of the house. Usually, however, he said, “For me, here at first, it is easy for me. Like, the kitchen is easy for me.” He worked 40 hours a week.

“I’m a hostess,” said Katie. “I think it’s the pressure of having to seat so many people at one time and be able to spread it out so your servers don’t get stressed out. Like, this morning was my first day working on Saturday morning. I usually work on weeknights.

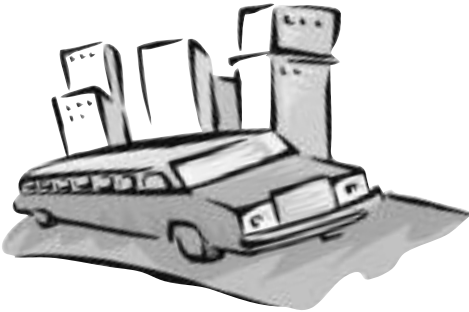


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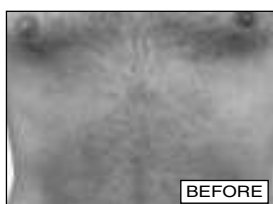


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"It's really hard to judge how long it's going to be to wait too," said Flores. "People want an answer."

"Cause you get people that sit down and just hang out after their checks come," said Katie, "so you think, 'Okay, ten minutes, they're going to get their check.' You tell the people who are waiting 'ten minutes,' and the people at the table decide to sit around for half an hour after the check already came. You look like you're screwing up, but it's okay."

Ruben said the most common disaster that happened in the kitchen was when a prepared dish fell on the floor. "You make something like a sandwich, and it ends up on the floor. You go, like, wow!"

We flipped to the perks of their jobs.

"What's really nice is that there's a lot of regulars that come in, so there's that consistent comfort level," Erika said. "It's more almost like a friendship basis, you know, not just like restaurant clients. And also, I think that the people that work here, like all of us, are good friends."

"Yeah," said Katie, "and hang out outside of work."

"It's the first restaurant that I've gone to where the entire staff actually gets along with each other," Jennifer said. "You know, usually you have, and especially with restaurants, I feel like they're so cliquey and, like there's a lot of stuff that goes on in them, but I don't feel like it goes on

here."

Erika and Katie would both like to own a restaurant.

"My dream for the future is to have a bed-and-breakfast," Flores said. "It would be great if it was in about three to five years. And I would like to be in the mountains somewhere. I would like to somehow be affiliated with Tommy Golden. I don't know how it would work, but, yes, I can see myself staying with him."

"I wanted to have a restaurant that didn't turn a profit," Katie said. "It basically just was built to employ people so that we could just not be nice to anybody that we didn't want to be nice to." Huge laughter. "That's

"It's going to work, and then it'll catch on," Katie said.

"Well, they're doing that at, what's it called, Dick's Last Resort," Flores said. "But they're never nice. That's their whole thing is that they're rude when they walk up to the table. See, you don't want to be rude."

"No," said Katie, "we're going to be nice until they're rude to us first."

"So that's the concept," said Jennifer.

They all agreed that they didn't get many rude customers but that it came with the territory. Most of them thought that women were bigger complainers than men and that often a man was visibly embarrassed by a

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my idea. Yeah, I just thought it would be really cool if they had a problem with, you know, something. Oh, and, I'm going to do all the jobs. Like, I'll be a waitress and a buser sometimes. I mean, if we mess up, then it's okay. But if they're just rude, then the server could say, 'Then I don't think you really should be in here.' And they would say, 'Could I speak to a manager?' and then I'm the buser and I turn around and I'm, like, 'Hey, I own the restaurant. Are you being mean to my waitress? Okay, bye.' "

"Is this a dream you had one night when you went home, Katie?" Flores asked. Everyone laughed again.

woman who was making a fuss.

Olson wanted to have a restaurant someday. "I would just offer healthy produce. I'm a vegetarian. It's hard to go out to places that you can actually trust as far as not getting a little bacon grease in your stuff or having the veggie burger cooked with the hamburger. You know what I mean? I would be into that stuff. I used to work for a place that was like that, Swami's Cafe. Like, I used to cook. I was always careful. The meat was always cooked on the right side of the grill; the vegetarian stuff was always cooked on the left. It's not that hard."

Romiro's dream was to remain living in



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the United States and earn "mucho dinero" if possible, but he had no aspirations to own a restaurant.

Ruben, on the other hand, said he might like to own his own restaurant. He said he would probably serve similar food to what was served at Beach Grass. He'd learned to cook from Tommy Golden and had worked for him for the past eight years.

For now they all did their respective jobs and then some.

"A lot of us surf," said Jennifer.

"I play soccer," Erika said.

"I go to school," said Katie. "I surf." She was working on her AA degree. "I would like to be an architect." Someone commented that she would be able to design her own restaurant — the one where she would hold all positions.

"When I not work I go to the playing football, soccer," said Tino.

I wondered what this group liked to eat when they were away from Beach Grass.

Romiro: "Roberto's, Fidel's, all the Mexican food." He said all his friends in the kitchen like Mexican food best.

Erika: "Salad. We eat a lot of salad."

Katie: "I love Mexican food. Jenny is drive-through queen."

Flores: "I like to cook for myself. Actually, I just love to eat. I love to eat out, and I love to eat at home. I cook all kinds of different kinds of food. I've learned a lot from Tommy, and I cook similarly to him, I think."

Flores went on to speak of the gifts of friendship that came through this profession. "A lot of my very best friends I've met through working at restaurants with them. I think it's different than

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working in other industries, the friendships that you make with people. I don't know if it's just that you work more closely with people. I think it is that the kinds of people are similar that work in this industry, and working for this particular restaurant, for Tommy, is kind of a family atmosphere. Everybody's friends and family. It's nice to come to work."

### Bertrand at Mister A's Banker's Hill

When I contacted Fabrice Poigin, executive chef at Bertrand at Mister A's, he told me that, yes, he did provide a staff meal, but he did not want to be misleading. Unlike restaurants in France where a restaurant staff will sit down together family-style and share a meal, Bertrand had a hectic pace that did not often allow this. "Our front-of-the-house and back-of-the-house staffs eat separately, and usually on the run. Sometimes you can literally only grab a hunk of bread. Things are too busy. But you are welcome to come and see another, more common perspective of how things happen in most San Diego restaurants."

I visited Bertrand at Mister A's on a Friday night at five o'clock. I was ushered into a hub of activity.

Men in royal blue shirts stood near the front eating their dinners. Further back the team in white busily prepared for the Friday-night rush. The pastry chef applied meringue to Meyer lemon tarts; the sous chef spread fish onto a stainless steel table. At the far end of the huge kitchen, a grinning Poigin waved me to come on back. (Poigin recently left Bertrand.) He glided around

the kitchen in exaggerated Marcel Marceau movements, but unlike Marceau, he talked nonstop. Working on a variety of dishes while we chatted, he never missed a move that occurred in the kitchen nor a word that was spoken by any of his team. Poigin was preparing everything from garnishes for a braised chicken dish to a complicated eggplant appetizer wrapped in phyllo dough. Referring to the chicken, he said, "I'm going to roast this in the oven. This will be my garnish for the chicken. And that's served with caramelized carrots and harissa sauce. Harissa is a sauce, it's very famous in France because in France we mix it, French with the Moroccan. It tastes just like they use Tabasco. It's crazy. This is kind of like a cumin paste. I'm going to do a sauce with the carrots, just sweet and caramelized so it will balance the spiciness."

Poigin came to the United States for the first time at the age of nine, when his family traveled here. "I fell in love with this country. Even now with the world situation, I am very pro U.S. I still love my country, France, but I am very pro U.S." Since that trip, he dreamed of moving to San Diego.

First, he had to grow up in Nice. After realizing that he "was born to cook," he studied and cooked in France. At 18, he was cooking in the kitchen of French president François Mitterrand. At 24, he came to San Diego and has worked in a variety of top restaurants, including his own, Vignola, in the Gaslamp Quarter, which he closed before coming to Bertrand.

He pointed out to me that he had indeed

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provided a meal for his staff. Situated at the pass, it consisted of a shepherd's pie, grilled vegetables, and salad. And, yes, he was correct. Some of the front-of-the-house men ate standing near the kitchen doors, while others had plates of food at their workstations, shoveling in hearty bites between tasks.

Poigin, a man with high energy, said he worked 50 to 60 hours a week. "It depends on the business. We'll be cooking for 150 people this evening."

Poigin also had a high-voltage personality. "Do you have women..." I asked, and hesitated for a split second.

"Do I have other women in my life?"

"No, well, maybe. I was going to ask if there are women working in the kitchen."

As is fairly standard, the kitchen staff was primarily composed of men. However, Bertrand's pastry chef was a woman. Poigin related that he was currently blessed with a talented team of players, but in the world of restaurants, things were constantly in flux.

He said the greatest part of the job is that "we are never bored. I have a real passion for cooking. It's like a piece of a play. We perform a play every night with different critics every night."

I asked Poigin what he liked to eat when he was away from the restaurant. "I'm pretty easygoing. I like everything. I can't think of anything I don't like." As for who cooks at home: "Definitely not my wife." Poigin's wife worked in the hotel business, so they both got home late each evening.

Poigin became more animated at the mention of his wife,

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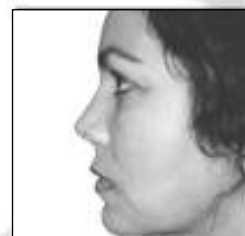
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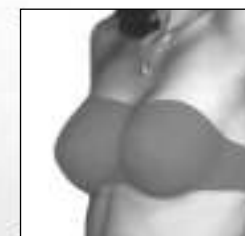
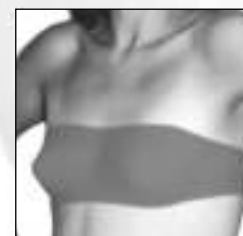
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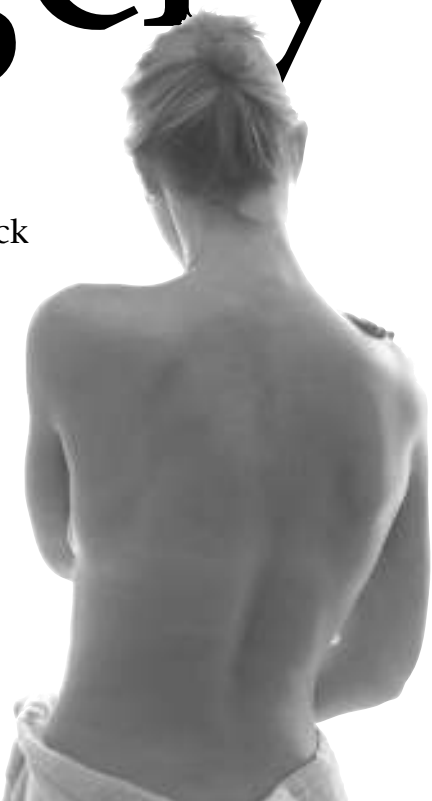
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saying they first spotted each other when he was cooking in a bathing suit in La Jolla. Shortly thereafter a friend set them up on a blind date, and that was it. He was so aglow talking about her that I asked if he had any children. "My dog is my child. My dog is my baby!"

He bolted across the room and through a door. I followed and

saw that he was in his office, shuffling through a foot-high stack of photographs. The silky ear of a dog flashed by, and I reached out my hand. "No," he admonished. "I want to find the perfect one." Sure enough, his "baby" was a springer spaniel.

The baby photos proudly shared, we raced back out to the

kitchen.

He rattled off some comment to his sous chef, Brian O'Connor. O'Connor, brandishing a menacing-looking knife, was cutting salt cod. "Oui, chef," he replied. The two had been bantering intermittently throughout the interview.

O'Connor had worked at Bertrand for 14 months. Prior to

that, he was executive sous chef at Tupelo in the Gaslamp Quarter.

O'Connor's entry into the culinary world was similar to many others'. "I started washing dishes when I was 15 in a kitchen in New York and proceeded to take a two-year cooking course while in high school. Instead of taking math or science, I just took baking for the

first year and food preparation for the second year. When I graduated high school, I went directly to Baltimore International Culinary College to study the culinary arts for two years. I graduated from there and also worked in restaurants in the Baltimore area." O'Connor said he had known since he was a little kid that this

was his purpose. "My mom just made me peel a lot of potatoes. I don't know, I'm from an Irish family, so every meal had potatoes. Somehow that was my job, to take care of the potatoes. I used to just sit there and peel potatoes instead of going out and playing with my friends. I don't peel potatoes to this day for that reason."

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As for his work hours, "It depends on the day. If we have lunch, I probably work from 10:30 or 11:00 till close. Anywhere from 10 to 12 hours a day." I asked him about how many days per week this involved. It could be "five or six or seven, depending on if we have parties and Chef needs me here. But I try to get my two days off a week. He doesn't want to kill me."

Regarding the biggest challenge of his job, he said, "Probably just the organization of the staff and having everyone trained exactly the way the chef wants his food prepared. Just being consistent and keeping everyone having a good morale while they're at work. It's really not a hard job if you can stand the hours and being in a kitchen. It's really odd, because it's so much like being in a family setting. You spend so much time with people you're around. You know, everyone has their own little inside jokes with each other, and it's really nice. A lot of the kitchen staff and the house staff, they all hang out with each other outside of work. It becomes more of a friendship than a working relationship. So I don't know, probably keeping a managerial and friendship relationship outside of work is probably the hardest thing I have to deal with, being my age. A lot of the guys I do hang out with; we're always drinking beers, having fun, and at work I'm in charge. It's kind of hard to keep that managerial aspect of it and the friendships outside of work.

"I love this business," O'Connor continued. "It's a passion. It's something I wake up and think about, and I go to sleep and

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think about. It swallows you whole. And if you let it, it definitely takes over your life. My girlfriend knows that my job is the most important thing to me, and I've been with her for almost a year and a half. It's kind of hard 'cause a lot of people get burned out from the business, but if you have a passion for it, it's very rewarding personally. Not monetarily, but, uh, definitely just on a...I don't know how to say this. It's very rewarding to myself on a daily basis when I put out a plate and someone says it's the best thing they've ever eaten. It's very rewarding, and at the same time, it's very taxing on

your lifestyle. Everyone's out on a Friday and Saturday night partying, and you're working until 12 o'clock at night."

I asked O'Connor about how things go when a stress-filled rush hits. "I think everyone knows their place when it gets to that point. You know, Chef has it pretty much down to that the only person that should be talking is me or him, and everyone else just listens and puts the food out. That's really how you can create a stress-free environment, where everyone knows you listen. I'll call a ticket out. I'll order five things off three different

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problem you might come across is a waiter coming in and changing it halfway through. You know, saying, 'Oh, I wanted this instead of that and blah, blah,

blah, a side of this.' But those changes, it's really not hard to do what we do as long as you can take the stress and put it on the back burner

and just do your job and put the food out as fast as you possibly can."

When I asked about something crazy that had happened at

the restaurant, he said, "Oh, goodness gracious, there's so many. Let's think of one that won't ruin my reputation. Oh, goodness. Wow. That's a good question." He wanted to think for a bit, so he talked about what he normally liked to eat.

"Whatever's around. I'm not really into eating only fine-dining food. I like carne asada burritos. I eat junk food. I don't lie. If a chef tells you he's at home eating striped sea bass and ratatouille, he's lying to you. You're so tired of cooking food that you go home, and if your girlfriend wants to cook for you, your wife wants to cook for you, if she makes

spaghetti with meatballs, you're stoked. The way I look at it, when I go home I don't cook unless it's a special occasion, like Thanksgiving, Christmas, anything like that. I don't want to cook. It's like asking the garbage man to take the trash out. My girlfriend's a vegetarian, so it's very hard for me to cook when she's around. Everything she cooks for me is vegetarian, so I have to say I eat vegetarian more than anything. And I'm a huge meat-eater, but I do all my meat-eating at work. Yeah, simple food. Peanut butter and jelly sandwich. I'm not even kidding. With bananas on it. That's a good

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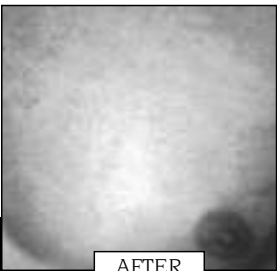
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"Okay, we have a very tight crew. I'll tell you this. A lot of places won't tell you this. Um, getting habaneros, and rubbing the top of someone's glass of water with habaneros." O'Connor meant a coworker's glass. "It's the spiciest chili available. It's the hottest chili on the planet. You just take the oil, and you put it around the rim of their glass, and when they drink it, it gets on their lips, and it starts burning their tongue a little bit. It doesn't hurt them, but it wakes them up a little bit, and they know they were tricked, basically. Chef really doesn't approve of any of this. It's usually on Sundays and Mondays, when all the guys are here. We're all great friends, and, like, someone will pull a joke, and someone else will try to find out who it is and try to get 'em back. We never try to harm anybody. It's just out of good fun."

Next I wanted to speak with someone from the front of the house, so I was introduced to Javier Campas, an expeditor, who was standing eating his dinner.

Campas said, "I have been working here since Bertrand took over. That's been almost three years. I used to work at the Prado. I food-run here."

When asked about the hardest part of his job, Campas said, "I would probably say, just like all the guys would say, the shifts we have. We have to work holidays, weekends.

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There's not much you can do about it. At this restaurant, I have five shifts. Basically, the shifts that we work are five to six hours. And the waiters, they usually have about four shifts."

I asked if the restaurant had many regular customers. "Actually, this building has a lot of offices," Campas said. "For example, we have attorneys, we have accountants, other types. We do get a lot of people who come here pretty often. We get a lot of regulars here. We get a lot of people from hotels. The concierges refer a lot of people to us. You can get from locals, you know, to people who already

know the restaurant, friends of Bertrand and other associates, to a lot of people from the hotels. Conventions. When we have conventions, reservations go up."

When I asked about problem customers, he said, "Nobody's a pain. Is that thing on?" He looked at the tape recorder. "Nobody's a pain."

"I enjoy it, you know," Campas continued, "but it's not what I want to do for the rest of my life. Right now, I'm attending real estate school, which I have been doing for a few months. That's a good thing about this, 'cause we have the

mornings open. We usually work just nights.

"I would say about 75 to 80 percent of the waiters, captains, they've been here since day one, a lot of them," Campas said. "You kind of get accustomed to them. You work with them at least three days a week. It's not like you work independently. For example, the captain has a buser, and if they don't get along, then it's not going to happen. So I would say that all of us really get along."

James Van Pelt, a runner, joined the conversation. "It's like us and all the busboys are brand-new. Busers are always turning over."

Campas continued, "Busers are usually the ones with the most turnover."

"I mean, overall it's a hard industry," Van Pelt said. "You know, service and all. It's interesting."

Poigin flew past speaking out of the side of his mouth, "They all say I'm a nice guy because they're afraid."

Campas said, "You know what, seriously, talking about Fabrice. I have worked already in, like, six restaurants, and he's been by far the chef that's been the easiest to work with. You can tell just by coming into the kitchen. The staff, we can all talk to him, and that's what really makes a difference."

You've been told in restaurants, I'm sure, where nobody speaks, you know what I mean? Here we have people, like, from French, to American, to Hispanics, from everywhere. This restaurant has a nice combination."

Just then, O'Connor walked by, and Campas said, "I don't know if you've met Brian yet. He's our sous chef."

O'Connor said, "Javier and James are the heart and soul of the front of the house. The heart and soul, seriously. Without these two, I wouldn't be able to do my job."

Campas said, "I mean, it helps with everything when the

chefs are real personable."

O'Connor rejoined with "Yeah, I think this is probably the first restaurant I've ever worked in in the last ten years where the front of the house and the back of the house get it together and are really close. Everyone respects everybody's job. It's that easy. And it's really hard to find, it really is. We have an amazing crew here, and they've been here for so long. It's good that everyone enjoys working here."

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invited me to a staff meal on Saturday at 3:30. (Aswan has since changed hands. Its new name is Monroe's Café.) The staff would eat after the brunch customers had left. At 3:30, the conversation and laughter of diners still filled the restaurant. Sukumu's Gumbo Brunch was served on the weekends, and the smells from the buffet were a pleasant welcome.

Harlan Ward, a server, greeted me and informed me that Weir was off on an errand and would return soon. He took me to the back end of the restaurant, where the staff would gather to eat, and told me to make myself at home.

The dining rooms were warm and inviting. The banquettes were caramel-colored. Giraffe-skin fabric covered lampshades. The candleholders added a touch of humor — shapely women's legs with short wraparound skirts. The real treat, however, was on the tabletops. Placed upon each white linen cloth was an original Togolese batik done by the artist Marah U. Alain. Each was protected by a glass topper. What fun to wander the mostly empty dining room and view a table-top art gallery.

The Aswan had been open a little over a year when I visited last February. The owner's son, Teule Sukumu, who worked part-time at the restaurant as a floater, talked about opening a new restaurant. "We really didn't know what we were getting into when we started this. It's going good. It's picking up. I just remember that first weekend when we started. Oh, it was awful. We didn't anticipate how many people were going to show up. We did the brunch, and

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it's a big thing on Sunday. People come after church, and the place was packed. We didn't know how to clean the tables fast enough to get people seated and in and out. We had customers actually help us. There were friends of my dad's clearing off tables. It was funny. We did have enough food, but it was tough getting the dishes cleaned and everything. It's worked out. We've gotten comfortable with what we're doing, and who knows?"

Teule talked about his dad, Vernon Sukumu. He cooked for the brunch on weekends, but weekdays, he was director of a non-profit organization, where Teule also worked.

"It's a program where we manage funds for SSI and Social Security recipients who

can't do it themselves," Sukumu said. "Pay their bills and give them spending money throughout the month. It's on Federal Boulevard, but it helps people all over the county. They don't always appreciate it. It's mainly mentally ill people. Some of them are drug addicts or whatever.

They would prefer to get all their money themselves and do what they want with it. We try to keep them off the streets. A lot of them were homeless before, and that's one of our main goals, to make sure they have a place to stay."

I asked Teule what he found most difficult

about working in the restaurant business. "I deal with out front mostly, so I don't deal with what goes on in the kitchen a whole lot. It's probably just getting a rush of people in at one time. That's the hardest part, 'cause I hate to see people waiting. So I'm always trying to say, 'Can we

hurry up, get the tables cleared, can we get everything ready for the next group?' I'd say, in the back, it's the same. It's the rush. For instance, we did a Valentine's Day thing, and they did seatings, which is something I don't know that I'd recommend again. They did a five o'clock seating and a seven o'clock. You know, most people on Valentine's Day, they get off of work — they're not going to come at five o'clock. So at seven o'clock, we had people out the door waiting. People had reservations, but there were some walk-ins that came. Figuring out how we are going to handle that is something. We're going to have to develop a better system. No one here has really been involved in food and restaurants before, so we don't have that experience — so it's something we have to figure out as we go along."

Trish Weir arrived, apologizing for being late. She said the staff would wait till a few more customers departed before eating.

Aswan had a staff of 21. One employee was Algerian, 2 were Somalian, 2 were Sudanese, others were African-American, and 1 was Latino. Most of them had met only recently, but there was an evident cohesiveness.

More of the staff joined us.

Aaliyah Abdullahi was a server. "I just started working here, just a month. I used to work at the movie theater. My cousin works here. She cooks, and she told me about this place. I work on weekends. I am going to school, high school."

Marvin Escobar, whom the staff lovingly called Carvin' Marvin, was also a server. "I started here in August 2002. I enjoy it. The customers are good. They love the food. I met Trish's daughter, and she told me about the restaurant, and she told me she might need a server. So I came down, and we had an interview and I like it. I help cook also." He learned cooking elsewhere. "I was a server in Nevada for two

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1 onion, chopped  
1 garlic clove, minced  
5-6 shrimp, cleaned and de-veined  
2 cups of tomato sauce  
2 cups chicken broth  
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper,

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1 teaspoon sugar  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
1 cup cooked rice

**HOW TO DO IT**

Sauté the chicken in vegetable oil until lightly browned on all sides. Remove and set aside.

Sauté peppers and onion till just softening

and add garlic. Cook until garlic is lightly browned.

Place the chicken, the pepper mixture, and all remaining ingredients, except the rice, into a heavy pot or Dutch oven. Bring to a boil, then reduce to simmer for 20 minutes.

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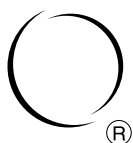
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years. It's fun." He said the thing he liked the best about his job was that "It's easy. It's really easy compared to where I come from. That was really hard-core serving."

Ward said, "Everybody's different. Everybody has their own personality. Him, he's the comedian, Marvin. It's weird. Everybody's definitely different personalitywise, but we all click in our own particular ways. I love it. It's like we're a big family, everybody, you know?" They all agreed.

I asked Escobar if he's a practical joker. Lots of laughter. "Yeah."

"He just does things and says things to make everybody laugh," said Ward. "Today — what are those things they call for the Muslims?"

"Hijab," Abdullahi said.

"He put one on earlier and then came out here," Ward said. The entire table erupted in laughter remembering. "He definitely keeps us on our toes and keeps us smiling and kind of forgetting about things. He's used to the hard-core stuff. Me, this is my first time ever serving, so I kind of look at it a little bit different. With him around, he makes you kind of forget about it being a little stressful at times. He just makes you laugh."

"One time I was cleaning the fish," said Escobar, "and I put a fish in the pitcher, 'cause that's how we do it. I was telling the people, 'Hey, you been working hard, why don't you get a cup and get some water.' And then I was pouring them some water; then they saw that fish in there and said, 'Oh, no. Wait.' I got 'em good."

Ward shared, "Aaliyah, like, me and her, we're like one as far as serving. We know

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whose table is whose table. We come out and fill up all the drinks for every table. We try to do that with every server, but... If she's got a stack of dishes, I grab a stack from her, 'cause I'm closer, and it goes vice versa. We're like a team. We're like a good team."

What happened when a grumpy customer showed up?

Abdullahi shrugged and said, "You have to deal with it."

Ward added, "I'm grumpy, so I know how it is being grumpy. You have to just put yourself in their shoes. They might have had a bad day at work or something. You can't necessarily take it personally. They're only here for 30, 45 minutes out of their day, and we don't really know what they went through."

"You gotta get used to it," Abdullahi said.

Escobar said, "We try to give them dessert on the house, make them feel better, and make them have a better concept about this place, and then they'll come back."

The restaurant featured both Louisiana Creole food and African cuisine, which prompted me to ask what they like to eat when they weren't at work.

"Pizza," said Abdullahi.

"Chinese food," said Ward.

Abdullahi, referring to Ward: "He likes Carl's Jr."

"I just eat so much food here 'cause the food is new to me," said Ward. "Like, I've never really been exposed to most of this food that they serve here. I definitely, on my day off,

come in here and have a catfish sandwich or something. I've never had bean pie before or mud pie, and it's so good. So I mostly eat here because it's new. I'm not really into fast food all that much, except, of course, Carl's Jr. The chicken strips."

Sukumu confessed, "I like a lot of different things. I like Chiquita's. It's a Mexican restaurant. I eat there twice a week. Another soul food place I go to occasionally, Huffman's, a little hole-in-the-wall place that serves good food." The rest of the group was beginning to hassle him. "Sorry. Oh, and there's a Caribbean place also."

"Oh, now we're finding out a bunch of new stuff," said Escobar.

More of the staff arrived from the kitchen, signaling that

the customers were gone and we could serve ourselves at the buffet. Just as there was a diversity of people on the staff, so was there in the choices at the buffet. Fresh turkey, grits, ribs, fish, yams, sambussas, and Sukumu's seafood gumbo.

Viola Baya, a shy Sudanese woman, was introduced as a server who had worked at the restaurant for just over one month. Her English was limited, and since she and Yar Atim, a cook, both spoke Arabic, Atim acted as her interpreter. Baya learned to cook in Egypt. "She likes the people here. She thinks they are very nice people. Baya has two children, four and three." Weir filled in a few more details: "She's a buser and a cook. She makes our sambussas."

Sambussas are a delicacy in Somalia. They look almost like a wonton and can be filled with anything: spinach, shrimp, cream cheese, or pineapple and banana.

Atim, sweaty from toiling over a hot stove and wearing an engaging smile, took the initiative and said, "I'm from Sudan. I ran away from my country to Egypt for six years, and then we come here. The United Nations helped. We were refugees with the United Nations." Atim came with some of her family, including her husband. She had three children, aged 5 years, 19 months, and 5 months.

I asked if she planned the menus. She nodded and said, "I cook good. I have worked in many, many restaurants, but this restaurant, everything's

nice. Nice food, healthy food, everyone likes it. Most of the time customers say, 'That's nice food.'"

Sada Abdella was from Somalia. Weir said, "She is one of our top chefs. She can fix both menus extremely well. Not only that, she has the patience to bring it together. She doesn't get nervous if there's a crowd out there, and she calms everybody else down. Besides being an excellent chef, being able to blend flavors together, but to have the personality to be fast and have the ability to bring the group together. Right now, she would be the most experienced chef I have back there."

"I was in a refugee camp too," Abdella said. "In Somalia they killed my father." Her eyes teared up. "Then my whole family lived

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in Rome. I cooked in Rome. I love to cook." She said the hardest time at the restaurant was "Valentine's."

Trae Whitfield was a dishwasher and a busser who had been working at Aswan for two weeks. "I like it. It keeps me just going faster and faster. It keeps me going to a different goal. I like that. I like the chal-

lenge." He was 19 years old and engaged to be married. When I reacted with obvious surprise, he said, "I have had a hard life. I've been through a lot. My mom died when I was very young. I will never be more mature than I am now." Whitfield was currently working three jobs.

Some of the other employees had more

than one job as well, and they all worked varied hours at the restaurant. Ward said, "I work, I would say, anywhere between 30 and 40 hours a week. And weekends are so unpredictable. You never know. All the time you're scheduled for the buffet." Escobar worked evenings and on weekends, and he had a morning job

cooking elsewhere. Atim worked 6 hours a day, five days a week.

I asked what they wanted for their futures. Did they intend to stay in the restaurant business?

"No. I want to be a lawyer," Abdullahi said.

Abdella wanted to cook and maybe own her own restaurant.

"I probably want to develop a business

where I can express my art skills," Escobar said.

"Me, I would love to, like, work for a magazine, writing articles," said Ward. "More music oriented, you know."

Regarding the restaurant's future, Weir said, "I think the sky is the limit, when you look at the variety of food that we have, the atmosphere. On Sundays, without being

rude, we have to kind of urge people to leave. There's days when people come at eleven, and at three o'clock they're still here."

"You know, people fall asleep," said Ward. "We're trying to see if we can get them pillows. Get some cots set up in the back for people who get too full and don't want to leave." ■

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**T**orrey Pines High senior Amy Walters, 17, says, “I think it’s kind of weird [for guys to wax body hair], but I suppose a good thing if they’re really hairy. I mean, who wants to look at some guy’s hairy back? And if they’re comfortable with it, go for it. I don’t really care.”

*How old were you when you began shaving?* “I think I was 12, and I really don’t remember.”

*Did anyone teach you how?* “Not really; I guess my mom gave me some tips.”

*How old were you when you began waxing?* “I think I was 15; I got my eyebrows done. It didn’t hurt as much as I thought it would; it was kind of tingly.”

*Which takes more time, waxing or shaving?* “Shaving.”

*Which do you prefer?* “Shaving is easier and more convenient...also cheaper, I think.”

*Which areas of your body do you wax?* “Just eyebrows.”

*Do you know anyone who waxes facial hair?* “Probably, but we don’t really discuss it.”

*Do you go to a professional place to get waxing done?* “Yes, because I trust the professionals with my eyebrows a lot more than I would trust myself. It’s \$18 an appointment.”

*Where do you go, and why do you like going there?* “I go to the Aveda Eco-tique salon because it’s nearby, and so far they haven’t messed up my eyebrows.”



Amy Walters

*How often do you wax?* “A few times a year.”

*Where does waxing cause the most pain?* “I’d guess a bikini wax, but I wouldn’t know.”

*Do you have a method of dealing with the pain?* “I don’t think it hurts that badly, but the lady that does my eyebrows tells me to breathe out when she pulls off the wax.”

*Why do you feel obligated to remove body hair?* “I think, in today’s society, pretty people don’t have a lot of body hair — guys included. And that hairless image is what most people see as normal and acceptable.”

*Would you want a husband who waxes his body hair?* “I really wouldn’t care. As long as I had no part in the waxing.”

*Would you ever consider electrolysis to remove hair permanently?* “I don’t think so; it’s kind of a scary idea. And I don’t really mind shaving.”

**A**lisha Schor, 18, attends school at MIT. She says, “It’s kind of nice when [guys] aren’t all gross and hairy. Seeing someone who is clean-cut is nice, and it’s a shame that waxing isn’t as accepted with guys.”

*How old were you when you began shaving?* “I was in sixth grade, and a lot of my friends had been shaving their legs for a little while. I don’t remember if my mom wouldn’t let me or if I was just too shy to ask, but in any case I went into my parents’ bathroom one day and used my dad’s razor to shave my legs — dry; no lotion or soap or anything. I didn’t know to clean the razor afterwards, so when my dad found his razor he thought my mom had used it. Eventually I fessed up, and once my mom realized I had already done it, she decided to at least show me how to do it right.”

*How old were you when you began*



Alisha Schor

*waxing?* “My mom decided to start waxing parts of my face [eyebrows, upper lip] when I started high school. It wasn’t really a big deal; she waxed herself at home, so one day she just told me that she would do me also.”

*Which takes more time, waxing or shaving?* “Well, I still shave my legs but I wax my face. I think neither is more time-consuming, but shaving is something you can do in the shower, whereas waxing takes a little more preparation.”

*Which do you prefer?* “Waxing is definitely more convenient for sensitive areas like your eyebrows or bikini line because you don’t have to deal with them as often since it takes longer to grow back. Shaving is much easier, in my opinion, though, if you’re about to go somewhere or something.”

*Which areas of your body do you wax?* “Eyebrows, upper lip, and sometimes my bikini line.”

*Do you know anyone who waxes facial hair?* “A lot of people do the same thing I do, especially the eyebrows.”

*Do you go to a professional place to get waxing done?* “I don’t like going to places because I’m really self-conscious, and it

makes me uncomfortable to have people fiddling with me.”

*How often do you wax?* “Every three weeks or so.”

*Where does waxing cause the most pain?* “It doesn’t hurt too bad. Maybe I’ve just gotten used to it.”

*Why do you feel obligated to remove body hair?* “I personally just think it looks nicer, a little cleaner. I guess that’s just the influence of everyone’s perception.”

*Would you want a husband who waxes his body hair?* “I wouldn’t mind if he did it on his own time. Basically, as long as I only have to deal with the results and not the process.”

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Would you ever consider electrolysis to remove hair permanently? "Yeah. If there was something that really worked well, it would definitely be convenient."

Robin Perenchio, a 17-year-old senior at Torrey Pines High School, says, "I don't think I would judge a guy because he waxes his body hair. If it makes him feel more confident, then I think that he should feel free to get his body hair waxed. I am not sure that I would find it very attractive though, but that is just my own personal taste."

How old were you when you began shaving? "I think that I was in the fifth grade when I began shaving my legs. I had never even thought about shaving my legs until some of the other girls at school began shaving. I asked my mom if I could shave, and she didn't have a problem with it so she showed me how. The first couple of times that I shaved, though, I managed to accidentally cut myself pretty badly with the razor."

How old were you when you began waxing? "I think I was about 12 the first time that I ever got my eyebrows waxed. It was before Thanksgiving. Every Thanksgiving my entire family gets all dressed up and we go to my grandfather's house. I was at the salon getting my hair done and my stepmom asked if I wanted to get my eyebrows waxed. I agreed. I remember it hurting so badly that it made my eyes tear, but I liked how my eyebrows looked afterwards."

Which takes more time, waxing or shaving? "Well, I shave my legs and get my eyebrows waxed at a salon, so they are not really comparable."

Do you know anyone who waxes facial hair? "Not to my knowledge."

How much does it cost? "It costs around 20 dollars per session...to get my eyebrows waxed."

Where do you go, and why do you like going there? "I do not really go to one salon loyally. I switch around between the Aveda Salon and the spa at the Pacific Athletic club."

How often do you wax?



Rebecca Stein

"I should get my eyebrows waxed once every three weeks, but I usually go for longer periods of time without getting them waxed. I am not the kind of person who can spend hours in front of the mirror putting on makeup, and it doesn't usually bother me if my eyebrows are not perfect all the time."

How painful is it? "My skin is very sensitive, and when I get my eyebrows waxed it hurts a lot. The area around my eyebrows usually gets red and irritated."

Do you have a method of dealing with the pain? "Every time I get my eyebrows waxed I worry a little about the pain that it is going to cause. The last time that I got my eyebrows waxed the lady remarked that I am very apprehensive throughout the entire waxing treatment. I always dread getting my eyebrows waxed."

Why do you feel obligated to remove body hair? "I do not feel obligated to get my eyebrows waxed, but I do feel more confident if my eyebrows look nice...."

Would you want a husband who waxes his body hair? "Again, if it makes a man feel more confident about his body to have his body hair waxed, then I wouldn't stop him. But I also feel that a person's physical appearance is not that important, and I would hope that my future husband can be comfortable in his own skin however it may be and not care too much about his appearance."

Would you ever consider electrolysis to remove hair permanently? "In the future it might be more practical for me to get electrolysis done on my eyebrows, but at the moment I am content with getting them waxed."

Rebecca Stein is a 16-year-old senior at Torrey Pines High who doesn't "really have an opinion about guys that wax body hair...if that's what they want to do, then more power to them."

How old were you when you began shaving? "I began shaving the summer before seventh grade because all of my friends at camp were shaving."

Did anyone teach you how? "Nobody really taught me how, I don't think."

How old were you when you began waxing? "I began waxing in tenth grade."

Which takes more time, waxing or shaving? "Waxing definitely takes more time."

Which do you prefer? "I don't wax my legs because it is a lot easier to just pick up a razor whenever you want."

Which areas of your body do you wax? "I just wax my eyebrows."

Do you know anyone who waxes facial hair? "I do know some people who wax their facial hair."

Do you go to a professional place to get waxing done? "I go to a professional place to get waxing done because I definitely wouldn't trust myself with that stuff. It costs about 20 bucks for an eyebrow wax."

How often do you go? "I only get it done once every six to eight weeks."

Where does waxing cause the most pain? "I don't think that the waxing really hurts that much."

Why do you feel obligated to remove body hair? "I guess it is just a social standard that women remove body hair...but I don't really mind too much because I like how I look with the waxing as well."

Would you want a husband who waxes his body hair? "I doubt I would care if my husband waxed his body hair or not."

Would you ever consider electrolysis to remove hair permanently? "I wouldn't consider electrolysis right now, but maybe I will sometime in the future."

— Sirisha Prathipati, Torrey Pines H.S.

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## LETTERS

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January 8). Josh left a glowing, enthusiastic message the following day on my voice mail and repeated the same comments when I returned the call, saying he couldn't believe how much fun the event was, he was stoked about his matches, he enjoyed talking to the women he considered not attractive just as much as the ones he was attracted to, he wouldn't have anything nega-

tive to say to detract from the good time he had at our event, and he was going to give me specific quotes to be used in a future ad. I replied, "I can just get the quotes from your review, but thanks," expecting the review would match his comments expressed to me on the phone when I returned the call.

However, anyone who reads the review would never get the impression Josh liked the event. So, I understand the article is not designed to promote my business, but

I wonder why the article did not match the favorable feedback given to me by Josh? Also, I was misquoted in using the word "ugly" in the article. I do not ever use the word "ugly." As anyone can see by my pic in the *Reader*, my looks are at best average. I used the words "not selected" when I was referring to our belief that singles not chosen are often not the best fit for our event. Also, I felt it was hypocritical of Josh to comment about one person not having an eye, as if that is funny, and then saying to me, Isn't it rude if you don't want someone to come again who is not selected?

Also, Josh did not touch on the social aspects of our event — that we are a friendlier way to meet. Josh must have liked the women, as he chose four women at our event. Yet all the comments about their personalities are an insult to the women he did meet and like. I even

know Josh has gone on dates with one of the two women he did select.

So I am left with the opinion that the media has to get their digs in for no reason to be controversial. I don't understand it. I think the social benefits of our events should have been mentioned, that the event is about more than looks, even if looks are superimportant to others. Dating should be nicer, and that is a key reason singles go to our event, is the entertainment. Also, our success rate should have been included, that 1 in 12 people attending the event will end up in a relationship. I will learn to be cautious when dealing with the media next time for the negative spin. I know I am helping people. Feel free to go to our event if you are single, confident, fun, and social. We want you to attend.

Andrew Kiken  
via e-mail

*Josh Board replies: My story was about the characters I met. Since some said weird things, it may have come across as a bit negative. But it also had many positive elements as well. Everyone at the event had a ball. I think Andrew assumed the article would be like an advertisement for his dating service.*

### Open Your Eyes

I enjoy your writing style, Mr. Brizzolara. But your seemingly being stuck in juvenile expectations of life has me stumped.

There was one line in your entire column ("T.G.I.F.," January 8) that screamed out as a reason for you not to get drunk in 2004, one reason for you to stay alive, and one reason you don't seem to take seriously.

You wrote, "[A]nd the disdain my 26-year-old son has been demonstrating toward me for the past couple of years (my alcoholism? the

divorce?) with painful reticence and barely civil telephone exchanges...." I say kindly, Mr. Brizzolara, open your eyes. Be the dad your boy needs.

Alcoholism is a way to keep people who love you distant. Stop making excuses for it. I enjoy your style and look forward to new content. A man on good terms with his son is truly something worth sacrificing for. Grow past the childish awe you still have for the Tom Considines of the writing world. Rewards of booze for a job well done seem so mundane. Death, bad relationships with parents, disappointments with siblings are all rather common problems in life. But your relationship with your son: sacred, worth living for, worth sacrifice.

Sam Crowley  
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## Darkside Groupies

### Grass Roots Greeks

**H**e's one of those marvelous heroes of Sophocles's who always have that obsessive grandeur," says David Cohen, speaking of Philoctetes (fill-ock-TEE-tees). Cohen will take the title role in a staged reading of the play *Philoctetes* on Monday.

"And like all of Sophocles's heroes, including Antigone and Electra, he's admirable," Cohen says. "And yet, you just know, if you met him in real life, you wouldn't be able to stand to be around him."

In this case it's literally true, since Philoctetes has a fetid snake bite and a curse that prevents it from healing.

If one were to summarize the play in headline form, how would it read? WOUNDED SOLDIER, LEFT FOR DEAD, IS VISITED BY AGENDA-DRIVEN FORMER BUDDIES AFTER TEN YEARS; SOLDIER IS PISSED; KICKS BOOTY; IS REDEEMED. Would that do? "That's pretty good," says Linda Castro, who with Cohen cofounded the ongoing series of ancient Greek play readings three years ago.

Castro says they draw on a "solid pool" of 15 actors for these bare-bones, unrehearsed productions by the Grass Roots Greeks. She describes the readings as "a way for actors to come together to exercise their acting muscles." She says that although cast members familiarize themselves with their individual parts beforehand, the production is "almost a cold read for them as a group."

There are no sets, costumes, lighting effects. Actors merely sit in a circle with scripts. The play is followed by discussion with the audience. "And we have just as many questions as they have," says Castro.

Greek dramatists are famous for not showing violence; it's invariably a messenger who arrives onstage to describe witnessed horrors. Messenger parts are minor, but the speeches so intense that "any actor is thrilled to get one of those 'messenger speeches' to perform," says Cohen.

In *Philoctetes*, which Sophocles wrote at age 87 in 409 B.C., the last of his plays he saw produced, the violence has already been done by the opening scene. "It's really a coming-of-age story about a character in a moral dilemma," says Cohen. "He's caught in a crossfire between his own sense of decency and what he's been assigned to do, which is lie to Philoctetes." So instead of the



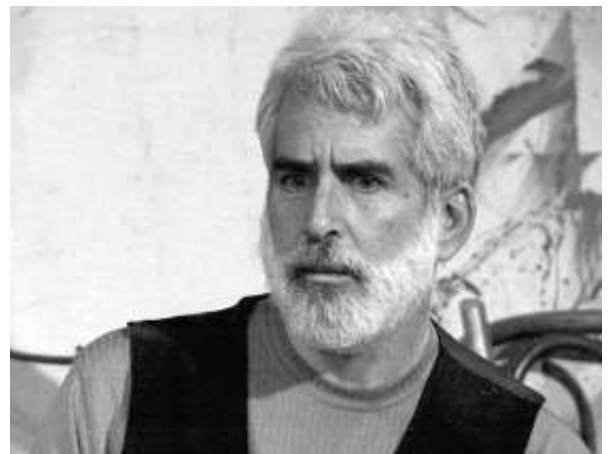
Sally Stockton (left) and Pat DiMeo as Chorus in *The Trojan Women*



Celeste Innocenti as Cassandra in *Agamemnon*



Linda Castro as Andromache in *Andromache*



David Cohen as Talthibi in *The Trojan Women*

usual fireworks, there is psychological violence.

"It revolves around intrigues and deceptions," says Castro. The backstabbing is metaphorical. "I've gotten calls from the men in our circle [of friends] and men outside the circle, too, about this play. [Well-known local directors] Doug Jacobs and Scott Feldsher said if I ever staged this, they wanted to be a part of it. It must resonate with them and things that have happened to them in their lives and in the corporate world. They feel very, very strongly about this play."

It seems by this time there must be regulars who attend the popular, award-winning series. Greek groupies? Castro says yes. "People are grateful that this has been able to provide them with some theater food that they've been longing for."

She isn't just making a self-serving statement. Something's in the air, apparently. It's not just in San Diego that people are discussing Greek drama. Castro says she and Cohen attended "a gathering of 'Greek geeks' up at the Getty Center. People from all

over the world were there."

Cohen thinks it's because, considering the world situation, we need the "depth" that the Greeks provide.

The plays are starting to be revived in full productions, including those in San Diego. Why aren't they a genuine staple in American theaters? "They're often static," says Castro. "There's nothing clever to do with them. There's just the text." She adds that the casts are "huge," relatively speaking — "always at least 12 people." Plays with more than 4 or 5 are currently considered too costly to produce.

Cohen thinks the Greeks aren't produced with any regularity in this country because Americans don't always feel comfortable with "the darker side of human experience." He describes one of the plays as "a train wreck you can't look away from." This quality is, of course, what also makes it so powerful, he says.

There are 46 known Greek classics. By early June, after doing eight more plays, by Euripides and

Aeschylus, Grass Roots Greeks will have completed the canon. What happens next? "We're in conversation about this now," says Cohen.

Since these are only staged readings, it's tempting to think one could get friends together and do what the actors are doing. What do Cohen and Castro think? Don't try this at home? Or...? "I would say totally try this at home," says Castro. "We both say that," says Cohen. "Coming to hear actors read is going to be a different experience by far," Castro continues, "but reading these plays aloud with friends and other interested parties? Either way, you just can't lose."

— Jeanne Schinto

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#### LOCAL EVENTS

Calendar  
LOCAL EVENTS

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OUTDOORS

**Tree Aloes**, the familiar succulent plants with red-hot-poker-like flower clusters, are at their showy best this month. Large clumps of

aloes can be seen at La Jolla Cove, Mission San Diego de Alcalá, and scattered along the embankments overlooking Highway 163 in Balboa Park.

**Acacias**, festooned with myriad fluffy yellow blossoms, are brightening streetsides, freeway embankments, and back-yard gardens throughout the San Diego area this month. Although many acacias are native to subtropical regions, nearly all we see today in San Diego were introduced from Australia. Anza-Borrego's native acacia (*A. greggii*) is the notoriously thorny "catclaw," known by early desert pioneers as "tear-blanket" and "wait-a-minute bush."

**The Waxing Crescent Moon** returns to prominence in the evening sky on Friday, January 23. Look low in the western sky around 5:30 p.m. to see the moon's sunlit limb curled upward on both



Habib Koité on "Electronic Griots: Musical Connections in the Cycle of World Music" at UCSD's Price Center Theatre, January 23 (see In Person)

sides forming a perfect, thin smile. On the following evening, Friday, at the same time or somewhat later, the crescent moon stands only a few degrees to the left of brilliant Venus in the same part of the sky.

**Know Your Gulls**, Herb Young leads birding skills workshop, Sat-

urday, January 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Chula Vista Nature Center (1000 Gunpowder Point Drive). \$24. Bring bag lunch. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

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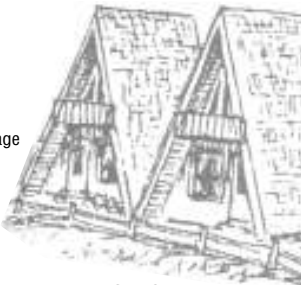
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**Rediscover Escondido** during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

**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)

**Natural and Cultural History** of Lake Hodges imparted when Mike of San Dieguito River Park leads easy, four-mile hike, Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m. Required reservations: 858-674-2275. (ESCONDIDO)

**Bird Walk**, an "expert" Audubon Society birder leads outing in Tecolote Canyon, Saturday, January 24. Commonly seen birds: red-tailed and Cooper's hawks,

Cassin's kingbirds, common yellow-throats. Walk starts at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9961. (CLAIREMONT)

**Trekking the Refuges**, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, January 24, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**Where Is McGinty Mountain?** Hike to top of this "small mountain close to San Diego" during Canyoneers jaunts, Saturday, January 24. Short hike: two miles round trip; long hike to summit is

five miles/four hours long. Both hikes begin at 10 a.m. To reach trailhead, take Highway 94 to Lyons Valley Road, turn left at Jamul Drive, continue less than half-mile to entrance. Free. 619-255-0203. (JAMUL)

**Design a Patio Garden** with native plants and help compile plant list for the upcoming planting when Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

**Hike Out to the Old López Homestead** — a turn-of-the-century dairy farming ranch — during outing, Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m. See ruins of house, barn, milking station, smoke house, cistern. Hike begins in west-end staging area off Sorrento Valley Boulevard, one-half mile east of intersection with

Vista Sorrento Parkway. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Wildlife Assist Orientations**, Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m. Get information at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-921-6044. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**DANCE**

**Belly Dance Gala** at Club Cleopatra (501 West Broadway) with Vilía, Talía, Dilek, Lucía, Thursday, January 22, 7:30 p.m. \$5. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

**International Argentine Tango Dance Competition** and Showcase, Friday and Saturday, January 23 and 24, at InnSuites Resort Hotel (2223 El Cajon Boulevard). Dance competitions, workshops, dinners, entertainment by "famous tango stars." Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets start at \$30. 619-233-4477. (NORTH PARK)

**Bellydance Dinner Show** by Troupe Aramat and live music by Middle-Earth Band, Friday, January 23, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

**Los Angeles Caller** Jeff Spero demonstrates his "pizzazz and attitude," Jump Fingers play the tunes for contradance, Saturday, January 24, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

**Friendship Set to Music**, learn modern square dancing with Ruffles 'n Beaus Square Dance Club at beginners' class, Sunday, January 25, 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. Last week of open enrollment. (BALBOA PARK)

**Swing and Jitterbug Mix Dance Party**, Pattie Wells Dancetime Center hosts party Sunday, January 25, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for open dancing 7 to 9:30 p.m.; dance lesson at 7:10 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$6; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

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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)

**Shake Ya Booty**, says Prince, who teaches latest dance moves to hip-hop and rhythm and blues

music for beginning-intermediates, Thursdays, 7:54 to 9 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (3982 30th Street). \$10. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

## BAJA

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

**Comedy** performed by Adrián “Poncho Aurelio” Uribe, Thursday, January 22, 8:30 p.m., at Tangaloo Club (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Tickets: \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-681-8091. (TIJUANA)

**Artist Alvaro Blancarte** showcases ten years of his painting in conversation with Miriam Kaiser, Friday, January 23, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 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



Jess Ghannam on “Palestinian Refugees' Right to Return and the Geneva Accord” at Malcolm X Library, January 24 (see Lectures)

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)

## FILM

**Chris Marker Retrospective** on offer through January at Museum of Photographic Arts. Series continues with *One Day in the Life of Andrei Arsenevich* and *Sans Soleil*, Thursday and Friday, January 22 and 23. *Paris Was a Woman* screens Thursday, January 29. \$7. 619-238-7559 xF. (BALBOA PARK)

**Get the Story behind the Film** when Director's Chair convenes

Saturday, January 24, presented by Independent Film Society and Cultural Arts Office of Carlsbad. Programs include film screening, formal interview with director, audience exchange session with film's director.

Series continues with *Exposed* and writer/producer/director Misti Barnes, Saturday, January 24, 7 p.m., at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$7. 760-434-2094. (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)

**“The Great Train Robbery”** and classic silent cartoons promised when Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films provides live music accompaniment, Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m. Audience members help with sound effects, in Seuss Room of UCSD's Geisel Library. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

**The “Biting and Bawdy Pacific Tale”** *The Cuckoo* screens for Film Forum, Monday, January 26, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In Finnish, Russian,

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**“Suffløyen”** (*The Prompter*), a Norwegian film from 1999, screens for World Cinemas Series at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street), Monday, January 26, 7:30 p.m. \$10 at door. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**Ethereal Cinema**, Carlsbad Library film series continues with *Whale Rider*, (rated R) on Wednesday, January 28, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**Controversial German** filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl, who died recently at age 101, has films featured at San Diego Museum of Art. See *Triumph of Will* on Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m.; Riefenstahl’s friend Cyrus Bhachura introduces film and moderates following discussion. \$10. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Ireland and Your Irish Ancestry”** illuminated when video is shown for Irish Interest Class hosted by British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, January 28, 10 a.m., at LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

**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

**Fold a Cherry Blossom** and butterfly when V’Ann Cornelius presents origami class, Saturday, January 24, at Japanese Friendship Garden. Classes start at 10:30 a.m.

and 1 p.m. \$15. Registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Palestinian Refugees’ Rights to Return** and the Geneva Accord” is topic for teach-in and presentation by human rights activist Jess Ghannam for Al-Awda San Diego, Saturday, January 24, 3:30 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Free. 619-299-2840. (ENCANTO)

**Meet the Banjo Workshop** planned by banjoist Dan Levenson, Saturday, January 24, 1 to 4 p.m., at Deering Banjo Factory (3733 Kenora Drive). Banjo history, demonstration, banjo-playing basics. \$40. Reservations: 800-845-7791. No banjo required (loaners available). (SPRING VALLEY)

**Winter Workshop 2004** hosted by National Association of Teachers of Singing, Saturday, January 24, in French Parlor, Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Registration: 9 a.m. “Training the Complete Performer” presented by Ann Baltz, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Master class with coloratura soprano Erie Mills, 1 to 3:30 p.m. \$40. 619-795-7827. (LINDA VISTA)

**Folding Festival**, origami workshops offered January 24 and 25 at Mingei International Museum. San Francisco paper folders Linda Mihara and Vicky Mihara-Avery present traditional and Rokoan-style paper cranes and how they’re folded between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday. A “Folding Festival” with Florence Temko is Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$5 per class. Suggested reservations: 619-602-6202. (BALBOA PARK)

**Let It Rot**, master composters lead composting workshop Saturday, January 24, 8 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles and worm bins. Free. The garden is found just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park in park and ride lot. Free. 760-839-4818. (ESCONDIDO)



Chinese New Year Celebration at Sycuan Casino and Resort, January 23  
(see In Person)

**General Personality Traits** of several species of companion parrots discussed when Parrot Education and Adoption Center hosts seminar Saturday, January 24, 1 p.m., in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way).

Prevention and correction of “excessive parrot screaming” is the subject Sunday, January 25, 1 p.m., at the same location. In advance: \$10 per talk; at door: \$15. Suggested reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Buy and Sell Online** after “eBay University,” offered Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in east tower at Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina (1380 Harbor Island Drive). “Taught by eBay experts” for experienced and novice Internet sellers. \$39. 888-397-6209. (DOWNTOWN)

**Giacomo Puccini’s Turandot** discussed in a multimedia presentation by Ron Shaheen, Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m., Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

**“Mastering the Business Side of the Arts”** presented by author Lee Silber, Saturday, January 24,

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). \$35 fee includes book by Silber. 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

**“Creation vs. Evolution, or...It’s More Than Monkey Business”** is topic for lecture Sunday, January 25, 10:45 a.m., at San Diego Theosophy Center (3766 El Cajon Boulevard). Free. 619-283-0142. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

**“Multiple Habitat Conservation Program** for the Lake Hodges Area” examined by Randy Rodriguez from the San Diego planning commission for Lake Hodges Native Plant Club, Monday, January 26, 2 p.m., in upstairs seminar room of Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). 760-741-0829. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**“Adventure in Ashland, Oregon”** is the subject when playwrights Gary Seger and Jim Caputo address San Diego Shakespeare Society, Monday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Serra High School actors present Shakespeare showcase. Free. 619-255-1401 or 619-583-8525. (MISSION VALLEY)

**“Mysteries of Mexico,”** slide-illustrated lecture by travel pho-

tographer Jim Cline, Monday, January 26, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

**“Winter Destinations: Where to Go** When the Cold Winds Blow” is topic for Jackie Paulson at Adventure 16 shops this week. Get the scoop Monday, January 26, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374); Tuesday, January 27, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662); and on Wednesday, January 28, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Talks start at 7 p.m. Free. (MISSION VALLEY, SOLANA BEACH, OCEANSIDE)

**“Legends of Broadway”** divulged by pianist, humorist, storyteller Bruno Leone in series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). “The Poets of Broadway” examined on Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m. \$15. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**February Is the Only Month** to submit a permit to climb Mount Whitney trail. Learn details of permit process, prepare for climb at REI on Tuesday, January 27, 7 p.m. REI, 5556 Copley Drive, 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

**“The Dutch Colony in Colonial America”** is subject for genealogist Mary Van Orsdal when North San Diego County Genealogical Society gathers, Tuesday, January 27, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-453-8469. (CARLSBAD)

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**Can You Handle the Truth?** California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi divulges how zip-code rating is used in setting private passenger automobile rates during auto insurance workshop, Tuesday, January 27, 6 p.m., at Jacobs Center for Non-Profit Innovation (5160 Federal Boulevard, suite A). 213-346-6887. (SAN DIEGO)

**“Chilean Narrative Before and After** the Dictatorship” discussed *in Spanish* by Chilean journalist and author Roberto Rivera, Tuesday, January 27, 5 p.m., in room 430 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-1103. (SDSU)

**Six Feet Under**, learn to plan your own funeral, conduct home or family-directed funeral when Barbara Kernan speaks Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 p.m., in community room at OB People’s Co-Op, 4765 Voltaire Street. Free. 619-390-1411. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Pantheism** is subject for discussion when Tom Brower visits San Diego Atheist Coalition, Tuesday, January 27, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 858-459-8273. (NORTH PARK)

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**The San Diego County Bird Atlas** discussed by Phil Unitt of San Diego Natural History when Buena Vista Audubon Society meets, Wednesday, January 28. Program starts at 7:30 p.m. at Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

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**Ichiyo School** flower arrangements showcased when Haruko Crawford demonstrates for Ikebana International, Wednesday, January 28, 10 a.m., room 101 of Casa del Prado. Dean Turney discusses camellias. 619-232-5762. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Lawsuits Today —** Protecting the Victims or Legalized Extortion?” Tout your opinion Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

**“U.S. Intervention and Its Aftermath:** Nicaragua, Now and Then,” slide-illustrated talk by Paul Dix and Pam Fitzpatrick for “Matters of Controversy” dialogue series, Wednesday, January 28. Program starts at 7 p.m. at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). 858-459-4650. Free. (HILLCREST)

**He Traveled from Baja to Arctic Circle** and back, covering 25,000 miles and shooting 300 rolls of film, and on Wednesday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m., photographer Robert de Crevecoeur speaks for North County Photographic Society, in Ecke Building at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$3. 760-752-6375. (ENCINITAS)

**“Marketing by Internet”** for “present and prospective small businesses” presented by Judy Cullins, Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m., at San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). Free. 619-442-1860. (SAN CARLOS)

**The Hard Part...** “Securing Gallery Representation for Your Artwork” is subject for series hosted by San Diego Art Institute — The Mu-



Robert Burns Supper at Town and Country Hotel, January 24 (see Special)

seum of the Living Artist. Earl Story and Stephen C. Wagner present “Start Where You Are: Laying the Foundation for Your Artwork,” Wednesday, January 28, 6 p.m. \$6. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

**Strawbale Home Design** essentials divulged when author and photographer Catherine Wanak focuses on “building fire-resistant homes using strawbales,” Wednesday, January 28, at NewSchool of Architecture (1249 F Street). Reception: 5:30 p.m.; slide-illustrated lecture: 6 p.m.; discussion of fire victims’ experiences: 7 p.m. Free. 619-231-0446. (DOWNTOWN)

**The Work,** Byron Katie presents her process Thursday, January 29, 6:45 p.m., for Learning Annex. Fee: \$59.99. Registration: 619-544-9700. (MISSION VALLEY)

IN PERSON

**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)

**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)

**USD Sociology Professor** signs and discusses his new book, *Incoherent Empire*, Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m., at temporary quarters of Current Affairs Bookstore, in Sumner & Dene Creations in Art (2807 University Avenue). 760-318-8723. (NORTH PARK)

**Chinese New Year Celebrations** with performances by Nhu Quynh, Manh Quynh, Phi Nhung, D&D Band planned Friday, January 23, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$20. 619-445-6002 x1139. (EL CAJON)

**In Support of the “Wild Jammin’ Women”** music camp, singer-songwriters Judy Fjell and Peggy Watson present benefit concert, Friday, January 23, 7:30 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). \$12. 858-270-7922. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Playwright, Author, Magician** Sid Fleischman is honored as part of World Festival of Plays for Children at San Diego State University Performing Arts Plaza. Readings from his books planned Friday, January 23, 2 p.m., in room LL-108 of Malcolm A. Love Library at SDSU. Following the readings, Fleischman presents magic show. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)



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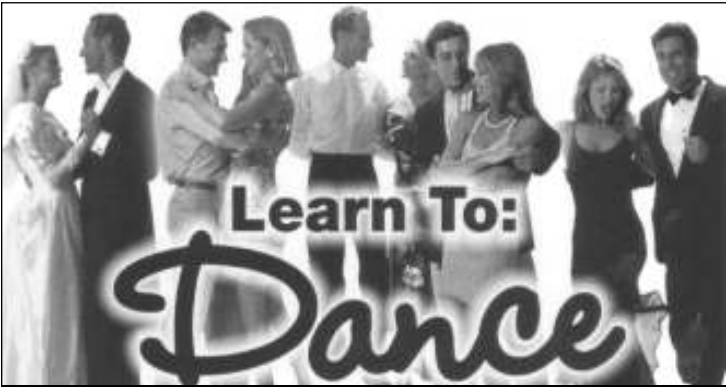
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## LOCAL EVENTS

**"Electronic Griots: Musical Connections"** in the Cycle of World Music" presented during lecture and performance by guitarist and composer Habib Koité, Friday, January 23, 6 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center Theatre. Habib hails from Mali. Free. 858-822-0265. (LA JOLLA)

**Latin Comedy** promised Friday, January 23, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$10, \$15. Reservations: 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

**"My Spirit Sings"** presented by San Diego Master Chorale, Friday, January 23, 8 p.m., at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Program includes Southern California premiere of David Conte's "Journey," popular American songs by Gershwin, Porter, Loewe. 619-269-1552. (ROLANDO)

Busy on Friday? The group repeats the concert on Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). 619-849-2325. Tickets for either concert: \$20 general. (POINT LOMA)

**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)

**Noted Harpist and Singer** Kathleen Hartshorne performs

music of ancient and contemporary Ireland on her Irish lever harp, Saturday, January 24, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

**Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen** perform for AcousticMusic-SanDiego.com, Saturday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 for those 17 and under. The duo presents a workshop at 3 p.m. on the 24th. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**"The Fine Beauty of the Island,"** Celtic harpist and storyteller Patrick Ball performs for Storytellers of San Diego, Saturday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Ball plays Celtic harp, pennywhistle. Suitable for adults and those over 12. \$7. Reservations: 619-289-6363 or 619-260-4585. (LINDA VISTA)

**Book-Release Party** followed by discussion and signing of *The Sorrows of Empire* — exploring new militarism transforming America — by author and UCSD professor emeritus Chalmers Johnson, Saturday, January 24, 3 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore's "temporary location" at Sumner & Dene Creations in Art (2807 University Avenue). 760-318-8723. (NORTH PARK)

**Author** Jennifer Coburn signs *The Wife of Reilly*, Saturday, January 24, 3 p.m., Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

**Poway Fire Relief Fund Benefit Concert**, Saturday, January 24,

## ANTHEM FOR DOOMED YOUTH

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?  
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.  
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle  
Can patter out their hasty orisons.  
No mockeries for them; no prayers nor bells,  
Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs,—  
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;  
And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?  
Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes



Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.  
The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;  
Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,  
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.

— Wilfred Owen  
(1893 – November 4, 1918)

7 p.m., at Creekside School (12362 Springhurst Drive). Performances by Schmooze, Kev, Derek Duplessie and Rarities, the Ghandi Method, others. Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids under 14. 858-679-6831. (POWAY)

**Jazz Concert** with performances by Billy Wallace, C.S. Keys, Jeanette Harris, Michael Ward, Deryl Winston Saturday, January 24, at O'Farrell Community School (6130 Skyline Drive), benefiting students there. Pre-party at 5:30 p.m., concert at 7 p.m., post-party 9:30 p.m. Concert tickets: \$10, \$15, \$20; party admission, \$15. 619-445-8810. (ENCANTO)

**"Mainstream" Comedy** show starts at 8 p.m., Saturday, January 24, at 4th & B (345 B

Street). Tickets: \$10, \$15. Reservations: 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

**Premier Trumpet Player** Maynard Ferguson and His Big Bop Nouveau Band perform Sunday, January 25, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$15 to \$25. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Winter Jazz**, series hosted by Carlsbad City Library features Mirage Big-Band Orchestra, Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m., Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**Sunset Poets** gather for reading by featured poet and writer Brandon Cesmat, followed by open reading, Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge (1105

North Coast Highway). Free. 760-758-2410. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Out for Love"** by Michael Conley and James Revak presented by Carlsbad Playreaders, Monday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-729-3383. (LA COSTA)

**Off-Night Event**, Ken Anderson and the Gospel Singers perform Monday, January 26, 7 p.m., at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). \$18. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Philoctetes**, the Sophocles tragedy about bitterness and redemption, read by Grass Roots Greeks, Monday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Forum with cast follows. \$5. Suggested reservations: 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

**Comedy All-Stars**, roster includes Dwayne Perkins (of Comedy Central), Brian Aprille, John Keating, Jen Adams, Mike Dorval, Monday, January 26, 8 p.m., at Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard. \$10. Reservations: 619-582-5908. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Read Your Poetry**, selections by someone else, or just listen during open poetry reading, Monday, January 26, in Green Room at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups at 8 p.m., open readings 8:10 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Author** Kathi Diamant signs and discusses *Kafka's Last Love: The Mystery of Dora Diamant*, Tuesday, January 27, 7 p.m., at Mission Hills Library (925 West Washington). Free. 619-692-4910. (MISSION HILLS)

**French Chef** Jean François Meteigner signs *Cuisine Naturelle*, Tuesday, January 27, 5 p.m., at Whole Foods Market (8825 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 858-642-6700. (LA JOLLA)

**An Epic Story!** Anchee Min, author of *Becoming Madame Mao*, visits Warwick's Bookstore to sign and discuss her new novel, *Empress Orchid*. Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m. Warwick's, 7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Recounting a 200-Mile Race Through Alaskan Waters** aboard the *Eagle* and other travails, Migael Scherer presents her book *Back Under Sail: Recovering the Spirit of Adventure*, Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 p.m., at Southwestern Yacht Club (2702 Qualtrough Street). 619-222-0438. (POINT LOMA)

**Emmy Award-Winning Writer** Stephen J. Cannell has created over 40 television series. He'll sign his newest Shane Scully thriller, *Vertical Coffin*, Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

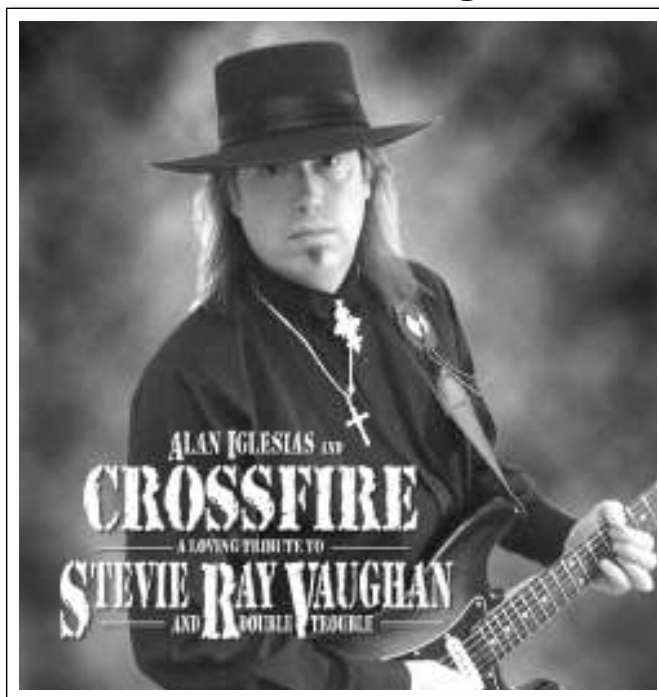
**A Definitive Look at a Pivotal Moment in History** is offered in Mark Kurlansky's *1968: The Year That Rocked the World*, which he'll sign Wednesday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**"Together Again,"** Tim Conway and Harvey Korman take the stage, along with impressionist Louise DuArt, Saturday, February 7, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Performances begin at 4 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50 to \$70. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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**THQ Supercross** takes the track at Qualcomm Stadium, Saturday, January 24. Practice runs at 12:30 p.m.; racing at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10 to \$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

**To the Lighthouse**, a 30-mile bicycle ride for beginners to Point Loma lighthouse hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society starts at 8:45 a.m. in DeAnza Cove parking lot. Bring money for lunch at El Indio. 619-449-9189. (MISSION BAY)

**The Puck Drops Here**, San Diego Gulls host Bakersfield Condors Saturday, January 24, at 7:05 p.m.; and Sunday, January 25, 5:05 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

**Ride the “Ranchos” Express Junior** with Sierra Club bicyclists, Saturday, January 24. The 34-mile ride at peppy pace with moderate hills spins off at 8:30 a.m. near Red Robin restaurant in Del Mar Highlands Town Center (on El Camino Real). Lunch at conclusion. 858-974-4871. (DEL MAR)

**Whale Watching by Kayak**, hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., off La Jolla Shores. \$60 fee includes water, snacks, required equipment. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

**Signature County Horse Show**, Saturday and Sunday, January 24 and 25, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

**Carlsbad Caper**, join Knickerbiker bicyclists for ride to Carlsbad Sunday, January 25. The 35-mile outing for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. in parking lot at Trophy’s (southwest of intersection of La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee Avenue). Bring money for lunch at El Norte Especial. 858-450-0373. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

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**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)

**The Chinese Year of the Monkey** is celebrated on January 24 and 25, at Chinese New Year Food and Cultural Faire. Lucky Lion Dancers, Chinese acrobats, children’s activities, Asian Story Theater, martial arts performances, cooking and cultural exhibits, music, dancing, vendors’ booths, more.

Admission: free. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, at Third Avenue and J Street. 619-234-7844. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**Cymbidium Auction**, Saturday, January 24, noon to 4 p.m., hosted



Cymbidium Society Auction at Women’s Club of Carlsbad, January 24 (see Special)

by San Diego County Cymbidium Society at Women’s Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Free admission. 760-451-1472. (CARLSBAD)

**Enjoy Haggis and Neeps** during 27th annual Burns Supper honoring memory of Scottish poet Robert Burns, Saturday, January 24, at Town and Country Hotel (500 Hotel Circle North). Traditional Burns ceremony with “immortal memory” by Jeanne McDougall, highland bagpipes and drumming, the Stirling Bridge Pipe Band, Highland Fusion.

Cocktails at 4:30 p.m.; supper at 6 p.m. \$45. Reservations: 619-234-3525. Information: 619-223-0441. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Empty House Tours** offered in San Diego Historical Society’s Showcase 2004 site, 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through February 1. This year’s ugly duckling is commandant’s quarters at Naval Training Center (2735 Rose-

crans Street). \$5. 619-232-6203 x163. (POINT LOMA)

**Tet Festival**, celebrate the Vietnamese Lunar New Year during events January 24 and 25 at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Music, dance, cultural shows, traditional holiday food. Donation: \$3 adults, \$2 children. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference** at Alexandra’s BookStore, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, January 24 and 25. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

**Take a Taste of 18th-Century Shipboard Life** when *Hawaiian Chieftain* replica tall ship and 112-foot brig *Lady Washington*

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**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)

**Auto Swap** on Sunday, January 25, 6 a.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). View vehicles on display and for sale, along with “acres of parts and accessories.” Admission: \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (EL CAJON)

**Taste the Cake, Hear the Music, See the Gowns**, time for Bridal Bazaar Fashion Show at San Diego Community Concourse (202 C Street), Sunday, January 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 300 exhibitors offering their wares. \$10. 760-334-5500. (DOWNTOWN)

**Discover the Magic of Opera** during San Diego Opera backstage tours of *Turandot*, Tuesday, January 27, at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 1, 12:30 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Participants see scenery, costumes, backstage crew at work. Free. Re-

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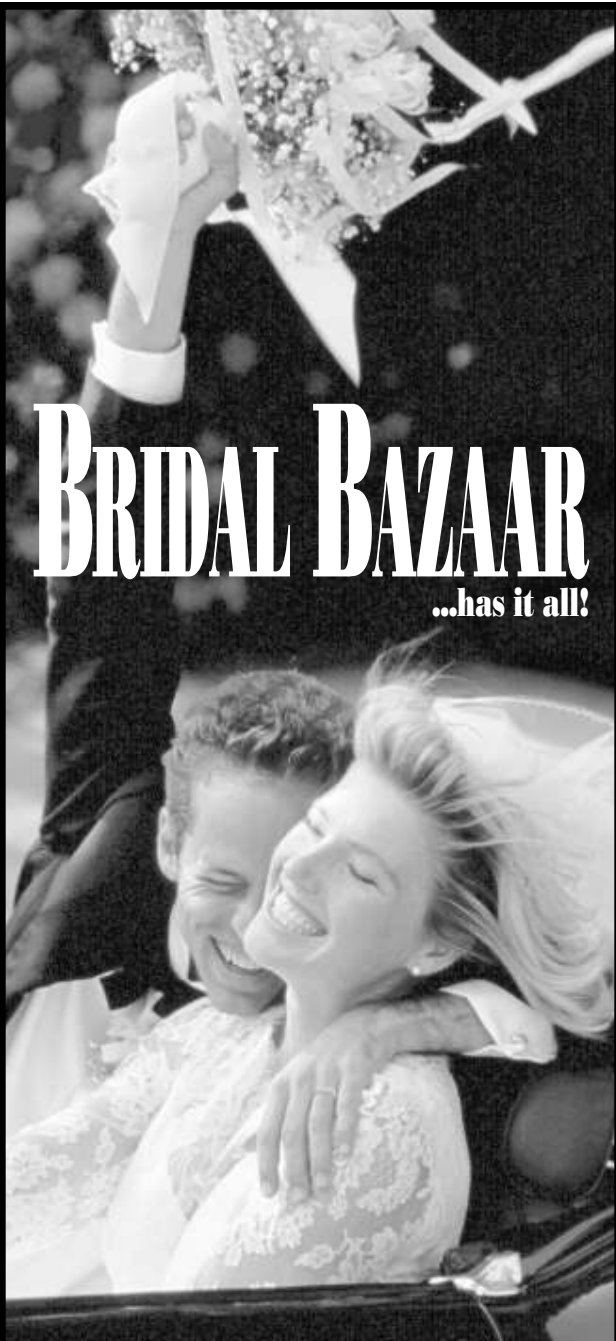
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**“America,”** created by sculptor/re-tired veterinarian Paul Weber, the seven letters of this piece stand nearly seven feet tall and weigh between 100 and 250 pounds. Each letter is engraved with quotes from famous Americans.

Exhibit continues through April 30, behind Carlsbad Arts Office, 2955 Elmwood Avenue, next to Cole Library. 760-434-2920. Free. (CARLSBAD)

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

**Shake It Up,** the annual “Snow Globe Exhibition” at UCSD Art Libraries continues through January, on lower level of Geisel Library. 858-534-8074. Free. (LA JOLLA)

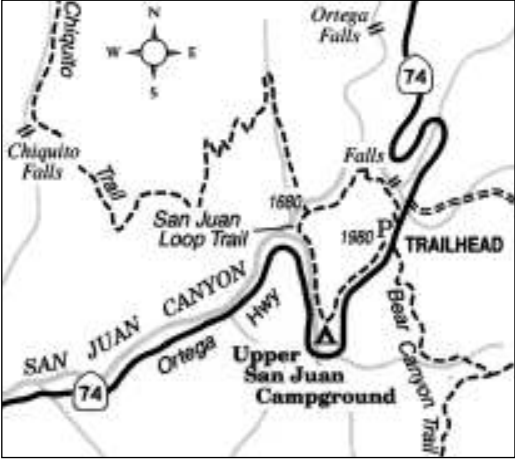
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From San Juan Capistrano to Lake Elsinore, two-lane Ortega Highway (Highway 74) stretches like a snake over the midriff of the Santa Ana Mountains, giving road warriors a taste of southern Orange County’s wild east margin. Even the most casual traveler can get to know the rugged and circumspect beauty of these corrugated mountains better by trying out the 2.1-mile-long San Juan Loop Trail. It’s right off the highway amid one of the most scenic spots in the range.



Drive 19.5 miles east on Ortega Highway from Interstate 5 in San Juan Capistrano to reach the starting point, a trailhead parking lot on the left. (On the right is a humble but noted local landmark: the Ortega Oaks Store, or “Candy Store.”) Because the region lies within the Cleveland National Forest, you’ll need a National Forest Adventure Pass for parking at the trailhead.

From the trailhead, a well-worn path takes off north along a slope overlooking the highway. Around a bend to the left, the trail starts threading the side of a narrow gorge that resounds — after a decent amount of rainfall — with echoes of falling water. A spur trail leads down toward the lip of a small waterfall; from there you can boulder-hop over to the edge of a reflecting pool. A single gnarled juniper clings sentinel-like to a rock face overlooking this pool, far from its normal high-desert habitat 50 or more miles north or east. If the mood strikes you, rest your bones amid the smooth contours of the water-polished granite, and settle in for a moment’s quiet meditation.



On the San Juan Loop trail

Past the falls, you descend on ramplike switchbacks through dense chaparral and presently reach the oak-dotted floodplain of San Juan Creek. Stay left at the Chiquito Trail junction to remain on the loop trail. Ahead, you’ll plunge into a veritable thicket of centuries-old coast live oak trees. The overarching limbs mute the glare of the sun and sky. In the soft, filtered light, the ground glows with the seasonal greens, browns, and reds of ferns, poison oak, and wild grass.

The path veers sharply left to gain an open slope, again parallel to the highway. Continue for another 0.5 mile across this sunstruck slope, dotted with wildflowers (March through June), and arrive back at the trailhead.

March,” performances by Southern California Youth Ballet, San Diego Children’s Choir.

Performances: 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club, preceded by activities at 12:15 p.m.; and at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center (3800 Mykonos Lane), with preconcert

activities at 3:15 p.m. Tickets in Carmel Valley are \$7 for children, \$12 for adults; with attendees in Balboa Park paying \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. Reservations: 888-848-7326 x7. (BALBOA PARK, CARMEL VALLEY)

**Make a Clay Pinch Pot** with park ranger Jane (if you’re 4

through 12 years old), on Saturday, January 24, 2 p.m., at Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). Learn American Indian skills and pottery design. Reservations: 760-271-8640. Day-use: \$2. (ESCONDIDO)

**“Toon Tunes for Tiny Tots,”** San Diego Symphony musicians perform selections from animated features and popular cartoons, Saturday, January 24, 10 and 11:30 a.m., at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Kids free, adults \$5. 619-269-1543. (ROLANDO)

**Story Time Drama Club** convenes for children (three to six years old) to act out *The Three Bears* on Saturday, January 24, 10:30 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Included in admission. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

**What’s It Like to Be a Whale Baby?** Find out during class, Saturday, January 24, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum. Kids explore relationship between mother and calf, what babies eat, and how fast they grow. \$25. The aquarium is found at 2300 Expedition Way. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**Project Q Kids Expo,** Sunday, January 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center (6611 University Avenue). Entertainment, health and safety information booths, Clifford and Zoboo characters on hand. Free. 619-594-2106. (ROLANDO)

**Artful Placemats** created at Magic Wand (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle), Tuesday



# READING

## The Havana Room



Colin Harrison

Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2004; 400 pages; \$24

**FROM THE DUST JACKET:** *The Havana Room* is the tale of a man from his fall from the heights of power and wealth in New York to the moment where he might well die.

Bill Wyeth is a successful real-estate attorney in his late 30s with a wife and son, who, by the merest chance, loses everything: family, job, status. Unmoored and alone, Wyeth drifts toward the city's darker corners. Restoration seems unlikely,

redemption impossible, when Wyeth finds himself in an old-time Manhattan steakhouse. He is intrigued by the manager, Allison Sparks—sexy, complicated, and independent in all ways. She also controls access to the restaurant's private bar. This is the

Havana Room, and what goes on in there, he's told, is secret.

Wyeth agrees to help Alison's friend, Jay Rainey, in concluding a last-minute midnight real-estate transaction. As soon as he sees the players and the paperwork, Wyeth knows something is wrong.

Within hours, Wyeth finds himself tangled in Rainey's peculiar obsessions, which involve a Chilean businessman who feels he's been swindled, an old farmer frozen dead to a bulldozer, an outrageous black owner of a downtown hip-hop club, and a 14-year-old English girl. Only Rainey knows the connections among these people, which are revealed when Wyeth is finally admitted to the Havana Room — where the survival of its inhabitants is most uncertain.

### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

*Publishers Weekly:* Harrison's status as the noir poet of New York crime fiction (*Afterburn*; *Manhattan Nocturne*) will surely be enhanced by his latest thriller — featuring, among other pleasures, the graphic description of several new and unusual ways to die. What goes on in the by-invitation-only Havana Room of a midtown steakhouse is certainly bizarre — but no odder than what happens in a Long Island potato field when a Chilean wine maker decides to expand his empire. Caught in the middle are two most unlikely heroes: Bill Wyeth, a real estate lawyer whose career and marriage are destroyed by a terrible accident involving a child, and Jay Rainey, a hulking, strangely sympathetic con artist. Linking these two is a touching and complicated woman, Allison Sparks, who manages the steakhouse but longs for more. "She seemed full of humor and fury and sexual need. She arranged people, fixed

problems, came to decisions." Although Wyeth and Rainey drive the action, it's Sparks who sets the moral tone of the book. Meanwhile, the lush, alluring steakhouse and its public and private pleasures are the perfect metaphor for a postapocalyptic New York. "It did not matter if you polluted your lungs or liver or gut with the good stuff being served, because a man or a woman's life was itself just a short meal at the table, so to speak, and one had an obligation to live well and live now, to dine heartily by the logic of the flesh." Despite occasional digressions into arcane real estate law and Chinese cuisine, Harrison's storytelling hums, and his prose shimmers all the way through this fascinating adventure.

**A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:** Colin Harrison was born in 1960 in New York City. On the afternoon that we talked, he from his office at Scribner's in Manhattan, Harrison said, "I grew up on the campus of a 200-year-old Quaker boarding school outside of Philadelphia. Which was, if not rural, then almost rural at the time. And it was, you know, it was very much a place of woods and fields and a lake and so on. It was quite insular in a terrific sort of way. So I'm in some sense a kid from the country."

"Did your dad teach there?"

"He was the headmaster."

"So you had sort of a John Irving childhood?"

"Yes, that's not so far off actually."

"And after boarding school you went to Haverford?"

"Yes, I went to Haverford College and studied English. Actually one of the summers, it was the summer after my sophomore year, I took the bus across the country to San Diego. I had a great

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through Thursday, January 27-29. Kids three to five years old, 10 to 11 a.m.; kindergartners through third graders, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. \$18 per class. Registration: 858-755-9263. (DEL MAR)

**"Wheels, Rails, Trains, and Planes"** performed by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, January 25, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Celebrate Chinese New Year with *The Weaving of a Dream*, presented by Weaver's Tales, January 28-February 1.

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)

## MUSEUMS

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

**Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum**, the museum locates, collects, documents, and

preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

**Bonita Museum and Cultural Center**, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141.(BONITA)

**Campo Railroad Museum**, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motor-

cars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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

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

**Chula Vista Heritage Museum** the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper

building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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

**Gemological Institute of America Museum**, unlike gemstones, which form deep within the Earth, organic gems are the products of living organisms, formed by biological processes. Organic gems such as amber, coral, ivory, jet, and pearls are showcased in "All-Natural, Organically Grown Gems from Plants and Animals," on view through April. Exhibit includes a mastodon tusk (carbon dated at around 30,000 years). "The Magical World of Ilya Schar," a collection of creations that resemble paintings but are composed solely of gem material, is also on display. Continues through April.

Permanent exhibits include

displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x 4116. (CARLSBAD)

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

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

fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

**Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove**, "Founding Parents: From the Kumeyaay to the Lee House" traces community history from the

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# READING

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on Coronado. We lived in a big old mansion right on the water.

"I had bunch of rotten jobs that summer. I worked in a Mexican restaurant, and I worked in El Cajon selling home improvements. For a 19-year-old, it was perfect. What I really was doing was living on the beach and living off of peanut butter and grapefruit and reading a lot and writing a lot in my own sort of young way. Actually what I remember most about the summer are the books that I read in San Diego. I read *Honor Thy Father* by Gay Talese, and I read *Dispatches* by Michael Herr. I might have read something by John Gardner."

"Did you always know you wanted to be a writer?"

"Probably since I was about 16 or 17, I've had an inkling. I certainly did by the time I was in college."

Mr. Harrison graduated from Haverford in 1982. He enrolled at the University of Iowa, from where he received an MFA in 1986. At Iowa he met the woman who would become his wife, the writer Kathryn Harrison. The couple lives in Brooklyn with their three children.

summer out in San Diego. I had a friend who was trying to turn into an even better swimmer than he was. He trained at one of the big swim clubs there. I went with him and lived

About his current job, Mr. Harrison said, "Before I came here I was a magazine editor for a long time. I was at *Harper's*. At Scribner's I'm just editing fiction and nonfiction. And really learning my way in the book trade as an editor. It's a new thing. I think I probably have a lot to learn."

Our talk turned to *The Havana Room*. "One thing when I was reading your newest book," I said, "is that this must be a story of what almost any successful man in his 30s is afraid is going to happen to him."

"It's funny you say that because today I didn't have a regular lunch with someone else. I walked north on Sixth Avenue up to Central Park, and as is my habit, I study people. I was looking at some of the men. And you can often see, if you're really looking, that, just in the way they sort of arrange themselves and their armature, the great fear of collapse, failure, corporate death. I think that New Yorkers are very competitive; there's a lot of change and turnover, and so the answer is 'yes'; I think it's endemic."

"Another thing that I felt strongly in the beginning of this book was the pressure these men feel to keep their families housed and fed. Horrendous!"

"Right. All the flux, change, and rejiggering of what we understand men and women are doing in society in the last 30 years, one

of the things that hasn't changed is the expectation that men will be supporting families or largely supporting families. That hasn't changed, and I don't really think it is going to change for a lot of reasons, including biology. So I think that's part of the terror, too, if you are expected and expect yourself to be in that position, and you can't protect and provide, that's not only just a loss of face, it's a loss of identity. So yeah, I might even be seeing that on some of the faces of these men as I walk past them on the street.

**"I never cease to be interested in how people use scraps of their lives to make fiction."**

"The narrator of this book is damn near destroyed. He's lost his way. Everything he knows is useless to him. You could say that such a character operates with a kind of unknowing knowingness. I suspect that that's what I'm trying to do with him. He's not trying to damage other people. He's trying to, at the very least, not damage other people."

"Two of the pivotal moments in your book have to do with food that poisons people."

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late Stone Age (12,000 B.C.) when the Kumeyaay first inhabited the area, to 1928 and the building of the H. Lee House. Exhibit includes murals, century-old woven baskets and pottery, fossils, pictographs, more. Continues through June.

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

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display in "ExploraZone 4," on exhibit through Monday, May 31. The exhibition's themes are forces and structures, light, and rotation.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights,

waveforms, and more. Journey "To Worlds Beyond" in the planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Archaeological Center**, "Rose Canyon: A Walk Through History," on view through April, features artifacts from the area. The center — located at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road — is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

**San Diego Automotive Museum**, on exhibit through Monday, January 26, see "100 Years of Buick," which includes a 1955 Buick Century Riviera, 1935 convertible Buick Phaeton, restored 1910 Model 14-B, and 1948 Buick Roadmaster, among many others. "Motorcycles in the Park," 12th annual exhibit showcasing "vintage beauties, racing champs, wildly modified street bikes," on view Thursday, January 29, through Monday, February 23.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Hall of Champions**, current exhibits include one built

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Inuit: People of the Midnight Sun," continuing through April 2004, brings to life the *iliqussiq* or "ways and habits" of the Inuit (previously known as Eskimo). Artifacts include tools for hunting and sewing, handmade games, clothing, masks, and kayaks, offering an in-depth look at aspects of modern and ancient Inuit culture. "Efe: Archers of the Congo" examines one of the most enigmatic and little-known groups on the planet. The Efe are one of about 12 pygmy tribes living in African rainforest. The more than 200 items include bows, arrows, quivers, wrist guards, hunting nets, musical instruments, utensils, and bark cloth paintings. Through summer.

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

(part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park** commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

**Valley Center History Museum**, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

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

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Mr. Harrison talked about the second instance of poisoning, which has to do with a Chinese food. "I'm interested in China. I know that China has always seemed fascinating and mysterious and exotic to the West, and perhaps I'm just playing into that paradigm. But I am fascinated by China's 'otherness.' And it's true that the story goes through food and the otherness of China in what I hope is an unexpected kind of way."

The first poisoning occurs when a youngster who is allergic to peanut butter comes into contact with this substance. Mr. Harrison explained. "The peanut butter stuff comes straight from my own experience. We know of situations in which our children have not been allowed to bring peanut butter to school simply because other kids have these allergies." Much of the action of Mr. Harrison's novel takes place in a Manhattan steakhouse and its secluded Havana Room. About this restaurant and room, he said, "This steakhouse has — as do a number of steakhouses not only in New York, but in other places — a room itself, which is the focal part of the steakhouse. I built it over time in my head, and at one point, the room was above ground. I research things and don't research things. Things come into my head, and I'm reading about the history of New



York, and the trains and the train sheds, and then I had the possibility of a room that was underground. I just built the Havana Room over time in my head."

Part of *The Havana Room's* action takes place on Long Island and involves a complex real estate deal. I asked about this locale and the real estate deal.

"My wife and I have a place out on Long Island, and it's a sort of micro-world that I've followed, and again, it was kind of building up a place in my head and building up the information and figuring out how to use it."

Insecticide figures in the plot. About that, Mr. Harrison said, "I was interested in what I'll call 'issues of oxygen' and lungs and breathing and all the associated elements and then the metaphorical aspect. But then I've actually used insecticide and found myself quite anxious to make sure I was upwind of it. Out on Long Island, I have a couple of fruit trees and decided not to spray them because my children were there, and I just didn't want the spray near them. So, of course, the fruit trees look terrible. But these are the things that worm their way into your head and begin to expand and become narrative possibilities."

"I never cease to be inter-

ested in how people use scraps of their lives to make fiction."

"There are a lot of scraps here. But the thing you have to try to keep forefront in your mind is that this is fiction. It has to work for a reader who doesn't know you and never will know you."

"And really, you don't want to know us."

"Exactly. And, and so it's got to work dramatically as fiction."

"Would you have bought this book?"

"As a reader?"

"As an editor."

"That's a terrible question."

I agreed. "It's an awful question. Of course you would have bought it."

Mr. Harrison's book has been advertised as a "gripping thriller." I asked how Mr. Harrison defined the thriller, adding that I would not call *The Havana Club* a thriller. "To me," I said, "this 'gripping thriller' makes it sound like a book that is not going to be very well written, that at best it will be a fast-paced story."

"I know what you mean. And people do get sort of hung up on terms and definitions. If you're throwing all novels into two piles, and one pile is called 'thrillers' and one pile is called 'not thrillers,' I'm going to get thrown into that pile, the thriller pile. Largely because of the way the plot moves. There's the commercial aspects to that world that I have no control over, but from a genre point of view, an inside-out point of view, I don't mind that word because I don't feel that it lim-

its me in any way. And a thriller is presumably 'thrilling.'"

"And has violence," I said.

"And has violence, I suspect."

"And sex."

"And sex, yeah. And people may call it a thriller, but it shouldn't be — it's not constrictive. And I don't feel like I was doing anything in the writing of this book to make it tilt towards some definition of a book, and the resolution is, I

think, I hope, full and human and all that stuff."

"I don't know that I would have read *The Havana Room* had I seen it advertised as a 'thriller,'" I offered. "Reading the book, I found it thoughtful and reflective and philosophical."

"You can do that as long as those kind of contemplative goodies are hung on framework of a story that's moving. I'm very aware as I write to try to keep the story moving."

"It's difficult," I said, sighing, "to interview writers about fiction because there always seems something so private about fiction."

"That's true. Writing novels is really very much about the presentation of a surface and yet it's highly personal and a series of subjective decisions. Although I suppose you could say the same thing about nonfiction. It depends on the project."

— Judith Moore



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# Anything — Up to a Point

*There was a special thrill in the connection.*

It looks as though this will be the season of fortepianos in San Diego. That may not excite you, but it excites me, along with all aficionados of 18th-century music on historically authentic instruments. I'm only talking about three concerts, but that's a lot more than we've had in the past. First there was the recital by Andrew Willis at a house concert for the Harpsichord Society (which I am reporting on in this article). Only a few days later, the Galatea Trio used an early piano in its concert for the Early Music Society. And a couple of months from now (on March 18, to be precise), fortepianist Malcolm Bilson will play Haydn and Mozart for the La Jolla Music Society at Sherwood Auditorium. An embarrassment of riches!

The odd designation of "fortepiano" may make you think this is a different instrument from the "piano" (or "piano") you're used to. But pianos have been pianos from the very first instruments built by Bartolomeo Cristofori around 1700 on the principle of keys activating hammers that hit strings. This invention was followed by two centuries of refinements and expansions, leading to the modern concert grands we are familiar with at most of our concerts, but the fundamental concepts have remained the same.

The 18th-century instruments, which are the ones we conventionally refer to as fortepianos, have a more delicate and pungent sound than their successors. Their strings (frequently two to a note, rather than the modern three) are at relatively low tension, so that they have a restricted ability to sustain tones: quick attack and rapid decay is what we hear in a fortepiano tone. There is a pronounced difference of color between the bass and the treble, as opposed to the much more even coloration of all notes on a modern piano. The 18th-century piano, in general, produces a small sound — smaller than that of contemporary harpsichords. But if it lacks power, it possesses a virtue that no harpsichord (where the strings are plucked) can have. The performer has infinite command over shades of loudness, which re-

spond to the slightest alteration of finger pressure. This ushers in a new era of keyboard expressiveness, making possible the radically new keyboard styles of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and ultimately (on the immensely more resonant instruments of the 19th Century) Schumann, Chopin, Liszt, and Brahms.

The instrument played by Andrew Willis at this Harpsichord Society concert, a copy by the Zuckermann factory of an especially modest and gentle (yet exquisite) Johann Andreas Stein fortepiano from 1783, could never be mistaken for a Steinway. Even in its period, this must have been an instrument only suited for a small salon. But played with the nuanced phrasing and sensitivity to tone color of a fine musician like Willis (an authority on the early piano who is on the faculty of the University of North Carolina), the "Stein" proved itself an eloquent exponent of the musical ideas and techniques that give the early Classical period its distinction.

Most fortepiano performers of 18th-century music these days prefer copies of instruments by Anton Gabriel Walter, a Viennese instrument builder of the same period, whose excellent fortepianos produce a slightly more robust and somewhat less dry sound (Andreas Staier, Ronald Brautigam, Malcolm Bilson, and — often — Robert Levin all play copies of Walter instruments). Mozart himself used a Walter from the early 1780s for his concert performances. But he was also full of praise for the Stein pianos he saw in Augsburg in 1777, writing (in a letter to his father):

Before I had seen any of his make, Späth's claviers had always been my favorites. But now I much prefer Stein's.... In whatever way I touch the keys, the tone is always even. It never jars, it is never stronger or weaker or entirely absent.... It is true that he does not sell a pianoforte of this kind for less than 300 gulden, but the trouble and the labor which Stein puts into the making of it cannot be paid for. His instruments have this special advantage over others that they are made with escape action. Only one maker in a hundred bothers about this. But

without an escapement it is impossible to avoid jangling and vibration after the note is struck. When you have struck the strings, the hammers fall back again the moment after they have struck the strings, whether you hold down the keys or release them. He himself told me that when he has finished making one of these claviers, he sits down to it and tries all kinds of passages, runs, and jumps, and he shaves and works away until it can do anything.

This accurately describes what the audience heard at the Willis concert; and there was a special thrill in the connection — however mediated — between Andrew Willis playing a Stein copy in Poway and Wolfgang Mozart playing an authentic Stein in the maker's Augsburg workshop.

Actually, Mozart did not go far enough in his description of the Stein instruments' capabilities. In the Mozart items on the program, the fortepiano Willis played could indeed manage anything — not only "all kinds of passages, runs, and jumps" but also lovely lyrical passages, dramatic contrasts, and beautifully shaped embellishments. The instrument's finesse — and Willis's — were perhaps most strikingly demonstrated in the performance of the Adagio in B minor, K. 540, where the pianist brought out all the strangeness and profundity of this astonishing piece, at the same time adding his own artful (and quintessentially Mozartian) ornamentation in the repeats. Hearing the more familiar Rondo (K. 485) and Sonata (K. 576) in such a performance, any listener would have perceived that Mozart's keyboard music was composed with an instrument of this sort in mind, and that it sounds more at home on an 18th-century fortepiano — more in its natural element — than on even the most sensitive of modern pianos. The same could be said of the encore, a scintillating fast movement from a sonata (in A minor, W 41/1, H30) by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, who — like Mozart — composed with the sounds of contemporary keyboard instruments in his head.

It could not be said unequivocally for the works by Beethoven that occupied half of Willis's program. The fascinating Praeludium in F minor (WoO 55) harks back to the Baroque in a curious way, and might sound even better on a harpsichord. As for the Opus 34 Variations and

the Sonata in F minor, Opus 2, No. 1 (Beethoven's first published keyboard sonata), it is certainly true that Beethoven composed them on an instrument more or less like the one Willis was playing. But even this early in his career — the Sonata dates from 1795 — Beethoven was already a radical innovator (the anomalous, dramatic key structure of Opus 34 is a salient example), and he was thinking in a language considerably larger than an early Stein or a Walter could



Andrew Willis

## Andrew Willis, fortepiano Private home in Poway (San Diego Harpsichord Society)

Beethoven, *Praeludium in F minor*, WoO 55; *Six Variations, Opus 34*; *Sonata in F minor, Opus 2, No. 1*. Mozart, *Rondo in D, K. 485*; *Adagio in B minor, K. 540*; *Sonata in D, K. 576*.

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At times, the music unfortunately demanded a bigger, stronger, more versatile piano, like the magnificent Broadway that was given to the composer two decades later, with its tougher “English” action (as opposed to the Stein’s more fragile “Viennese” action), its pedals (there were no pedals on the Stein, although there was a hand-operated stop for slightly muffling the tone), its increased string tension, its greater volume, and its enhanced power of sustaining. In the Opus 34 Variations, the Stein’s more modest personality was well suited to Beethoven’s decorous theme. But as the variations proceeded, the music progressively outgrew such an instrument. The remarkably Schumannesque second variation (composed eight years before Schumann’s birth!) implied more lavish resonances than a Viennese fortepiano could supply; and by the time Beethoven came to the C minor *Marcia*, with its explosive chords (just the sort of thing Viennese fortepianos are so weak at), the Stein was way out of its depth. The discord between score and instrument was even more pronounced in the fiery, impetuous final movement of the F minor Sonata. On the Stein, you could hear the music — as imagined by Beethoven — champing at the bit.

This was not Willis’s fault, let it be said. A real musician plays what is inherent in the music, and that is precisely what Willis — an artist of spirited intensity — did. It was not his fault that while Mozart (always an Enlightenment realist) composed for the instruments his century offered him, Beethoven (the Romantic idealist) composed for instruments — and listeners! — that did not yet exist. ■

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**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)

**“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.

Enjoy concert on Friday, January 23, at St. Joseph’s Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue). Concert begins at 8 p.m., following preconcert talk by conductor Donald Barra. Tickets: \$15 to \$60. Tickets: 858-350-0290 x7. (DOWNTOWN)

**Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series** begins when Clarinet Quartet performs January 23 and 24. Ensemble members Victoria Luperi (clarinet), Ida Levin (violin), Anne Williams (cello), and Diane Walsh (piano) promise selections by Mozart, Hindemith, Berg, and Brahms.

Friday’s concert starts at 8 p.m. at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive); \$38. Quartet may also be heard Saturday at 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive); \$20 general. 619-239-0100. (LA JOLLA, POINT LOMA)

**Hailing from Milan, Italy**, flutist Raffaele Trevisani plays on a “14-carat gold Muramatsu flute,” Friday, January 23, 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Works on the program by Dvořák, Donizetti, Sarasate, Prokofiev. \$15. 619-594-6060. (SDSU)

**Celebrate Double Bassist** Bertram Turetzky during recital, Friday, January 23, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. \$8. (LA JOLLA)

**“Come to the Circus!”** Clowns and mimes join in when San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents Carnival Concerts, Saturday, January 24. Program includes “Babar the Elephant,” “Let’s Build a

March,” performances by Southern California Youth Ballet, San Diego Children’s Choir.

Performances: 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club, preceded by activities at 12:15 p.m.; and at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center (3800 Mykonos Lane), with preconcert activities at 3:15 p.m. Tickets in Carmel Valley are \$7 for children, \$12 for adults; with attendees in Balboa Park paying \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. Reservations: 888-848-7326 x7. (BALBOA PARK, CARMEL VALLEY)

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Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, Tuesday, January 27, and Wednesday, February 4; 8 p.m. on Friday, January 30; and 2 p.m. 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 1. Tickets: \$20 to \$150. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-570-1100 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS) (DOWNTOWN)

**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 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. (EL CAJON, POWAY)

**Tokyo String Quartet** performs Mozart’s “Quartet in B-Flat Major,” the “Quartet No. 4” by Zemlinsky, and the “Quartet in B-Flat Major No. 2” by Beethoven, Saturday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. \$30. Tickets: 858-534-8497 and Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

**Chiara String Quartet** performs Discovery Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). “Prelude to the Afternoon,” 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for students, \$25 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

**Selections by Vitali, Mozart, Elgar, Kreisler, Smetana, Rachmaninoff** promised when Weiss Duo performs Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m., in Granger Music Hall (1615 East 4th Avenue). \$15. 619-660-8184. (NATIONAL CITY)

**Martinu’s “Three Madrigals”** and Handel-Halvorsen “Pascaglia” may be heard when Karen Elaine Bakunin (viola) and Peter Kent (violin) perform Sunday, January 25, 2:30 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

**Organ Concert** by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**A Piano Recital of Hymns** by Liszt and Gurdjieff presented by Cecil Lytle, Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m., in Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club at UCSD. Tickets to the benefit are \$35. 858-534-0876. (LA JOLLA)

**Mini-Concert at Noon**, Mt. Carmel High School Wind Ensemble presents San Diego Mini-Concerts, Monday, January 26, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza.

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**Selections by Beethoven, Brahms, and Mendelssohn** may be heard when the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Daniele Gatti, performs for Celebrity Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Thursday, January 29. 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)

**“Emotion: The Romantic Period — 19th Century”** is topic when pianist Bryan Verhoye performs pieces by Beethoven, Schubert, and Brahms for “Four Centuries of Art, Music, and Politics” series at San Diego Museum of Art

on Thursday, January 29. \$15. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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## GALLERIES

**"Spirited Icons and Photographic Stories"** told in work by G. Pasha Turley, whose exhibition opens with reception, Friday, January 23, 6:30 p.m., in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Exhibit includes "several small women figures that personify mystical messengers." 760-744-1150 x2304. Show continues through Saturday, February 14. (SAN MARCOS)

**New Paintings** by Matthew Ofenbacher go on exhibit with reception on Friday, January 23, 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Drury Lane, between

Kline and Silverado). Show continues through Saturday, February 21. 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

**Recent Paintings and Sculpture** by David Beck-Brown go on exhibit with reception, Friday, January 23, 5:30 p.m., at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). "Art is truth veiled beneath lies," according to Beck-Brown. Closes Monday, March 8. 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Soulworks II,"** exhibit by featured artist Jackie Myers may be seen at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado), through Sunday, February 15. Also on display: regional and "One Foot Shows," "San Diego Youth Art Month." Shows open with reception for artists, Friday, January 23, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

**Intuitive Lead Pencil Compositions** on illustration board by Santa Fe artist Valdez Abeyta y Valdez are gathered in "Strands of Time." Show opens with reception for artist, Saturday, January 24, 6 p.m., at Burton Gallery (307 South Cedros Avenue). 858-794-7204. Through Saturday, March 20. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Members Only,"** artists of Escondido Arts Partnership show their work through Saturday, February 14, at Escondido Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). Opening reception: Saturday, January 24, 5:30 p.m. Awards determined by people's choice, presented Saturday, February 21. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Horizons,"** exhibition opens with reception, Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m., at Front Porch Gallery (at

Casa de Mañana, 849 Coast Boulevard). 858-362-5766. Through Sunday, February 22. (LA JOLLA)

**"What's Your 20?"** This "gathering of art, beats, and friends" hosted by 10-4 Good Buddy Collective closes Sunday, January 25, 7 to 11 p.m., at Impero Media Gallery (745 Emerald Street). Art, short films, live music. 858-483-4945. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**"Viewpoint: Ceramics 2004,"** sixth national competition juried by Leslie Ferrin features 26 contemporary artists working in ceramics. Opening reception in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College, Tuesday, January 27, 7 p.m. Find the campus at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. 619-644-7299. Exhibit of work by 26 contemporary artists closes Friday, February 20. (EL CAJON)

## ART MUSEUMS

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

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

"Mingei of Japan — The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of objects from the museum's collection by known and unknown craftsmen from throughout Japan continues until Sunday, 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)

**Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite,** "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Also on view: "Niki de Saint Phalle Remembered." Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,** "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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**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla,** "Baja

to Vancouver: The West Coast and Contemporary Art," featuring over 50 paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, drawings, and video works by 33 contemporary artists, opens Friday, January 23, and continues through Sunday, May 16. Exhibition highlights important figures and directions defining contemporary art in the region.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**Oceanside Museum of Art,** found objects with a specific history are featured in "Generation to Generation: Contemporary Assemblage," opening Sunday, January 25. Show includes work by Poupee Boccaccio, Irma Sofia Pöter, and James Watts, whose art is "imbued with strongly personal histories by combining personal and found objects into artist-made objects." Show closes Sunday, March 21. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**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.

"George Inness and the Visionary Landscape," opening Saturday, January 24, offers a major survey of work by this important 19th-Century American landscape painter. The exhibit includes 35 of

Inness's landscapes, articulating "his own vision of metaphysical realities as manifested in the earthly sphere." Through Sunday, April 18.

"José Guadalupe Posada: My Mexico," opening Saturday, January 24, and closing Sunday, April 4, includes 110 prints surveying the career of the popular and prolific printmaker, whose works graced broadsheets documenting and satirizing every aspect of Mexican life.

Mark the birth of one of San Diego's most renowned artists in "Harry Sternberg: A Centenary Exhibition," opening Saturday, January 24, and continuing through Sunday, April 11. Fourteen works on display, including etchings and woodcuts.

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# Crowd Kisser

*People shut themselves off from living, and let dry seasons become arid lifetimes.*

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Don’t believe me? Ella McCain was there. In *Memories of the Early Settlements*, she writes, “There were black, round rolls of clouds over Morena, which seemed drawn from different directions and center” above Hatfield’s wooden tower. There may be more to heaven and earth, Horatio.

The rainmaker in N. Richard Nash’s play, though based on Hatfield, is a sham from the start. Bill Starbuck promises wonders, but he’s much more interested in the mystery of why people shut themselves off from living and let dry seasons become arid lifetimes.

It’s August 1937. Everyone in the parched, nameless Western locale is repressed, in particular — one of Nash’s more belligerent ironies — a man named Noah. He’s as resistant to change as his namesake wasn’t. Noah’s especially tough on younger sister Lizzie, who’s convinced she’s “plain” and destined

for spinsterhood. Enter Starbuck to save pretty much everything.

*The Rainmaker* opened in 1954; *The Music Man* in 1957. Except for Meredith Willson’s wonderful score, it’s hard to tell the two apart. Into a town devoid of dreams comes a fast-talking con. He ignites the place, including the heart of an erstwhile spinster. Band uniforms

bloom/thunder claps overhead — hey, it’s ’50s Broadway: in which Kansas can become Oz overnight.

If you don’t look too closely, *The Rainmaker*’s a lightweight crowd-kisser, stuffed with by-the-numbers symbolism. It gets dated and strange, however, between the lines. As when young Jim falls in love with a woman of allegedly easy virtue, but he won’t consummate the relationship until they’re married (everyone heaving a “whew!” of relief at the announcement). Or during the climax when Lizzie must choose between stereotypes: a weaver of illusions or a down-to-earth dullard.

At the North Coast Rep, Julie Jacobs is so vibrant as Lizzie she almost deconstructs Nash’s dated script into an exposé of male domination. Whether clearing a table in a jiff, or sliding across the floor on her knees, Lizzie’s so pent up she may explode come rain or shine.

## REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



*The Rainmaker*

**The Rainmaker**, by N. Richard Nash

**North Coast Repertory Theatre**, 987 D Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach

**Directed by Jeffrey Ingman**; cast: Julie Jacobs, Jonathan Dunn-Rankin, Joe Powers, Wayne Jordan, Robert MacAulay, Brennan Taylor; scenic design, Marty Burnett; costumes, Jannifer Mah; lighting, Chris Rynne; sound, Robert May


**Playing through February 15**; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 7:00 p.m. 858-481-1055

**Kimberly Akimbo**, by David Lindsey-Abaire

**6th @ Penn Theatre**, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest

**Directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg**; cast: Linda Castro, Matt Scott, Jason Connors, Jo Anne Glover, Liv Kellgren; scenic design, Jerry Sonnenberg; costumes, Jennifer Brawn Gittings; lighting, Karin Filijan

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Joe Powers has done fine work before but lacks credible size as Starbuck, whom Burt Lancaster plays in the movie as the Life Force. That Powers replicates Lancaster's speech rhythms adds to the discrepancy. Jonathan Dunn-Rankin gives Lizzie's father, H.C., a graceful wisdom. And Robert MacAulay's deputy Fife is such an emotional Dust Bowl, you wonder what Lizzie — who wants to see the “real” person in people — sees in him.

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Plays used to stop for scene changes. The curtain would close. Sets would rumble on and off. *The Rainmaker* requires a sheriff's office, the Currys' living and dining area, and a tack room in the barn. NCRT's design wizard Marty Burnett has no curtain. Plus, you could park two compact cars end to end on his stage. Without clutter, Burnett puts all three locales in view. And his combination of textures — crocheted tablecloth, straw, brick, wallpaper, ornate rugs — is remarkable.

For *Kimberly Akimbo* at even smaller 6th @ Penn, Jerry Sonnenberg spins walls for scene changes and in-



Kimberly Akimbo

cludes a drive-through burger joint from three angles. Burnett uses hyperrealism, Sonnenberg abstract patterns. Both make some of the most inventive use of their theaters ever.

Kimberly's “akimbo” because she's aging 4½ times faster than normal. She's 16 going on 78. People with her progeria-like condition die around 16.

But then again, David Lindsey-Abaire's comedy asks: what is “normal”? Is

Kimberly's pregnant mother, hands bandaged from carpal-tunnel surgery, making a tape for the unborn child to prove she isn't a “demonic bitch”? Or Kim's alcoholic father? Or homeless Aunt Debra, who steals a mailbox and may have murdered a next-door neighbor because his cabbages crossed the property line?

The South Coast Repertory staged *Kimberly* in 2001. They played for yuks, making Kimberly sane and

everyone else a cartoon. The freak-show approach let the audience congratulate its superiority. In 6th @ Penn's staging, which ranks among its finest, characters drive the play. Director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg lets the jokes, and they are legion, fall wherever. She emphasizes an akimbo family, which the playwright would argue is the family of man.

One result: the comedy becomes Pinteresque. Instead of pausing when faced with reality, people fill gaps by complaining or getting blackout drunk. But what goes unsaid about Kimberly's condition lurks beneath every line, in every act of avoidance. She becomes a living, onstage subtext.

South Coast made Kimberly a guru by default. But Linda Castro's honest, moving performance refuses to pander for cheap appeal. Both older and younger than the others, her Kimberly's as puzzled. But her fast-forward aging makes her more ready to question her lot.

Everyone in the terrific cast combines the human with the gonzo: Matt Scott's juiced Buddy, Liv Kellgren's tough Debra, and Jason Connors' bedraggled Jeff (whose life's an internship to become the next Job). As Kimberly's narcissistic mother, Pattie, Jo Anne Glover's a “Jersey girl” writ



Joey and Maria's Comedey Italian Wedding

large, especially when she shouts one of the play's most akimbo lines: “Come back! I'll be normal now. I'll show you I can do it!” ■

## 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.

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#### Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-



National Comedy Theatre

DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 15, AND 22 AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

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### Fully Committed

Cygnnet Theatre presents the San Diego premiere of Becky Mode's comedy. It's a day in the life of an out-of-work actor — a cast of 40 characters all played by David McBean. Sean Murray directed. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (AND MONTEZUMA), COLLEGE/ROLANDO AREA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 15, AND 29 AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

### Grassroots Greeks

6th @ Penn's former "Seven Weeks of Greeks" became so popular it's a regular series. And what a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission 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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#### Kimberly Akimbo

Reviewed this issue.

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LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH MARCH 8; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

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South Coast Repertory Theatre presents John Strand's adaptation of Montfleury's comedy *La Femme juge et partie*, in which Bernard suspects his wife, Julie, is unfaithful, so he sentences her to a remote island. Bill Rauch directed.

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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 Actro-Turf. 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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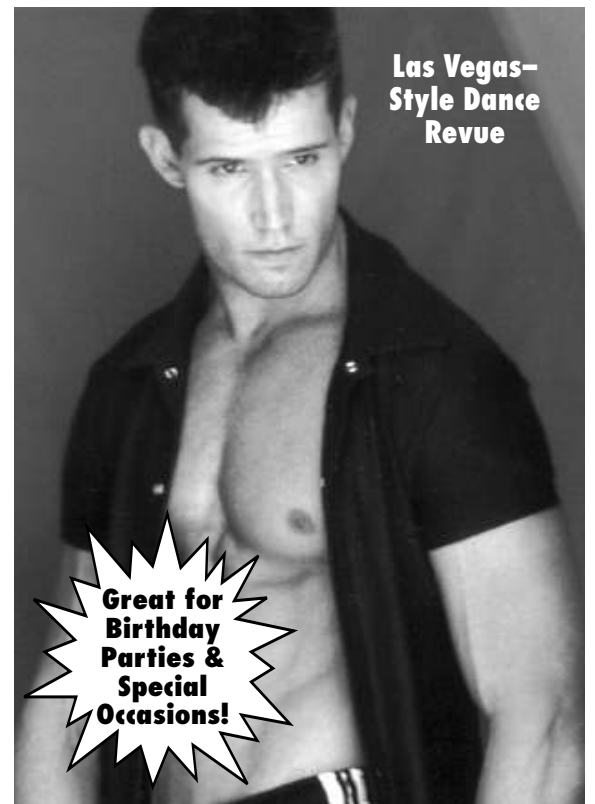
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misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”  
***Worth a try.***  
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**Sky Girls**  
Wants to be a musical. During WWII, the Woman Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs) trained, flew, and did heroic behind-the-scenes work without official military recognition. It’s a promising story, including the efforts to sabotage them (like putting sugar in the engine). But Jenny Laird’s rambling, episodic, almost three-hour-long script is so relentlessly upbeat it plays like a musical, minus the tunes. Though dangers, even death, hound the intrepid women, far too predictably they put on happy faces and forge onward anew. For the Old Globe, director Brendan Fox and six talented actors create an infectious 1940s spirit. And the women also give dimension to one-trait characters. But performances aside, *Sky Girls* is a chipper sprawl of missed opportunities. Best of show: the play needs a barracks and three planes in flight, on the tiny Cassius Carter stage. Scenic designer Russell Metheny uses

cots. Then, placing two together, creates wings for the planes, and the spinning fans overhead become propellers. When Jennifer Setlow’s subtle lights seal off the stage, we’re 20,000 feet aloft in AT6 trainers.  
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Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)  
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**"If they are so wonderful and talented,"** why can't they just write new material?" asked Darrel Goodin, general

employed with us, they agreed that any concepts that were developed while in our employment would remain the property of KSON if they leave." Goodin did not say if his company would follow up with legal action.

Two Fridays ago, Tony and Kris did use one of those bits on U.S. 95.7 but changed

about KSON and its parent Jefferson-Pilot Communications. "They are trying to use lawyers and legalese to keep Tony and Kris from doing what they are known for."

"We have no desire to be hateful or malicious toward Tony and Kris," said Goodin. "When we left, we shook their hands, and we wished them the very best. We did provide them with a letter that reminded them and their new employers that under the terms of their contract with us, the bits that had been developed while in our employ would remain as our property and that we fully intend to continue to use the bits on the air after Tony and Kris's departure. It saddens me that Tony and Kris and their new employers would fail to honor the spirit and intent of the agreement. It seems ironic that they've not only chosen to replicate the bits but execute them at the exact same time that we do."

Goodin said PMS Patrol ran at 8:10 a.m. on KUSS while PMS Confessional ran at 8:10 a.m. on KSON. "It's been in that slot for a couple years now," said Goodin. "They had weeks to develop new stuff."

— Ken Leighton

**"Rosy and I both used to get yelled at** all the time for not standing still. We would be moving with the music and really getting into it."

Molly Wilmot knows how



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOKKO

LADY ROCKERS SPEND NIGHTS AT THE OPERA

hard it can be for a rocker chick to sing opera. Along with her good friend Rosy-Dawn Selwitz, the two are the only known local rock singers who have crossed over into the highbrow world of opera.

"I'm sure it's been done before, but I can't tell you of any singers around here who have done it," said Selwitz.

Wilmot used to sing in the funky punk band Burl Jives. Selwitz spent five years in the jam band Madcap Otis.

Both bands no longer exist. The two now perform in the chorus in the San Diego Opera's *Turandot*, opening Saturday.

"We both met at SDSU in music theory class," said Wilmot. "We dared each other to try out."

"It pays well," said Selwitz about the San Diego Opera. "It's union."

Thomas Jamers in the New York office of the American Guild of Musical Artists said that the 78 members of the current production of *Turandot* get the union wage of \$26.15 an hour. This includes their time in rehearsals. Chorus members rehearsed 15 to 20 hours a week four weeks before the show opened.

"You have to take really good care of yourself," said Wilmot about one of the major differences between gigging in bars and singing mezzo soprano onstage. "You can't be drinking and partying. Your voice has to be in the best state. You can't be around sick people."

The San Diego Opera's production of *Turandot* opens Saturday. Other dates include Tuesday, January 27; Friday, January 30; Sunday, February 1; and Wednesday,

February 4. Tickets are \$20 to \$150. For information, call 619-570-1100.

— Ken Leighton

**The Orange County Music Awards**, now in its third year, will be held March 27 at the Galaxy Concert Theatre, Santa Ana.

Tazy Phillypz, host/producer of the defunct *Go Loco* radio program, has been e-mailing local bands who had appeared on *Go Loco*, inviting them to participate in Orange County's awards.



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HELLMAN MUM ON DONATION TO CITY SCHOOLS

According to Phillypz, "There are even some categories that do not require your act to be from Orange County." But there is one catch. "The entrance fee is only \$25." (San Diego Music

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manager of KSON, about the morning show duo of Tony Randall and Kris Rochester performing the bits they did on KSON on their new show on KUSS.

The duo spent their first week on the air at their new station — Clear Channel's "U.S. 95.7" (KUSS-FM) — telling listeners that KSON (97.3 FM) forbade them to use their old routines like "Our boss is an idiot" or "Super Fan" at their new station.

"When Tony and Kris signed a contract to be

the name from "PMS Confessional" to "PMS Patrol."

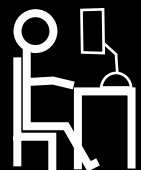
"A concept is not something than can be trademarked, service marked, or copyrighted," said Jim Richards, Clear Channel's local vice president of radio programming. "Our legal team in San Antonio [Clear Channel's corporate headquarters] is looking into what bits can be retained or modified. This shows the pettiness of that organization," said Richards

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Award nominees, by comparison, do not have to pay.)

Although Phillypz said the music awards are a “community event,” he also said that he receives a cut from each entry fee. Tazy Phillypz would not disclose the commission amount, nor would Orange County Music Awards founder Martin Brown. Brown would say he expects this year’s awards ceremony will sell out. He said there were 210 entries last year and he expects “close to 250 this year.” He said last year a check for \$3500 was given to Big Brothers and Sisters of Orange County.

Last Monday Kevin Hellman, executive director of the San Diego awards, declined to answer any questions about the amount San Diego Music Awards donates to the public schools. The website [www.sandiegomusicawards.com](http://www.sandiegomusicawards.com) describes a program with Taylor Guitars that provides instruments to public schools. But no mention is made of the donation amount.

Taylor Guitars media coordinator Andy Robinson said he would have to “respect Kevin’s wishes,” and if Hellman did not want to disclose how much SDMA contributed, Taylor Guitars would not disclose the amount either.

Brown said that all Orange County award nominees (up to six members per band) get free admission to the award show with their entry fee.

Phillypz said all entries must be received by January 31. There are 20 categories. For more information, go to [www.orangecountymusicawards.com](http://www.orangecountymusicawards.com).

— Ken Leighton

**Chula Vista’s most famous band** had to leave town to rehearse. In anticipation of their tour that kicked off last Friday and runs through March 6, P.O.D. holed up for a week at an undisclosed studio in Tennessee.

Nothing against Chula Vista, said their New York spokesman Dan Forman. “It was just a random place their management company picked out. They wanted a place with no distractions.”

Forman said P.O.D. is officially “co-headlining” the tour with Linkin Park, even though Linkin Park goes on last at each concert date (usually co-headliners rotate this spot). The tour rolls into

the Coors Amphitheater February 17.

P.O.D.’s latest CD, *Payable on Death*, which was released in November, was



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P.O.D. FLEES TO TENNESSEE

just certified gold for sales of more than 500,000 units. Their previous CD, *Satellite*, has chalked up four million in international sales in almost two and a half years.

While all the local rock stations warmed up to “Alive” and “Youth of the Nation” from the band’s first CD, the first single from the new album, “Will You,” did not get as much hometown radio love. “Will You” was added by Rock 105.3 and FM-94/9 but not by 91X.

One question that Forman could not answer was whether P.O.D. would ever be invited back to MTV’s afternoon request show *TRL*. MTV is flexing its muscle by demanding that big record labels give them exclusives on

certain major-artist videos. The move came because of increasing competition from the upstart Fuse channel. Although Fuse is smaller (34 million homes to MTV’s 87 million), Fuse plays a lot more music videos throughout the day. P.O.D. got around the MTV ban by giving Fuse a live video of “Will You” shot at an appearance at the Voodoo Music Festival in New Orleans. Insiders say P.O.D.’s creation of an alternate video for Fuse is not a breach of MTV’s policy, but some wonder if MTV execs will feel less supportive of artists who work around their rules.

Forman said “Change the World” will be the second single released from the new CD.

— Ken Leighton

chanteuse seems comfortable with the public’s fixation on her 44GGG-size breasts (though she no longer plays piano with them). On her website, [candykane.com](http://candykane.com), Kane sells pillows made from her own bras.

“They are each guaranteed to be worn by me and no two are alike.”

Kane says she’s gotten interest from retail stores but that she currently recycles her undergarments on a per-order basis. A 50 percent deposit is required upon ordering, and it takes eight to ten weeks to get a stuffed brassiere.

The price? Three hundred dollars each plus \$20 shipping. She says she was inspired to create the pillows because fans ask to purchase her used bras and panties.

According to the website,



CANDY’S PILLOWS ARE TO DROOL OVER

**Although it’s been years since Candy Kane** appeared in a porn film, her old videos are doing brisk business on eBay.

The well-endowed

“Custom designs and lettering will also be considered. Color choices may not always be possible. It depends which bra will be leaving my underwear

drawer!”

At least there’s now somewhere to put your head when watching Kane in *Boobsville Cabaret*.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Java Joe’s Pub**, the new 21-and-over music venue in Rolando that was formerly known as Java Joe’s coffeehouse in Ocean Beach, held its grand opening January 8. After closing the Bacon Street location at the end of 2002, owner Joe Flammini and business partner Allan Vanryckeghem settled on Kelly’s Pub near SDSU for their new music venue.

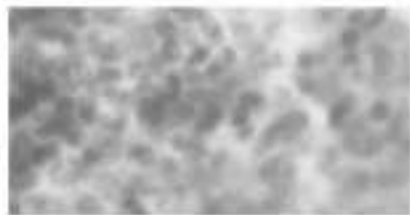
Of his future plans for the club, Flammini tells me earlier in the week by phone, “I want to attract more college kids to the place because we don’t seem to have that kind of following yet. And [I want] to improve the music.”

Unlike the Bacon Street location, the musicians at Java Joe’s Pub are permitted amplification. Flammini says he plans to use the patio out back for the acoustic singer/songwriters who used to populate Joe’s in its prime.

Asked if Flammini thinks he can revive the vibe of the club’s Ocean Beach heyday, he boasts, “I already have.... In the last week I had the Rugburns here; I had Jason Mraz here last night [January

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7] at the open-mike night, so they're going to be coming by."

Of the Mraz appearance, Flammini says, "It wasn't an announced show or anything,



PHOTOGRAPH BY PAT SHERMAN

PLURAL AMPS UP AT THE NEW JAVA JOE'S

he just showed up for the open mike.... He played about four or five songs at the end of the night with one of his old friends."

As for the assertion in a recent *Union-Tribune* article that Flammini would be opening an all-age venue in North Park this summer, Flammini says, "That's basically still hearsay. It's something I'm looking at, but I didn't think George [Varga]

would write it."

Flammini says he plans to stick to a no-cover-charge policy for the new venue "for as long as we can."

At the opening, when I try to speak to him, Flammini waves me off with "I'll get back to you," returning to a conversation about sports stars' abuse of the nutritional supplement Creatine. I speak instead with the mother of Plural vocalist/guitarist Scott Kennerly, who comments that the bar "needs more couches."

Java Joe's, now at 6344 El Cajon Boulevard in Rolando, will hold an open blues jam session on Tuesday nights. House band Vertibird performs with an opening act on Thursdays.

— Pat Sherman

**Chris Hillman**, a founding member of the Byrds, was born in San Diego (December 4, 1944) and will perform a rare

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hometown gig at the Normal Heights United Methodist Church January 24, as well as conduct a banjo/mandolin clinic with bluegrass multi-instrumentalist Herb Pedersen. The clinic runs \$25 and begins at 3 p.m., while the concert (\$15) starts at 7:30 p.m. At press time, promoter Carey Driscoll said only 15 tickets had been sold for the clinic. "At this rate, it'll be like getting personal one-on-one instruction from the two of them. We're also offering clinic attendees reserved seating for the show itself, in the front few rows."

Hillman recalled the old Bacchanal on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. "Everyone wanted to play there, not so much because it was big

money or big crowds but [because of] the way it was run. All these big, serious guys, that's what I remember. Nobody messed around with those guys; that place was run like an army barracks. And their sound guy, Snakeman, was it? Magic fingers. That guy was like Gandalf from *Lord of the Rings* on a console."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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I glance at the CD, entitled *Chronic Ten-Four*. It has the guy's image on it, dressed in running gear and gold chains.

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"Of course it's rap; it's bad-ass rap," he tells me. "You want it? Seven dollars and it's yours."

"Seven dollars? I'm not going to pay that for music I haven't even heard."

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"Well, yeah, you gotta say that because they're your tunes."

"Tunes? I got a producer who does the music," he says, "but the words are all mine."

"There's no label," I say, examining the cheap manufacturing. "Let me guess — a drum machine, a keyboard, ProTools, a CD

burner, and a laser printer for this cover."

He glares at me, eyes large and bloodshot. He grabs the CD from my hand, rolls his shoulders, and stands up. "You just wait and see," he goes, pointing at my face, "in a year or two, I'm gonna be as big as Ludacris or even Snoop and you're gonna wish you bought my homespun CD 'cause it's gonna be worth a lot."

He adds, "Smartass motherfucker," and walks away.

— Michael Hemmingson

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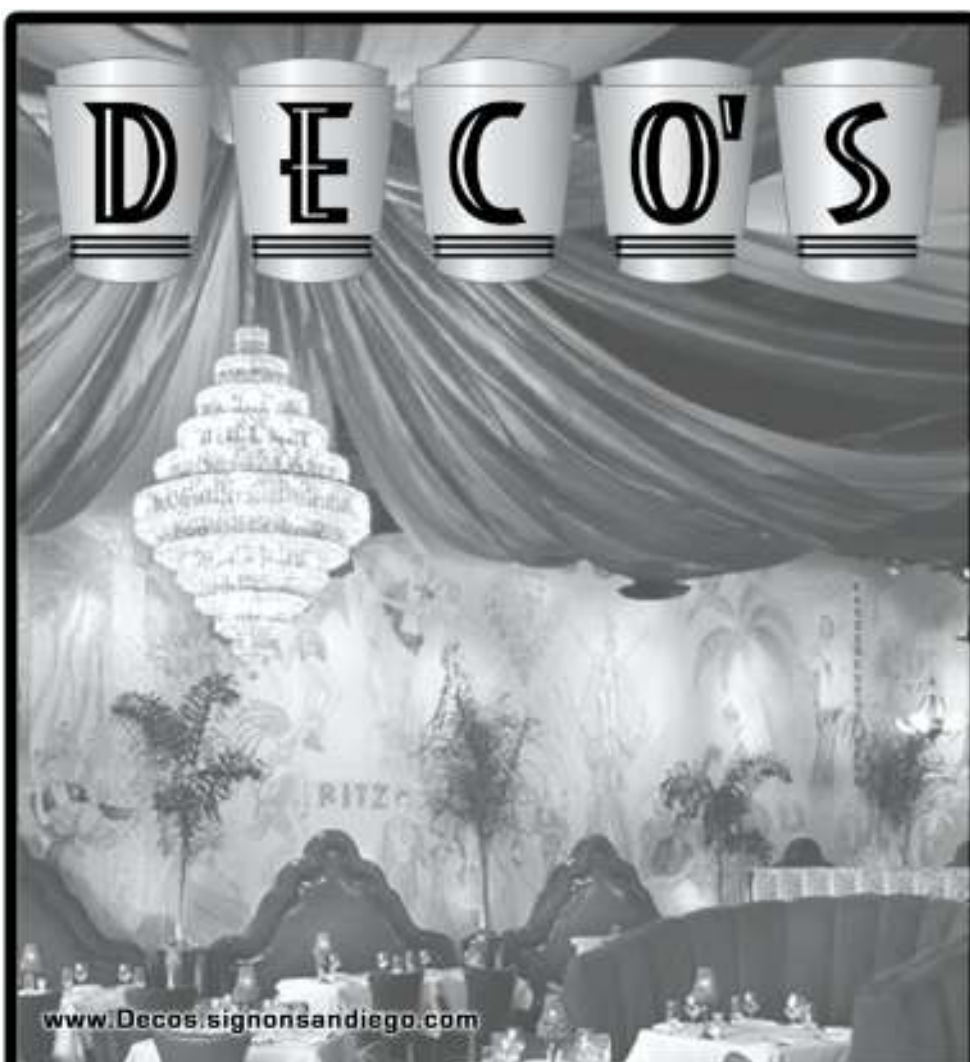
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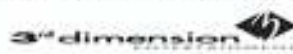
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**Marvin Hamlisch [608]:** East County Performing Arts Center, Sunday, February 8, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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**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.

**"Jazz at the Athenaeum"** with the **Kenny Werner Trio:** Athenaeum Music & Arts Library, Thursday, February 12, 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

**Sting [431]:** Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, February 13, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

**Bobby Caldwell [610]:** 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.

**Steve Poltz [815]:** The Casbah, Saturday, February 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

**Karl Denson's Tiny Universe [681]:** Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 14, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**The Temptations [937]:** Pechanga Theater, Sunday, February 15, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

**"Old School Valentine Show"** with **Stevie B, Blue Magic, One Way, GQ, Malo [600], Billy Paul, Gene Chandler,** the **Originals,** the **Delegation,** and the **Fuzz:** San Diego Sports Arena, Sunday, February 15, 7 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

**"Bob Marley Day Festival"** featuring **Sizzla [734], Elephant Man, Sly & Robbie, Beres Hammond, Julian Marley [175], Wayne Wonder, Big Youth [748], Luciano [746], Cultura Profetica, Warrior King, Dead Prez,** and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 16, 1 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

**Olivia Newton-John:** East County Performing Arts Center, Monday, February 16, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**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. Information, 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.

**The Juke Box Giants:** East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, February 20, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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**Daryl Hall & John Oates** [483]: Pechanga Theater, Sunday, February 22, 8 p.m., 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. Information, 619-303-8176.

FEBRUARY

**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.

**Sage Francis**: ‘Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, February 26, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

**Kenny Loggins**: Pechanga Theater, Thursday, February 26, and Friday, February 27, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

**Bob Weir & Ratdog**: 4th & B, Friday, February 27, 9 p.m., 345 B

Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Lisa Marie Presley**: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 28, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**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.

**Mason Jennings**: 4th & B, Saturday, February 28, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 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.

**The 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. Information, 619-303-8176.

MARCH

**311**: RIMAC Arena, Monday, March 1, 8 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

**Britney Spears** [603] and **Kelis**: 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** [950]: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**Blue Öyster Cult** and **Sugarbone**: 4th & B, Friday, March 5, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Super Diamond**: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 5, and Saturday, March 6, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**The Crystal Method** [122]: 4th & B, Saturday, March 6, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**“California Surfin”** starring **Jan & Dean**: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**George Winston** [768]: East County Performing Arts Center, Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**Jackson Browne** [496]: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, March 9, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Saves the Day** [218], **Granddaddy**, and the **Fire Theft**: SOMA, Tuesday, March 9, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**Method Man**: 4th & B, Wednesday, March 10, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**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.

**The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra** with **Wynton Marsalis**: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 13, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Calexico**: ‘Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

**“Athenaeum Jazz at the Studio”** featuring the **Kevyn Lettau Quartet**: Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., 4441 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 858-454-5872.

**Keller Williams** and **Craig Honeycut**: 4th & B, Sunday, March 14, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 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.

**The Melvins**: The Casbah, Monday, March 15, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

**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.

**Marcia Ball**: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**Leon Russell**: 4th & B, Thursday, March 18, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**George Thorogood & the Destroyers** [458]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Thursday, March 18, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

**The Dropkick Murphys** [481], **Blood for Blood**, and **Ducky Boys**: SOMA, Friday, March 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**The Young Dubliners** [438]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros

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**Michael Feinstein** with the **San Diego Symphony**: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 21, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Little Anthony & the Imperials**: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

**The Get Up Kids** [307], **Recover**, and **Rocky Votolato**: The Epicentre, Friday, March 26, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

**David Crosby** [854]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**The 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.

**Clay Aiken** and **Kelly Clarkson**: Cox Arena, Tuesday, March 30, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

APRIL

**A Perfect Circle** and **Mars Volta**: Cox Arena, Friday, April 2, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

**Tony Bennett**: Pechanga Theater, Sunday, April 4, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

**“Tribute to Glenn Miller”**: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**James Brown** [611]: 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.

**Paul Anka**: Pechanga Theater, Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

**Boney James**: Pechanga Theater, Friday, April 30, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264 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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The Black Jets: Scolari's Office

Broken View: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Christy Bruneau: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge, California Club

Coma Structure: Blind Melons

Compass: 'Canes

Critical Me: 'Canes

Curtis Chip: The Roseary Room

Destro: The Roseary Room

The Devices: Blind Melons

Devil Driver: 'Canes

d.fRost [389]: Blind Melons

Dirty Sweet: The Kensington Club

Dope: 'Canes

Drifter: Epicentre

Edison: Epicentre

Electrocrypt: Scolari's Office

Emery Bird: California Club

Emotional Joystick: The Roseary Room

The Evaporators: The Casbah

The Ex-Friends: California Club

Fighting Jacks: Epicentre

Finite: Longshot Saloon

Fith: Blind Melons

Flight Risk: 'Canes

40 Below Summer: 'Canes

GoGoGo Airheart [136]: The Casbah

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Hot Like a Robot [146]: Epicentre

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Hyde: Dream Street

The Itis: Blind Melons

John-Mark: Dream Street

Kaelin's Web: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Kill Me Tomorrow [152]: The Casbah

A.A. Kurtz: The Roseary Room

Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone Pub

Last Minute: 'Canes

The Licorice Quartet: The Casbah

Limbeck: The Casbah

Living Relic: Dream Street

Lodus: 'Canes

Johnny Love [230]: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

Lucy Fallen: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Anya Marina [118]: Java Joe's

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The Pale: The Casbah

The Perils of Being: Longshot Saloon

Perpetual Madness: Dream Street

Phono: The Kensington Club

Pocket: Winstons

Portland: The Roseary Room

The Prince Myshkins: Ché Cafe

Pulley: Epicentre

Rambis: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Rocky Votolato: The Casbah

David Rovics: Ché Cafe

Shai Hulud: Epicentre

Six Foot Death Trap: Brick By Brick

Skip Jack: 'Canes

Slewfoot: Sham Rocks Shack

Soul Lifter: Dream Street

The Soul of John Black: Winstons

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Stereogram: 'Canes

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The Blazers: Tio Leo's Lounge

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Richard Buckner: The Casbah

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Cheetah: Humphrey's

Crash Landing: Fannie's

DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

DJ Frances: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

DJ Jalil: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

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DJ Tone Capone: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

DJ Tony A: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

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Dominique: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

The Elastic Waste Band: Winstons

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**The Hot Monkey Love Band:** Hot Monkey Love Cafe

**Hot Rod Lincoln** [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge

**JAC:** Winstons

**The Jackson 3** [495]: Surf N'Saddle, Carvers

**Just Like Yesterday:** Hot Monkey Love Cafe

**Keyser Soze:** Winstons

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**The Ledesma Brothers:** The Latin Room

**Mantra:** Hot Monkey Love Cafe

**Kevin Max:** Belly Up Tavern

**M.C. Funk:** Winstons

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**The Offbeats:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill

**Pale Black:** Janie's Cocktails

**Private Domain** [489]: Dick's Last Resort

**Radio La Chusma:** Winstons

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**The Road Rockets:** On The Rocks

**The Rock Trio:** Java Joe's

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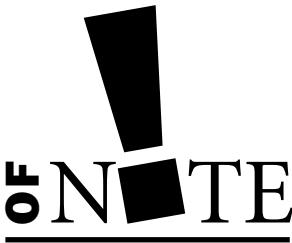
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# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

It says a lot about the **Buttless Chaps** that the strangest thing about them is not the fact that they call themselves the Buttless Chaps. Yes, that band name might make you expect something like the Village People, and the Buttless Chaps are definitely not that. What's more confusing is that the Chaps switch gears every couple of songs between two of the most seemingly irreconcilable genres in pop: alt-country and '80s-style technopop.

The first time you hear the Chaps conclude a guitar-picking, countryish number and then pick up the next tune with buzzing synths and electronic beats straight out of

the Human League circa 1982, you may think you're listening to two different bands. To be fair, the new Chaps album, *Love This Time*, also features a number of songs in a less easily defined niche — a midtempo, horn-laden indie- pop style that calls to mind Beulah. But it isn't so much a middle ground between two extremes as it is something else altogether.

Who knows why the Chaps have this case of multiple personality disorder. Maybe it's because they're originally from Victoria, B.C. — a city so confused that it thinks it's a little piece of Merry Olde England on the West Coast of North America. Maybe it's just because no one has done quite this combination before.

The delightful surprise is that the Buttless Chaps are awfully good at what they do. The technopop numbers reek of trendiness,



**BUTTLESS CHAPS**

but they're actually less gimmicky and better written than a lot of the material by retro-'80s acts like Ladytron or the Faint. And the Chaps' other songs are lovely and dramatic. They may be buttless, but they beg to be taken seriously.

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## EXTENSION 4004

## POP / TOP 40

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**James Bianchi:** Bahia Hotel

**The 80z Allstars:** Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

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**The Love Rangers:** The Alley

**Makai:** Humphrey's

**The New Breed Band:** Dick's Last Resort

**Northstar:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill

**Faith Page:** The Westgate Hotel

**Jack Pollack:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

**Rising Star:** Marriott Hotel (Mission Valley)

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**Gilbert Castellanos [667]:** Onyx

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**Jo Dark:** The German-American Societies

**The David Patrone Quartet [647]:** Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

**Ken Dow:** Dizzy's

**Ricky Fante:** Belly Up Tavern

**Fattburger [648]:** Humphrey's

**The Aubrey Fay Band:** Redfields Lounge & Bistro

**Donnie Finnell & Co. East:** Bistro 221

**Larry Fogel:** Moray's Lounge

**Fred Heath & the Slidewinders:** Bayou Bar & Grill

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**Monette Marino:** Dizzy's

**Masterpiece:** Jimmy Love's

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**Jerry Melnick:** Rancho Bernardo Inn

**The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]:** Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

**Duncan Moore:** Dizzy's

**Mystique:** Jimmy Love's

**Orquesta Guarare:** Sevilla

**Sue Palmer [641]:** Caffè Calabria

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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

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**Bottoms Up:** Fridays, good vibes, house, breaks, drum 'n' bass, hip-hop. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tivolis, corner of Sixth Avenue and Island Street, Gaslamp. 619-232-6754.

**Brown Sugar:** Fridays, black, white, Latino, and Asian get down to the urban sounds of DJ Myxzplix; 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.

**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. Free entry. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500. Information, 619-465-5827.

**Deep:** Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with residents Wallcrawler, Skyler Mic, and Probable Cause. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Tom Foolery's, 3191 Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena. 619-222-5233.

**Delete:** Saturdays, drum 'n' bass with weekly guest and rotating residents Izm, Jason, Largehuman, and more. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**Dub Dynamite:** Mondays, reggae in a dub style — roots, stepper, and UK with Kid Natty and Lionel Judah. No cover. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

**Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop and R&B; DJ battles feature underground hip-hop and B-boy showdown on the patio. 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 BCZAR!, Richard D, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Roseary Room, corner of Tenth and E Street (next to Pokez), downtown. 619-296-6789.

**Locals Only:** Tuesdays, '70s, '80s, and dance music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Local, 1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-4447.

**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.

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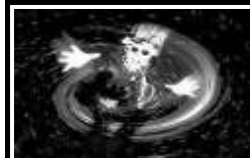
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**The Pompeii Room:** Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins dirty South, hip-hop, and reggae. Fridays, hip-hop, reggae, and alternative rock with guest DJs. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, reggae, and hot Latin jams. Sunday, January 18, Martin Luther 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. Free entry. 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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### NORTH COUNTY

**The Alley,** 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

**Belly Up Tavern,** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana BEach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Maceo Parker* and *Ricky Fante*, jazz. Friday, 5:30 p.m., *Goldfish*. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., *Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers* and *Kevin Max*, alternative/pop. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Primo*, Latin jazz.

**Bistro 221,** 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Donnie Finnell & Co. East*, jazz.

**Boar Cross’n,** 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, classic rock.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Earl Thomas*, blues.

**Bub’s Whiskey Dive,** 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Kaelian’s Web and Broken View*, alternative. Saturday, *Rambis*, alternative rock.

**Carvers,** 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Jackson 3*, rock.

**Coyote Bar and Grill,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues/rock. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae. Sunday, after the Superbowl, *Billy Watson*, blues. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock.

**Hennessey’s Tavern (Carlsbad),** 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 427, rock.

**The Kraken,** 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Flat Out Liars*, classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., and Sunday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Blues Brokers*, blues.

**Longshot Saloon,** 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Hornswaggled*, *the Perils of Being*, and *Finite*, alternative.

**Martini Ranch,** 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Saturday, *DJ Tony A.* Monday, *DJ Jalil* and *DJ Tone Capone*, rock.

**McCabe’s Beach Club,** 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, *the California Rangers*, country.

**The Metaphor Coffeehouse,** 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, *Lee Taylor*, rock. Saturday, *Light the Night*, jazz. Wednesday, open mike.

**Miracles Cafe,** 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *John Foltz*, acoustic folk/rock.

**Neimans Bar and Grill,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., *the Credit 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.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn,** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

**Surf N’Saddle,** 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *the Jackson 3*, rock. Saturday, live rock/alternative.

### BEACHES

**Bahia Hotel,** 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

**Blind Melons,** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *The Scott Tabor Band*, rock. Friday, *Devices*, *Fith*, and *The Abuse*, alternative. Saturday, *dJRoSt*, *the Iris*, and *Coma Structure*, alternative rock. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, *Sk8ordie*, rock.

**’Canes,** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Critical Me*, *Skip Jack*, *Flight Risk*, and *Last Minute*. Friday, *Fiction Plane*, *Lodus*, *Compass*, and *Stereoogram*. Monday, *Mushroomhead*, *Dope*, *Twisted Method*, and *40 Below Summer*. Wednesday, *Opeth*, *Moonspell*, and *Devil Driver*.

**Cannibal Bar,** at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, salsa. Saturday, *Rockola*, classic rock.

**Ché Cafe,** UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *David Rovics* and *the Prince Myshkins*, alternative.

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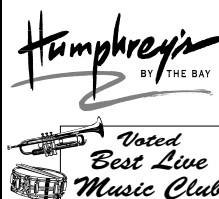
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**MUSIC:** Ranchera (all songs in Spanish)  
**CLIENTELE:** 90% locals, 10% American tourists; average age, early 30s; 60% male  
**COVER:** none  
**HOURS:** 3:00 p.m.–3:00 a.m. (according to one waiter, who didn't understand English well but just kept repeating, "Three to three, every day, we are open.")  
**DRINKS:** I paid \$15 for two margaritas and two Dos Equis; my margaritas were really strong but had so much salt in them, I didn't finish them  
**FOOD:** there's no food served, even though the sign out front says "Bar & Grill"  
**ACCESS:** parking on nearby streets; cab ride from border only \$5 (and Revolución is also walking distance

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**MARGARITAS CLUB  
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from the border)  
**DRESS:** casual, though nobody had T-shirts on  
**DANCE FLOOR:** 20' by 15'  
**FIRE EXITS:** two: the main entrance and a side door that said, "Ruta de escape"; I saw a sign for a fire extinguisher, but there wasn't one there  
**BATHROOMS:** men's had one trough made of tile and one stall; sink had one broken handle and only cold water; no soap or paper towels; women's had one stall and one sink; both bathrooms were free of graffiti but smelled horrible  
**CAPACITY:** 220  
**SPECIAL AREAS:** none (you don't need a smoking area, since smoking is allowed indoors in Mexico)  
**FURNISHINGS:** 25 tables; the bar was small and only sat eight (and was

in the back, which made it harder to see the band); a few colorful blankets and sombreros hanging on the wall; blue and yellow window frames, and there were plants sitting on some beams near the ceiling  
**DECIBEL LEVEL:** 115 when The Illegals played; last week 94 at Mulvaney's in Santee  
**WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH:** The Illegals (it's the only band name I could understand)  
**QUOTABLE:** "They brought us a cup of limes with our drinks, which I've seen before. But what's with the cup of salt?"

It was with reluctance that I went to check out another Tijuana club. The news has been filled with stories of police atrocities. I've never had a problem going down here, but I wonder if I've just been lucky. I prefer to park at the border, which is around \$5. And cab rides are so cheap. As I was walking along Revolución, I saw most clubs had DJs. This place was one of the few that had a live band. As I walked in,

the doorman leading the way, bouncers were coming downstairs, throwing out a guy who was drunk. Everyone was yelling in Spanish. The drunk guy looked at me and spit. I saw handcuffs dangling from one of the bouncer's back pockets, but I guess he didn't feel the need to use them.

Once inside, it wasn't rowdy. Those same security guys walked around continually, keeping everyone in check. It was almost entirely locals. There's no sign out front that said Margaritas Club—the sign outside says "Bar & Grill," but one waiter told me "Margaritas" was the name of the place. Groups of about eight would dance to the ranchera music that the band The Illegals were playing. They played a rockabilly song that was great. And the crowd danced well to it. But because of the volume of the accordion, the performance sounded like a Spanish Weird Al Yankovic.

—Josh Board

**Dream Street,** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is alternative/heavy. Thursday, *John-Mark, Sweet Dependency, Mighty Six Ninety,* and *Abigail's Attic.* Friday, *Perpetual Madness, Living Relic,* and guests. Saturday, *Acts of Aggression, Undeclared, Soul Lifter,* and Hyde.

**Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge** (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Jack Pollack,* piano and vocals. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, and Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Rick Ross,*

jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Tuesday, *Sean McVicker,* jazz.

**Galoka,** 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *the Tribe of Kings,* reggae. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Andy Villas-Boas,* Brazilian jazz.

**Hilton Torrey Pines,** 10950 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 858-558-1500. Horizons Lobby Lounge: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., live jazz.

**Il Forno Mediterranean Bistro,** 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard

Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Call club for information.

**La Valencia Hotel,** 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Saturday, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross,* pop/jazz, piano, saxophone, vocals. Also, Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Leviticus,* pop, jazz.

**Moondoggies,** 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *NZ Rough,* reggae. Wednesday, *Hans Becker,* acoustic.

**Moray's Lounge,** at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., and Friday, 9 p.m., *Rick Ross,* jazz, piano, saxophone, and vocals. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday through Tuesday, *Larry Fogel,* singer, pianist.

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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

**Album Name:** *Buckfast Superbee* (2003)

**Artist:** Buckfast Superbee

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**Songs:** 1) Faker 2) Heartbreak Story 3) The Wednesday Idea 4) The Bender 5) Open Ended 6) A.M. Argument 7) Reckoning the Moderate 8) Static Sonata 9) Disable Relationship 10) Reminder 11) Saturday Kid 12) Song for Anthony 13) Trapjaw

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**Band Members:** Derek Dutt (guitar, vocals), Kevin Stram (bass), Milos "Mimi" Jahudka (drums), T.J. Tognazini (guitar, vocals)

**Extra Info:** Frontman T.J. Tognazini found the band's quirky name while reading obituaries in *Ray Gun* magazine. Brother Adam, a German monk whose hobby was crossbreeding bees, stumbled upon the creation of the most resilient bee the world had ever seen. The bee was later praised at a conference in Buckfast, England, and named the "Buckfast Superbee."

**Website:** [www.buckfastsuperbee.com](http://www.buckfastsuperbee.com)

Songs like "Heartbreak Story" and "Saturday Kid" lean more toward the pop-rock side of indie, while

"The Bender" and "Trapjaw" toss in some indie punk. Combine the foursome's grinding style of indie rock with their

diverse set of lifting power anthems and slower-paced acoustic songs, and the band has never sounded better.

Buckfast Superbee's music is like the group's temperament — intense. Each of the 13 cuts benefits from the album's slick recording quality, the main agent propelling some of the stolid riffs that might not be as lofty on their own. The major drawback to the album is that once each track moves past the perky chorus, fervent bass lines, and climactic drum rolls, the sum total is just another alternative rock record. The sound teems with force but lacks engaging guitar work. The lyrics are stronger but vague: *"I need a chaser / maybe just another cigarette / don't touch me / I don't like to feel that way."*

The album retains its initial appeal with the impulsive emotional sincerity that



Buckfast Superbee

permeates each track. After a brief foray into utter dejection, desire and altruism follow. Listening to the songs consecutively will boost the disc's long-term appeal.

*(To hear a sample of Buckfast Superbee, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4119.)*

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Friday, 9 p.m., *the Barry Allen Cohen Trio*, jazz.

**Tiki House**, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Brain Bucket*, acoustic rock. Friday, *Rule of Thump*, rock. Saturday, *Agave*, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's Open-Acoustic Night.

**Winstons**, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Keyser Soze* and *Radio LaChumisa*. Friday, *B-Side Players*, Latin jazz. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *JAC*, 8:30 p.m., *The Soul of John Black* and *Pocket*, alternative. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Theo & the Zydeco Blues Patrol*. Monday, *Elastic Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *M.C. Funk*. Wednesday, reggae.

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**Bali Hai**, 2230 Sheraton Island Drive, San Diego. 619-222-1181. Wednesday,

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**Blamey Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, *Jenn Grinels*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Larger Than Leon*, alternative.

**Brazil by the Bay**, 3770 Hancock Street, Suite G, San Diego. 619-692-1410. Sunday, 4 p.m., *Sr.G.O.*, Brazilian music.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Mindscape*, *Voodoo Temple*, *Six Foot Death Trap*, and *Tritium*. Saturday, live bands.

**Caffe Calabria**, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Sue Palmer*, jazz.

**California Club**, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Music is alternative. Friday, *Split Infinity*, *Emery Bird*, and *the Ex-Friends*. Saturday, Huero, *Christy Bruneau*, and 3 *Minute Miracle*.

**Claire de Lune**, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Christy Bruneau*, folk/alternative.

**The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf**, 3865 Fifth Street, Hillcrest. 619-298-5908. Friday, 8 p.m., *Interstate Light*, jazz.

**Epicentre**, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Shai Hulud*, *Over My Dead Body*, *With Honor*, and *Still Crossed*. Wednesday, *Pulley*, *Fighting Jacks*, *Hot Like a Robot*, *Edison*, and *Drifter*.

**The Gordon Biersch Brewery**, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego.

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**Humphrey's**, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, *Rockola*, classic rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Skelpin*, Irish folk, 9:30 p.m., *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Cheetah*, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, pop, dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Blake Aaron*, jazz. Monday, *Island Breeze*, pop. Tuesday, *Fattburger*, jazz. Wednesday, *Soul Persuaders*, soul.

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**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Dirty Sweet* and *Phono*, alternative.

**Lestat's Coffeehouse**, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, the *Biddy Bums*, alternative/folk. Friday, *Robin Henkel*, blues. Saturday, *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz, and *Kevin Tinkle*, acoustic folk. Sunday, *Annie Bethencourt* and *Lucy Fallen*, folk/alternative. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, *Charmo Davis* and *Jamie Jenkins*.

**Marriott Hotel**, 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-230-8909. Molly's: Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the *Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

**Marriott Hotel**, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, Mission Valley. 619-692-3800. Club Kicks: Friday, 8 p.m., *Rising Star*, pop.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub**, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Fish & the Seaweeds*, funk/classic rock. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

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**The Roseary Room**, 947 E Street, downtown. 619-702-7160. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Destro*, *Emotional Joystick*, *Curtis Chip*, *A.A. Kurtz*, and *Portland*, alternative.

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**Sham Rocks Shack**, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live alternative/rock.

**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Blazers*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Carol Ames*, original rock. Monday, swing. Tuesday, zydeco.

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**The Bayou Bar & Grill**, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Friday, 5 p.m., *Lady Dottie & the Sliders*. Saturday, 9 p.m., and Sunday, 5:30 p.m., *Fred Heath & the Slidewinders*. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the *Handsome Family*, *Richard Buckner*, and the *Buttless Chaps*. Friday, *Hank Williams III*. Saturday, *GoGoGo Airheart*, *Kill Me Tomorrow*, *Year Future*, and the *Starvations*. Monday, *Limbeck*, *Rocky Votolato*, and the *Pale*. Tuesday, the *Evaporators*, *Harold Ray*, the *Viewmasters*, and the *Licorice Quartet*.

**Club Montage**, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

**Croce's Jazz Bar**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the *David Patrone Jazz Quartet*. Friday, *Yavaz*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, the *Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, the *Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, the *Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

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# Not in a Hundred Years

I make no secret of my enthusiasm for Tijuana's Cien Años (its name means "100 Years"). It's very likely the finest Mexican restaurant in the Californias, with its ambitious menu, comfortable setting, and fine service. Naturally, I was excited to read in the December issue of *San Diego* magazine that the Gaslamp's new Latin Room was "the lively offspring" of Cien Años. Cien Años without the border crossing? I'm there! Waiter Jorge Saavedra and chef Jorge Hernandez had "transferred north," wrote restaurant reviewer David Nelson, "to ensure that the high standards expected below the border prevail in the Gaslamp, too. These standards seem well-maintained."

Unfortunately, not a word of it is true. Don't get me wrong: I much prefer the Latin Room's cuisine to the border grub at my corner taqueria — but Cien Años it ain't, because it ain't Cien Años. It's not an "offspring," not a branch, not even a clone. The entrepreneurial owner of the new nightclub and restaurant merely lured a good bilingual waiter and a top-notch chef from Cien Años to his Gaslamp venture. On the front window, he slapped the words "*alta cocina mexicana*" (Mexican haute cuisine), Cien Años' motto.

The Latin Room's look is more disco than fine-dining restaurant. The floors are unadorned concrete, the walls brick. A very long bar, its backstop lined with hundreds of tequila bottles, faces a short parade of high black tables for two across a narrow aisle. Move further inside to the dining-and-dancing room, and you'll find half a dozen two-tops of normal height. The black wooden chairs, with thick stainless-steel backs and thinly padded vinyl seats, are oddly heavy for their size. Look up, and you'll see the steel girders and A/C ducts of the building's construction (something like the Pompidou Center in Paris, minus the Crayola colors). Suspended from the ceiling are banks of disco lights (and even a mirrored ball), opposite a multicolored revolving strobe light. At the witching hour of 10:00 on weekends, a DJ strikes up the amps, and the tables are moved to create a dance floor. If you're not into that scene, you can arrive at 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. and be out of there well before you turn into a pumpkin.

Through several unkind twists of fate, I



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

had to make my first visit on a Monday, when restaurants are often at their worst. We stepped inside the door about 70 minutes after the official start of dinner hours, to find that *we* were the party. The chef was late, and the waiter was later. Nobody was there but a bartender and a sous chef. In the absence of a crowd, the bartender had already started his own private party, playing some twitchy techno music over the sound system and turning on a revolving multicolored strobe in the near-dark dining room, illuminating the tables with flashes of color. At our unexpected arrival, he brought us menus and good margaritas and asked if we had any questions about the food, knowing full well he couldn't answer them. Finally giving up hope for help, he took our order. When the real waiter du jour showed up (it was Saavedra's night off), we discovered that our order had gotten bollixed, but we just made the best of it. (Adding to the air of laxity, the rice on our entrées that evening tasted mighty like yesterday's reheats, and some roasted chile

pieces garnishing a soup were burnt to charcoal.) On our way out, we discovered that a handful of Gen-Y diners had come in after us and chosen seats in the bar area, enjoying their meals safely away from the strobe.

We returned midweek at a slightly later hour. Jorge Saavedra was waiting, both chefs were busy in the kitchen, and the Latin Room was back to behaving like a normal restaurant. The light in the dining room was low but sufficient, the strobe was off, and the music Saavedra chose for the evening's patrons (mainly 35-up that night) was an easy-listening loop of salsa-cumbia-Latin jazz. No party crept up on us.

The menu draws heavily from the specialties of Cien Años, where Chef Hernandez started to learn his craft in his late teens, about a decade ago. Offering just 16 items, it isn't even a *Reader's Digest* condensation but merely a mini-micro sampling. Most of the dishes have been carefully chosen to go over easy with a north-of-the-border club crowd and to keep kitchen costs down

Dining begins with high-class nachos, red and white tortilla chips brushed with a tasty black bean purée and dusted with salty, semi-dry *cotija* cheese (similar to feta). Some nights, sprigs of parsley are tossed in to recreate the colors of the Mexican flag. Alongside comes a bowl of

## The Latin Room

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**PICK HITS:** Tortilla soup, *ceviche mixto*, filet mignon with *cuitlacoche* ("corn mushrooms").

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Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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loose, golden-brown salsa, which seems to be based on a combination of smoky canned *chipotle* chiles (with *adobo*), fresh jalapeños, and roasted tomatoes. It's just spicy enough to complement the nachos, not fight with them.

There are only six appetizers, three of which are variations on *ceviche* (cold marinated seafood). The simple, tasty *ceviche mixto* features small pieces of firm white fish with onions and carrot shreds, marinated in the juice of Mexican limes, and immersed in a light tomato salsa laden with cilantro. Decorating the surface is a fan of avocado. (Fans of avocado will be pleased to find this garnish showing up on roughly half the dishes.) This *ceviche* comes with a stack of crisp blue-corn tortillas; you can heap the fish mixture on them to make Baja-style tostadas. A more elaborate concoction is the *campechano opera*, piled into a tall shrimp cocktail glass. It includes the same

fish, plus prawns, chewy octopus pieces, and tiny Manila clams in a heavier tomato salsa. (A third variation, which I didn't try, offers prawns, lime juice, and spicy "Mexican tree chiles," better known in your grocery as *chiles de árbol*.)

*Lengua de res*, beef tongue, is a delicious meat once it's had long, careful cooking. Here, they've given it all the time it needs, and serve it in thin, melt-ingly tender slices robed in a too-tart *salsa verde* tasting of underripe tomatillos. The stew comes with small, thick corn tortillas, which balance the sourness of the sauce when you wrap your tongue in them to make mini tacos. Listed as an appetizer, the dish is filling enough for a light entrée. So, for that matter, are the two cheese-based appetizers: grilled cheese with oregano and garlic, and quesadillas filled with Monterrey cheese (the original Jack cheese) and *cuitlacoche*. The latter delicacy, sometimes translated "corn mushrooms" (or less charmingly, "corn smut") are a juicy, black, mild-flavored fungus that grows on corn kernels.

The tortilla soup is outstanding. On a chilly night, we

saw bowls of it on almost every table. The broth is based on tomatoes and three types of mild and hot chiles, including *chipotles*. The corn tortillas are cut into thin, crisp shreds that quickly soften in the liquid, alongside melting shreds of cheese. The soup du jour at both my visits was mushroom — actually a variation on French onion soup, dotted with mushroom slices, corn kernels, and a few beans. The thin, salty, dark broth was redolent of black pepper and the magic touch of plentiful cilantro.

There are two salad choices. Watercress (*berros*) with grilled chicken breast is obviously a dinner for dieters and dancers. An *ensalada de nopalitos* features diced, boiled young pads of nopal (rabbit-ear) cactus, with minced tomatoes and sliced onion in a thick cilantro dressing. I missed the minced hot chilies that often spark this salad in Mexico, but small pork cracklings and another fanned avocado half lent some necessary contrast to an otherwise monotonous dish.

A couple on a budget, looking for a fun dinner, could easily make a varied meal just on starters (say, a *ceviche*, a

cheese dish, the tongue, and a soup or salad) for a cost of about \$25 per head (but watch that bar bill!). If you find yourself starved while shaking your booty on the weekend, the kitchen keeps serving these appetizers until closing. But if you come in late or are eating starters alone, you'll miss out on some rewarding dishes from the entrée list.

Matching the appetizer list in length, there are six entrées, with two choices in each of three categories: seafood, meat, and poultry. From the *mariscos* we sampled the specialty of the house, *camarones moctezuma*, large prawns in a sweet-sour tamarind sauce. It was quite pleasant, with a nice little nip of piquancy, but not quite so vibrant as the Cien Años version, or even the rendition I've enjoyed at Old Town's El Agave.

*Torres de cuitlacoche* may be more deserving of the "house specialty" honors. It's a tall hunk of filet mignon topped with butter-sautéed corn mushrooms and a little melted cheese. Surrounding the meat is a suave green purée of mild poblano chiles and, I'm sure, avocado. The steak is cooked to order;

mine arrived almost as rare as I asked for it. The beef is as bland as any other corn-fed, wet-aged filet mignon, but topped with the *cuitlacoche* and dipped into the complex sauce, it comes to life.

*Pollo criollo* features grilled chicken breast in place of filet mignon in the same dish. The other chicken choice is *pollo al copal*, with the crisp-surfaced grilled breast swathed in a guava sauce that tastes like cooked-down guava nectar. Pleasant at first, the unrelieved sweetness palls quickly. The menu claims the dish includes "our traditional Mexican Atte." An *ate* (normally spelled with just one *t*) is a thick fruit paste, such as those cylinders of guava paste you find in Mexican markets. Carefully searching for such a substance, I finally found a few small blobs of a soft, sweet gel in the sauce — perhaps that very guava paste.

With all entrées, the veggie sides consisted of a small dome of rice flecked with corn kernels and minced carrots and a medley of crisp snow peas, flavorful thin asparagus, and baby carrots. For dessert, there's either vanilla ice cream with seasonal fruit or flan, which

wasn't available at either of my visits.

I enjoyed the complex, sophisticated flavors at the Latin Room — it's a decent place to eat if you're in the neighborhood, certainly better than the routine Mex joints north of Market Street. But I had a heavy heart when I dialed Jose Sparza, owner of the real Cien Años, steeling myself to ask about the lower standards of "his" Latin Room. How relieved I was to hear that this baby was no kin! In fact, he said, he's currently scouting locations for a genuine San Diego branch of Cien Años, aiming for a late-spring opening. Meanwhile, when people call him to ask where they can find really good Mexican food this side of the border, he sends them to Candelas (a block west of the Latin Room).

Funny, I just remembered — I haven't eaten at Candelas in almost four years, have never actually reviewed it, and have heard rumors it's gone part-time nightclub itself... Stay tuned.

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# Appetite Cauldron

*"See how it slopes? The building has settled over the years. And this backboard was brought by sea around Cape Horn."*

Mr. Hamilton and I are walking together through the shadowy Stingaree, the old red-light district of Victorian Diego. Around Sixth and Island. Mr. Hamilton is all I've got to finance dinner and my \$2.25 bus ride home. In the distance, the Gaslamp shines its come-on smile, like a distant galaxy. Yeah, right. Might get one slice of pizza out of that place for my Hamilton.

Stingaree? When this really was the Wild West, it was the place for cardsharps, hooch, wimmen, hombres, fights, and more hooch.

Today it's self-storage, army surplus, produce wholesalers, and grungy hotels where you can look through ground-level windows at guys lying on their beds watching TV.

Then, hope. Ali'lol' wooden two-story clapboard corner drinkin' house with a sign outside advertising "Rooms." You can see them upstairs, half a dozen windows, a couple with stark lights over beds.

The other sign says "Tivoli Bar, 1885." They've white-stuccoed the street-level walls and added an outside seating area with a green canopy. Couple of lonely smokers huddle on stools, mitts around their pints of ale. But the curved glass corner doors look real Victorian, romantic. Olde worlde. The third sign closes the deal. "Tivoli Special. 1/3 lb. burger and beer, \$5.00."

I swing through the doors, into a saloon with a huge, ornate, gnarly backboard that glows with

bottles and mirrors and gold scrolling. Two hefty black marble columns hold up the shelves. They make the barista gal look kinda small.

I check down the bar. Ah. Second half is a cooking area. All pretty new stainless steel and Formica. "Shortstop's Grille," it says.

"What can I get you?" says the gal, Kirsty.

"Uh, hoping you still had that burger-and-beer deal?"

"Oh, sure. All the time. Paulie!" Short solid guy pops up from behind a divider.

"Burger special, Paulie."

"All the fixin's?" says Paulie.

"Manyas you can," I say. "I've only got a Hamilton."

"Huh. Hamilton. That's where I come from. Hamilton, Scotland."

I do notice a slight Scottish twang, now he brings it up.

So the deal is for a domestic beer, meaning Bud, whatever. Pity, 'cause I see they have Stone Pale Ale. Three bucks during happy hour, which stops in ten minutes, at seven. I jiggle around in my pockets. Hey hey. Some *pesetas*—quarters. "Can you make that a Stone's and I pay the extra dollar?" I say.

"Oh, sure," says Kirsty.

'Course, now I see "Shortstop" Paul has much more than straight burgers on offer. Soup (mine-strone today) goes for \$2.50, or \$5.95 with half a

sandwich. His "breakfast sandwich" of ham or bacon and egg costs \$3.25, or the full Shortstop Sandwich (bacon, egg, tomato, cheese, on grilled sourdough) is \$4.95. Buffalo wings run \$4.95. I see him carrying a red plastic basket of them out now. They're big, steaming, no batter, and lots of them. You can get a tuna-salad sandwich with fries or coleslaw for \$4.95, or the delicious, huge-looking grilled breast of chicken sandwich with fries that Paul takes over to Kirsty for her evening snack (\$5.95).

But no, I stick with the deal and take a slurp of my Stone's. Oh, yes. That flavor makes Bud taste like fizz-ade. I settle back and look around.

Apart from the jukebox playing Tool and the big-screen sports, this could be 100 years ago. Stingaree days. Maroon and sea green walls, almost-purple ceiling, lots of old photos. The odd pistol and ancient rifle, bunch of guys playing pool at a green table.

But the first thing you really notice is the two big old photos on the wall by the curved corner doors.

"Republican Wyatt Earp," says the inscription below one.

Kirsty says this was one of Mr. Earp's gambling and drinking joints. "That's his wife, Josie," she says. She points to the sexy, poetic-looking lady in the photo on the other side of the door.

The building has to be from the 1860s, New Town days, right? Kirsty says for sure it's the oldest bar in the Gaslamp. "See how it slopes? The building has settled over the years. And this backboard was brought by sea around Cape Horn. Look in those old photos."

I scan around. Sure enough, old geezers with big hats drinking at this selfsame bar in the late 1800s, looks like.

Paulie brings the burger and a bunch of big fat fries. I squirt in ketchup. It's crunchy good meat. Big batch of raw red onion in there. Rolls well with the Stone's. It seems big, generous.

Turns out generous is Paulie's way. He spent years fishing at sea, some in the Bering Sea, the cauldron where "God makes all the bad weather for the rest of the world." "We worked 16 hours a day," he says. "I was cook. People ate four meals a day. You learned about appetite out there."

So why has he started here in the Tivoli? Ballpark. He's hoping it will bring fans running, along with the new yuppie crowd who'll be able to afford the megarents of this area's future. As far as cardsharps, hooch, wimmen, hombres, fights, and cheap rooms, the Stingaree's gonna be toast.

So, yeah, the future for the Tivoli looks rosy. My advice? Catch it before it puts its tux on. ■

**The Place:** Shortstop's Grille at Tivoli Bar, 505 Sixth Avenue, at Island, downtown (619-232-6754)

**Type of Food:** American

**Prices:** Breakfast ham or bacon and egg sandwich (from 11:00 a.m.), \$3.25; Tivoli Special, 1/3-pound burger and domestic beer, \$5.00; soup, \$2.50; soup and half sandwich, \$5.95; Shortstop Sandwich (bacon, egg, tomato, cheese, on grilled sourdough), \$4.95; buffalo wings, \$4.95; tuna-salad sandwich with fries or coleslaw, \$4.95; grilled breast of chicken sandwich with fries, \$5.95

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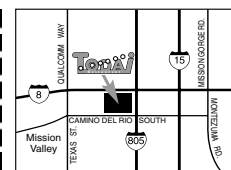
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# Alien Circus

*We were met by a green-skinned young woman who directed us to registration.*

**T**his is crazy. What is this?" asked Darrell Corti, owner of Corti Brothers super-market and one of the grand old men of the California wine world.

"It's a circus," I replied.

"A real circus?" he asked, leaning forward and regarding me out of the tops of his eyes. I understood his curiosity. This was, after all, ostensibly a release party for the 2001 vintage of Bonny Doon Vineyards' flagship wine, Le Cigare Volant — a Rhone blend being bottled for the first time *en screwcap*. Given Bonny Doon President-for-Life Randall

Graham's rather whimsical and occasionally eccentric approach to marketing, a circus analogy would probably always be apt. But this *was* a real circus: San Francisco's Teatro ZinZanni, performing in their big-top dinner theater pavilion on Pier 29, working in special collaboration with Bonny Doon to provide what the invitation promised would be "a singular evening."

I went because it looked to be different from the standard wine industry event; goofy fun is a rare commodity in the wine industry. I was not disappointed. As my wife and I entered the lobby, we were met by a green-skinned young alien woman who directed us to registration and, more importantly, to the tasting stations. Le Cigare Volant is so named because of the 1954 law passed in France's Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape region pro-

hibiting the landing of "flying cigars" — UFOs — for fear of what they might do to the vineyards. Graham, born during this heyday of alien sightings, had clearly decided to explore (explode, exploit, explicate) the relation between his winery and extraterrestrial activity. More alien women

carried cigarette trays, distributing Bonny Doon publicity goodies.

The tasting stations featured live appearances by the characters depicted on the winery's charming, oddball labels. Little Malvasia Bianca, dressed in the same Made-line-style schoolgirl outfit she wears on the label, poured me

Malvasia Bianca. The jester featured on the winery's Syrah-Sirrah pranced about me while I sipped his wine. Cardinal Zin, in full vesture and seated in a confessional, offered me Zinfandel, if not forgiveness. And the demure nude from the winery's late-harvest Viognier — her chalk-white skin adorned with trailing, leafy green vines — posed in modest repose on a pedestal surrounded by bottles.

After a bit of milling about, we made our way to our table, a banquette set up under the big top. Tables filled the space except for a small center stage; another stage looked down on the room from one side. Alien servers brought us bottles of Ca' Del Solo "Freisa" (a fizzy Italian varietal tasting of strawberries) and Bonny Doon's fine pink wine, Vin Gris de Cigare, and the festivities were

on. Randall Graham, sadly, was unable to attend due to ill health. But his part was taken by one Don Quijones, a winemaker whose terrestrial origins were called into question throughout the evening. (At one point, aliens entered the ring bearing aloft the same glowing-green, lit-from-within plastic baby I had seen the day before at the city's Museum of Modern Art and presented it to Quijones's putative mother.) And Graham was present in the lyrics he penned for the evening's rock opera, *Born to Rhone*, which starred the Don. Classic rock tune after classic rock tune was appropriated and rewritten to reflect the story of this über-wine geek as he sought to make his way in the world.

Throughout, it was like a wine-themed performance of a university's comic theater. Some rewrites — "It's Only Zinfandel" to the tune of the Rolling Stones' "It's Only Rock and Roll" — were much more successful than others — "Uva di Troia" to the tune of the Kinks' "Destroyer." Some performances — Quijones's "Roussane" to the tune of the Police's "Roxanne" — outshone others — emcee Bobby V's attempt at "Cellar per Marvin" (Shanken of the *Wine Spectator*) to the tune of Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven." But good gravy, what a list of songs, and what fun Graham must have had coming up with those lyrics. From "Oakville, California," to the tune of the Eagles' "Hotel California":

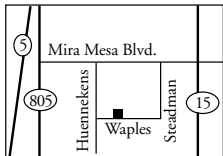
*The lifestyle so appealing,  
The Domaine Chandon on ice,  
And she said, "We're just looking for tourists here  
Who'll pay full retail price."*



Cover of Chateauf-neuf-du-Papers Rhonely Hearts Club Band album (unreleased)

*At the winemaker's dinner,  
They gathered for the feast.  
They pair it with their steely Chards,  
But it just can't compete with roast beast...*

The wines kept coming, taking in almost all of Bonny Doon's line — two Rieslings, the Viognier, Uva di Troia, Le Cigare Volant, Old Telegram (Mourvedre), Clos de Gilroy (Grenache, accompanied by "Monster Grenache" to the tune of "The Monster Mash" by Bobby "Boris" Pickett), Muscat *Vin de Glacière*, and Framboise, Infusion of Raspberry. The songs kept coming as well: "Solo Man" (Sam and Dave's "Soul Man"), "Your Wine" (Elton John's "Your Song"), "Big House Rock" (Elvis Presley's "Jailhouse Rock"). That last was a reference to Graham's Big House Red and



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If my wine-soaked memory serves, every wine but one was served in a screw-top bottle; Graham has now gone over completely to what (for now) serves as the avant-garde in wine packaging. When I spoke with him, Graham insisted that the evening’s festivities were more about Bonny Doon wine than Bonny Doon bottles, but I still wish I could have heard some of the screw-top-themed songs included in the evening’s songbook: “Cork Retraction” to the tune of the Stones’ “Satisfaction”; “Tainted Corks” to their “Paint It Black”:

*I’d drink more red wine,*

*But they’ve all got tainted corks.  
No fragrance anymore,  
They’ve all got tainted corks.  
I smell the cult wines,  
Trade-dressed in their fancy  
etiquettes.  
I have to turn up my nose  
From the stench of cardboard  
(wet)...*

Despite his protestations, it’s hard not to see a connection between such a major undertaking as the Teatro Zin-Zanni event and the winery’s move to a bottle closure still popularly regarded as signifying plonk. Surely it was no accident that I spotted *Wine Spectator* editor-at-large Harvey Steiman in the lobby. Steiman covers the wines of Australia and New Zealand, where screwcaps are more heartily embraced by the industry (and, one suspects, consumers). Surely he was here to witness the dawning of a new era for California wine — and to take in a good show while he was at it. ■

## 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*

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## NORTH COASTAL

**Amici** 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You’ll feel like a guest at an intimate party, eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepeszy and her brother, Michael, offer personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made breads and beverages. (Be sure to try the house’s *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn.) The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées, most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly, and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; special wine dinners Friday nights, 10 p.m. to midnight. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

**Bistro Soleil** 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. The fare here is French but not too “Frenchy,” in the sunny Provençal style that seems closer to Italy than Paris, with more olive oil than butter, more toma-

toes than truffles. Owned by Claude Bar-rare, a surfing fanatic transplanted from the Atlantic beach town of Biarritz, the bistro recreates the laid-back atmosphere of its cousins overseas. Naturally, the Gallic comfort food here is more free-form and California-fied than you’d find in southern France. Highlights of the seasonally changing menu include classic poached *foie gras*, an unconventional but tasty bouillabaise, and, when available, a luscious mushroom cream soup. Save room for the ethereal fruit desserts. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; reserve on summer weekends. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (8/03)*

**D.B. Hackers Seafood Cafe And Grill** 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really *rocks*. They’ve been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The “chips” are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

**Firenze** 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California

wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — *N.W. (11/01)*

**Hill Street Coffee House** 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: “Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar” in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O’side’s past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* (“Greek eggs”), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that’s French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Johnny Manana’s** 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it’s such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There’s a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *my popular*, but then so is J.M.’s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

**Tomiko** 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I- 5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can

be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant’s seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as “salmon tower tartare” and “drunken black cod” are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

**Tuscan Sun Deli** 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You’ll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the “Caprese” (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. For breakfast, they carry *sfogliatelle*, light, moist, faintly lemony multilayered breakfast pastries (baked by former owner, Rosanna’s, which grew up into a restaurant on Highway 101). The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W. (8/03)*

**Via Italia Pizzeria Trattoria** 565-569 South Pacific Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-479-9757. Also at 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Don’t look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they’re what Chef Alan Martinielli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusts and dressed with perfect proportions of

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sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? At the original branch (in the “Food Court” near the Clairemont mall’s theaters), the room is noisy, service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (6/02)

## NORTH INLAND

**Abbey’s Real Texas BBQ** 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny’s), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

**Ashoka The Great** 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don’t overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

**Athens Market Cafe** 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent mousaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

**Hernandez’ Hide-Away** Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain-priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles*, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**La Tapatia** 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You’ll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish

is the “cheese crisp,” a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there’s a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/01)

**Tony’s Giant Pizza** 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony’s claims to serve “New York pizza” and they’re not that far off—the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what’s special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn’t get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There’s also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (5/01)

## GOLD COAST

**Arterra** Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra’s Carl Schroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but

not radical. It’s a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bitter-sweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W.* (4/02)

**Besta Wan Pizza House** 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/01)

**Pizza Port** 135 North Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) “Tasty Grub & Grog,” says the sign, and that’s just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta (“Pizza Carlsbad”), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (“Pizza Solana”). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

**Red Tracton’s** 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

**Spices Thai Cafe** 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that’s not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

## LA JOLLA

**Aesop’s Tables** 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**Barbarella** 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don’t miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, and entrées. Lively atmosphere. The Bibb salad and Max’s Pizza are outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (3/00)

**Cafe Japengo** 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. This hopping “meet market” literally overflows with the area’s beautiful go-getters on Thursday and Friday nights, and is almost as busy the rest of the week, too. What draws the crowd, besides the crowd itself, is the smashing decor, breezy patio, and

beautiful-looking plates of Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city’s best (if you can get to it through the mob). Keep an eye on the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Valet parking (or free validated parking in lower-level garage). Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

**Forever Fondue** 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you’ll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**La Jolla Cantina** 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. *Huevos rancheros* (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and *machaca* (*carne asada*, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can’t beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but

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the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**The Marine Room** 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

**Michele Coulon Pastries** 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef/owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son preside in turn at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. At lunch there are European-style salads, house-made paté, fresh vegetables, and two or three substantial entrées — often including the family's famed cassoulet and a seductive quiche Lorraine featuring a light, satiny cheese custard in a crumbly crust. Wine and Belgian ales available. Open daily, breakfast through late afternoon; during the summer, dinners available on Friday and Saturday nights until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

**P.F. Chang's China Bistro** 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**King's Fish House** 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

**Pho Tau Bay Restaurant** 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue

carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Sam Woo Bar-B-Q Restaurant** 7330 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #A103, Clairemont Mesa, 858-505-9888. Sam Woo is one of a bunch of restaurants inside the "99 Ranch" Asian supermarket. Great idea — you're never supposed to grocery shop while hungry. Next to the checkout counter you can savor some primo Hong Kong delicacies — without busting the bank. BBQ pork and roast duck rice or the BBQ "Two Delicacy" Combination will fill you nicely. *Tung kong* salty chicken or soy-braised pork intestine are interesting. Honey-glazed walnut shrimp is easy to love. But the quickest, healthiest choice is probably *jook*, Chinese rice porridge. You can get it garnished with pork organs, beef, seafood, sliced pork, preserved egg with duck... this is not your mama's oatmeal. Then there's House Tea With Pearl — iced tea with *boba* (caramelized tapioca balls) floating in it. You suck the *boba* up with the tea through the triple-wide straw and chew. Isn't this the way shopping should be? Daily, 9 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**Tofu House** 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

THE BEACHES

**Cafe Athena** Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

**Go Greek Cafe and Grill** 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *tara-*

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**Harbor Island Fuel Dock** 2040 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-6443. (If dock gate is closed, go to Harbor Island West Marina office by ramp, 619-291-6440, for pass.) You want to flash back to old waterfront San Diego? Come where the real salts eat, at this dinky, little timber shack floating out in the channel on a pontoon. Enter and look for the glass-fronted cooler. Your choice: bagel dogs, burritos, a “Pierre Jumbo Flamebroiled Jalapeño Cheeseburger,” or Pierre’s “Jumbo Bar-B-Q Chicken Breast Patty Sandwich.” That’s it. Heat in the self-serve microwave, maybe grab a *cerveza*, go out, sit on a bench, and watch the waterworld go by. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

**Kaiserhof** 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen’s reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reserva-

tions advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

**Lotsa Pasta** 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. The menu of this large, loud family restaurant offers a clever gimmick: You pick your noodles (from 9 flavors, 6 shapes, plus 7 stuffed pastas), then choose one of 17 sauces to dress them. For a little extra, you can add ingredients such as garlic shrimp, bread-heavy meatballs, or good spicy sausage, or create a pasta-combo. Entrées come with salad or soup (with 3 flavor choices either way) and garlic bread. But don’t expect authentic Italian cooking, or even Italian-American; the fare is more small-town American-Italian, with uniformly thick pastas, mainly weighty sauces, and copious wafts of oregano. (The vodka sauce and Thai peanut sauce aren’t too bad.) The biggest deal here is *timpano*, a bread-shell enclosing a cornucopia of pastas, sauces, cheeses, and meats (made famous by the movie *The Big Night*). A retail counter offers most items for take-home do-it-yourself. Wines are cheap, and taste like it. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

**Reuben E. Lee** 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-5030. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather’s warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sister-restaurant Jared’s. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

**Thee Bungalow** 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean

## What the Chef Eats

### RICE JONES LEMONGRASS CHICKEN

BY ANN NGUYEN

Owner/Chef, Rice Jones, Hillcrest

This is a very popular dish in Vietnamese cooking. We serve it in the restaurant, and I cook it for my children. When they have friends over and I make it for them, they all go crazy.

I like things spicy, so I use fresh slices of chiles, either jalapeños or serranos. I recommend adding the chile at the last minute so people who don’t like the heat can still pick it out. If you add it earlier the

spicy flavor will permeate the meat. The chiles can be eliminated if desired.

Mirin is a rice wine that gives a subtle flavor to the meat. It should be available in most grocery stores, but it can be omitted.

Lemongrass has such a wonderful flavor. Vietnamese or Asian markets carry it, and so does Henry’s. It is also easy to grow at home. You don’t

use the lemongrass leaves. Instead, remove the leaves and use only the tender white part of the stalk. You can finely chop and slice it with a knife or put it in a grinder.

We suggest serving this dish with steamed rice because it really brings out the flavor of the lemongrass chicken, rather than having it compete with the other ingredients found in fried rice.



Other than tea, I would serve a light white wine with it. I like Riesling or a Pinot Gris.

**HOW TO DO IT**  
Combine the chicken breast, cornstarch, Mirin,

Beach resides in Ed Moore’s charming, comfortable historic “cottage,” where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre*’s, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but

with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W.* (11/00)

### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**El Morelense** 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking; more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans,

and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

**Island Spice** 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are

served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there’s fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it’s moister), but don’t overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what’s available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (2/01)

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1 tablespoon vegetable oil,  
1 tablespoon garlic, black  
pepper, and a pinch of  
salt. Mix well and let mar-  
inate for at least 15  
minutes.

Heat the remaining 2  
tablespoons oil in a wok  
over high heat. Sauté  
onions for about 1 minute  
or until they become fra-  
grant. Next, add the  
remaining 2 tablespoons  
garlic, lemongrass, and

the marinated chicken.  
Cook for 2 to 3 minutes  
until chicken turns  
opaque, then add the  
chicken stock, fish sauce,  
soy sauce, and salt to  
taste. Continue cooking  
for another 2 to 3 min-  
utes. Add the chiles, green  
onions, and cilantro.  
Serve immediately with  
steamed rice.  
This recipe serves  
four.

INGREDIENTS

1½ pounds skinless, boneless  
chicken breast, cut into  
⅛-inch slices  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
1 teaspoon Mirin  
3 tablespoons vegetable oil  
(divided use)  
3 tablespoons garlic, minced  
(divided use)  
¼ teaspoon black pepper  
1 small to medium onion, cut  
into ¼-inch wedges  
4 tablespoons lemongrass, finely

chopped or sliced  
¼ cup chicken stock or water  
1 tablespoon Asian fish sauce  
(e.g., Nam Pla or Nguoc  
Manh)  
1 tablespoon soy sauce  
1 tablespoon serrano or  
jalapeño chiles, sliced  
1 tablespoon green onions,  
chopped  
1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped  
Salt to taste

**Mailo's Cafe** 4095 30th Street, North  
Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is  
a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca  
aren't Greek, they're Mexican-Ameri-  
can. On the other hand, Mailo cooked  
in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years  
before he opened here. Plus, the two  
have made Greek extremely affordable.  
Prices are definitely down there for  
their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb,  
tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot  
pita. And they have this great street-  
corner outside deck to eat on. There's  
also plenty of American standard fare.  
Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado  
and bacon, is the most popular, with  
the half-pound steak burger close be-  
hind. American breakfasts are the old  
fashioned kind with three eggs any  
style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham  
or bacon or sausage or even chicken  
fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for  
their roast beef dinner, or the quarter  
chicken, Greek style, served with rice,  
salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday  
through Saturday breakfast through  
dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m.  
Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

**Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food**  
2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill,  
619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best  
soul food cafés in the county, but get  
there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister  
Pee Wee says her daily lunch and din-  
ner menu depends on what she feels  
like cooking that day — you might find  
big pork ribs with mashed red-skin  
potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard

greens and two-inch-thick corn bread,  
or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood  
gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the  
trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins  
and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, ba-  
con, ham, sausages, and hominy grits.  
Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

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**Izzy's Cafe** 1252 Broadway, El Cajon,  
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gredients — without paying extra. Or,  
oatmeal or a short stack will fill you just  
fine and leave you with more walking-  
about money. Breakfast and lunch till  
2 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

**Mario's De La Mesa** 8425 La Mesa  
Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa,  
619-461-9390. The man on the *burro*  
(seen on the restaurant's sign and  
menu) holds two flags, those of Mex-  
ico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate.  
Few dishes (except maybe the *menu*  
do) will push the paler palate too far in any  
direction, but gosh-all, everything is so  
damn tasty. Tamales are a house special:  
rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal sur-  
rounding richer shredded pork scat-  
tered with raisins for a smidgeon of  
sweetness. Pork also gets loving treat-  
ment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks  
browned to the barest crisp, which falls  
away to melting tenderness. Great  
marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*;  
intense flavor and buttery richness on

the "machaca sonora style" (dry-  
roasted shredded beef). Beans are so  
light as to seem whipped; rice is stud-  
ded with peas and spicy carrots. Serv-  
ice is fast and friendly. Breakfast and  
lunch Sundays and Mondays; three  
meals Tuesday through Saturday. In-  
expensive. — A.M. (7/01)

**Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cui-  
sine** 762 North Johnson Avenue #106,  
El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's noth-  
ing fancy or pretentious about this Thai  
restaurant, but their food is really, re-  
ally good. Menu is a mixture of Thai,  
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per steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken  
yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai  
egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery,  
carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the  
Laotian ground chicken salad, is deli-  
cious and filling, as is the *masaman*,  
curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and  
roasted peanuts mixed in sweet co-  
conut milk. Other tasty dishes include  
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noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to plug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

**Shmoozers Kosher Dairy Restaurant** 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafl, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

## FAR EAST

**The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon** 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other

great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Friday through Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

**The Mount Signal Cafe** 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**Owl Cafe** 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American cafe is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

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**Gelato Vero Caffè** 3753 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbetos and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*

**Harney Sushi** 3694 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. No red meat is served, and numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**Jimmy Carter's Cafe** 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vin-daloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center-stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

**Old Town Mexican Cafe** 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served

from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**Prado** House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

## DOWNTOWN

**A La Carte On Sixth Avenue** 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**Broadway Pizza** 1008 Broadway (at 10th Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers nononsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade Mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

**Downtown Johnny Brown's** 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners in-

side), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B. (4/03)*

**Dublin Square** 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

**Old World Restaurant** 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Gruben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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**Sally's on the Water** Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Square (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-687-6080. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. The fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood; the dishes are tossed off with ease and consummate assurance by Alsatian chef Stephane Voitzwinkler. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes (fresh Maryland blue crab with minimal interference) or the tender salmon *en croute*. Among the entrées, the porcini-crustured ahi and the classic bouillabaisse are worthy of attention. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the conservative tastes of hotel

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**Sevilla** 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

**Taka** 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don’t miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

**Top of the Market** 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for iden-

tical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that’s almost “formal” by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren’t allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn’t mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room’s just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**Clayton’s Mexican Take-Out** 979 Orange Avenue (round corner on Tenth, at the back of Clayton’s Coffee Shop), Coronado, 619-437-8811. It’s a hole-in-the-wall, it’s where Coronado High School and the military come for their Mexican fix, and it might just have one of the best *carne asada* burritos north of the line. Especially when Manuel’s on. He gives you lots of meat. There are other good things, like rolled tacos, chicken tostadas, cheese enchiladas, and combination plates, but nearly everyone asks for the burrito. It has to weigh over a pound. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

**The Family House of Pancakes** 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its “Grandma’s” buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Flamingo Cafe** 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the

Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there’s always a “Sundowner” special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**Grandma’s Pantry Restaurant and Bakery** 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma’s notice — pinned above a heap of cheesecakes, pies, and cakes — that says “Enjoy Life More: Eat Dessert First.” The menu ranges from Belgian breakfast waffles heaped with strawberries and cream to “Hot Juan” frittata (eggs, chorizo, onions, cheese, flour tortilla, salsa, and sour cream) to homemade meat loaf with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and chilled pudding. Friday and Saturday nights, try their “All-The-Fish-You-Can-Eat” special. Then go and have your second dessert. You can walk it off on IB’s pier. Breakfast and early dinner six days, Sunday to 2 p.m. only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Karihan Restaurant** 2220 Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado*, *binagoongan*, and *sinampalukan* turn out to be sweet-and-sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare*, beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit*, Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**La Bella Pizza Garden** 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until

after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is “Papa’s Favorite,” an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

**Mary J’s Cafe** 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker’s Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary’s son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

## BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant’s seven-digit number.

**Chiki Jai** 1388 Avenida Revolución (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you’re surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana’s great his-

toric eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos’ brands, and a matador’s framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food’s all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, *salchicha* (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *al la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**El Nido** 67 Boulevard Juarez (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you’re looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don’t stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant’s own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant’s name means “the nest” and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multi-room aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don’t sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**La Diferencia** Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/02)*

**La Escondida** Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana,

681-4458. “The Hidden One,” located in a converted mansion, boasts two gardens and patio dining, and is especially beautiful at night. The roasted baby goat, roasted quail, and the Châteaubriand (for two) are all worthwhile. Very civilized experience, complete with live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente. Proceed on Agua Caliente past the racetrack, approximately one-half mile. Turn right at Las Palmas. Two short blocks up, turn left at the “Pescaderia Playas” sign. The entryway to La Escondida is straight ahead. Open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.*

**Loncheria Reyes** 862 Callejón del Travieso (off 2nd Street), Tijuana, 685-3150. *Callejón del Travieso* translates as “Mischief Lane.” It’s packed with dentists, copy shops, a *granero* (granary), and a veterinary pharmacy alive with crowing roosters, cooing turtle-doves, rabbits, and yapping pups. You’ll smell their wonderful *casera* (home-style) corn tortillas before you get there. Big pots bubble on stoves under an iron hood. You usually have a choice of three meals, involving beef, chicken, or pork, which come with a nutritious soup filled with meat-on-the-bone, corn cobs, potatoes, and vegetables. Corn tortillas and a glass of tamarind juice are included. Maria and her husband Juvenito cook it up behind the counter where you sit, watching Tijuana television or chatting with the locals. Breakfast and lunch to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

**Los Pelicanos** 45 Calle de Cedro 115 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1737. This hotel dining room is El Nido’s little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restau-

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# Fleeting Glances

*The kidding of Tinsel Town could hardly be more kid-glove.*

Whatever its intrinsic interest, *Aileen: Life and Death of a Serial Killer* gets a boost from its more or less simultaneous release with the docudrama on the same subject, *Monster*. Nick Broomfield's (and Joan Churchill's) post-execution addendum to his 1992 documentary, *Aileen Wuornos: The Selling of a Serial Killer*, allows you to study at length and at close range the original model from which Charlize Theron was working, and allows you to ponder how and why the actress slips irrevocably into caricature and condescension. Something to do, perhaps, with working so much on the surface? Proceeding from the outside in? Getting entangled in mimicry? Separating her "normal" self from her temporary aberrance? Regardless of the reason, it falls to the real person, not to the well-meaning and hard-laboring impersonator, to humanize the "monster." By the end, you will no longer be drawing comparisons to Charlize Thespian. You will be taking the measure of the killer herself. And after her final interview on the eve of her execution — when the only topic

she would entertain is her "conspiracy" theory to the effect that the police knew straightaway she was the culprit after the first killing, and permitted her to continue through a half-dozen

more of them only to fan the flames of publicity — it is hard to disagree with Broomfield's assessment of

her as mad. Not just angry, though that too, but certifiably crazy. The afore-said intrinsic interest is all hers, and not at all the sloppy camerawork, the shoddy DV image, or the relentless intrusions of Nick Broomfield into the spotlight.

*The Company*, a backstage dance musical centered around a Chicago ballet troupe, not necessarily the Joffrey Ballet that does the actual dancing, is a labor of love for Neve Campbell, who trained in her native Canada as a ballerina and who co-wrote and co-produced in addition to starring, and just a labor for Robert Altman, who directed in his no-sweat, semi-bored and semi-distracted manner. The rehearsals and conferences look and sound authentic ("You're all so pretty. You know how I hate pretty!"), and the dancing is respectfully and apprecia-



*Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*

tively recorded in long unbroken stretches, albeit in drab and dingy photography, and Neve Campbell (so far as I can judge) holds her own among the pros. But there is nothing really to hang all this on — no real dramatic structure, no real narrative drive, no real character interest — and so it slumps to the floor in a shapeless heap.

It's all well and good to do away with soap-operatic clichés as long as you've got something to put in their place. The only thing Altman has to put in their place is a funny idea of what constitutes a movie.

*Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, from the director of the original *Legally Blonde*, Robert Luketic, can be safely

recommended to anyone desirous of an old-fashioned bubblegum comedy, bright and sweet and airy and chewy, about a Piggly Wiggly checker in Frazier's Bottom, W.Va., who gets selected out of the legion of Internet applicants for a night on the town with a Hollywood heartthrob anxious to reclaim his image from tabloid cover boy to

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mas 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; 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. (Helena Bonham Carter remains roughly the same age opposite each of them.) The narration-heavy narrative is inescapably bookish, demoting the director to an enslaved illustrator, much the same, come to that, as in *Planet*. And inasmuch as his come-and-go visual gifts have on this occasion mostly deserted him, there is not a lot to recommend it. The perilous parachute mission into a Red Chinese encampment in the middle of a variety show (ventriloquist for warm-up, Siamese twins for headliners) is funny, but not notably Burton-y. With Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Alison Lohman, Danny DeVito, Steve Buscemi. 2003.

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**The Butterfly Effect** — Reviewed this issue. With Ashton Kutcher, Amy Smart, Ethan Suplee, and Eric Stoltz; written and directed by Eric Bress and J. Mackye Gruber.

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**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; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**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.

● ( 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

**Cheaper by the Dozen** — Unrecognizable update of the 1950 film (and 1949 book) of the same name, set originally around the turn of the century, now a sort of Fox-TV sitcom quadrupled. The messiness of the family life (in a family of fourteen) is neither adequate camouflage nor alibi for the messiness of the filmmaking. With Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt, Hilary Duff, Piper Perabo, and (uncredited) Ashton Kutcher; directed by Shawn Levy. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Company** — Reviewed this issue. With Neve Campbell, James Franco, Malcolm McDowell, and Barbara Robertson; directed by Robert Altman.  
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/23)

**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 smudgily 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, THROUGH 1/22)

**Girl with a Pearl Earring** — Envisioning a chain of events that might have led to 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 Tracy Chevalier, 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 tech-

niques of 17th-century Holland, 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. Colin Firth, Judy Parfitt, Tom Wilkinson. 2003.  
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Gothika** — A whydunit, rather than whodunit, to do with a beautiful prison psychologist (Halle Berry) who is flabbergasted to wake up in a cell herself, with no memory of having chopped up her beefy husband three days earlier, and only a fragmentary 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

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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 unpurient 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 sun-glasses-indoors style of photography fosters no confidence in the filmmaker’s — Mathieu Kassovitz’s — interest in elucidation, and indeed the predictable climax falls far short of satisfactory, being both over-obvious as far as it goes and incurious to go any farther. The appearances of the ghost, however, greatly enliven a grind-it-out plot in which the ghost proves to be all but gratuitous. Savor her for herself. With Robert Downey, Jr., Charles S. Dutton, John Carroll Lynch. 2003.

★ (GASLAMP 15; 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; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18)

**In America** — The immigrant experience in Manhattan, more precisely the Sheridan Family experience, as revised and related by Irish filmmaker Jim Sheridan (*My Left Foot*, *In the Name of the Father*, etc.). Never a dull moment, it would seem; or anyway never a relaxed, a calm, a common, a mundane, a prosaic one; instead a gaudy parade of overheated vignettes such as would make late-period Fellini look like a strict neorealist. (E.g., the family’s first look at the lights of Times Square, to the nudging accompaniment of the Lovin’ Spoonful’s “Do You Believe in Magic?” is more an effect of camera acrobatics than of carefully aimed shots.) The real-life sisters Sarah and Emma Bolger are delightful as the little girls of the family (“Don’t ‘little girl’ me! I’ve been carrying this family on my back for over a

year!”). But Paddy Considine, the Jim figure, seems several storeys over the top as the unemployed head of the family, an aspiring stage actor. His diagnosed “problem” is that he shut down emotionally after the death of his son — “That’s why ya can’t get a job acting, Johnny, because ya can’t *feel* anything!” — and yet he acts offstage like an amalgam of Tim Roth and Gary Oldman: not bits and pieces of each of them, but the totality of *both*. He may not be able to feel, but man, can he ever express! The elder daughter, who believes she has inherited three wishes from her departed brother, addresses the problem touchingly with her third and final one. Samantha Morton, Djimon Hounsou. 2003.

★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**The Last Samurai** — Tom Cruise as “one of the most decorated warriors this nation has ever known,” *circa* 1876, a tormented Civil War vet and Indian fighter who is hired as a mercenary to train the troops of the Japanese emperor to combat a renegade samurai, and who is then taken captive by his new enemy, learns their strange ways, masters in a few lessons their martial arts, and joins them in their hopeless fight against the forces of progress. In short, a sort of *Dances with Akitas*. This glossy, glamorizing, vulgar, overblown, pompous, and presumptuous epic is, in addition to all that, intermittently stimulating. The cornerstone Japanese theme of trampled tradition in the onrush of Westernization is knowledgeably handled. And Ken Watanabe cuts a fine figure as the hidebound samurai. In the last analysis, though, the sprawling, transpacific, two-and-a-half-hour war story is all about Tom. Even as he gives himself up to his fascination with the enemy (who allow him to live only because of their fascination with *him*), it is the fascination itself, and not the objects of it, that rivets the camera: never mind what’s so fascinating, let’s fix our sights on who’s so fascinated. (Cruise’s head looks about to burst from the effort.) And despite his embrace of Bushido — his spiritual growth, his embodiment of the lost concept of “honor” — he remains a bit of a dilettante and a poseur. (Where does his humility, his subservience, come into it?) In the larger view, despite the lip service paid to an alien and ancient culture, despite the stacking of the deck in that culture’s favor, the hornin’-in hero remains a sterling representative of the American imperialist, similar to the interlopers and appropriators in such cultural hybrids (highbrow and low) as *The Challenge*, *The Karate Kid*, *Ghost Dog*, *Bulletproof Monk*, and *Kill Bill*. The quest is ultimately not so much for his

peace of mind as for his piece of the action. Timothy Spall, Tony Goldwyn, Billy Connolly; directed by Edward Zwick. 2003.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** — Peter Jackson grinds out the final 200 minutes: “Things are now in motion,” intones Gandalf, “that cannot be undone.” From this promontory, you can look back and see the immensity of the enterprise, indeed so immense — nine hours and two years — that you can barely remember whence you have come, or why. One measure of the immensity, over and above the increasing confusion, is the increasing dependence on the expeditious head shot, a time-saving mainstay of the made-for-TV quickie. Astoundingly enough, the filmmaker manages to crank up some excitement as the end approaches, or maybe it’s only some eager anticipation of relief. Whatever it is, it gets discharged over the last hour and a half or so, when the movie seems to be forever on the verge of ending; and the twenty minutes or so after the conclusion of the hostilities amount to sheer torture. Even at that, there’s no time set aside to get back to Saruman for a reaction from the losers’ locker room. Or for that matter, no time for a pre-game pep talk or a halftime strategy adjustment, either: Christopher Lee is nowhere to be seen. Part Three certainly has its moments: the relay of the signal fires (“Hope is kindled”) across the mountain peaks is really quite thrilling (“And Rohan will answer”); and the giant spider Shelob is a skin-crawling special effect, though not more tingling, in another way, than fat Sam to the rescue. (With this, Sean Astin has his meatiest screen role after *Rudy*.) But the decisive battle is even more interminable than the one in Part Two, and more ruinously cartoonized through computer-generated imagery. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Orlando Bloom, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Lost in Translation** — Sofia Coppola’s sophomore effort marks an advance over *The Virgin Suicides*: a phlegmatic comedy about two American outsiders who fall into an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a sad-sack Bill Murray, who surely should have been written as an over-the-hill comedy star), in town to collect a cool two million for a series of whisky ads, and a neglected young wife (the seductively throaty Scarlett Johansson), who spends a lot of time lolling around her hotel room in transparent pink panties while her photographer husband (the dependably dreadful Giovanni Ribisi) busies himself with work. The “satirical” touch tends to be lighter this time, with perhaps a few exceptions: the suspected anorexic blond starlet (with so many to choose from, couldn’t a better fit have been found for this role than the robust Anna Faris?), the tutti-frutti television host misleadingly labelled “the Johnny Carson of Japan,” the S&M call girl (“Lip my stocking!”), and the imported guitar-and-vocal lounge act billed as “Sausalito.” Truly on the lighter side, however, there are large numbers of points scored, even if easy ones, with the advertising campaign (“For relaxing times, make it Suntori time”), the language difficulties, the faxes and FedExes and phone calls from the all-business wife in California, the exercise machine, the local cuisine, and the inevitable karaoke bar (Murray reverting to *SNL* form for his soup-ladle renditions of Elvis Costello’s “Peace, Love, and Understanding” and Roxy Music’s “More Than This”). And the touring in and around Tokyo is pleasantly relaxed. Coppola’s uncertain visual style, vacillating between a fussy precision and a fumbling offhandedness, could never be mistaken for her father’s. Which, for purposes of independence and the establishment of a separate identity, would be a good thing if only the style could be recognized as distinctively anybody’s. 2003.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FROM 1/16; GASLAMP 15; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 1/16; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 1/16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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 performance but as a figure of fantasy and even of fairy tale, an informal, unstuffy, lighter-than-Blair Prime Minister who falls for an overweight commoner (at any rate the script says she’s overweight), and who dances solo to a Pointer Sisters toe-tapper when he thinks he’s alone (sure-fire laugh: he’s alone but for a prim, middle-aged secretary), and who stands up to the bullying United States President (a sanded and shellacked Billy Bob Thornton) at a televised press conference. There’s a fantasy there for almost everyone. But Curtis, upping the ante on the multi-character *Four Weddings*, is juggling too many balls this time. Or more to the point, dropping too many. The particular balls of a couple of porn actors (pun intended) tend to exclude the kiddies from this Christmas party. And possibly their grannies and grampies as well. 2003.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12)

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cerns 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 (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a copper-skinned native on whom Lucky Jack allows his gaze to linger — gateway to another world — before he gets back to business. That business would encompass, among other things, the pursuit of a bigger and faster French privateer, the amputation, the flogging, the flagons of rum, the parrot on the shoulder, the typhoon, the man overboard, the seamen’s superstitions (is there a “Jonah” among the crew? is the enemy a “phantom”?), the military stratagems (a makeshift raft, festooned with lanterns, cut adrift as a decoy to throw off the trailing French ship in the dark), the naturalist interlude on the Galápagos (the flightless bird, the amphibian iguana), the Churchillian if not Shakespearean address to the troops on the eve of battle (“Though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home. This ship is England”), and most importantly, at the core of it all, the masculine camaraderie, especially that between the Captain and the ship’s surgeon, Dr. Stephen Maturin, whose harmonious friendship, as well as harmonious violin-and-cello duets, sometimes must give way to the traditional testiness between the soldier and the scientist, the man of action and the man of intellect. Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany. 2003. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

**The Matrix Revolutions** — “Everything that has a beginning has an end” — so speaks the Oracle. And surely that’s the most encouraging word, the most energizing word, the most fortifying word, in the third and final installment of the Wachowski Brothers’ man-versus-machine trilogy. (Or “tril,” as you may prefer to call it, taking your cue from “Trin,” Neo’s sweet-talk diminutive for the lovely Trinity.) An end, at long last, to the cluttered computer animation and congested digital compositing, an end to opacity and obfus-

cation, an end to double-talk and gobbledegook, an end to befuddlement and boredom. The script, whether with a grin or a grimace, has been booby-trapped with lines that seem to give voice to the viewers’ or the filmmakers’ innermost thoughts: “I wish there was an easy way to get through this, but there ain’t.” Or: “I know it’s difficult to understand.” Or: “I don’t know what he can do to save us.” The “he” is of course our uniquely gifted hero — the anagrammatic Neo — the One — and there’s no good reason to doubt him if, in this make-it-up-as-we-go-along narrative, he will be able to see more clearly and deeply into the nature of things after his eyeballs have been burned off his face with a sparking power line. How can we be expected to know what such a man, if that’s what he is, can do for us? We could only wish that,

whatever it is, he would just hurry up and do it. It’s much too late to wish he had quit after the first installment. Or before it. Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne, Hugo Weaving. 2003. ● (GASLAMP 15)

**Mona Lisa Smile** — Julia Roberts, her two-ton ego, and her tapering tusklike head, in the part of a “forward-thinker” who travels east from Oakland State to her dream job at Wellesley, there to impart Art

History platitudes and feminist fundamentals to the future homemakers in the Class of ’54, and to lock horns with the “traditionalists” who run the place. Nothing marks her as a woman ahead of her time so much as her express desire — already in the autumn of ’53! — “to make a difference.” (The contractually obligatory line, spoken to her without irony: “You’re so perfect.”) Directed by Mike Newell, who once upon a time directed *Dance with a Stranger*, the movie itself, in its characterization of the straw women and cardboard cutouts who aren’t up to the heroine’s speed, could scarcely be more backward and small-minded. Among the students, Maggie Gyllenhaal earns top marks; Julia Stiles and Kirsten Dunst earn dunce caps. With Dominic West, Marcia Gay Harden, Juliet Stevenson. 2003. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Monster** — 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 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 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. 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

**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 mi-

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lieu, 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; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/23)

**Paycheck** — Not exactly a time-travel thriller, more correctly a “time-viewing” thriller (i.e., a science-fictional crystal ball), but it has all the same illogicalities. And not exactly an amnesia thriller, either, but rather a “memory-erasure” thriller. Sleek and fast and forgettable. And slightly less stupid than most John Woo films, notwithstanding the signature standoff moments when toe-to-toe adversaries point handguns at one another’s heads. Ben Affleck, Uma Thurman, Aaron Eckhart, Paul Giamatti, Colm Feore, Joe Morton. 2003. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-

NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Peter Pan** — Well, it’s better than *Hook*, anyhow. And it meets the need, if any, for a live-action version of J.M. Barrie’s children’s classic in state-of-the-art 21st-century technology. Or as the ad line puts it: “The timeless story as you’ve never seen it before,” meaning, for example, that by means of *Forrest Gump*-ian magic we get to see, for the first time, Hook’s stump. Jeremy Sumpter brings to the role of The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up a cracklingly adolescent voice, Ludivine Sagnier mugs like mad as Tinker Bell (but needn’t speak), Rachel Hurd-Wood is a fresh face as Wendy, and Jason Isaacs — following the specifications of the original stage play — embodies both the timid Mr. Darling and the dastardly Capt. Hook to decipherable Freudian purpose. (Is there not something vaguely vaginal about the CG crocodile whose gaping maw swallows Hook whole? — after having previously symbolically castrated him? Doesn’t it almost compensate for the abandoned theatrical tradition of casting a woman as Peter?) Australian-born filmmaker P.J. Hogan has a surplus of energy, proficiency, resource, capital, and such, and a shortage only of taste. The aggregate effect is to make the story, for those who know it, feel very long: half an hour just to get to Never Land. With Olivia Williams, Lynn Redgrave, Richard Briers. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Statement** — Norman Jewison’s chase thriller with Michael Caine as a French collaborationist hunted for war crimes. (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 1/23)

**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)

**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 Farrellys, 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 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. ● (GASLAMP 15)

**Teacher’s Pet** — Nominally a Disney cartoon, but with more of an underground-comic style and sensibility: thick black outlines around the primitive figures, all of whom look like distant relatives of the Simpsons. The family dog, Spot, wants to be a boy, and thanks to his faculty of speech has been passing as one at school (name of Scott), and even his master’s mother-slash-teacher can’t see through the disguise, and now a mad scientist called Dr. Krank promises actual transmutation. Even for a cartoon, even a campy, facetious, free-wheeling, self-satirizing, smart-ass one, this is a hard premise to swallow and keep down. Voices by Nathan Lane, Kelsey Grammer, Shaun Fleming, and Debra Jo Rupp; directed by Timothy Bjorklund. 2004.

● (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)

**Torque** — Roaring motorcycles, shrieking electric guitars, sneering bad guys, chillin’ good guy. “Look,” the last-mentioned points out, “this is my mess, not yours. You don’t have to make this run.” Advice best taken, sooner rather than later. Martin Henderson, Ice Cube, Monet Mazur, Jay Hernandez; directed by Joseph Kahn. 2004. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION

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**Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:40, 9:45; Sat. (11:30, 1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:45) 8:05; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:30) 7:55; **Disney’s Teacher’s Pet** (PG) Fri. (1:55, 3:55) 5:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 1:55, 3:55) 5:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:35, 5:40); **My Baby’s Daddy** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 3:45) 5:35, 7:25, 9:30; Sat. (11:50, 1:50, 3:45) 5:35, 7:25, 9:30; Sun. (11:50, 1:50, 3:45) 5:35, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:35) 7:45; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 7:45, 10:10; Sun. 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 7:35; **Torque** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:30, 9:50; Sat. (11:35, 1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (11:35, 1:35, 3:50) 5:35, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:45, 5:55) 8:15; **Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00, 10:15; Sat. (11:40, 1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (11:40, 1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:25) 8:00

**Ken**  
*4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)*  
**Aileen: The Life and Death of a Serial Killer** (Not Rated) Fri. 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 5:25, 7:30, 9:35

**UPTOWN**  
**Hillcrest Cinemas**  
*3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)*  
**21 Grams** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon. (1:40) 4:20, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **The Company** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **The Cooler** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **Girl With A Pearl Earring** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; **Monster** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

**Museum of Photographic Arts**  
*1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)*  
**One Day in the Life of Andrei Arsenevich**, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 5:45 p.m. and 9 p.m.; **Sans Soleil**, Thursday, 8:15 p.m. and Friday, 7 p.m.

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**  
*1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)*  
**Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk** Sat.-Sun. 5:00; **Australia: Land Beyond Time** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Bugs!** (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00; Sat.-Mon. 11:00; Tue.-Thu. 5:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 7:00; Sun. 1:00, 3:00; Mon. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00

To Worlds Beyond Sat. 10:00

## EAST COUNTY

### EL CAJON

**Parkway Plaza 18**  
*405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)*  
**Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; **Calendar Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:10, 4:55); **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:45; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:05) 6:30, 9:55; **Disney’s Teacher’s Pet** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:05, 3:10, 5:15); **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 9:40; **In the Name of the Wupper** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:35) 7:00, 10:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 3:40) 8:00; **My Baby’s Daddy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:05, 10:20; **Paycheck** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 2:05, 5:00) 7:55, 10:50; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Something’s Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:40; **Torque** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:40, 5:05) 7:20, 7:40, 9:35, 9:55; **Win a Date With Tad**

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)

**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 stomach-dragging Bruno dutifully waddling his way up a twisting staircase, right on schedule, to bark at every passing elevated train outside the bedroom window. And yet when three competitors in the Tour de France, including the now grown-up adopted child (calves the size of Pop-eye’s forearms), are abducted in mid-race for unknown reasons by a pair of black rectangular gangsters and shipped across the Atlantic (beautifully drawn vessel, an axe blade balanced on its cutting edge) with grandma and dog in hot pursuit on a hydrocycle — when, in short, the routine is forsaken in favor of a fantastical adventure — the movie loses its moorings. All that heightening, that distortion, etc., piled atop a spongy base of whimsy, seem somehow less marvelous. One kind of mar-



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vel takes away from the other. And the bullets-flying climactic car chase is tiresome. Still, the wit and imagination never relent (Bruno finds new trains to bark at in the New World), and the whole of it is communicated with a clarity that renders words unnecessary. Or at any rate, unused. An unobtrusive poster of Jacques Tati’s *M. Hu-*

*lot’s Holiday* pays proper *hommage* in that regard. 2003. ★★ ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 1/22)

**21 Grams** — The first English-language feature from Mexican flmmaker Alejandro González Iñárritu brings together disparate

characters by the same matchmaking method of his *Amores Perros*: by car accident. Benicio Del Toro, a born-again ex-con, runs over the husband and two daughters of Naomi Watts, and the husband’s heart is transplanted anonymously into Sean Penn, a teacher of mathematics and probability, and therefore a deep apprecia-

**Hamilton!** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40

## LA MESA

### Grossmont Center

*Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)*  
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### Grossmont Trolley

*Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)*  
**Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:20, 9:35; Sun. 7:20; Mon.-Thu. 8:20; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:10) 6:35, 9:40; Sun. (12:00, 3:10) 6:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:35; **The Cooler** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:00) 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (11:40, 2:00) 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:30) 8:30; **In America** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:20, 5:50) 8:10; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 3:30) 6:45, 9:50; Sun. (12:10, 3:30) 6:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:30) 7:45; **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 3:20) 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 8:00; **Mona Lisa Smile** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:40) 6:30, 9:20; Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:30; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:50) 6:50, 9:45; Sun. (12:40, 3:50) 6:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:50) 7:50; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:10, 5:40)

## RANCHO SAN DIEGO

### Rancho San Diego 15

*2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3483)*  
**Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:00) 7:30, 10:30; **Calendar Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:15) 6:45, 9:30; **Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:05) 9:50; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:20) 7:10, 10:35; **Disney’s Teacher’s Pet** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:00, 4:30); **In the Name of the Wupper** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:15) 7:10, 10:00; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:30) 7:05, 10:35; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 3:45) 8:00; **Mona Lisa Smile** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 10:10; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:40) 7:00, 10:20; **Paycheck** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 6:55; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:35) 6:50, 9:40; **Some-**

**thing’s Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:55) 7:20, 10:25; **Torque** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20

## SANTEE

### Santee Drive In

*10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)*  
**Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri. 6:30, 10:00; **Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Fri. 8:05; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri. 8:10; **Torque** (PG-13) Fri. 6:30, 10:05

## SOUTH BAY

## CHULA VISTA

### Chula Vista 10

*Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)*  
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### Palm Promenade 24

*770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)*  
Call theater for program information  
**The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date with Tad Hamilton; Mystic River; Along Came Polly; Teacher’s Pet; Torque; Chasing Liberty; My Baby’s Daddy; Big Fish; Lost in Translation; Calendar Girls; Cold Mountain; Paycheck; Cheaper by the Dozen; Peter Pan; 21 Grams; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Mona Lisa Smile; Something’s Gotta Give; The Last Samurai; Bad Santa; The Haunted Mansion; Gothika**

### Rancho Del Rey 16

*East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)*  
**Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:40, 5:10) 7:35, 10:05; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:50) 7:20, 10:20; **Calendar Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10) 7:40; **Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:05, 9:55; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 3:00) 6:45, 10:20; **Disney’s Teacher’s Pet** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:50, 5:00); **In the Name of the Wupper** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 12:20, 2:15, 3:35, 5:05) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:05) 6:50, 10:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 4:45) 9:00; **My Baby’s Daddy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 3:45) 7:15, 9:55; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:00) 6:40, 10:35; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Thu.

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### Vogue

*226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)*  
Call theater for program information  
**The Cat in the Hat; The Haunted Mansion; Honey**

## NORTH INLAND

## BONSALL

### Galaxy 6

*Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)*  
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## CARMEL MOUNTAIN

### Carmel Mountain

*11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)*  
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## POWAY

### Poway 10

*13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)*  
Call theater for program information

## RAMONA

### Ramona Twin

*626 Main Street (760-789-3422)*  
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## SAN MARCOS

### San Marcos 18

*1180 West San Marcos (760-471-3711)*  
**Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:30) 7:05, 9:35; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 4:00) 7:00, 10:05; **Calendar Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 4:05) 6:40, 9:25; **Chasing Liberty** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00); **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:50, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 3:05) 6:35, 10:15; **The Cooler** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 4:50) 10:45; **Disney’s Teacher’s Pet** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:20, 3:15, 5:15); **In the Name of the Wupper** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:45, 2:05, 4:35, 4:55) 7:20, 7:40, 10:20, 10:40; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:00) 6:45, 10:10; **The Lord**

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## VISTA

### Vista Village 15

*Hwy. 78 at Vista Village Drive, Vista (760-945-7469)*  
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**The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date with Tad Hamilton; Mystic River; Torque; Along Came Polly; Big Fish; Cold Mountain; Cheaper by the Dozen; The Cooler; Calendar Girls; Teacher’s Pet; Something’s Gotta Give; Peter Pan; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; The Last Samurai**

## NORTH COASTAL

## CARLSBAD

### Plaza Camino Real

*2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)*  
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## DEL MAR

### Del Mar Highlands 8

*El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)*  
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### Flower Hill 4

*2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)*  
Call theater for program information

## ENCINITAS

### Encinitas 8

*220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)*  
Call theater for program information  
**Win a Date with Tad Hamilton; Along Came Polly; Teacher’s Pet; Cold Mountain; Cheaper by the Dozen; Peter Pan; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King;**

tor of his good fortune, who tracks down and begins to court the widow without, so to speak, baring his chest. (The widow’s reaction, when finally told, will echo that of the crap-detecting spectator: “How dare you!”) It takes a while for all of this to come clear, inasmuch as the information is doled out in nonsequential fragments that leave it to the audience to arrange in order: a participatory form of storytelling. You eventually get your bearings, and the jumps between lifelines and time zones seem to diminish in distance, closing in toward a climax. Out of the jumble, a unifying point can be perceived: a shattered narrative for shattered lives, a kind of cinematic cubism which enables us to see the before and the after, side by side. To put every puzzle-piece into its proper place is not the principal task. Simply to observe that they belong to the same picture will suffice. The total experience might have been more satisfying if the picture *per se* were better to look at. Great pains have been taken to achieve a feeling of reality in the people and the places, yet the bloodless, bleached-out color and the shaky, earthquaky camera are but fashionable affectations. Charlotte Gainsbourg, Melissa Leo, Clea DuVall. 2003. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18)

**Win a Date with Tad Hamilton** — Reviewed this issue. With Kate Bosworth, Topher Grace, Josh Duhamel, Ginnifer Goodwin, Nathan Lane, and Sean Hayes; directed by Robert Luketic.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/23)

### Something’s Gotta Give

### La Paloma

*471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)*  
**Lost In Translation** (R) Fri. 8:40; Sat.-Sun. 4:10, 8:40; Mon.-Thu. 8:40; **The Station Agent** (R) Fri. 6:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 6:30; Mon.-Thu. 6:30

## LA COSTA

### La Costa 6

*6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)*  
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## OCEANSIDE

### Mission Marketplace 13

*College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)*  
Call theater for program information  
**The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date with Tad Hamilton; Along Came Polly; Teacher’s Pet; Torque; Chasing Liberty; My Baby’s Daddy; Big Fish; Cold Mountain; Cheaper by the Dozen; Peter Pan; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; The Last Samurai**

### Oceanside 16

*401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)*  
Call theater for program information  
**The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date with Tad Hamilton; Mystic River; Chasing Liberty; Teacher’s Pet; Cheaper by the Dozen; Something’s Gotta Give; Mona Lisa Smile; Peter Pan; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Torque; Along Came Polly; My Baby’s Daddy; The Last Samurai; Paycheck; Big Fish; Cold Mountain**



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**ANIMAL LOVER.** Mobile Grooming looking for an energetic individual with good people skills who loves working with animals. Experience not necessary. Training provided. Attractive compensation. E-mail resume to: NL7R-G1@yahoo.com. or fax: 858-270-4976.

**APPOINTMENT SETTERS.** We pay weekly, timely, honestly. Located in Miramar. Work Sunday-Thursday, 5pm-9pm. No selling. Call Rick 12-9pm Monday-Friday: 858-578-7914.

**APPOINTMENT SETTERS.** Seeking top-level, highly motivated Telesales Professionals to set appointments for outside sales team. Must have proven successful track record. Full or part time. We provide leads, training, and fun environment. Perfect for busy people! May earn up to \$21/hour. Abanco, International. Call 866-754-5368, x2813.

**APPOINTMENT SETTERS** needed for home improvement company. \$25-\$30 per hour earning potential for top performers. \$9 per hour plus generous bonuses, commissions and benefits. Comfortable and fun work environment. Serious inquirers only. Contact Alex at 858-564-2564.

**APPOINTMENT SETTERS.** Experienced and motivated phone closers. No selling needed. AM and PM shifts available. Ask for Adrian, 858-974-0054.

**AQUARIUM TECHNICIANS.** Service aquariums throughout San Diego County. Competitive pay rates, benefits. Health insurance when full time. Full or part time. www.westcoastaquarium.com. Fax resume: 858-571-0234. Call 858-571-3474.

**ARTIST.** Senior Animator with 2 years experience in animation, Maya and Fillbox. Fine arts background. Location in San Diego. Send resume to: Sony Computer Entertainment America, Inc., 919 East Hillsdale Boulevard, Foster City, CA 94404. EOE.

**ASSEMBLER, SENIOR** with IPC-A-610, Class III certification. Up to \$15/hour. La Jolla area. Call AtWork Staffing today, at-workstaffing.com. Fax: 619-234-9678; call 619-234-WORK.

**ASSEMBLER.** Delicate work. Sorrento Valley area. Call 619-890-5797.

**ASSEMBLY, PRODUCTION,** Machine Operator needed in the North County. Entry level with the ability to follow written and oral instructions in English. All shifts: 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Call Ultimate Staffing Services, 760-431-4333.

**ASSEMBLY.** Immediate openings in Oceanside! Production Workers for assembly of reverse osmosis (RO) water treatment units. Product assembly, inspect materials to assure proper quality standards and maintain documentation.

Lift up to 45 pounds throughout the shift. Good math skills required. Must be able to stand the entire shift. Drug test and criminal background check required. 1st, 2nd and 3rd shifts: \$7.70-\$8.80/hour. EOE. www.volt.com. Call VOLT today, 760-729-8916.

**ASSEMBLY.** Machine Operators, Soldering and Shipping and Receiving positions. Temporary and temp to hire. www.volt.com. Volt Services Group, 858-578-0920.

**ASSEMBLY/PRODUCTION** Workers needed. 100 jobs in Carlsbad! Apply today, work tomorrow! Also hiring Accounting, Administrative, Clerical, General Labor, Light Industrial, Professional and Warehouse positions. Submit your resume online and call today for an appointment. EOE. Carlsbad, 760-729-8916. Chula Vista, 619-427-0200. El Cajon, 619-401-1524. San Diego, 858-576-3140. San Marcos, 760-471-0800. Scripps Ranch, 858-578-0920. jobs.volt.com.

**AUDIT TAX SENIOR** needed for downtown firm. Minimum 2 years experience in CPA firm. E-mail: jlambeth@westfinancialstaffing.com; call: 619-702-7301; or fax: 619-615-5389.

**AUTO DETAILER.** Seeking a clean cut, educated and responsible hard worker to assist in operating a full-time auto detail route. Excellent pay. Call 619-337-5626.

**AUTO MECHANIC.** Experienced, salary negotiable. Must know air conditioning and scanner. 619-938-0184.

**BAKER/CAKE ICER.** Experience required. Starting pay depends on amount of experience. Full or part time. Don, 858-484-1699.

**BAKERS.** Full time, morning and afternoon shifts. Experience preferred, but will train reliable individual. Call Jody's Baking Company, 858-278-5100.

**BAKERY.** Decorators/Bakers needed immediately, full time for Cookies by Design. Other temporary positions needed for Valentine's Day. Training provided. 3 locations. Fax resume: 858-487-1266.

**BANKING.** San Diego National Bank seeks qualified individuals for various banking positions in their Downtown, Central San Diego, East County, North County Offices. DOWNTOWN: Senior Vice President Commercial Real Estate, Senior Vice President Credit Administration, Vice President Real Estate Construction Lending, Commercial Leading Loan Assistant, Community Leading Loan Assistant, Branch Support Specialist, Compliance Officer, Operations Specialist; CENTRAL SAN DIEGO: Customer Service Supervisors, Relationship Bankers, Tellers; EAST COUNTY: Customer Service Supervisors, Relationship Bankers (New Accounts); NORTH COUNTY: Branch Support Specialist, Branch Manager, Assistant Branch Manager, Senior Relationship Bankers, Relationship Banker/Customer Service Representative. EOE/M/F/D/V. Visit www.sdnb.com for details and job qualifications. Send resume to: careers@sdnb.com; fax: 619-744-2110; mail, Attention: Human Resources, 1420 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, CA, 92101-4232.

**BARISTAS.** Coffee. Coffee. Coffee. North County coffee bar seeks morning people for part/full time, permanent positions. Serve coffee drink lattes and have fun! No experience needed. Just good people skills and positive attitude. 760-929-0497. Send resumes to: betterbuzzcoffee@yahoo.com.

**BIKE CAB DRIVER.** The tourists are here! Fresh air, sunshine! Lease the cab, keep the money. Male, female. Full/part time. Driver's license. 641 17th Street. 619-595-0211.

**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.

**BODY AND SPA** products, 25%-50% commissions. Sell body butters, spa scrubs, facial and makeup products direct from the Body Shop. \$185 initial investment. 760-591-0278. boscia1@adelphia.net.

**BOOKKEEPERS, FULL CHARGE** (3) positions available. Permanent/part time. Must know QuickBooks. E-mail: jlambeth@westfinancialstaffing.com; call: 619-702-7301; or fax: 619-615-5389.

**CABINETMAKER.** Looking for an opportunity to expand your skills and experience in our mid-sized custom production shop? You deserve to be rewarded with competitive salary and benefits for the quality workmanship you contribute to our friendly, success-driven team. Hiring for Assembly, Countertops, Receiving/Inventory specialist. Call 858-549-8825. Fax, 858-549-2272.

**CALL CENTER.** Major expansion underway! \$500/week to start! Inbound/Outbound. No cold calling. Full-time (hourly pay, not commission). Fluent bilingual Spanish a plus. Health benefits, 401(k). Sell HBO, Showtime and Starz Encore premium packages to existing customers. Direct Communication, La Mesa Call Center. 619-744-8931.

**CALL TAKERS.** Greater San Diego Transportation Network is looking for full time Call Takers to work in 24/7 taxi call center. \$7.25 per hour or \$7.75 if bilingual in Spanish. Pre-employment physical, drug and background check. EOE/drug free workplace. You may apply in person, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, 639 13th Street or call 619-239-8061 x748.

**CAMP COUNSELOR,** wilderness. Challenge yourself, learn and grow while helping at-risk youth turn their lives around. Make friends, make a difference. Year-round residential positions, free room/board. Details online: www.eckerd.org. Or send resume: Career Advisor/AN, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, PO Box 7450, Clearwater, FL 33758. EOE. (AAN CAN)

**CAREGIVER/COMPANION.** Live-in, room and board, salary, for active male quad. Fun, as well as work, sharing interests in art, theater, politics. Experience helpful but not necessary, good driving record. Call for interview, 619-697-1806.

**CAREGIVER/AIDE** needed, live-in, El Cajon. Must be reliable/dependable. Clean DMV. Lifting required. Some cooking, cleaning, personal care for active male quadriplegic. 619-328-9860.

**CAREGIVERS.** Excellent pay. Flexible schedules. Serving San Diego since 1991. Affordable Home Care, Inc. 3900 5th Avenue, #140, San Diego, CA 92103, 619-297-8115; North County: 760-730-0323; East County: 619-443-0500.

**CAREGIVERS.** Live-ins/hourly. Cheerful, compassionate companions/HHAs/CNAs/Aides to assist seniors with light/hy care. Experience required. Benefits. Age Advantage, 619-660-8881.

**CAREGIVERS:** Attentive Home Care has immediate assignments for Live-in Companions (\$100-\$115/day), CNAs, HHAs, Caregivers (\$10-\$11/hour). 3 years' experience required. Overtime for holidays. Apply in person 10am-3pm Tuesday-Thursday: 2333 1st Avenue, Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92101. Or call for an appointment: 619-231-0151 or 760-434-4393.

**CAREGIVERS, CNA'S,** CHHA's needed immediately for elderly facility and in-home care. All shifts available. Must drive. Apply: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, Nightengale Health Services, Inc., 2644 Canyon Road, Escondido, CA 92025. 760-739-0311.

**CAREGIVERS.** Cheerful, compassionate, experienced Aides to assist Seniors with light/full care. Full time/part time. Flexible schedules. \$10/hour to start. Located in Alpine. Fax resume Darlene 619-445-4755.

**CAREGIVERS, NORTH COUNTY.** Naturally caring people to assist seniors privately. Full/part time, live-in. Flexible schedule. 1 year experience. Top pay. In-Home Care: 760-730-0480.

**CASHIER,** part time, flexible 25-30 hours/week. Daily's Restaurant in UTC. Some experience required. \$7/hour. Apply in person: 8915 Towne Centre Drive, Suite 103.

**CASHIERS, GRAVEYARD SHIFT** at Viejas Casino. Full and part time—applicants should be available Saturdays! Apply at www.sunsetparking.com or call 760-753-4004 x333.

**CHATHOST.** Dreamline Productions is seeking personable, enthusiastic candidates to conduct live video chat-based sessions with our members, providing fee-based expertise in a variety of disciplines. Earn up to \$26/hour. Flexible working schedules offered. Basic computer skills required. Submit your resume online at www.dreamlinechathost.com.

**CHAUFFEURS** wanted. Limousine and Sedan transportation company seeing professional drivers with Class B license and clean DMV record. Earn top pay! TBT Limousine Inc., 619-291-8484.

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# CLASSIFIED ADS

## BUSINESS ADS

**BUSINESSES** include paid services or functions, rentals, and profit-making enterprises. For rates and discounts call (619) 235-8200.

**DEADLINES:** Business classifieds are accepted until 6pm Tuesday, two days prior to the issue. Call by Friday for early-placement discounts. Ads may be placed by phone using a credit

card (619-235-8200) or in person (1703 India Street, Downtown). Hours are 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday, and until 6pm Tuesday.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The *Reader* will not be financially responsible for failure to run an ad or for errors in an ad, except, if at fault, to the extent of the cost of the first insertion of the ad.

## FREE ADS BY MAIL OR INTERNET

**ONE FREE CLASSIFIED** ad per week is available to private parties and nonprofit organizations that do not charge for their services.

**MAIL:** Ads must be printed clearly on 3x5 cards or postcards and are limited to 25 words. Additional words cost 60¢ each. Ads must arrive at our P.O. Box by 7am, Monday. Mail all ads to

*Reader* Free Classifieds, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186.

**INTERNET:** Free ads can also be placed online at SanDiegoReader.com. Free ads placed online appear *only* on the *Reader's* website. The deadline is 6pm Monday. See below for instructions on placing online ads that also appear in the paper.

## \$8 ADS BY INTERNET, FAX OR IN PERSON

**QUICK, EASY, AND CHEAP!** \$8 ads are available to private parties only. Ads are limited to 25 words. Cash, check or credit cards are accepted. (Services, rentals, lessons or any other profit-making enterprises do not qualify for \$8 ads. See instructions for business ads above. Other rules apply to Roommates and Matches ads.)

**BY INTERNET:** Go to SanDiegoReader.com and click on the link to place an online classified ad. Fill out the form and remember to check the box for your preferred billing method.

**BY FAX:** Complete the form below, photocopy it, and then fax it

to us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at (619) 233-7907. Payment is with Visa, Discover, or MasterCard.




**IN PERSON:** To place an ad with cash or check, fill out the form below and bring it to our office at 1703 India Street (at Date), Downtown. The deadline is 6pm Monday.

**REALLY, REALLY LATE ADS:** Private parties that have missed the 6pm Monday deadline may still place ads until 6pm Tuesday. Either come to the above address or call (619) 235-8200. The cost for these late ads is \$16 for 25 words, plus 60¢ per extra word.

*Deadline: 6pm Monday*

Write your ad below, listing the item for sale first, followed by its description (including price) and ending with the phone number. Each phone number counts as one word; ads over 25 words

will be edited. Refer to the Table of Contents to determine the classified category you want. If you are unsure, the appropriate category will be assigned. No cancellations accepted. No refunds.

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**CHILD CARE WORKERS.** overnight, needed in a residential group home located in Point Loma area. Full time, part time and weekends positions available. Very flexible schedules from 11pm-7am. Minimum requirement, A.A. degree. Residential experience preferred. Fax resume to attention: Rolanda, 619-523-0249 or mail to 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

**CHILD CARE WORKER** needed for adolescent residential treatment center located in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Pay dependent on experience. Fax resume to Matt, 619-656-1429.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT** Counselors to work in a therapeutic setting with SED Children. \$9.50/hour. Merit raises, benefits. Fax New Alternatives, attention Dana, 619-421-7742.

**CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE.** Chiropractic office in La Jolla needs a superstar!! www.jobmermaid.com

**CLASSROOM AIDES.** Work with developmentally disabled children in a nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista, Lakeside. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1pm. \$8.14+/hour to start, depending on experience. EOE. www.vistahill.org. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax resume: 619-281-0453. Apply, weekdays, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

**COMMUNITY TRAINING** Specialist. \$8.38/hour to start, depending on experience. Assist developmentally disabled adults in the community. 32.5 hours/week. Benefits. Apply Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego 92120. E-Mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax 619-281-0453. www.vistahill.org.

**COMPUTER HELP NEEDED.** Earn up to \$25-\$75/hour. Training provided. 800-207-6778.

**CONTRACTORS,** Journeymen, Laborers needed full time. Top dollar paid. All trades. Fax resume: 909-926-6467. Call 818-518-1352.

**CONTROLLER** needed with nonprofit experience. Never a fee to the applicant. E-mail: jlambeth@westfinancialstaffing.com; fax: 619-615-5389; or call: 619-702-7301.

**COOK, FINE DINING.** Experienced, for night shift, 4-11pm. Westaff, 4411 Mercury Street #207, San Diego 92111. casandiego@westaff.com. Fax resume to 858-576-0121.

**COUNSELOR,** Child Development. Full/part-time positions available in Point Loma area. B.A. degree in related (psychology) field preferred. Fax resume to attention: Robert, 619-523-0249 or mail: 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

**COUNSELOR/CHILD CARE** Worker. Work with SED children, ages 6-12, East County Rehabilitation Training Center. B.A. Degree/senior status required. Various full-/part-time available. Training. Benefits. EOE. Fax resume: NAI#17, attention Kristi, 619-447-5386.

**COUNTER ATTENDANTS** and Managers. Subway Sandwiches. Full or part time. Day, evening shifts. Detail-oriented, good customer service skills. Competitive wages. Paid vacations. Apply in person. Mission Valley: 5608 Mission Center Road, 619-497-0971. Point Loma: 3760 Gaines Street (off I-8 at Rosecrans); 619-574-0906. La Jolla: 7514 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0357. Management applicants, fax resume to: 619-688-9291.

**CREDIT ADMINISTRATION/SENIOR VP.** San Diego National Bank seeks a qualified individual that possess these qualifications: B.S. Degree in Finance Business and Business Administration preferred. Three to five years' experience, at Senior Vice President level in Credit Administration, preferable with a large bank. Extensive, progressive managerial experience in credit policy, analysis and regulatory

practice in, Real Estate, Commercial and SBA Lending. Excellent communication and presentation skills. Strong managerial skills. Team oriented. EOE/M/F/D/V. Send resume to: careers@sdna.com; fax: 619-744-2110; mail, Attention: Human Resources, 1420 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, CA, 92101-4232.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS.** Security Customer Service. Immediate Placements! San Diego, Escondido, Temecula, Hemet. We invite you to apply with the largest, most respected security company in the world! County wide positions available: Security Management, Patrol Drivers, Security Customer Service Reps, Security Officers, and Security Receptionists. Up to \$12 per hour, Medical/Dental & 401(k), Paid vacation, excellent working environment, monetary incentives, Guard Card assistance, uniforms provided. EOE/drug free. Must have Guard Card for immediate placement. Locations in Escondido 760-746-7792, Temecula 909-676-3954, San Diego 619-641-0049.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE.** Earn up to \$9/hour during training. \$7-\$12/hour. Paid weekly. AM/PM shifts. Full or part time. Medical, dental. Call today, start today! Ocean-side, 760-630-2323. Mission Valley, 800-368-1010.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE:** 100+ positions! Hiring immediately—apply today, work tomorrow! All shifts available, full time and part time. \$9-\$10/hour base pay depending on experience Must type 20-25wpm. Interviewing 8am-2pm Monday-Friday. Abcow Staffing, 2525 Camino Del Rio South #125, San Diego, CA 92108. Call 800-690-8367; webber@abcow.com.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE— 2004 EXPANSION.** Part-time work. Paid weekly. \$18 base/appointment. Customer service/sales. Flexible schedule. Fun work environment. No cold calling or canvassing. Call for interview times: North County/La Jolla, 760-942-1223; San Diego, 619-583-

5609; Chula Vista, 619-476-1354. www.workforstudents.com.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE.** Spherion, in partnership with Student Loan Consolidation Center, has part-time job openings! Great phone voice, basic PC skills, reliable transportation. Monday-Friday, 6:45am-10:45am. \$9.50/hour. Call Spherion Staffing today for an appointment: 858-642-6882.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE,** \$9-\$10/hourly, call center in and out positions. La Jolla/Sorrento Valley/Downtown/Mira Mesa. Ultimate Staffing Services. Call 858-625-2025. Fax 858-625-2026. E-mail: lajolla@ultimatestaffing.com.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE/BILLING:** Mayer Reprographics is now hiring for our Hillcrest location. No experience necessary. Full time with benefits. 8:30am-5pm Monday-Friday. Please apply in person 1065 University Avenue.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE, TRADE SHOW.** 100 needed immediately for large trade show coming in February. Must be able to commute to Escondido and Mission Valley. \$9-\$10/hour. Kelly Services, 619-298-6600.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE.** \$9-\$10/hour, short/long term. Computer literate, professional. Inbound calls/no selling. Walk-ins welcome, 9am-2pm. Tristaff, 4350 Executive Drive, #101, San Diego, CA 92121. 858-597-4000.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE.** Sales/Telemarketing. Inbound/Outbound Representatives. Must have excellent phone skills. \$9-\$11/hour, depending on experience. Medical, dental, vision available after 8 hours of work. E-mail resume to carolsi@remedystaff.com or call 619-702-0731, or sashar@remedystaff.com, 858-455-5204.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS.** Sorrento Valley and Poway areas. Previous phone/upselling experience required. Company is employee oriented, offers financial growth! \$10/hour plus commission. Jacqui, 858-578-4437.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS.** Rancho Bernardo. Friendly/courteous. Inbound order verifiers with intermediate typing skills, great phone demeanor. Previous phone/sales experience a plus. Training/financial growth! \$10-\$12/hour. Rochelle, 760-480-0454.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERVISOR.** San Diego National Bank seeks qualified Customer Service Supervisors for their CENTRAL SAN DIEGO and EAST COUNTY locations. Qualifications: Highly motivated individual with exceptional communication and customer service skills. A minimum of one (1) year previous banking experience in addition to holding the position of Vault Teller for at least three (3) months. Cross-trained in New Accounts for a minimum of (3) months. A Strong knowledge of banking regulations, policies and procedures along with Back Office responsibilities, knowledge of rejects, RDI's, reports, etc. for a minimum of three (3) months. EOE/M/F/D/V. For more information and other positions visit www.sdnb.com. Send resume to careers@sdnb.com; fax: 619-744-2110; mail, Attention: Human Resources, 1420 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, CA, 92101-4232.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS** (25) needed. Work from home. Own PC/DSL/Cable Internet connection mandatory. 2 years Customer Service experience, data entry, typing. Excellent grammar/reading/writing. \$10/hour. jobs.sandiegoca@expresspersonnel.com.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE.** Mobile Systems Wireless seeking friendly, upbeat Customer Service Agents to work at corporate office in Carlsbad. Must have excellent verbal communication, positive attitude and knowledge of Windows. Bilingual and previous experience are pluses. Full time, 9am-5:30pm. \$9-\$10/hour.

Mandatory and random drug testing. Fax resume to 888-755-1736 or call 760-804-7636 x171.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES/Loan** Agents. No real estate license required. Leave message 24 hours a day for return call, 888-313-7226. Fax resume: 858-454-2437.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE.** Need telephone and typing skills. Business located in Otay Mesa off Highway 905. Ask for Jeff, 619-671-2200. E-mail: info@nushoe.com.

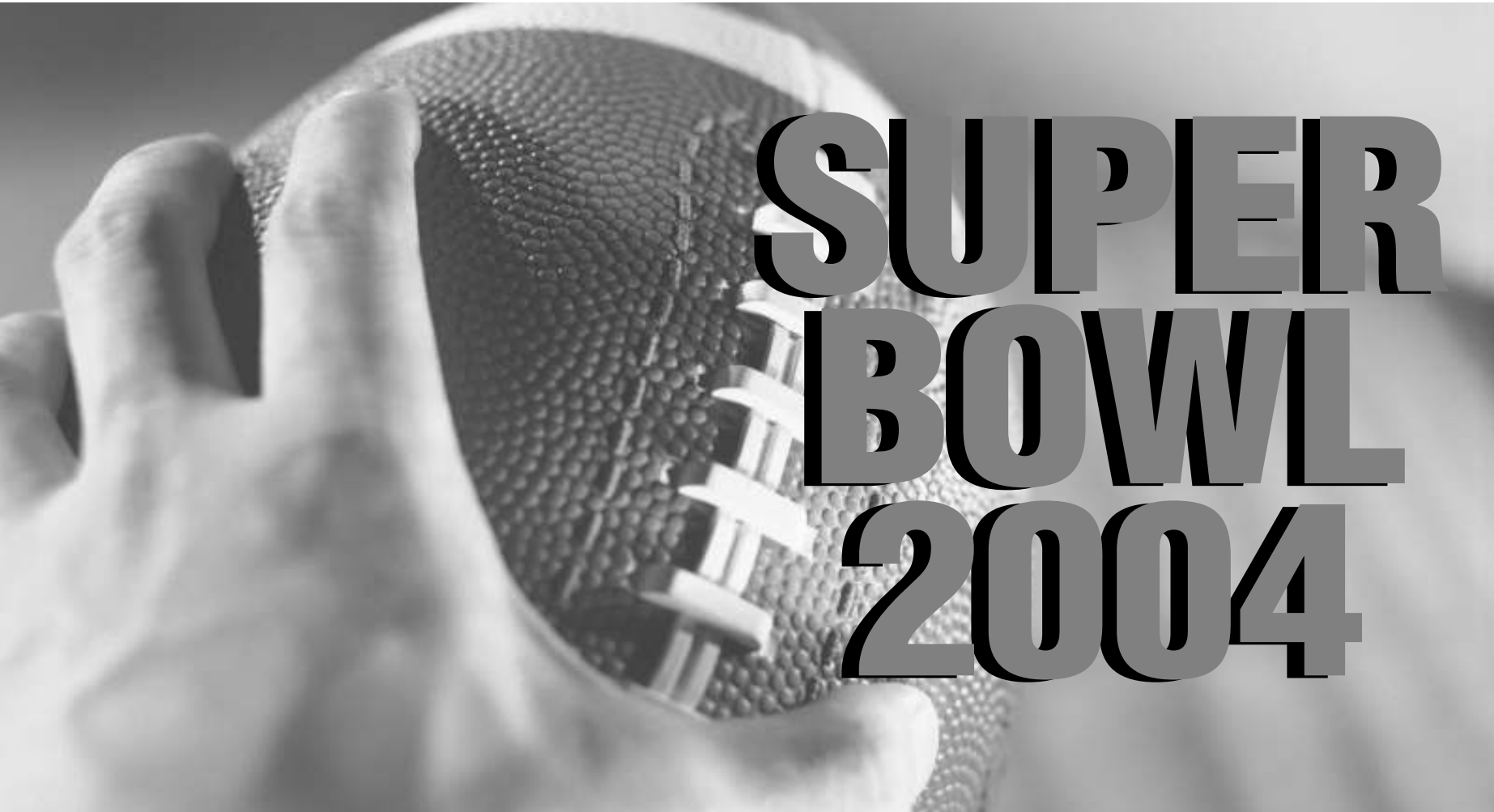
**CUSTOMER SERVICE.** Full time, salary plus commissions to \$1000/week. Set appointments, door-to-door for 8th largest national contractor. Home improvements, subscriptions, or food sales experience helpful. Call Mr. Cash, 858-452-5804. www.procraftofsandiego.net.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE.** Your chance to support our troops and make good money! Looking for compassionate and energetic people. Salary plus bonuses. E-mail resume: sarah@helmetstohardhats.org.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE/CONCIERGE.** Exclusive, private North County country club looking for full-time professional Concierge with excellent administrative, communication and customer service skills for the Sports Centre and Spa. Computer proficient including a POS system. Experience in the service and hospitality industry highly desired. EOE. Fax your resume to Human Resources at 858-759-7214, or e-mail to adumas@thebridgesrft.com.

**DANCE INSTRUCTOR,** full time, for Hillcrest dance studio. No experience necessary. Call for training program: Champion Ballroom Academy, 619-291-7722, or fax resume to 619-291-1835. www.championballroom.com.

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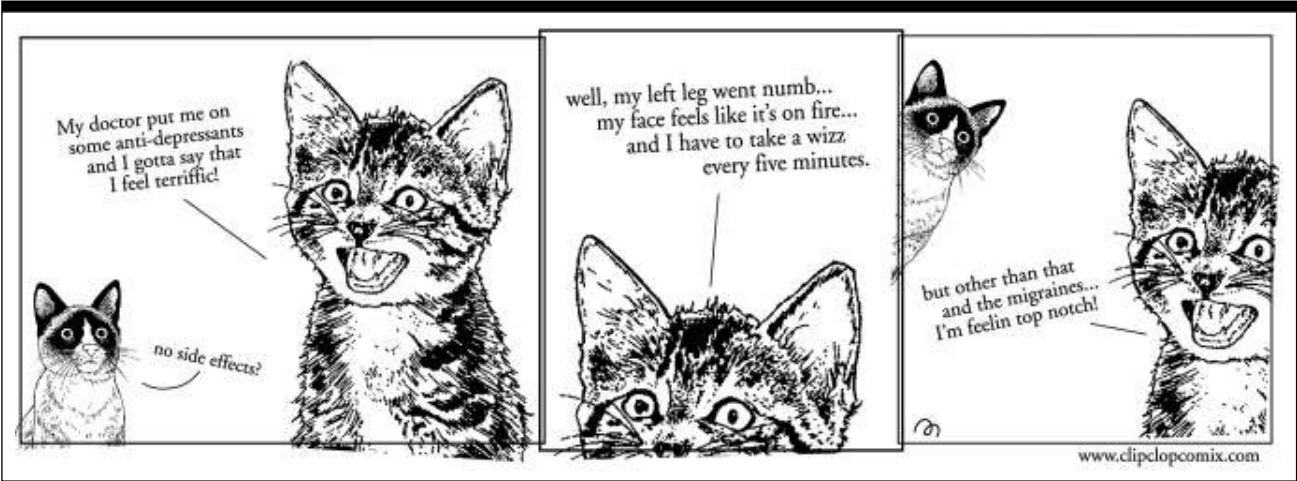


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**DELI CAFE.** Early AM shift for Prep Cook. Some deliveries required; must have own vehicle and insurance. No nights or week-

ends. Start immediately. Call Kris, GoodOnYa, 858-344-1605.

**DELIVERY DRIVER,** full time for busy copy center. Must have clean DMV and excellent customer service skills. Please contact Francine for more information: 858-549-5380.

**DELIVERY DRIVER.** Clean DMV printout. Full time/part time. Flexible hours. Dependable. Knowledge of area. Drug and smoke free. Apply in person: 1560 Garnet Avenue. Pacific Beach.

**DELIVERY DRIVERS.** 50 needed, full/part time. Your own mini pickup. \$390-\$500/week starting; overtime available. Advancement opportunity. Start right away. 619-571-1070, 858-578-7812, 760-639-5400.

**DEMONSTRATORS.** Part time for home shows, health fairs, special events. Not

selling! Experience a plus, but will train. Hourly plus bonus. Fun job! 858-279-9896.

**DISC JOCKEY, MOBILE.** Weddings, parties, dances. Need van/truck for transportation, great stage personality, music knowledge. Experience preferred. \$25/hour plus bonuses. Music As You Like It, 619-223-5732.

**DISPATCHER/OPERATIONS** Position for moving/storage company. Supervisory position to oversee production, warehouse. Need computer skills, some

phone sales. Class A/B a plus. E-mail dmedina@anthonyismoving.com.

**DISPATCHER** for busy taxi company. Knowledge of South Bay helpful. Good communications and people skills needed. Bilingual a plus! Call weekdays, 8am-4pm. 619-428-1107.

**DISPATCHER/ROUTER.** Next-day delivery service. Knowledge of San Diego, good communication and people skills. Good benefits, 401(k) and paid vacation. Golden State Overnight, 800-743-1139. Fax resume, 858-622-0316.

**DOCUMENTATION SPECIALIST.** Fluent in Spanish/English, able to read/write both languages clearly. Responsible for translating important documents. Knowledgeable in Word, Excel, type 35wpm. Mayra, 619-409-1401.

**DOG BRUSHER/BATHER.** Wednesday-Saturday, 7:30am-5pm. Pay negotiable. Fun, busy environment. Experience helpful. Apply in person, Wednesday-Saturday 7:30am-5pm: 508 Nautilus Street, La Jolla.

**DRIVER.** Granite Countertops Co. seeks driver. U.S. citizen and experience with granite preferred. Must have time flexibility. Bilingual (English/Spanish) a must! Fax 619-422-1173.

**DRIVER.** Tow Operator and Dispatcher. No experience required. We train you to be a professional. Base pay plus commission. Clean DMV required. Apply in person, C&D/McBrides Mission Valley, 8332 Case Street, La Mesa, CA 91942.

**DRIVER/LIMOUSINE CHAUFFEUR.** F Street Corporation is seeking a female or male driver limousine chauffeur for CEO personal use with at least 5 years experience. Need letters of recommendation. Apply in person only at 2004 University Avenue, San Diego, 92104. No phone calls please.

**DRIVER/SET UP,** part time, mostly week-ends. Drive company vehicle to events, set up and take down product displays.

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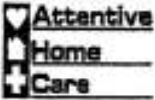
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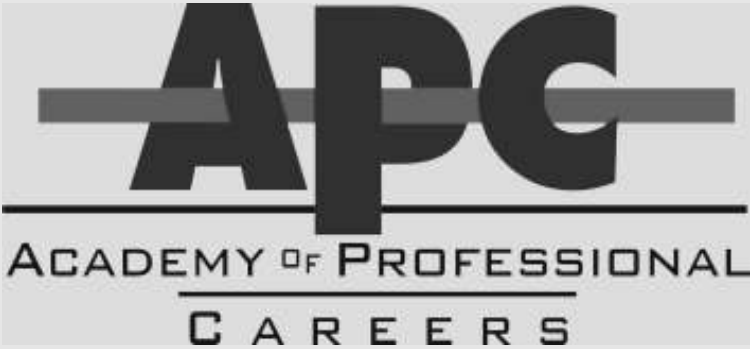


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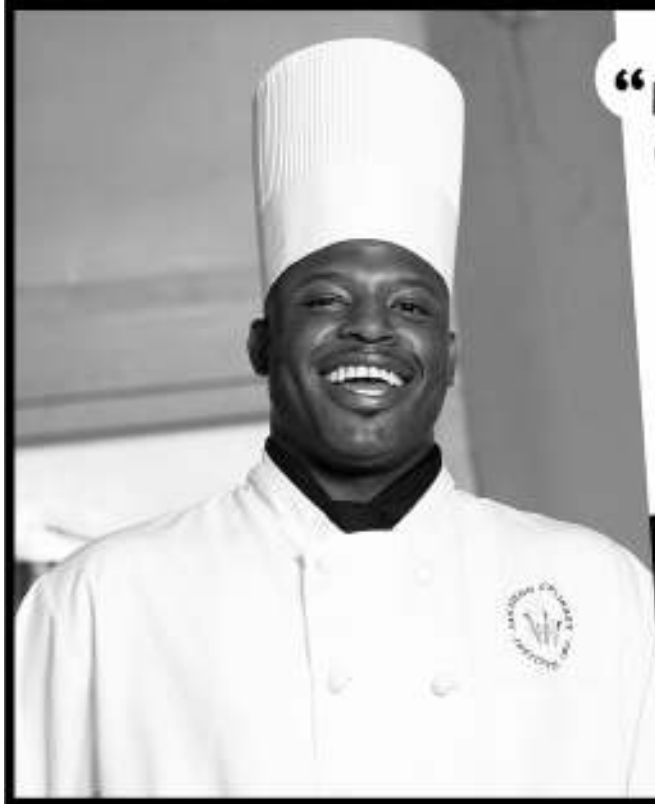
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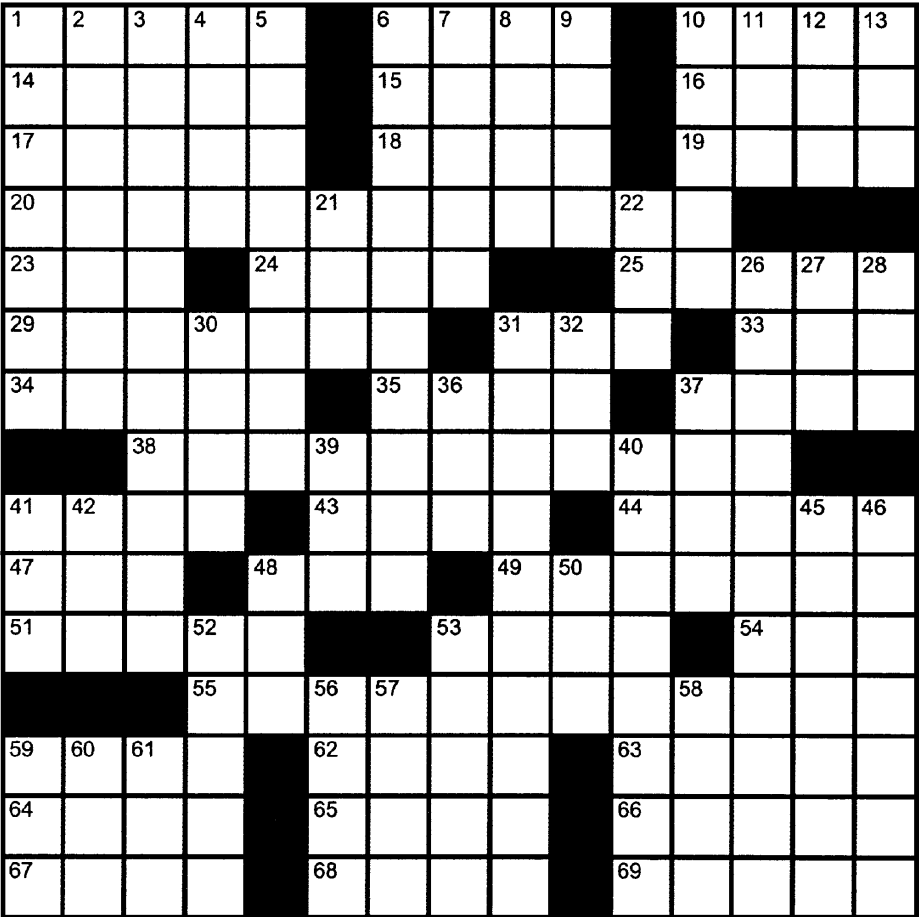
- Across**
- 1. Cabaret singer Mercer
  - 6. Browns on the beach
  - 10. "This is \_\_\_\_ for Superman!"
  - 14. Novelist Jong
  - 15. Ersatz butter
  - 16. "My kingdom \_\_\_\_ horse!"
  - 17. Doughnut's shape
  - 18. Pen points
  - 19. Like most yard sale goods
  - 20. Mows
  - 23. Cigarette's end
  - 24. Cheshire Cat expression
  - 25. Port of ancient Rome
  - 29. Rip into
  - 31. Quart divs.
  - 33. Have a bug
  - 34. Titanic dangers
  - 35. Like some exhausts
  - 37. Pass over
  - 38. Mohs
  - 41. Sounds of satisfaction
  - 43. Rare bills
  - 44. Gets "warmer"
  - 47. Abbr. after some church names
  - 48. The 21st, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 49. Way of thinking
  - 51. Deep-six
  - 53. Medical breakthrough
  - 54. Juan follower?
  - 55. Moe's
  - 59. Tubes in the kitchen
  - 62. Knee-slapper
  - 63. Performed high-tech surgery
  - 64. "My Life As \_\_\_\_" (1985 film)
  - 65. Suffix with persist
  - 66. Instituted: Abbr.
  - 67. Literary bear
  - 68. They're game
  - 69. Prepared

- Down**
- 1. Laurie who played Roseanne's sister on "Roseanne"
  - 2. Awakening
  - 3. She's blood
  - 4. Old French coins
  - 5. Closing moment
  - 6. "Relax!"
  - 7. Set straight
  - 8. Neighbor of Wyo.
  - 9. The Cubs' #21
  - 10. Kick up \_\_\_\_ (complain)
  - 11. "\_\_\_\_ Boys" ("Little Women" sequel)
  - 12. Bauxite, e.g.
  - 13. Michael Jackson's next album after "Thriller"
  - 21. Stat for 9-Down
  - 22. "Help, quick!"
  - 26. Nap

- 27. Three, on a sundial
- 28. Matterhorn, e.g.
- 30. Jazz singer Andy and others
- 31. Survive inspection
- 32. One hopes for this in an I.C.U.
- 36. Sci-fi vehicle
- 37. Huskies load
- 39. Nice warm days?
- 40. Glassworker, at times
- 41. \_\_\_\_ in apple
- 42. Channel that's sometimes seen in black and white
- 45. Good-as-new tire
- 46. TV director's order
- 48. U.S.N.A. rank
- 50. N.Y.C. subway inits.
- 52. On \_\_\_\_ (exulting)
- 53. "Photographs & Memories" singer
- 56. Wilbur's charge in '60s TV
- 57. Mozart article
- 58. Bud holder
- 59. Last sound some bugs hear
- 60. "Yes," at a wedding
- 61. To boot

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 1/15/04.

Of the 89 entrants, 85 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Zack Grimm, *El Cajon*
- 2. Bill Taylor, *San Diego*
- 3. Genelle Kuhns, *Carlsbad*
- 4. Laura Duncan, *San Diego*
- 5. Amir Zarrinpar, *San Diego*

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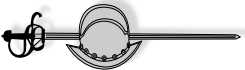
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**LONELY OLD "GEEZER"**, widower, is looking for senior cute "chick", retired, without excess baggage, who loves music, cruises, tours, trips, for hugs, kisses, long relationship. (2/4) ☎20468

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**MALE, 50S, DIVORCED**, romantic man, likes cuddling, walks on beach, spontaneous, easygoing, honest, dining out,

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**SINGLE DAD, 56, TALL**, thin, good looking. Seeking good woman, 46-56, for dining, dancing, theatre concerts, and good conversation. Let's have coffee, and talk. (2/4) ☎20423

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**MARRIAGE-MINDED JEWISH** man, 59. Seeking Jewish woman, 35-50's, for friendship, possibly long-term relationship. Interests: tennis, hiking, music, live theater. (1/28) ☎20403

**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

**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

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**ORIENTAL LADY WANTED.** I have nice blue eyes, 5'10", 47. San Diego, enjoy weekends. Looking for sociable, caring, my princess. (2/4) ☎20416

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**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

**SINGLE, HANDSOME**, 30s, athletic, black male. Seeking slightly older woman, shapely, for dating, mutual friends, possible relationship. (2/4) ☎20471

**HANDSOME, PROFESSIONAL, FUN**, outgoing, black male, 40, seeking fun loving, smart, sweet snuggle bunny for fun and romance. (2/4) ☎20457

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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

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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.** \$550 includes utilities. Share lovely townhome with 2 females. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi. Great location. No smoking, no pets. Please leave message, 760-942-2226; 619-235-2415, x31190.

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**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, SOUTH.** \$625, utilities included. Large bedroom in new 3 bedroom townhouse. Share private garage, washer/dryer, pool, spa, cable Internet. Near Palomar Airport/Melrose. Chris, 760-420-9385.

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**CARLSBAD.** \$600. Room for rent. Spacious condo, family room, living room, fireplace. Cable, share utilities. No drugs, smoking or pets. Call 760-803-1408; 619-235-2415, x10934.

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**CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR.** \$600, 1/2 utilities. Furnished condo with own room/bath. Washer/dryer, pool, tennis, jacuzzi, parking. Close to beach and freeways. 619-339-5207.

**CARMEL VALLEY.** \$499 plus \$151 utilities. 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. Renting downstairs bedroom/bath. Garage, washer/dryer. No drugs/smoking/pets. Available 2/1. http://home.san.rr.com/vgosula/room\_for\_rent.html. vgosula@san.rr.com. 858-349-7639.

**CARMEL VALLEY.** \$680, \$250 deposit, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath Archstone apartment. Pool, spa, gym. Female only. Available immediately. Shannon, 858-603-7614.

**CARMEL VALLEY.** \$700 plus utilities, deposit. Room with bath, large closet, canyon view in clean, quiet house. Washer/dryer, cable, Internet, maid. Nonsmoking. Nicole, 858-663-0967.

**CARMEL VALLEY.** \$610. Room available in luxury 3 bedroom apartment. Washer/dryer, pool, 24-hour fitness, movie theater. Quiet. No smoking. Available 2/17. 858-509-4737.

**CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR.** \$720, 1/2 utilities. Master bedroom in spacious, clean, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Washer/dryer, gym, pools, jacuzzis. Available 2/1. 858-603-3897.

**CARMEL VALLEY.** \$695, 1 bedroom in large home. Washer/dryer, fireplace, canyon view. Rent includes: utilities, cable, phone and maintenance. Female preferred. Josie, 760-672-0709.

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**CLAIREMONT.** \$500, utilities included. 1 room in 4 bedroom house. 2 bathrooms. Washer/dryer, maid once a month. Male preferred. 858-405-0782.

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**CORONADO.** \$675. Gorgeous Spanish remodeled home. Spa, hardwood floors, fireplace. Block to beach, quiet street. Own bath. Female wanted. Nonsmoker, no pets. Available now. 619-435-3200.

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**DEL MAR.** \$700/month with \$800 deposit. Own room, walk-in closet, wood floors, spacious backyard. Available 2/1/04. 619-701-0923.

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**DEL MAR.** \$817. 1 bedroom, share bath in 3 bedroom house. Whitewater view. All amenities. 1/3 utilities plus deposit. On the bluff. 858-349-7775.

**DEL MAR.** \$850, utilities included. Hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, private bath, balcony. Pool, spa, sauna. Close to beach. Private parking. Loft upstairs. Nice landscaping. 619-235-2415, x17463.

**DEL MAR.** \$690/month. Beach apartment. Large, sunny room available in 2 bedroom apartment. Great location, near beach/village. Laundry, covered parking, flexible renting terms. 619-235-2415, x24643.

**DEL MAR.** \$675/month. 2 males, 1 female seeking female. Share huge 4+ bedroom, 2 bath house. 2 blocks beach. Gardens, ocean views, washer/dryer, hot tub. 858-509-1959.

**DEL MAR.** \$800. At beach. Room in 3 bedroom 2 bath beach house. Washer/dryer, patio, fireplace, huge living room. 1935 Coast Boulevard. Tanya, 858-603-5710.

**DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY.** \$850. Male seeking roommate, share 2700-square-foot home. Near new Pacific Athletic Club. Private bath/garage for car, maid, spa, gardener. greg@eventgames.com. 858-922-6313.

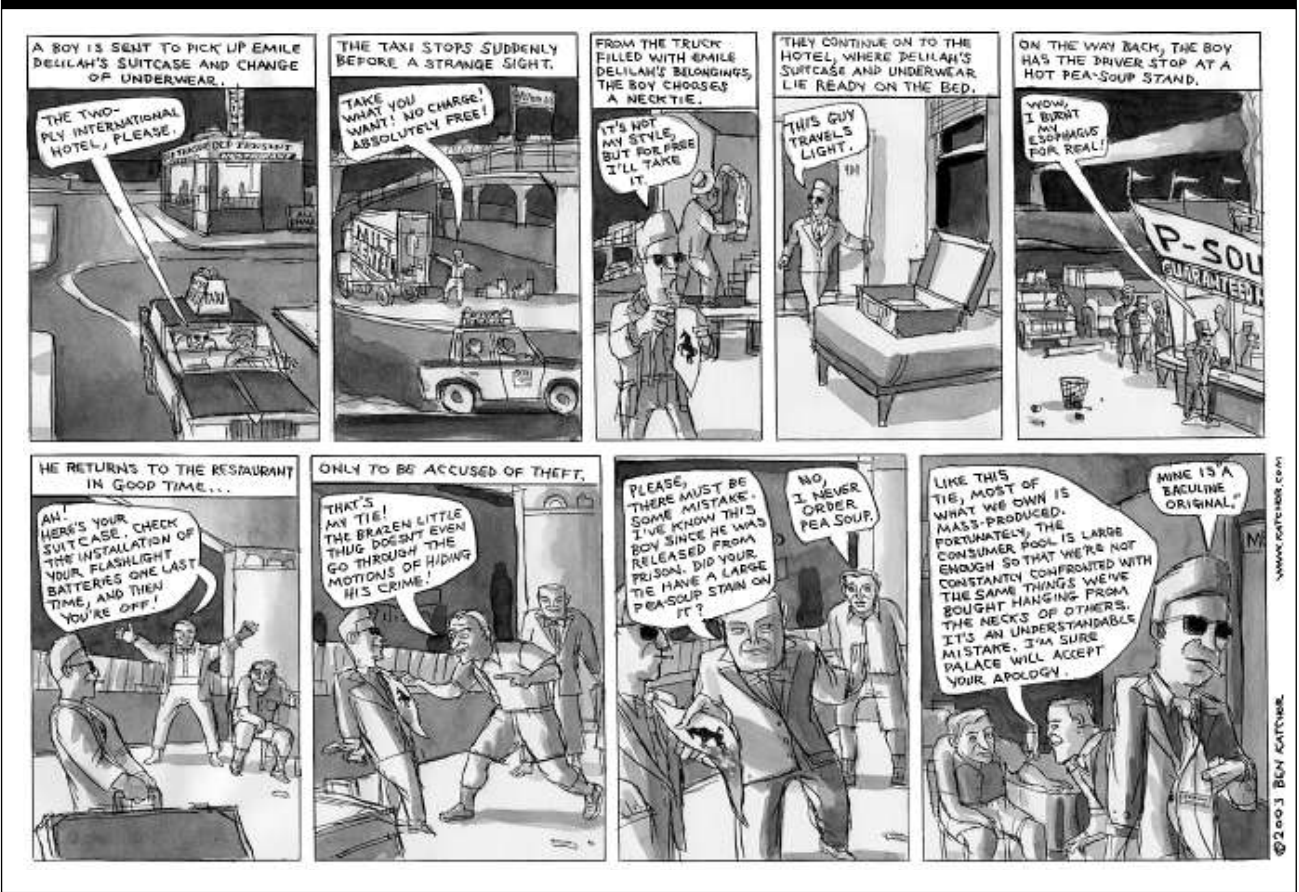
**DEL MAR/RANCHO SANTA FE.** \$650 plus 1/2 utilities. Furnished bedroom and bath in peaceful, spacious home. Pool, jacuzzi, laundry. Female only. Available now. 858-759-7305; 619-235-2415, x25568.

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**DOWNTOWN.** \$700/month to month, no deposit, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment. Balcony, view, washer/dryer in unit. Share with female and male. Jenny, 619-804-6704; 619-235-2415, x31418.

## THE VALISE



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**DOWNTOWN.** \$740. Broadway/30th. Large 1 bedroom/private bath. Inside laundry, secured parking, new everything, upgrades, high-speed internet. Appointment preferred. 619-795-0364, michaeln@sandiego.edu.

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**EL CAJON,** Bostonia. \$600. Large room in new 2-story home. Private bath, wood

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**EL CAJON.** \$425/month, 1/2 utilities. Room for rent in 2 bedroom apartment. Off-street parking, pool, laundry facilities. No pets, smoking or drugs. Eric, 619-235-2415, x12179.

**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, COASTAL.** \$825, 1/2 utilities. Share new 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Quiet place, gated community, washer/dryer, fireplace, pool, jacuzzi. No pets. Deposit. 760-944-8220; 619-235-2415, x25162.

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**ENCINITAS.** \$580/month. Small, quiet, condominium complex. Bedroom with private bath. Garage parking, ocean view. Nonsmoker, no drugs. Ask for Rob, 760-230-1647; 619-235-2415, x25526.

**ENCINITAS.** \$650, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Beautiful 2 bedroom apartment. Private bath, furnished/unfurnished. Fireplace, pool, spa, laundry. No smoking, drugs, pets. Prefer female. Lynn, 619-888-9386; 619-235-2415, x31223.

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**ENCINITAS.** \$575, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath, spacious apartment. Easy parking, large pool and jacuzzi, relaxing. No smoking. Available now. 760-635-3600; 619-235-2415, x22090.

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**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.

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**MIRA MESA.** \$525. Share large house. Master or single rooms available. Cable and phone in room. New carpet/bath-room. Quiet neighborhood, good location. 619-871-4582.

**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.

**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 plus utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, unfurnished, move-in January. Washer/dryer facilities, cable modem, gated, jacuzzi, pool, gym, parking. rfrey2@san.rr.com. 619-250-5542.

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cluded, vaulted ceilings, gym. Central location. Clean. demydin@hotmail.com. 619-990-5266.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$600/month, \$600 deposit, half utilities. Nice room with private bath available in newly decorated, spacious house. No pets/smokers. oliver\_andy@yahoo.com or 619-850-4101.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$550, 1/3 utilities. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-story townhouse. Parking, fireplace, patio, washer/dryer. No pets. Great place! Call Bill, 858-945-5453.

**MISSION VALLEY, WEST.** \$560, 1/2 utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Own bath. Washer/dryer, pool, patio. No smoking, drugs or pets. 619-235-2415, x30229.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$650. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Washer/dryer, vaulted ceilings, cable. Tennis, olympic pool, jacuzzi, gym. No pets, drugs, smokers. Near trolley, Costco. 619-280-2799.

**MISSION VALLEY/USD.** \$450 plus utilities, deposit. Quiet nonsmoking condo. Washer/dryer, free cable, olympic pool, jacuzzi, sauna, security patrol. No pets. Available now. 858-495-9128.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$650. Large bedroom with private bath, pool and jacuzzi. Friars Village. No pets or smoking. Available now. \$500 deposit. 858-268-5831.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$550/month, \$250 deposit. Room for rent. Parking, pool, jacuzzi, laundry. Close to freeways, buses and trolley. Female only. Cristina, 619-281-1253; 619-284-7231.

**MT. SOLEDAD/PACIFIC BEACH** side. \$800/month, \$600 deposit. 1/2 mile to La Jolla, 1/2 mile to Pacific Beach. Master bedroom with private bath. Quiet street, washer/dryer, big screen. Share 3 bedroom house with 2 roommates. Ocean view, 30 seconds to I-5. Perfect location. Lots of parking available. 619-890-9575.

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**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** Rent \$437.50, deposit \$437.50. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No smoking, alcohol, drugs, pets. Very clean and quiet. Call 619-269-8985.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$525/month plus deposit. Share beautiful renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwoods, spa, pool, secure parking. Available 2/1. 619-282-4794.

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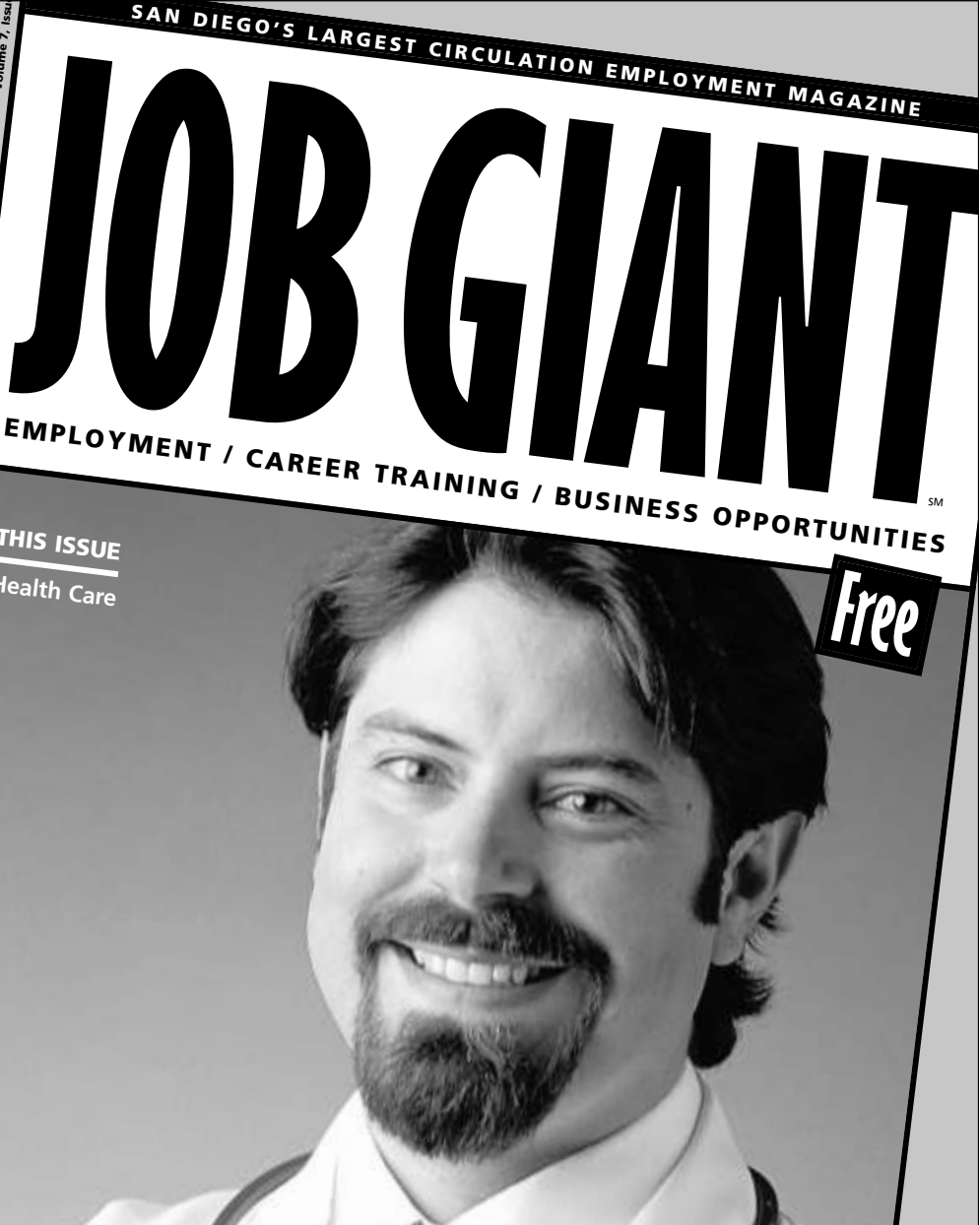
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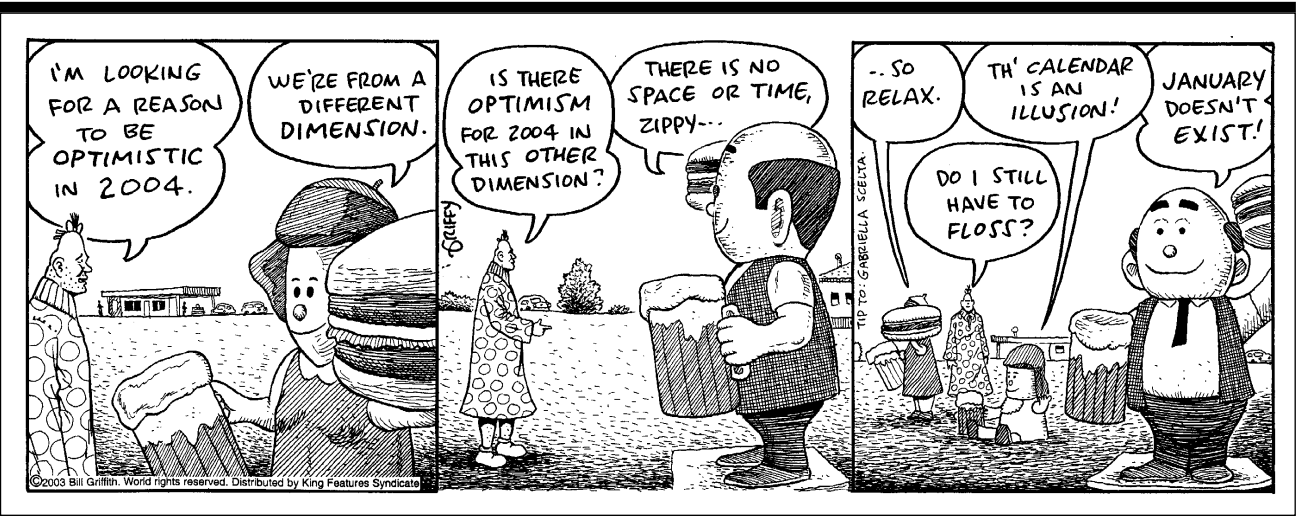
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**ENCINITAS.** \$1575. Attached house. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. No pets. 1000 square feet. 1-car. Small patio/yard. 226 Gloxina. Available 1/15. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

**ENCINITAS.** Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with fenced backyard. Tile floors, gardener, 2 master bedrooms, close to beach. \$1665/month. Pet OK upon approval. Available 2/1. 858-342-4401.

**ENCINITAS.** \$2750. Lovely 5 bedroom, 3 bath home. 2-car garage. Hardwood floors. Granite kitchen. Large yard. No pets. Available 2/1. 463 Via Montalbo. 858-356-0495.

**ENCINITAS.** Ready for move-in. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. All new washer/dryer, appliances, countertops, carpet, paint throughout. Pool, barbecue. Close to I-5/beach. \$1525. 909-235-0449.

**ENCINITAS.** \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, private complex. Dishwasher, berber carpet, on-site laundry, garage. Close to shopping and YMCA. 185 Saxony Road. 760-720-1400; 760-613-1350.

**ENCINITAS/CARLSBAD.** Pets welcome. 1-3 bedrooms. \$800+. 100% pet-friendly rentals. Low fee with money back guarantee. Landlords list free. Listings available online. www.petrent.net.

**ENCINITAS/CARDIFF.** \$1100. 1 bedroom, charming 1940s guest house on Crest Drive, 750 square feet, 1+ acres. Ocean view. Privacy. Storage basement. Cat OK. 760-942-0826.

**ESCONDIDO.** \$1800. Emerald Heights/San Marcos Border. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Clean, fresh paint, open, lots of amenities. Gated community, view. Available now. 760-471-7811.

**ESCONDIDO, VALLEY CENTER.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath home. Separate art studio included. \$900 plus utilities. www.artfolio.com. 760-749-5719.

**ESCONDIDO.** 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-level house. Half off first month. Gated, walking trails, tennis, gym, pool. Pet on approval. \$1625. 2034 Skyview Glen. 760-754-1177.

**ESCONDIDO.** \$1150. Condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, air conditioning, new appliances/carpet/paint. Community pool and laundry. Marcelle, 619-889-4382.

**ESCONDIDO.** \$99 deposit on approved credit! From \$850. Gated garden-style 1, 2 bedrooms. Washer/dryer in unit. Central air conditioning/heat. Dishwasher. Full-size microwave. Walk-in closet. Large private patio/balcony. Pool. Covered parking. Near bus, shopping, more! Teton Pines Apartments, 2100 East Grand Avenue. 760-747-5566. www.sdreader.com/rent/2090.

**ESCONDIDO.** \$775 rent. \$400 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool, Jacuzzi, club house. Covered parking. 2 laundry facilities. \$100 Move-in special on approved credit. 640 West Lincoln Avenue. 760-489-8989.

**ESCONDIDO.** \$500-\$665. Downtown, historic building with inner courtyard. Off-street parking, and laundry on site. 204-E 2nd Avenue. Xlarent.com, 760-294-1659.

**ESCONDIDO.** Alta Vista Luxury Apartment Community. We are currently leasing 2 bedroom apartments. Washer/dryer in every apartment. Garages available. Spectacular views! Complex is located high atop hillside overlooking everything. Accepting dogs/cats! Look at what we offer: www.sdreader.com/rent/2068. Call now for our specials! 760-796-7966.

**ESCONDIDO.** 2300-square-foot house on 3 acres, widely published architectural masterpiece, gourmet kitchen, 30-foot rock fireplace, Jacuzzi tub, 20-foot ceiling, Lake Wolford area. \$2295. 760-753-7719. 619-980-7718.

**FASHION HILLS.** \$1899. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet and wood floors. View, 2-car garage. Community pool, spa, tennis. Close to all. 858-484-6434.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1,590 per month. Luxury condo, 2 master bedroom, 2 bath. Parking plus separate garage available. Furnished with antiques/unfurnished. Pool, gym, balcony with view. Walk to mall! Pets ok! 858-349-2638; hos7us@yahoo.com.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Pool. Jacuzzi. Washer/dryer. Covered parking. Gated. New carpet/paint. No pets. 1200 square feet. 858-695-6797.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1400. Large 1350-square-foot 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, top/corner unit, cathedral ceilings, view, fireplace, new appliances, pool. Call Rick Knight at PH Property, 619-491-0355 x114.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1650. Spacious yet cozy 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, washer dryer, fireplace, balcony, upgrades too. Tandem parking in garage. Beautiful courtyards, gated community with tennis courts, raquetball, pools, spas. Sorry, no pets. Open house Saturday 1/24, 3pm-5pm. 619-291-3216.

**FASHION VALLEY/MISSION VALLEY.** \$1595. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator, Friars Village, view, large kitchen. 619-220-8317.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1500. Luxury 2-master bedrooms, 2 bath condo with view. Washer/dryer, fireplace, pool, walk to mall/trolley, garage, extra storage. Available 2/1. 619-698-6430.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Near USD. Refurbished kitchen, gated, parking, washer/dryer. Indoor cat ok. 5919 Mildred. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**FASHION VALLEY/USD.** \$1300. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. View of bay/Sea World. Walk to trolley. Carport. 5810 Riley Street #10. 619-220-8462.

**FASHION VALLEY/USD.** \$995. Large 2 bedroom, laundry on site, 2 upper units available for February move in! 1236 Azusa and 5471 Lauretta. 619-997-8614.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1100 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. No pets. At 1330 Eureka Street #20 and #26. 619-298-5820.

**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1395/lease. Outstanding view! 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bathroom townhouse. 2-car garage. Pool. Jacuzzi. Tennis. Fireplace. 2 decks. No pets. Call 858-454-6874.

**FASHION VALLEY/USD.** \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, fireplace, coin laundry. Available 11/20. 5720 Lauretta. Del Sol Properties, Broker. 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

**GASLAMP.** 900-1200 square foot lofts. \$1200-\$2200/month. New construction. Hardwood floors, new appliances including dishwasher, washer/dryer. 619-235-5606.

**GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK.** \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled, tiled living room, kitchen, hallway/bath. Freshly painted. Pool. On site laundry. 619-962-1887.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1350. Historic townhome, 1000 square feet, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living room, large private yard. Renovated. Washer/dryer. No pets. Location, charm, yard! Call 619-435-5767.

**GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN.** Unique metropolitan setting offering comfort and convenience. 2 bedroom townhouse. Private balcony and view of downtown. Central air/heat. Washer/dryer hookups. Controlled access. Reserved covered parking. Dishwasher. Microwave. Great freeway access. Feline friendly. Golden Pacific, 1015 19th Street. www.pacificliving.com. Call toll free: 1-866-807-3215. www.sdreader.com/rent/2028.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$850-\$875. Charming 1 bedroom houses. Inset ceilings, archways, private yards, off-street parking. Pets considered. 619-230-0998.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Extra large studio, 1 and 2 bedrooms, start at \$750. Remodeled, new appliances, wood floors, pet friendly, laundry, views. Move-in specials. 619-804-0115.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1750. Charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, large fenced yard, off-street parking, washer/dryer, formal dining room, small pet ok. 619-282-1818.

**GOLDEN HILL SOUTH PARK.** \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with lots of windows and light. Updated kitchen, bath, appliances. New light carpeting, ceiling fans. New laundry on site. Quiet, private 7-unit property. Convenient to shops, bus, downtown, freeway access. Available 2/1. No pets. 3066 Hawthorn Street. Shown by

appointment. R.A. Properties. 858-483-3989.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1325. Charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Large yard. Eat-in kitchen. Built-ins. Porch. New carpet/paint. Refrigerator. Stove. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Beautiful 1 and 2 bedroom apartment homes starting at \$795. Gaslamp Manor, 2470 C Street. 619-702-5709; 619-665-5145.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Beautifully remodeled two bedroom, one bath house. New hardwood flooring and tile. Newly painted. Huge yard and garage. Minutes to Downtown. \$1,500. 619-232-5291.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint, new blinds, laundry room on site, courtyard, small pet allowed. 619-437-8322; 619-787-1105.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$825, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Underground parking. On-site laundry. Gated community, freeway access. Close to downtown. 2827 A Street. Call Mark, 619-238-4350. 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$995. 2 bedroom. Pet friendly, recently renovated, ceramic tile throughout. Laundry on site. 619-282-5954.

**GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN.** Move-in special! \$1195, large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath unit, \$1195 deposit. Completely refurbished. All new flooring, appliances, light fixtures, paint and bathrooms. Has dishwasher and a balcony with a nice view. Garage is available. No pets. Available now! Call Herb, 619-838-1595.

**GOLDEN HILL.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, \$1165. Private, charming, newly renovated, light, new appliances, off-street parking. 1 year lease. No smoking/pets. 619-980-6700.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Contemporary 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated building, underground parking, all appliances, patio. Minutes to Downtown and freeways. \$1650. Available 2/10/04. 619-823-6340; mc142@cornell.edu.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$825, 1 bedroom apartment in renovated building, view, tiled floor, dog ok. \$715-\$730, studio, wood floors, tiled kitchen/bath, clawfoot tub, pet friendly. 619-231-6960.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1275. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, newly remodeled upstairs apartment, light maple hard flooring, on-site laundry room, off-street parking. South Bay views. 3368 C Street. 619-544-1757.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Cottage-style duplex. Gleaming hardwood floors. Large kitchen. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Small fenced patio. No dogs. Agent, 619-234-9553.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1300, rent. \$1000 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Washer/dryer, all new appliances, pet considered with larger deposit. At 3374 A Street. 619-299-4034.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$695. 1 bedroom condo. \$875. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet complex. Fireplaces, dishwashers, balconies. Underground parking. 3093 C Street #3, #12. 619-702-8808.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$995. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, laundry facilities. 8 unit complex. 2841 B Street. 858-459-9170.

**GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN.** \$1195. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Gated parking. Laundry facilities on property. Cat OK. 1100 square feet. View! 1233 22nd Street. 619-531-0826. www.floit.com.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$850. Newly remodeled, charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry on site, wood floors. Great neighborhood. Available now. No dogs. 619-857-3706.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$300 off, Move-In Bonus! Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12:30pm-1pm at 2528 C Street, #10. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$825. Available now. app@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 888-847-9978.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$700. Spacious studio in 1920's building. Hardwood floors, large walk-in closet, built-in storage. Lots of windows. Separate kitchen with built-in table and seating. Clean, quiet building with laundry. West of 25th, 906 21st Street. 619-239-2278.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$795. 1 bedroom. Beautiful courtyard, laundry, gated. Near Balboa Park. 1231 25th Street. Open house: Saturday/Sunday 12-4pm. 619-234-1995.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1395. Authentic Victorian farm house, 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths. Separate dining room. High ceilings. Original pine floors. Pet possible. Laundry on site. 619-442-8030.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$945. Spanish charm. Manager position, \$100. 2 bedroom apartment. High-coved ceilings. New carpets, blinds, paint. Gas appliances. Security gates. Laundry. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Cottages, charming studio, and 1 bedrooms. \$625-\$695. Gated garden setting, quiet area, laundry facilities, easy downtown access. No pets. 619-595-1923. www.willinproperties.com.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1600. Huge, contemporary 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Approximately 1600 square feet. Beautiful wood floors in great living and dining space. Built-ins with fireplace. Utilities included. 2930 C Street. 619-593-6263.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1100. Completely remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath with Coronado view. Large bedrooms with mirrored closets. Ceiling fan, new carpet. Off-street parking. 811 26th Street. 619-559-5423.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$895. Charming, very clean 1 bedroom cottage. Fenced backyard. Lots of windows! Secure off-street parking. Stackable washer, dryer. 3065 B Street. 619-559-5423.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$750. New carpet/floor, balcony, gated, parking, laundry. 3030 Broadway. 619-243-4000 x0.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1195. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath house plus laundry room. Large fenced garden. Dog OK. All kitchen appliances. View of harbor, Point Loma. Close to Balpark, trolley. 631 26th Street. 760-723-6991.

**GOLDEN HILL.** 3102 G Street. Large studio. Off-street parking. Nice unit. Walk-in closet. Utilities, cable, water paid. Very private. \$750/month. Pets OK. 619-838-8282.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$1450. 3102 G Street, near Downtown. 2 bedroom. Private. Hardwood floors, tile. Very nice unit. Off-street parking. Washer, dryer. 619-838-8282.

**HILLCREST, EAST.** Great view. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. Dining area, fireplace, washer/dryer, refrigerator, microwave, 2 parking spaces, spa, barbecue, deck. \$1325/month. \$800 security deposit. 4790 Arizona #316. 858-292-1773.

**HILLCREST.** From \$860. Large sunny, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, small cozy community. Off street parking. Indoor cat OK. No dogs. Available now. 3932 9th Avenue. 619-297-7859.

**HILLCREST.** \$1395. 2 bedroom house, newer appliances, blinds, air conditioning, fenced yard, washer/dryer hookups, 1 car garage plus off street parking, near all. 619-886-3146.

**HILLCREST.** From \$795. Studios and 1 bedrooms in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated to capture your distinguished taste, style. Controlled access. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated, efficient management. Don't miss out on hillcrest living at its best! Near bus, shopping, freeways. Nightingale Apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sd

**HILLCREST.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo by Balboa Park. Top floor condo in Hillcrest, 1/2 block from park. Hardwood floors, 2 balconies, laundry in building, 1-car garage, pool. Quiet building. Small pets welcome. \$1795. 619-895-1561.

**HILLCREST.** \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with large master bedroom and separate dining area. Includes all appliances and washer and dryer. 2825 3rd Avenue #304. Lease required. 858-598-1111 x191. [www.utopiamanagement.com](http://www.utopiamanagement.com).

**HILLCREST.** \$975. Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Balcony. Storage. Underground parking. Gated. Immaculate community within walking distance of hospitals, shops and more! 4202 4th Avenue. Call Vicki, 619-368-5576. Arbor Place. Sunriseliving.com.

**HILLCREST.** \$1325. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer included, vaulted ceilings and fireplace. An immaculate community with off-street parking close to medical facilities. 4119 Front Street. 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

**HILLCREST.** \$825 and \$1250. 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious units, walk to Balboa Park, gated and secured. 3630 Park Boulevard. 858-483-3534. [www.cal-prop.com](http://www.cal-prop.com).

**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.** Huge, bright 1 bedroom with garage and off-street parking, \$950. Newer carpet, paint, microwave, dishwasher, ice maker, air, separate storage closet on patio, mirrored closet doors. No smoking/pets. 4021 Richmond Street. 619-280-4693.

**HILLCREST.** \$1395. Quiet, light and airy 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo, fireplace, washer/dryer, garage, secured building. Cats OK. 619-549-1950.

**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](http://www.sandiegorealestatemanagement.com).

**HILLCREST.** \$1195. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Ground floor with patio. Parking and laundry. Stop by 3966 Ninth Avenue. 619-226-7368 x3 or 619-987-8079.

**HILLCREST.** \$760. Bright, upper cheerful studio, freshly redone, homelike interior, ample closets, Laundry. Attractive building. Near park, Uptown Center. Available now. 619-670-0624.

**HILLCREST.** \$1350. Penthouse. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large roof-top patio, new decor, fireplace. Heart of Hillcrest at 727 Robinson/7th Avenue. Kaleb, 619-886-4073.

**HILLCREST.** a new look is what you'll find on 3650 Florida Street. Recreated 2 bedroom and studio apartments. Hardwood floors and more. \$795. 858-270-5500, x21. [www.msbrrowar.com](http://www.msbrrowar.com).

**HILLCREST.** Award-winning property! Lavish landscaping and courtyard will greet you in this spacious 2 bedroom. Lots of windows, huge living room. Call Paul, 619-299-4666. [www.msbrrowar.com](http://www.msbrrowar.com).

**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.** \$875. 3588 First Avenue #3. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Private setting. Parking. Laundry in complex. Clean, well maintained. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

**HILLCREST.** \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath downstairs unit in 4-unit complex. Laundry, parking. Quiet. 1-1/2 blocks to Uptown Shopping Center. Call Robert, 858-273-3121.

**HILLCREST.** \$995. Newly renovated 2 bedrooms in well-maintained complex. New carpet and designer paints. Attractive courtyard. On-site laundry. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

**HILLCREST.** Like charm, convenience? See these San Francisco-style, studio apartments with hardwood floors, high ceilings, \$675. Laundry/community room, controlled access, near all. Come home to historic Casa Grande at 1751 University Avenue. Cat accepted. Call 619-299-7727. See website: [www.sdreader.com/rent/1015](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1015).

**HILLCREST.** \$875. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Near Mercy Hospital. Verti-

cal. No pets. Available now. 4045 Eighth Avenue. 619-269-5879.

**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.** \$1350. 2 bedroom California bungalow. Hardwood floors, living/dining room, den, 1-1/2 bath. Laundry hookups. Enclosed yard, off-street parking. 619-298-2367.

**HILLCREST.** \$2200 plus utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. high-rise top floor, floor to ceiling windows, 180 degree views from oceans to mountains, doorman, 2 indoor parking places, security, washer/dryer. Furnishings available. 666 Upas. 619-298-9696.

**HILLCREST.** \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer in unit. Garage with remote control. All appliances. 1234 Robinson Avenue. 619-225-8909.

**HILLCREST.** \$1175. 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](http://www.delsolpm.com).

**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](http://www.delsolpm.com).

**HILLCREST.** \$985. Large, charming 1 bedroom with lots of character in quiet, clean, upscale building. Private entry, gas stove, coin laundry. Available now. 3620 Park Boulevard. 619-696-6611 or 619-990-4628.

**HILLCREST.** \$1749. Charming, bright 3 bedroom, 1 bath, office, wood floors, tile, glass block, canyon view, alarm, storage, washer/dryer, yard, great location. [www.innoreventerprises.com](http://www.innoreventerprises.com); 619-233-5663.

**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.** \$825. 3677 Park Boulevard. Charming 1 bedroom with laundry facilities. Close to downtown. See website at [www.dakotapm.com](http://www.dakotapm.com). Call today to see, 858-688-1345.

**HILLCREST.** \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright, immaculate second floor, newly renovated apartment. Barbecue patio. Coin laundry. Parking. Quiet complex. Near Henry's. No pets. 4225 Georgia. Resident manager. 619-299-1004.

**HILLCREST.** \$825. 3677 Park Boulevard. Charming 1 bedroom with laundry facilities. Close to downtown. See website at [www.dakotapm.com](http://www.dakotapm.com). Call today to see, 858-688-1345.

**HILLCREST.** \$1195. 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.** \$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](http://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](http://www.cethron.com); 619-295-1100.

**HILLCREST.** \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Small complex. Laundry on site. No pets. Available now. Move-in special! 3626-1/2 First Avenue. Call 858-483-5111.

**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.** \$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.** \$800. Very large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Carpeted. Assigned parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 3820 Georgia. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

**HILLCREST.** 1 bedroom. Air conditioning, microwave, carpet, laundry, barbecue, assigned parking. Near Scripps Hospital. No pets. Hillcrest Palms. 4077 Third Avenue. Agent, 619-298-7724.

**HILLCREST.** \$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.** 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](http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1006). 619-298-3225.

**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.** \$700. Studios on 6th Avenue. Clean, gated, appliances, laundry on site. Near all. 3560 6th Avenue. 619-293-4182.

**HILLCREST.** \$960. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. On-site laundry. Completely remodeled. New cabinets, tile, dishwasher, paint. Cat welcome. 1762 Robinson Avenue. 619-295-8845.

**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/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](http://www.petrent.net).

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$1095. Quiet, bright, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 2-story apartment, courtyard setting, hardwood floors, centrally located, laundry, Cat OK. Nonsmoking. 4619-B Campus Avenue. 619-741-7011.

**HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL.** \$675-\$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bedroom, studio. 1/2-month free. New carpet/paint. Neat and clean. Some properties with laundry/parking. 619-459-1781.

**HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS.** \$1245. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, top floor, canyon view. Washer/dryer. No dogs, please. 3782 First Avenue. 858-273-6429.

**HILLCREST/NORTH PARK.** \$1395. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Panoramic view! Hardwood floors, 2-car garage. Laundry hookups. Walk to Balboa Park. Utilities included. Nonsmoking. No pets. 3524 Wilshire Terrace. Agent, 858-597-6100 or 619-993-0001.

**HILLCREST/BALBOA PARK.** Large 1 bedroom with hardwood floors and charming features. Great location and community. 3529-1/2 Park Boulevard. \$1025 plus \$125 garage. 619-295-2822.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath \$925. New decor. Quiet courtyard. 850 square feet, ample closets/cabinets. Laundry, off street parking available. 619-294-8737.

**HILLCREST/NORTH PARK.** Spacious 1 bedroom, downstairs apartment with private patio. On-site laundry with off-street parking. Large walk-in closet. \$825. 619-683-7638. Xilarent.com.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$795/plus utilities. Upstairs 1 bedroom apartment, 6-unit complex. Ceramic tile in kitchen/bath. New floor coverings. On-site laundry. 619-298-0982.

**HILLCREST/NORTH PARK.** \$895. Large deluxe 1 bedroom apartment, includes garage. Fireplace, skylights, air conditioner, dishwasher. Newly remodeled. New carpet, tile, blinds, paint and fixtures. Laundry on-site. Gated intercom. 4025 Florida Street. 619-291-6427.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1100. Year lease. Interior rehabbed-new: tile floors, berber carpet, cabinets, appliances, countertops, paint, blinds, everything. Must see interior. Dogs additional. Ask about move-in bonus. 4605 Georgia Street. 619-884-7500.

**HILLCREST/UPTOWN DISTRICT.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1028 square feet. Security, underground garage, air condi-

tioning, washer/dryer, pool, gym. No pets/smoking. \$1600. 619-223-5858.

**HILLCREST/UPTOWN.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, stackable washer/dryer, gated underground parking, patio, pool, weight room. Call 619-296-2787.

**HILLCREST/UPTOWN.** 1 bedrooms, \$910. Beautiful location beside lush canyon, end of a "No Through Street." Controlled access, elevator, pool, covered and off-street parking, poolside barbecue, recreation room with television/laundry room. Sorry, no pets permitted. Park View Apartments, 3700 Tenth Avenue. 619-298-6768.

**HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$695. Studio. New Year's Special-\$300 off first month! Great floorplan. New upgrades. Easy freeway access. 4124 Campus Avenue. 619-294-2871.

**HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL.** \$760. Large studio. Small complex in ideal location. Full kitchen/full bath, new carpet, great storage, laundry, no pets. Available now. 858-454-2803.

**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.** \$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.** \$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](http://sandiegobestrentals.com).

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in well-maintained garden setting. Pool, parking, laundry. No pets. 1445 Grove Avenue. Resident manager, 619-55-0778.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** \$975. 2 bedroom house. New paint, fenced yard, gardener paid. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

**KEARNY MESA.** Brand new townhome. Never lived in, 3 story, 3 bathroom, garage, easy access to Highways 52/163/15/805. Call 858-337-2196.

**KEARNY MESA.** 1 bedrooms. \$765 and \$775. Large units, pool, parking, laundry. Convenient to Highway 163, shops, restaurants, and transportation. No pets. 858-576-6393.

**KENSINGTON/NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$700, large 1 bedroom, \$900, large 2 bedroom. New refrigerator, new paint, parking space, on-site laundry. Very clean, Nice neighborhood. No pets. 619-584-0761.

**KENSINGTON/TALMADGE.** \$1595. 1400 square feet. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car, laundry room, security alarm, hardwood floors, fenced yard. Tile kitchen and bath. Quiet neighborhood. Beautiful house. Plenty of parking. 4579 50th Street. Available 3/1. 619-269-0186; 619-696-6745.

**KENSINGTON.** \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet and paint. On-site laundry. Nice, quiet neighborhood. Small complex. Great location. 858-598-1111 x192. [www.utopiamanagement.com](http://www.utopiamanagement.com).

**LA COSTA.** Townhome, 1308 square feet, with 2 master bedroom suites, 2-1/2 baths. Fireplace, air conditioning, 2-car garage, patio, pool, jacuzzi, tennis, gated. \$1695. 760-420-4204.

**LA COSTA.** \$1850. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den house. 2-car garage, washer/dryer, large yard. Available February 1. Dave, 760-908-7538.

**LA COSTA.** \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse apartment in small complex, fenced patio, carport. 2950-G La Costa Avenue. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

**LA COSTA.** \$1400. Townhouse condo. 2 story, 2 master bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, pool, spa, hardwood and tile floors, skylight. Quiet. 760-918-6612.

**LA JOLLA** beach cottages. \$1250-\$1850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath, block from beach. Completely remodeled. Laundry, fenced yard. Pets OK. 858-499-0611.

**LA JOLLA COVE.** Vintage, panoramic coastal views, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1700 square feet, Fireplace, wood floors, 2-car garage, all appliances, gardener. \$3500. Also available furnished. 858-486-7697.

**LA JOLLA COVE.** Amalfi Street vintage guesthouse studio. Panoramic coastal views, Murphy bed. Fireplace, 1-car

garage, all appliances, private back street entrance. \$1750. Also available furnished. 858-486-7697.

**LA JOLLA SHORES.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2 blocks to beach, hardwood floors, dramatic windows, fireplace, garage, new landscaping. \$3150. C Weiler PM, 619-275-2880.

**LA JOLLA SHORES.** Large 1 bedroom. Off-street parking, laundry facility, 1 block to beach. \$1200/month plus security deposit. 858-456-7954.

**LA JOLLA SHORES.** \$4500/month. Furnished. Very close from the beach. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Fireplace, refrigerator, washer/dryer, fenced yard, 2-car garage. 619-368-1771.

**LA JOLLA SHORES.** \$3900/month. 600 feet from beach. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Fireplace, refrigerator, washer/dryer, fenced yard, 2-car garage. 619-368-1771.

**LA JOLLA VILLAGE.** Studio. Living room, bath, kitchen-appliances. Walk-in closet, dresser drawers/shelves, laundry. Walk to beach, bus, restaurants. \$1095-\$1375, includes utilities. 619-645-8082.

**LA JOLLA 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. [wwwcasalindaapartments.com](http://wwwcasalindaapartments.com).

**LA JOLLA**, in Village. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo-quality apartment in garden courtyard. Washer/dryer. 2 parking. No pets. 7601 Eads Avenue. Open house Saturday, 1/24, 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, double burner and small refrigerator. 858-449-3329, 858-454-3329.

**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.** 1 bedroom, \$1650-\$1750 (add \$100 furnished). View. Near beach, tennis, pet walk. Truly "In Eden" 616 Prospect. Available February/March. By appointment, 858-729-0342.

**LA JOLLA.** Small cozy cottage with private yard. Bright and airy with vaulted ceilings, hardwood, fireplace, laundry, central air and heat. Close to shopping, restaurants, beach. Easy access to freeway. \$1850/month rent. \$1500 security deposit. Credit check \$25 (applied to deposit if accepted). 858-551-6023.

**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. \$1650. 858-682-8131, 858-453-1491.

**LA JOLLA.** Near Windansea Beach. 3 bedroom, 2 baths unfurnished house. Laundry, private yard, \$2100. 1-year lease. 551 Westbourne. 858-454-1018.

**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.** \$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.** 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.** \$1100. Ocean view. Furnished or unfurnished studio. Utilities included. \$950, ocean view studio. 1 bedroom from \$1100. Pool. Steps to beach. Laundry. Parking. 858-775-0386. 858-395-9942.

**LA JOLLA.** \$960 includes utilities. Spacious 1 bedroom, apartment, off Prospect in downtown La Jolla, refrigerator, stove. Laundry on premises. Nonsmoking. No pets. 858-459-6219, 858-459-8161.

**LA JOLLA.** \$895. Studio condo. Murphy bed. Laundry room. Dishwasher. Parking space. Community pool. Patio. Storage.

8628-B Via Mallorca. McKee, 619-435-2700. [www.mckeecompany.com](http://www.mckeecompany.com).

**LA JOLLA.** \$3100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Ocean view. Some furniture available. Walk to Bird Rock village. Available 1/1/04. 5372 Chelsea Street. Boone Properties, 858-274-6856. [www.sandiegorealestatemanagement.com](http://www.sandiegorealestatemanagement.com).

**LA JOLLA.** \$975-\$1350. 1 and 2 bedroom garden apartments in village. 7555 Herschel. 858-459-1102.

**LA JOLLA.** Big deals! Nice 1 bedrooms, \$1119/up. 1/2 block to ocean! Tropical, laundry, pool. No pets. Welcome home! 858-454-7509; 858-536-1900.

**LA JOLLA.** Spacious studio in newly remodeled community. Ample closet space, dishwasher, laundry and more. Fully gated! 363 Playa del Sur. 858-270-5500, x21. [www.msbrrowar.com](http://www.msbrrowar.com).

**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.** \$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.** \$950. Small 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Bird Rock area. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, garage. Coin laundry. Cat OK with additional deposit. Available 2/15. Deposit \$900. 415 Colima Street. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com).

**LA JOLLA.** \$1700, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. \$1875, 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Both in north La Jolla, have 2-car garage and all appliances. June, agent, 858-320-2955.

**LA JOLLA.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, great ocean views, \$1665. Laundry on site, underground parking. Available now. Call 858-454-8857 x326.

**LA JOLLA.** \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in great location, close to beach and village. Laundry, parking. 5

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$2095. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome in Las Palmas. 2-car garage, just painted, washer/dryer, fire-place, patio, corner location. Sharp. 619-220-8317.

**LA JOLLA/UTC/LA JOLLA** Colony. Sunny, bright two bedroom, two bath condo with a fireplace, air conditioning, washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher and an oversized two car garage. This community has lots of guest parking as well. \$1595. Please call 619-501-5109.

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Gated community. Pool, raquetball court, 2 parking spaces. No smoking or pets. Available now. 619-941-1143.

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$1650+. Large 3 bedroom condos available now and on continual basis. Near UCSD and bus line. utcentrals@aol.com, 858-578-3392.

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$3000. 4 bedroom, 3 bath. Living room, dining room, family room, kitchen, pool, 2 fireplaces. Available soon. 4565 Sherlock Court. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath top-floor apartment. West facing, balcony, 2 pools, ocean 2 blocks. Available March 1. \$1650/month. 619-300-5531.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** \$1445. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with 1-car garage. Garden setting. 1 block to beach. No pets. 328 Rosemont. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

**LA MESA.** \$1000. Recently redone 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Quiet cul-de-sac, garage, common patio, laundry hook-ups. No pets. Available now. 619-264-1085. mdmiller@cisc.com.

**LA MESA.** \$895/month, \$700 security. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool, parking, new ownership. 7629 Normal Avenue. 858-245-9747.

**LA MESA.** \$795. 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.** \$1290. Must see! Extra nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Many upgrades, second floor, easy freeway access. 7707 Parkway Drive. No pets. 619-440-4607.

**LA MESA.** \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Available now. Air conditioning. Balconies. 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.** \$725. Junior 1 bedroom apartments. Air conditioning. Walk-in closet. Cats OK. Pool. Laundry on site. 7111 Waite Drive. 619-466-9899.

**LA MESA.** \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage, 1204 square feet, washer/dryer. No pets. Call Jen, 619-252-2812.

**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.** \$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.** \$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.** \$1550. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3-car parking, dishwasher, hardwood floors. Pool, jacuzzi and laundry on-site. No smoking or pets. 619-667-5219.

**LA MESA.** \$1050. 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.** \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath 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.** \$750. Renovated 1 bedrooms off Interstate 8 near SDSU. New paint, carpet, vinyl, appliances. On-site pool, parking, laundry. \$400 deposit. 619-464-3086.

**LA MESA.** \$1095. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Close to everything. Quiet location, covered parking, appliances. 1 bedroom, 1 bath is also available. For photos, information or to check out other vacancies in San Diego and North County, check out www.SanDiegoApartments.com.

**LA MESA.** \$575. Fully furnished studio. Bright. Quiet. TV, VCR, cable. Washer/dryer. Parking. Close to all. Near freeway, college area. Available now. 619-223-1115.

**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.** \$795. \$600 deposit. 1 bedroom apartments, air conditioning, swimming pool, great parking, fabulous location near Trolley Square/Grossmont Center. Call Laura, 619-469-3735. www.floiti.com.

**LA MESA.** \$1300. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs. 1000 square feet plus. Carport. Air conditioning. End unit. 8761 Lake Murray Boulevard. Agent, 619-260-1368.

**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.** \$1600. Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Fireplace, central air, 2-car garage, built 1990, high ceilings, dishwasher. 3855 King Street. www.sandiegoreal.com. Agent, 619-582-6160.

**LA MESA.** \$740. Lovely 1 bedroom. Walk to dining/shopping, public transit. Fully equipped kitchen, laundry. 4969 Mills Street. 619-466-7786.

**LA MESA.** \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Near 94 freeway. Hardwood floors, remodeled bathroom. 619-729-8181.

**LA MESA.** \$895 and up. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled, private patio, indoor atrium, 1-story complex. Assigned parking, garden style. Near freeway. No pets. Section 8 welcome. Move-in special, \$400 deposit. 7130 Waite Drive. 619-809-0044.

**LA MESA.** 1 bedrooms from \$760. Air conditioning, balcony or patio, on-site laundry. 2 bedroom with yard/garage, \$1000. 4751-4755 Jessie Avenue. Owner, 619-460-8011.

**LA MESA.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. \$700/month, \$400 deposit. 572 square feet. Pool and laundry room on site. Contact Kevin, 619-713-0916.

**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.** 1 bedroom. \$795. Fireplace, dishwasher, balcony, washer/dryer hookups, walk-in closet, parking. No pets. 619-466-3093. www.willinproperties.com.

**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.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. \$1500/month, \$1000 deposit. 1118 square feet. Large balcony. Pool and laundry room on site. Contact Kevin, 619-713-0916.

**LA MESA.** Large quiet condo. End unit, 1300 square feet. Balcony, underground parking, elevator, 2 master suites, 2 baths, air, laundry. \$1350. Vacant. 619-885-0485.

**LA MESA.** Meticulously remodeled apartments in a serene setting invite you into this full service community. 1 bedrooms at \$895. No pets. Call 619-884-7900. www.thejohncollinscompany.com.

**LA MESA.** Newly remodeled 1 bedroom apartments at \$995 and 2 bedroom apart-

ments starting at \$1150. No pets please. 619-464-8985. www.thejohncollinscompany.com.

**LA MESA.** North of I-8 near Costco. 2 bedroom, \$1195. Remodeled. Large units. Lots of storage, including a separate storage closet outside apartment. Central air/heat, swimming pool, grills. Cat OK. www.SanDiegoApartments.com. Call Barbara, 619-589-0802.

**LA MESA.** Rent to own! 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. \$2,600/month, \$15K down. No bank prequalify. Call for homes in other areas. Darren, 858-243-4090.

**LA MESA.** Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, air-conditioned apartment homes. Close to lovely parks and shopping centers. Enjoy quality, comfort and convenience at a price you can afford at Vista Amaya. Call us now at 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1035.

**LA MESA.** Studios, \$715. Includes carport space and storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated community. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

**LA MESA.** Up to \$500 off! Call for additional specials. Spacious 2 bedroom apartments from \$995-\$1015. 3 pools. 4 laundry facilities. Courtyards. Parking. Close to Maryland Avenue Elementary, shopping, parks, and freeways. Sorry, no pets. Parkway Plaza Apartments, 7576 Parkway Drive. Call today, 619-460-5241 or e-mail, parkwayplazaapts@sbcglobal.net. www.sdreader.com/rent/2009.

**LA MESA/VILLAGE.** \$825. Extra Large 1 bedrooms, air conditioning, near Henry's. Quiet, covered parking, laundry. 4620 4th Street. Available now. 619-444-4458.

**LA MESA/CASA DE ORO.** Best value for your dollar! Elegant, sculptured flower gardens, fountains, gas lamps, park benches. Charming, New Orleans style community. From \$850. Spacious 1, 2 bedroom, 2 bath and 3 bedrooms/2 baths. Huge patios/balconies. Restricted access gates. Small pet OK. 3903 Conrad. 619-462-1212. www.sdreader.com/rent/1017.

**LA MESA/ROLANDO.** \$750-\$950. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, currently being renovated. Not just a drive-by. Must see interiors. Call about specials! 619-741-5621.

**LA MESA/SAN CARLOS.** Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. \$1050. New carpet/vinyl, gated complex, parking, laundry, air conditioning. 7594 Park Ridge. Jocelyn, 619-527-2217; 619-243-4000 x0.

**LAKE SIDE.** Section 8 OK. \$775. Cute 1 bedroom apartment in historic courtyard property, washer/dryer, off-street parking, optional garage. Pets considered. 858-509-9951.

**LAKE SIDE.** Marilla Sundance Apartment homes located in scenic Lakeside. We offer spacious 2 bedroom, 2 full bath, approximately 935 square feet. From \$925. 1/2 month to 1 month free! Dogs/cats are welcome. Dog must be 40 pounds/less. Cats must be indoors. Two pet maximum. 619-561-2922. www.sdreader.com/rent/2024.

**LAKE SIDE.** \$99 move-in! Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Air conditioning. Washer/dryer hookup. Easy freeway access. Pool. Gated community. Pet friendly. 619-561-7086.

**LAKE SIDE.** \$200 off first month's rent. Large 3 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Newly renovated, in-unit washer/dryer, free dish satellite. Off-street parking, pet-friendly. \$1095. 619-405-3688.

**LAKE SIDE.** \$950. Townhouse, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Washer/dryer in unit. Close to downtown and Lindo Lake Park. 619-957-1867.

**LAKE SIDE.** \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs, light and bright. Laundry and parking. 12718 Mapleview Street #6. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

**LEMON GROVE.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1050. New carpet, paint, verticals, microwave, ceiling fans, mirrored closets doors. Includes air, off-street parking, private patio with small yard. Nonsmoking/pets. 7525 Pacific Avenue. 619-280-4693.

**LEMON GROVE.** 1 bath house, hardwood floors, large fenced backyard. 2159 Eldora Street. \$1500. Call 619-269-6031.

**LEMON GROVE.** \$725-\$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upper units, pool, laundry, small complex. 7465 Pacific Avenue. 619-698-6911.

**LEMON GROVE.** \$1500. 3 bedroom house. Fenced yard, covered patio, RV parking. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

**LEUCADIA.** \$1975. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Washer/dryer. Dining room. Water, trash, gardener included. Room for garden. Skylights. Wood decor. No pets. 619-261-0821.

**LEUCADIA.** \$1400 plus deposit. 1/2 duplex west of freeway. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Private parking, big yard. Dog OK. Darren, 760-633-3555.

**LEUCADIA/ENCINITAS.** \$1600. Ocean view, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath duplex. All newly decorated, new appliances. Nice patio, 1-car garage. Quiet neighborhood. Available 3/15. 760-804-1484.

**LINDA VISTA.** 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$845-\$945. Convenient location, fenced backyards, assigned parking. No pets. Office at 2451 Ulric Street. Please call for appointment at 858-278-3610.

**LINDA VISTA.** \$650, studio, utilities included. Laundry, gated parking. No pets. 2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

**LINDA VISTA.** Now renting! Beautiful senior garden community! 62 and up! Starting at \$675. Ask manager about our super move-in special! \$445 first month's rent. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Patios. Recreation room and laundry on site. On call maintenance. Close to shopping/freeways. No pets. 7720 Belden Street. www.sunriseliving.com, call now, 858-560-5707.

**LINDA VISTA/MESA COLLEGE.** \$1600. Large 3 bedroom 2-1/2 bath house. Washer/dryer, fireplace, off-street parking, small yard. No pets. Nonsmoking. 7483 Hyatt Street. 858-571-0243.

**LINDA VISTA.** \$1350/month. 3 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Near USD. Centrally located. Plenty of parking available. Call More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

**LITTLE ITALY.** Charming new 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo at Bella Via. 1900 square feet. Balcony, partial bay view, hardwood floors. Call Vida, 619-665-8269.

**LITTLE ITALY.** \$890. 2 bedroom cottage. Available 2/1. 1645 State Street. www.littleitalyrental.com. 619-723-0304.

**LITTLE ITALY.** \$1850. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with laundry facility inside. Ground floor with patio. 2 secured parking spaces. Stella, 619-384-1945.

**LOGAN HEIGHTS.** \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments available. Laundry on site. Gated complex. 3117 Valle Avenue. 619-640-7530.

**MIRA MESA.** \$2100. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage. Refrigerator, washer/dryer, water softener/reverse osmosis. Cul-de-sac, near freeway/park/market. 858-349-7022.

**MIRA MESA.** Bright, airy 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car, house available 2/1. Large yards. Close to I-15, stores, cinema, restaurants. \$1975/month. Call 858-344-8040.

**MIRA MESA.** \$1,225. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upgraded condo. New kitchen, hardwood floors, balcony, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, pool, spa, covered parking. Nice neighborhood. 858-353-3031.

**MIRA MESA.** \$1850. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Upgraded, remodeled, 1900 square feet, all appliances included, community pool/club. Small pet ok. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

**MIRA MESA.** \$1975. Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. 1975 square feet, 2-story, vaulted ceilings, 2-car, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, fireplace. All amenities. Near freeways, shopping, Miramar College. 619-925-0115.

**MIRA MESA.** \$900, deposit \$800. Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, off-street parking. 8757 Mira Mesa #1. 619-804-3325.

**MIRA MESA/SORRENTO MESA.** \$2100. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage. Available 2/15/04. Very clean, high ceilings, close to all. 619-778-0577.

**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.

**MISSION BAY.** \$1695. Quiet, partially furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath, gated condo with view, 2 parking spaces, pool, inside laundry, cable, trash, water. 877-569-9863. www.luvinsandiego.com.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$925. Nice cozy 1 bedroom apartment. Large ocean view balcony. Steps to beach. Gas/water paid. 721 Queenstown Court #D. 858-689-0602.

**MISSION BEACH.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, private deck, 2 parking spaces. 1 block to beach. \$1375/month. 755 Island Court. Available now. David, 619-994-4850.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$800-\$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Steps to sand, with jacuzzi

and gas barbecue. New carpet and paint. Pet considered. Call 858-353-5555.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$850, utilities included. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Steps to beach. Available now. 6-month lease. No pets. Call Jen, 619-252-2812.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$1475, utilities included. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Ocean view. Steps to beach. Available now. 6-month lease. No pets. Call Jen, 619-252-2812.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$2000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fully furnished. Parking available. 3855 Ocean Front Walk. Available through 5/15. Agent, 858-488-9125.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$2600. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Fully furnished. Parking available. 3857 Ocean Front Walk. Available through 5/15. Agent, 858-488-9125.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$725. Cute, clean studio with built-in Murphy bed. Steps to ocean, off-street parking, viewing after January 25. No pets. 619-225-4886.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$1175. Small, 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Beach side, no pets. Appliances. Carpet. Paint. 731 San Jose Place. Available now. Agent, 619-275-3455.

**MISSION BEACH, SOUTH.** \$1000. 1 bedroom apartment with garage. Steps to ocean. Nice patio. No pets. Nonsmoking. Available February 1. Call 619-223-4761.

**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.** \$950. Cute 1 bedroom, beach cottage, very private. New carpet. Close to beach and bay. Available now. Westbourne Realtors. 858-488-4800.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$1300. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house with parking. 760-753-6864.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$1150. 1 bedroom apartments across from the Catamaran Hotel. Hardwood floors. Appliances. Parking. Laundry. Steps to beach. 4004 Mission Boulevard. 858-272-9547.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$1400. (Lease available.) Large 1 bedroom house, hardwood floors, open beam ceilings, 2 parking spaces. Available 2/1. Year-round. Call 858-488-7851.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$975. Cute, clean 1 bedroom beach cottage. Newly painted, own front yard, steps to beach, garage. No pets. 619-225-4886.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$2900. 4 bedroom, 4-1/2 bath, large 1700 square foot apartment. Parking, large closets, built-in desk/drawer in each bedroom. Steps to beach/bay, laundry, coffee shop, markets. Year round. Available 1/26. No pets. 804 Island Court. Christa, 858-488-2006.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$1100. Walk to beach! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, unfurnished condo. Immaculate, remodeled kitchen. Laundry room. New carpet/everything. 3985 Riviera. Gated entry. 619-233-4182.

**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.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$1250. Charming 1 bedroom upstairs unit. 1 parking. Sun patio. Available approximately 2/7. 807 Venice Court. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$925. Nice 1 bedroom apartment, newer carpet, appliances and vertical blinds, steps to beach. Gas and water paid. 725 Queenstown Court #B. 858-689-0602.

**MISSION BEACH, SOUTH.** \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Available 2/8. Deposit \$900. 727-1/2 Ensenada Court. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$2400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, luxurious newly remodeled bay-view house. Steps to bay, beach and yacht club. New appliances, carpets and marble fireplace. 815 El Carmel Place. 619-233-6230.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with patio and barbecue. Furnished or unfurnished. Call 858-733-0770.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$750. Studio. Close to beach. Parking. Laundry. 721 El Carmel. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1075. Charming 2 bedroom. Quiet neighborhood, nice area. Water, trash, electric paid. Garage, laundry facilities, nice yard. 619-234-7572.

**MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST.** New apartment homes and lofts. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Underground gated parking. Crown moldings. Vaulted ceilings. Fireplaces. Walk-in closets. Full-size washer/dryer. High-speed Internet. Elevator, fitness center. Great location, near all! Lease. Cats welcome. Mission Hills Commons,

4021 Falcon Street. www.MissionHillsCommons.com, 1-866-579-6028. www.sdreader.com/rent/2032.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1095. Bright, charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Extra large. Nice location. One small dog OK. 3330 Reynard Way. Near all. Available now. 619-295-5750.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$845. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, ground floor condo. Utility room for extra storage with 2 free washers and dryers. 1 block to bus, train and trolley. Available immediately. 3830 Kettner Blvd. 619-507-4172.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1395. Beautiful hardwood floors. New deco bathroom. Charming 2 bedroom unit, in nonsmoking building, on very quiet street. Laundry room. No dogs please. 619-299-4769.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$2500. California Bungalow, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, garage, views, large yard. 1966 Tite Street. Call Paula, Coldwell Banker, 619-574-5128.

**MISSION HILLS SOUTH.** 2100-square-foot townhouse, 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath, 180-degree view of city/bay/Point Loma. Berber, balcony, washer/dryer, 2-car garage. No pets. 2905 India Street/Palm. \$2595. 619-295-7113.

**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.** \$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, SOUTH.** \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Upper. New appliances, paint, carpet. No pets/smoking. Near trolley at Columbia and Palm. 619-296-7902.

**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/HILLCREST.** \$2250. Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath unit. Spanish colonial, hardwood floors. Panoramic views



Brant Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$650. Cozy studio. Near downtown/bus. Quiet small complex. No pets please. 3222 Reynard Way. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**MISSION HILLS.** House, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, central heat and air. \$1950. 1030 West Redwood Street, 92103. 619-291-1377.

**MISSION HILLS, SOUTH.** \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large living room, dining room, laundry hookup, hardwood floors, miniblinds, off-street parking. 620 West Maple. 619-295-0694.

**MISSION HILLS, NORTH.** \$2000. 2 bedroom Craftsman home, den, 1-3/4 bath. Formal living/dining room with hardwood floors, fireplace, modern kitchen, double garage. 619-298-2367.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$4900. Quiet, gated, carefree, hillside privacy, 3000 square feet, 2 master bedrooms, 4 bath, 3 fireplaces, double garage. Central heating, ventilation, air conditioning. Cable, broadband. 5 minutes to Airport/downtown. 619-692-9444.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1225. 2 bedroom. Small complex, hardwood floors, large yard, city view, laundry. Quiet street. No pets. Nonsmoking. Available now. 619-275-2681. Cell, 619-518-4116.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Hardwood floors through out. Washer/dryer hook-ups. One-car garage. 1533 Glenwood. 619-461-3546.

**MISSION HILLS.** Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath house on quiet canyon, wood floors, fireplace, updated kitchen/bath. \$1500. 619-523-2021.

**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.** \$725. Nice, large with character, private 1 bedroom apartment, light and bright, hardwood floors, parking. Laundry on premises. Great location, 3960 Dove Street. Available 1/22. 714-767-3109.

**MISSION HILLS, SOUTH.** 1 bedroom apartment, view overlooking Old Town, 2 parking, laundry. Close to restaurants/freeway/transportation. No pets. 3633 Columbia/Chalmers. \$850. 619-295-7113.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1375. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Quiet neighborhood location. New appliances, tile. Gated community. Laundry. Underground parking. Cat OK. Robert, 619-531-0826. www.floot.com.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$725. 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/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 HILLS.** \$1200. 2 bedrooms. Parking. Spacious. Walk to town. 808 Fort Stockton. Open house Saturday, 11am-12pm. 619-295-2624.

**MISSION HILLS.** Large 2 bedroom house. 1400 square feet. Fireplace, backyard, hard-wood floors, bright and airy. 1920's charm. 3522 Kite Street. 619-291-2425.

**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 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.** 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.** \$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.** 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.** 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.** \$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.** Call for special incentives! \$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.** \$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.** \$1095 and up. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1000-square-feet. Air conditioning, pool. Lease. Available now! No pets! 5360 Adobe Falls. 619-265-1645.

**MISSION VALLEY.** First month free, 12 month lease! Ask about lease specials! 2 bedroom, 2 bath from \$1190. Tropical ambiance. 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.** \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath condo, balcony. Parking, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. Next to stadium, trolley. Air conditioning, nice tile floors. Great condition. 619-885-0405.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Light, airy. Nice view, swimming pool, tennis court, clubhouse, air conditioning, carport, barbecue area, laundry facilities. 760-715-4156.

**MISSION VALLEY.** Studio guest house behind home. Separate kitchen, new carpet, tile, paint. Full-size Murphy bed. Quiet neighborhood. \$675 includes utilities! 858-576-4949.

**MISSION VALLEY.** River Run. \$1150. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Fireplace, washer/dryer, private patio, walk-in closet, mirrored doors, storage, extremely clean, carport. No pets. 760-944-1622.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet and paint, great condition, Friars Pointe. 619-220-8317.

**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.** New 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. 1250 square feet. Nice complex, all amenities, pools, shopping, etc. No security deposit. \$1825 per month. 619-341-0767.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1700. 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.** \$950. Park Villas. Large 1 bedroom plus den in tranquil, park-like setting. Cable included! Off-street, covered parking. Pool, spa. On-site laundry. 619-422-8183.

**MISSION VALLEY/USD.** Studios. From \$675. Bright and airy. Private. Gated. Nonsmoking. No pets. 5411 Linda Vista Road (near Mildred Street). www.info101.net. 619-294-4376.

**MISSION VALLEY.** Large 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo, stackable washer/dryer hookups, balcony, covered parking. 619-296-2787.

**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.** \$1150. 2 bedroom condo, pool, parking, spa, convenient location. New appliances, upgrades. Available now. 5938 Rancho Mission Road #127. No pets. 619-298-7220.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1499. 2 master bedrooms, 2 bath deluxe condo. Huge balcony, fireplace, new paint/carpet, washer/dryer, pool, spa, barbecue, gym, secure garage. 858-337-4700.

**MISSION VILLAGE/SERRA MESA.** \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, complete remodel, new carpet, tile, paint and appliances. Private washer/dryer, carport, heated pool, spa. No pets. Agent, 619-888-1700.

**MISSION VILLAGE/SERRA MESA.** \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, washer, dryer, refrigerator. Patio, parking spaces. One story. No pets. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

**MORLEY FIELD.** \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 875 square feet. Carpet, ceiling fan, laundry hookups, garage, stove, refrigerator. No pets. 3181 Thorn Street. 619-298-7724.

**MURRIETA.** (2) new homes. (\$2,000) 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath. 2,450 square feet/golf course community, views. (\$1,850) 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,500 square feet. No smoking. 909-719-7537.

**MURRIETA/TEMECULA.** \$1895. Beautiful, new single-level 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, granite kitchen, large yard/patio. 37793 Rushing Wind Court, Murrieta. Gardener included. Call 619-392-7074.

**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.

**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.** \$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.** \$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 x42.

**NATIONAL CITY.** \$1425. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Fenced yard, covered patio. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**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.** \$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.** 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.** \$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.** \$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.floot.com.

**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.floot.com

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$750. 1 bedroom apartment in a four-plex. 4737 West Mountain View. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$975, \$600 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, stove, refrigerator, new paint, washer/dryer, 6-month lease. 4757 East Mountain View. 619-850-9079.

**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.** \$760. Large 1 bedroom. Downstairs. Air conditioning. Garden setting. Gated. Parking. Laundry. \$300 deposit. No pets. Available now. 4730 32nd Street. 619-584-7790.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** Stylish 1 bedrooms. \$199 deposit on OAC. From \$905. Updated kitchens with dishwasher. Ceiling fans. Balcony. Quiet street near Adams Avenue. Close to shops and restaurants, more! On-site management. Pool, sun-deck, sauna. Cats welcome. Pinetree Apartments, 3030 Suncrest Drive. Please call 619-283-3949. Visit website: www.sdreader.com/rent/2017.

**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.** 5 bedroom, 2 bath house, 1 block from Normal Heights sign. New kitchen appliances. Washer/dryer. 4 off-street parking spaces. \$1950/month. 619-384-3825.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$750. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, mint condition, in

quiet courtyard setting. Laundry, off-street parking, no pets, no smoking. 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 smoking. Available immediately. 4443 Kansas Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$675. 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/KENSINGTON.** \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs apartment in quiet, gated building. Large living room, new carpeting, reserved parking. 4319 Copeland. 619-582-3596.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$895. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, deluxe upstairs apartment, with balcony. Air conditioning, dishwasher, tile, 2 reserved parking spaces. No pets. 4343 Cherokee. 619-265-8680.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$775. Most beautiful and gorgeous, 700 square feet, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Remodeled, tile kitchen/bath, paint. No pets. Nonsmoking. Clean. Must see! 619-861-9717.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$825. Clean 2 bedroom upstairs apartment. Laundry, parking, security gate. 4572 34th Street. 760-943-9333.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$775, lower 1 bedroom; \$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.** \$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.** \$850. Secured Deposit \$600. Large 2 bedroom apartment, upstairs. Small complex. 4546 Utah Street. Laundry facilities. Secure gate. Quiet area. Available 2/1. 619-287-3734.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$1350. 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.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Fireplace, storage, washer/dryer, huge closets, huge new kitchen, yards, off-street parking. \$1500. Dog? 858-270-1521 or phstemptx@aol.com.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$1075. House-like duplex! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, garage, garden, updated throughout. Cat OK. 3375 Monroe Avenue. gregoryz@sandiego.edu, 858-270-4949.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** 2 units available. \$750, large 1 bedroom, new stove/tile/carpet. \$950, large 2 bedroom, new stove/refrigerator/tile/carpet, private patio. 619-339-7521.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$725. Large immaculate 1 bedroom. Garage, storage box. Very quiet building. Gated. Laundry. No pets. 619-582-0306; 619-347-8071.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$750. 1 bedroom cozy cottage. Near Adams. Appliances. Water and gardener paid. 4825-1/2 Kenmore Terrace. 619-287-4778.

**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.** \$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.** \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright, immaculate unit in quiet controlled-access complex. Garden courtyard. Built-in wood bookcases. 1 garage space. Laundry. No pets. 4626 Bancroft. Near trendy Adams. Resident manager, 619-280-6050.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking and laundry, gated, quiet. 4515 35th Street #4. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Covered patio, gardener paid, new paint. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$750. 1 bedroom. Spacious. Quiet, gated community. No dogs. 4530 40th Street. 619-284-8575.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$1175. Furnished house. 2+ bedroom, 1 bath. Living room,

fireplace, washer/dryer, large fenced yard, off-street parking. Near bus. Available now. 760-436-6680.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$810. 1 bedroom. Large walk-in closet. Air conditioning. Quiet complex. Near Adams. 4833 Kansas Street. 619-280-1721.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$625. 1 bedroom upstairs and downstairs apartments. No pets. 4669 36th Street #2 and #6. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$700/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, cottage setting. Laundry on site. Available now. 619-719-7429.

**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.** \$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. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Huge upstairs units. Laundry. Nice quiet neighborhood. Close to all. 4460-1/2 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. 760-796-7685.

**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/HILLCREST.** \$1050. Large 2 bedroom. Gorgeous big kitchen. New carpet. Control gated. Small complex. Charming garden courtyard. 3975 Mississippi. 619-407-1134.

**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.** \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, lots of windows, lots of cupboards and closets. Assigned parking. On-site laundry. No dogs. www.floot.com. Call Patty, 619-280-5461.

**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.** \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Cat friendly, new carpet, new dishwasher, gated underground parking, patio/balcony, laundry on site. 619-546-9677.

**NORTH PARK.** \$975. Small pets OK. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool, parking, controlled access, laundry. Clean, quiet. Amenities. Available now. 4133 Kansas Street. www.jesselproperties.com. Viewing by appointment. 619-640-0112. 8am-6pm.

**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.** \$895. Deluxe 1 bedroom. Modern condo-quality, small building. Private garage plus parking. New everything! All amenities including fireplace, microwave, air conditioning, patio. Gated. Squeaky clean! Laundry. No pets/smoking. 4158 Utah. 858-454-2024.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1200. Condo. 1 bedroom. New, upgraded, granite, stainless steel, washer/dryer. Upstairs unit. Available now. 619-948-4140.

**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.** \$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.** \$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.** \$1400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Fenced yard, appliances. Utilities and gardener paid. Section 8 welcome. Must rent it today. Scott, 760-224-9552.

**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.** \$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.

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**NORTH PARK.** \$745. 1 bedroom apartments. Gated property, parking space. No pets. 3946 Idaho Street. Call 619-294-7730.

**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/HILLCREST.** \$800. Large 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, dishwasher, walk-in closet. Gated garden complex, pool, laundry facilities, off-street parking. No pets. Close to all. 3710 Alabama. 619-299-1699.

**NORTH PARK.** \$625, includes utilities and laundry. Studio. Cute studio, cute neighborhood. 3328-1/2 Grim. Available 2/1. 619-274-0672.

**NORTH PARK.** \$995. 2 bedroom. Large, handcrafted apartment set in serene courtyard with trees, vines and flowers. Kitty is welcome! 3949 Kansas Street, #23. 619-260-1480.

**NORTH PARK.** \$790. Nice 1 bedroom apartment in small, quiet complex. Upstairs, gated entry, skylights, balcony, storage. No pets. 4045 Mississippi Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

**NORTH PARK.** \$750-\$875. Nice 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Newer carpet, blinds, stove. Off-street parking. Coin laundry. No pets. 4136 Iowa Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

**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.** \$875. Cute 1 bedroom cottage with fenced yard/patio! Laundry on site. Very quiet and secure. Don't miss out! No pets. 3204 30th Street. Cogan Properties, 619-279-2183.

**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.msrbrowar.com.

**NORTH PARK.** \$750. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Garden setting. New carpet/paint. Assigned parking and laundry facilities. 4611 Ohio. 619-285-1032. www.msrbrowar.com.

**NORTH PARK.** \$715 including utilities. Adorable 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, gated courtyard, laundry, no pets, no smoking. 3379-1/2 30th Street. Agent, 619-685-3960; 619-251-4355.

**NORTH PARK.** \$675. 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/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.** \$595. Cozy downstairs studio apartment in small complex. Stove, refrigerator and on-site laundry. Close to bus line. 619-683-7638. Xilarent.com.

**NORTH PARK.** \$925. Great 1 bedroom apartment with beautiful hardwood floors. Lots of windows for natural lighting. Shared yard. On-site laundry. Cat negotiable. 619-683-7638. Xilarent.com.

**NORTH PARK.** Cozy North Park 1 bedroom cottage with hardwood floors from \$795. Close to bus line. Laundry on site. 4333 35th Street. 619-683-7638. Xilarent.com.

**NORTH PARK.** Have it all. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, \$1045. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$825. Includes pool, air conditioning and parking/garage. Near Morley Field. Tuscan Villas. 3330 30th Street. Call 619-295-4583.

**NORTH PARK.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath triplex unit. \$1150. Will carpet for you. Small pet OK. Drive by 3443 Vancouver and call 619-702-1732.

**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/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.** \$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.** \$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.** Charming 2 bedroom apartment home. Newly renovated with hardwood floors, spacious living area and beautifully landscaped courtyard. Only \$1000. Call 858-270-5500, x21. www.msrbrowar.com.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1250, 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Small yard. 3070 Polk Avenue. Available 2/1. Call Larry at 619-295-1230.

**NORTH PARK.** \$850. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Carport, secure building, close to shops/transportation. 4381 Oregon Street. 619-220-8462.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1550. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath detached home. New appliances, cabinets, paint fixtures, flooring. Private front and rear yards with gardener, coin laundry, off-street parking, 3133 Gregory Street. 619-255-4499.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1000. Remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath detached apartment with new appliances, cabinets, paint, fixtures, hardwood flooring. Full kitchen, French doors, walk-in closet. Beautiful private yard with gardener, coin laundry, off-street parking. No pets. Available now. 3133-1/2 Gregory Street. 619-255-4499.

**NORTH PARK.** \$2500. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with restored 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in rear with separate entry. Two full kitchens. New appliances, windows, cabinets, paint, fixtures, flooring. Beautiful private front and rear yards with gardener. Structures total approximately 1400 square feet on large, landscaped lot. Generous off-street parking, coin laundry. No pets. Available now. 3133 Gregory Street. 619-255-4499.

**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.** \$1295, rent. \$800 deposit. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, driveway. No pets. At 3638 Bancroft Street. 619-299-8515.

**NORTH PARK, WEST.** \$995. Safe, well kept neighborhood. Very large intercom gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment plus security garage. Available now. Pay no rent till 2/15! Large living room, dishwasher, microwave, ceiling fan, vertical blinds, patio. Redecorated. Always maintained in top shape. No pets. 619-683-7850.

**NORTH PARK.** 1 and 2 bedrooms. Central location, new paint, laundry on site. \$925-\$1025. 3662 32nd Street. 619-683-9274.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1550. Great location. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Spacious, private, beautiful duplex. 1769 Pentuckett. Small pets ok. 619-750-7870.

**NORTH PARK.** \$625 rent. \$500 deposit. Studio apartment, no pets, at 3804 Pershing Avenue #2. 619-299-8515.

**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.** \$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.** 1940's classic remodeled 2 bedroom duplex. Maple cabinets, new appliances, washer/dryer, garage, private deck. Small pet OK. 4011 Kansas. \$1300. Mark, 619-518-7369.

**NORTH PARK.** \$725. 1 bedroom, security building. Available now. Call 619-294-4762.

**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/BURLINGAME.** \$850, utilities and cable included. Immaculate 1 bedroom. View, new paint, laundry, garage, yard with patio. No pets. 619-442-8916.

**NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$1100. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Garage, fireplace, gated, laundry, all appliances. No pets. 4475 Arizona. Available 2/1. Connie, 858-292-9131.

**NORTH PARK.** Large 2 bedrooms, 1 bath apartment. Remodeled. Excellent condition. No pets. Laundry room available. \$895/month. 4359 Cherokee Avenue. Call 10am-8pm. 619-409-9919.

**NORTH PARK.** \$895. 2 bedroom, hardwood floors, new windows, downstairs. 3975 Arizona. Call 858-272-1234.

**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/MORLEY FIELD.** Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in Craftsman home. Washer/dryer hookups, garage. 2 blocks from Balboa Park. 2830 Dwight Street. \$1095 per month, \$1095 deposit. Sorry no pets. 619-884-8080.

**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/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/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** Must see! Brand new 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Great location! Gated community. High ceilings spacious floor plan. Balcony, radiant heating, coin laundry on site, assigned parking. 5 minutes from Highway 163, 8 minutes from I-8. Pets negotiable. \$1,350/month plus deposit. Lee, 619-210-5265.

**NORTH PARK.** Open Saturday/Sunday! \$1675. Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. 4193 Arizona. Mint condition, Craftsman interior, hardwood floors, fireplace, central heat/air. New appliances, washer/dryer, parking. 805-882-1103.

**NORTH PARK.** \$950. Move-in bonus \$100! 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet and paint, gated parking, laundry on site. 858-362-8701.

**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.** Open Saturday/Sunday! \$975. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1 bath in duplex. 2505 Howard. Mint condition. New carpet and appliances. Parking. Pet ok. 805-882-1103.

**NORTH PARK.** \$895, 3711 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.** 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.** \$1075, deposit \$900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, fireplace, underground parking, on-site laundry. 3928 Illinois Street #207. 619-843-0796.

**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.** 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/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS.** \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment behind commercial building, laundry hookups. No pets. Nonsmoking. 1210-A El Camino Blvd. 619-741-4378. 619-540-6526.

**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/MORLEY 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** \$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.** Nice 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, \$750. Available now. 4327 Utah Street. app@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 888-584-9271.

**NORTH PARK.** \$795. Newly remolded studio cottage, large walk-in closet. Very private backyard, storage shed. Parking space. 619-840-7175.

**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.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Shared yard, close to Mission Valley, 1-car garage, off-street parking, new carpet, new paint. \$1395, deposit \$1000. No pets. Available now. 619-223-2325 x11 or 619-504-2514.

**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.** \$650-\$1095. Clean studio located upstairs; plus 2 bedroom, 1 bath with new carpet, washer/dryer and marble floors. 3666-1/2 or 3668 A Louisiana Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

**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.** \$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.** \$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.** \$950. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Carpeted, upstairs, one assigned parking space, laundry facilities. 4359 Alabama. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

**NORTH PARK/TALMADGE.** \$700/up. Extremely large, deluxe 1 and 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartments. Brand new paint/carpeting. Quiet, nice location. Controlled entry, air. Parking. Near bus/shops. 619-461-9415.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1350. 3 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, fenced yard. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

**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.** \$725. 1 bedroom. Upper unit. Close to all. Easy freeway access. Cat OK. 3747 32nd Street. Agent, 619-297-1483, x100.

**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-2pm. 2830 Bowditch Place. 619-708-5857.

**NORTH PARK.** \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath situated in a small, quiet complex. Street parking, laundry. Available 2/1/04. 4470 Illinois Street. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

**NORTH PARK.** \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in gated building. All-new decor. Broker, 619-286-4250.

**NORTH PARK.** \$950. 2 bedroom. Bright, upper unit. Small gated community. Pool. Parking. Laundry. 3980 Texas Street. Agent, 619-297-1483 x113.

**NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD.** \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath plus office. Fireplace. Hardwood floors. Yard. Laundry. Quiet neighborhood. 3580 Arizona Street. 619-297-8155.

**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.** \$775. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 4146 32nd Street. David, 619-584-4956.

**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.sdreader.com/rent/2088.

**OCEAN BEACH.** Move-in special, \$300 off first month. Clean, charming, bright 2 bedroom apartment. Parking, laundry. Nearby park, walk to shopping/buses. Pet-friendly. \$1300. 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.** \$850. Seacoast Apartments. 1 bedroom apartment with laundry and parking. Blocks to beach. Call Doris, 619-224-0759.

**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.** \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. 2 blocks to beach. Parking. All appliances including washer 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.** 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. 619-223-4614.

**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.** Some refurbished! \$975 and up. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 5057 Narragansett. Near beach. Parking. Laundry. Year lease. Dog considered. 619-683-7929.

**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.** 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.** \$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.** \$625. Small studio apartment. No pets. Paid SDGE. Carpet. Share parking. 5037 Narragansett Avenue #4. Agent, 619-275-3455.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$895. 1 bedroom apartment. Upstairs. Dishwasher, laundry, parking. 4944 Narragansett. No pets please. 619-223-2988.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1150. 1 bedroom. Completely remodeled. All-new kitchen, new appliances, ceramic floors and countertops, new cabinets, new paint, new carpet. New ceramic tile walk in shower with new sink. Vaulted ceiling, pool, block to beach. 5025 Cape May Avenue. 619-997-4693.

**OCEAN BEACH.** 1 bedroom apartment, \$895, 2 bedroom, \$1100. With gated entry, pool and laundry. No pets. 4990 Del Monte. Call 619-226-7425.

**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.** \$1650. 4 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house, laundry, fireplace, new carpet, lease. Open Sunday, 1/25, 1pm-4pm. 4736 Del Monte Avenue. 619-379-2470.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, yard, 1/2 block to Dog Beach, laundry on site. 5111 West Point Loma Boulevard. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$750. Nice studio at the beach. Parking. No pets. 2145 Spray. 858-488-5949.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1450. Bright, airy, upper-level duplex. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Off-street parking. No pets. Walk to beach. 4676 Muir Avenue. Iscelfa@hotmail.com; 619-675-6353.

**OCEAN BEACH.** Unique opportunity! Home office, 1 bedroom apartment, \$1000. Ocean steps from private patio. Moving, can't take furniture, \$5000/best. Spacious, laundry, dishwasher. Available February. 619-795-1763.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1020. 1 bedroom apartment. Very large, private, bright. 2 blocks to beach. Laundry on premises. Garage available. Santa Cruz Avenue. 619-871-2790.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pet OK. Refrigerator, stove. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$875. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Off-street parking, laundry. No pets. Available now. 4419 Montalvo. 619-523-0763.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, ocean view. Pets considered. Available 2/1. 1915 Abbott #3. Call 858-349-8776. jcrwf6425@aol.com.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1750. Pets allowed. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1200-square-foot condo with private yard/deck. Gated parking. High ceilings. Backs to Dusty Rhodes Dog Park. 3 blocks to beach. Water/trash paid. 858-405-5678.

**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.** \$1295. 1/2 off second month, 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Newly refurbished, near beach. Parking, wood ceiling. 5022 Voltaire. Available now. 619-275-5290.

**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.** \$1250. 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.** \$845. 1 bedroom apartment. Stove, refrigerator, newer carpet/paint. Block to beach. Lower unit. Available 2/1. Cat OK. 2178 Abbott Street #6. 619-222-9308.

**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.** 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.** \$1800. 2 bedroom plus extra room, 1-1/2 bath townhome. 4-unit complex. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer in unit. Fireplace

No pets. 4986 Santa Monica Avenue. Agent. 619-223-7523.

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**OCEAN BEACH.** \$900. 1 bedroom, lower. Gated building, steps to ocean, walk to all. 5066 Santa Monica. Call to see. John A. Reis and Company, Inc., 858-272-1348.

**OCEAN BEACH/SUNSET CLIFFS.** \$850. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. Parking, patio. No pets. Available soon. 619-221-1644.

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**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1150, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs duplex with patio. Parking. Laundry. Pet on approval only! 5081 West Point Loma. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacifcrealty.com.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$725. Large downstairs studio. Blocks to beach, with parking and laundry. No pets! 4922 Santa Cruz #5. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacifcrealty.com.

**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.

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**OCEAN BEACH.** \$800. Large downstairs studio on the beach with parking and laundry. No pets! 1986 Abbott Street. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacifcrealty.com.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$850. 1 bedroom apartment. 1st block on beach with parking and laundry. No pets! 2243 Abbott Street #D. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacifcrealty.com.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1075. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Few blocks to beach with laundry facility. No pets! 4824 Muir Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacifcrealty.com.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1375. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Recently remodeled. Fireplace. Fenced. Block to beach. No pets. 2115 Abbott Street. 858-794-0846.

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**OCEANSIDE.** 5 bedrooms, 3 bath, brand-new home, never lived in. 2750 square feet. Close to beach. \$2250. (Day) 949-923-6138, (Evening) 949-307-3931.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1495. Sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Skylights. Vaulted ceilings. Deck. New paint/carpet. Quiet. clean. 3-unit property. Close to bay. 4050 Haines. 760-944-8816.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath condo. Fully equipped kitchen. Private patio, 2 parking spaces, pool. No pets. 4647 Pico #105. 619-276-4060.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$1350/lease. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Clean. Quiet. Laundry. Near bay. Cat OK. Available 2/17. 4040 Lamont. 858-273-7140.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1350. Remodeled 2 bedroom apartment. Quiet area, 1 block to bay. 2035 Oliver. Available now. Agent, 858-490-2727 x100.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1350. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, townhouse in quiet fourplex. Fireplace, dishwasher. Parking. No pets. Available 2/1. 1805 A Chalcedony. 858-459-1928.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 1 block bay, 5 blocks ocean. Storage room/laundry. Private fenced patio. Pets negotiable. 1255 Oliver. 619-294-8737.

**PACIFIC BEACH, WEST.** \$995. Large charming 1 bedroom cottage. Patio, backyard. Small pet ok. Lease. 1545-A Felspar (behind 1543). Call 858-454-0781.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1000. Large 1-bedroom condo, second floor, 2-story security building, underground parking, elevator, laundry, pool, nice view, new carpet/appliances. 2609 Pico Place. 619-884-9760.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$750. Studio. Gated community, underground parking, near

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**PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH.** \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautifully remodeled, quiet, luxury apartment. Intercom entry, pleasant garden setting, heated pool. Imported tile, dishwasher. 1633 Diamond Street. By appointment. www.sandiegoapartments.com. Year lease. 858-272-4398.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** Big deals! Large studios! Tropical, laundry, pool, parking. \$749 and up. No pets. Welcome home! 858-536-1900.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Sunny, clean, all appliances, cable TV, carport. No pets. 4750 Noyes #101. Open Saturday, 10am-1pm. 619-275-2271.

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**CATS.** 2 very shy maine coon sisters need quiet home. They're so nice, beautiful. Spayed, leukemia/FIV negative, all shots, no fleas. 4 years old. Bags are packed. Donation. 619-795-2211.

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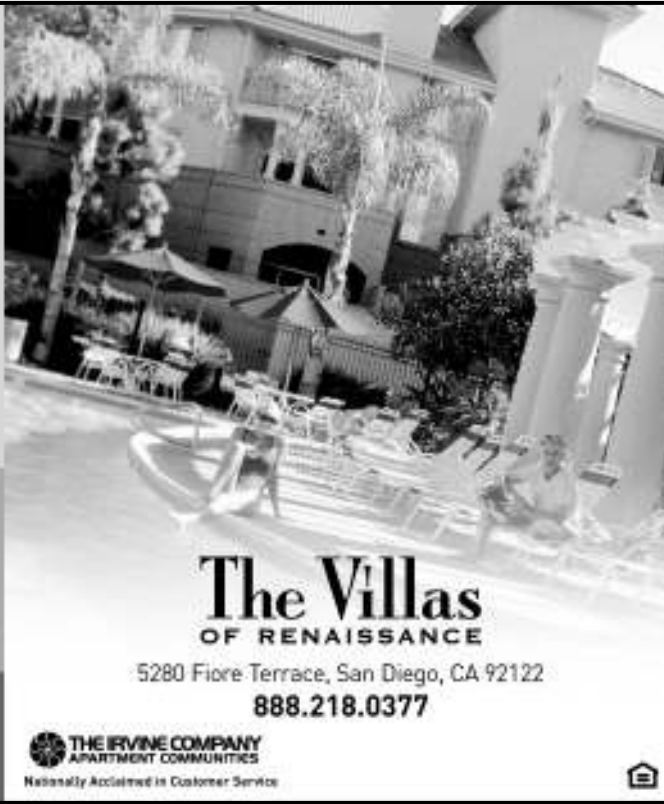
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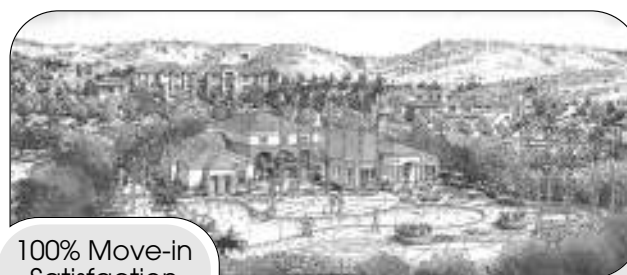
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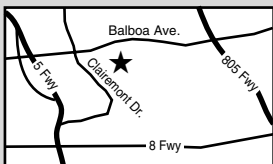
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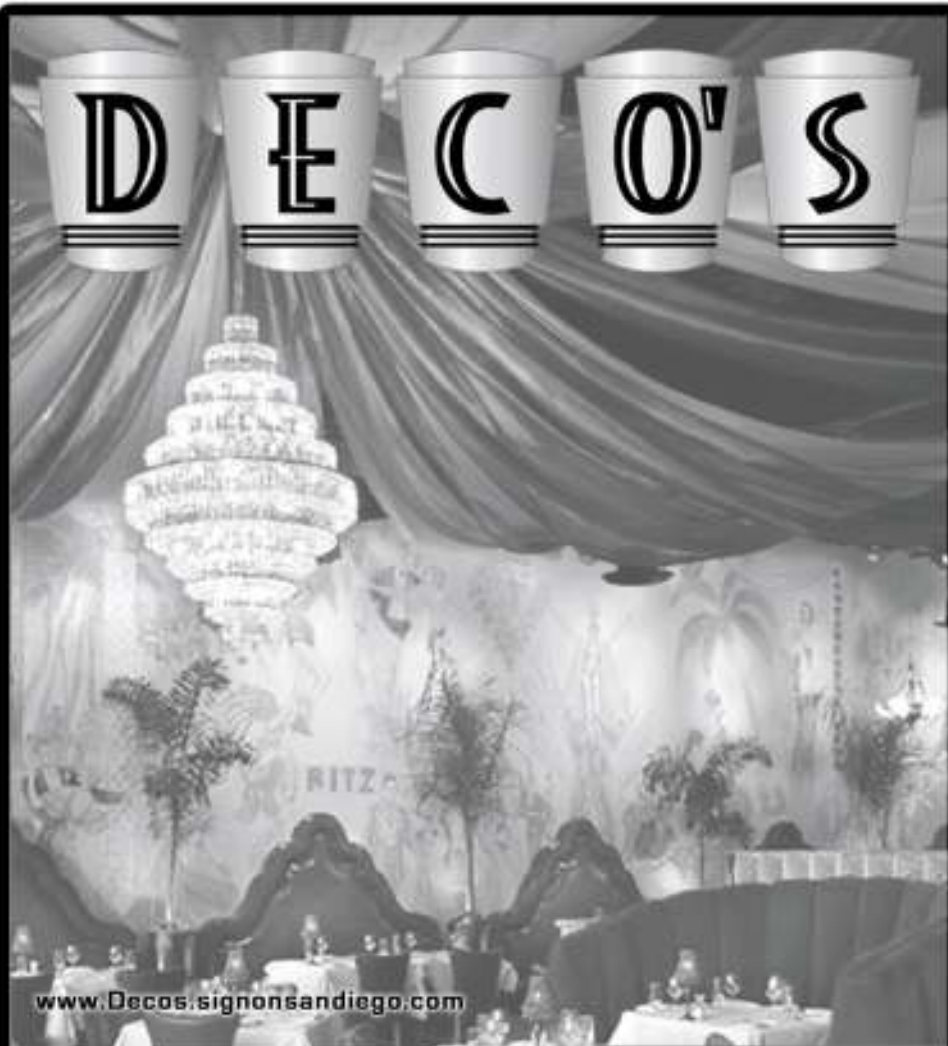
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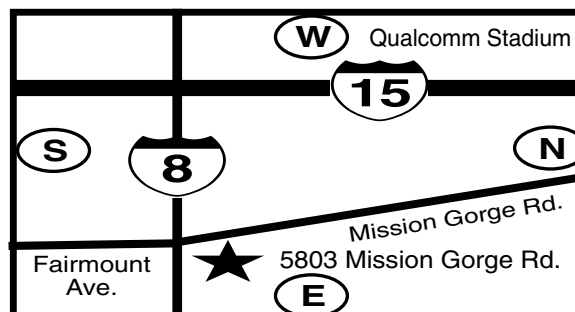
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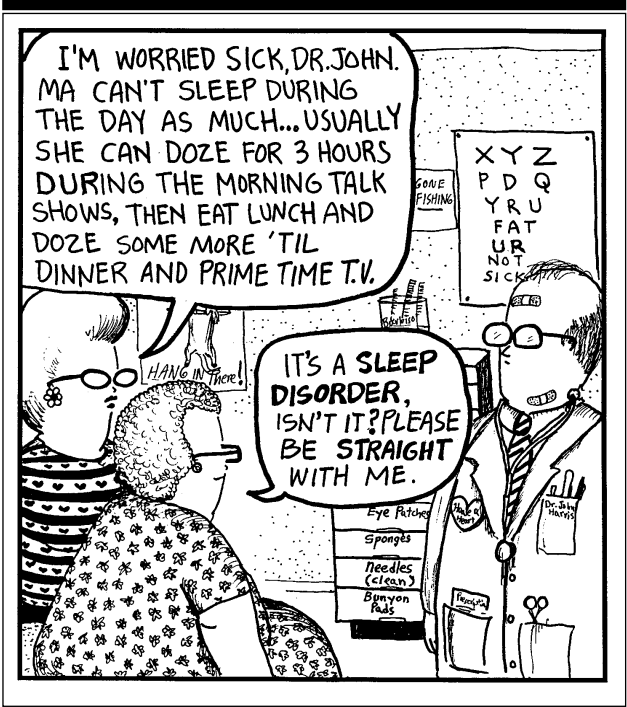
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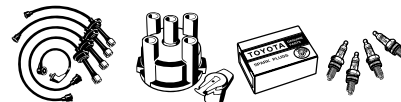


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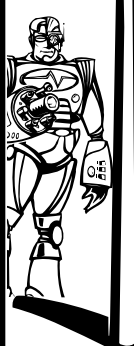
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**WANTED:** Software, older version of File-maker Pro for Windows (version 2.1, 3.x, etc.). Give a call, tell me what you have. Days. 619-838-9622.

**WORD PROCESSOR** with separate CRT display, 7-1/2x10" or 12" diagonally, stores output on floppy discs, instruction book included, clean, used very little, \$125. Leave message, 619-296-9415.

## BICYCLES

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**BIANCHI BRAVA**, 14-speed road, 55cm, KHS triathlete 52cm, 18-speed touring, Miyata 112, Sun aluminum cruiser, your choice, \$100 each. Jon, 619-462-4933.

**BIKE, OCR TOURING**, Shimano 27 speed, Mavic wheelset, Avid disc brakes, Selle Italia saddle, ALVXX frame, chrome forks, many extras. Like new. \$950 firm. 619-298-3451.

**BMX DYNO "BLAZE 20."** Candy apple red, used condition with new tires and a Haro seat. Front brakes are missing. \$45. Encinitas. 619-890-9600.

**CHROME BEACH CRUISER**, 6 months old, like brand new, kept inside, lock included, only \$110. Ryan, 858-752-3426.

**CLIFF HANGER**, women's 10-speed Freespirit, lightly used, great condition, good tires, white, for someone 5'-5"2". \$40. Bike carrier, carries 2-3 bikes, \$10. 619-295-1896.

**COMPONENTS.** Wheelset, Mavic/Ultegra, \$225. Look carbon Pro pedals, \$75. Shimano 600 complete group, \$475. All negotiable. 619-461-9769.

**GIANT RINCON SE**, must sell, 21-speed, female, \$100. 21-speed Roadmaster Enduro Sport, male, \$75. Computer desk, \$50. Kids Haro, \$200. Paulisarockstar@rock.com.

**GITANE**, 51cm, beautiful blue with new cables, tires, cranks, and tape, \$325. Women's shopping bike, \$35. 619-295-9314 or 619-892-6633.

**GRIFFIN VULCAN** frame set, 2002, size 59 Reynolds Ouzo pro forks, Chris King head

set, \$1800/best. 2003 Quintana Roo Kilo frame set, \$300. 619-563-0200.

**GT LTS**, full suspension, mountain bike, extremely durable, light, Shimano STX components, Indy Rock Shox, front, adjustable spring loaded Rock Shox rear. \$300/best. 619-225-2375.

**HI-TECHBIKES.COM.** Happy New Year to all and have we got some great deals! Save up to 50% on hi-end road bikes. Specialized, Litespeed, Merlin, Seven, Pinerello, Merckx, Moser, Carrera, Quintana Roo, Independent Fabrications, Kestrel and Look. 6162 Mission Gorge Road, suite G, behind Washington Mutual. 619-696-1311.

**KESTREL TALON**, 2003, carbon fiber, 700c, 58cm, 9-speed, Ultegra, Look pedals, Velomax wheels, red, nice, paid \$3000, sell \$2000/best. 760-815-0616.

**LEMOND VECTOR**, with full Ultegra Group, STI shifting, Rolf Vector Comp wheel set (700c wheels), Triple T bar and stem, 853 Reynolds steel frame, Look PP296 racing pedals, 51cm, 2000 model, white with red panels. Barely used. \$850. 760-804-3887.

**LIGHT**, Night Rider, 10 watts, comes with light, charger, nickel hydride battery, carrying bag, only 10 charges, new condition, \$80. 858-292-8928.

**MONGOOSE HYBRID** Hilltopper, 7-speed, Shimano components, red, great condition, \$125. Dan, 760-439-7121.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE**, Trek Fuel 90, cross country, 21.5c, 27-speed, great condition, \$850. Brian, 619-688-1067.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE**, Schwinn Moab-2, Manitou SX suspension fork, lightweight, full-butted 7005 aluminum frame, Shimano Deore derailleurs, shifters, includes Carnac shoes, originally \$1000, best offer. 619-435-0687.

**RALEIGH BIKES** (2), imported English adult fold ups, strong, both for \$700. 858-270-6608.

**RALEIGH M50**, 14" mountain bike frame, front shock, Shimano components, has lifetime tune up, \$125. 760-603-9320.

**ROAD BIKE**, Columbus frame, Shimano Ultegra STI, fits 5'-5'4", perfect bike for shorter wife/girlfriend, all top-level parts, \$450. 619-444-5776.

**RST ALIGHT 2100**, new Bombers, King headset, Salsa skewers, Cookbro cranks XT, brakes custom paint. Must go. Lots of extras. \$600/best. Zak, 619-224-9999; 858-270-3193.

**SCHWINN** equipped restored 10-speed, \$1000/best. Schwinn 10-speed Super Sport, USA, \$76/best. Peugeot 12-speed alloy racing bike, \$70. Serious calls. 619-277-4222.

**TANDEM**, blue Motobecane Interclub, 15-speed, comfortable gel seats, great condition, \$300. Leave message, 619-280-3660.

**TOURING BIKE**, 19.5" Jamus Coda, ready to tour, racks, panniers, pump, odometer, lights, tools, ridden only 300 miles, \$800. 760-723-0915.

**TRAIL/MOUNTAIN BIKE**, Magna, 21-speed, dual suspension, shocks, red and silver, never ridden, 1 year old, \$50. Del Mar area, 858-755-1728.

**TREK 4500 MOUNTAIN BIKE**, 2002, 19" front suspension, Shimano 24-speed, Rock-Shock, Jet fork, polished aluminum, perfect condition, like brand new. \$400/best. 858-755-5289.

**TREK**, early 1990s, aluminum/carbon, 56cm road bike, Shimano components, Mavic wheels, great condition, \$500. Rich, 858-270-8957.

**TURNER DOWNHILL** mountain bike, aluminum frame, full suspension, Mr. Dirt forks, Fox Vanilla rear, XTR components, Nite Rider lights, hydraulic brakes, 4 years old, \$1800/best. 619-666-7368.

**WHYTE PRST-1**, XC-FS Foxfold 2, front and rear, Hope disc brakes, all XTR, Mavic wheels, paid \$4000, 100 miles. Asking \$2000/best. Zak, 619-224-9999; 858-270-3193.

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**FISHING TACKLE.** Collector wants for his personal collection wood lures, reels, and miscellaneous by Heddon, Pflueger, Creek Chub, South Bend, Shakespeare, to name a few. 858-565-1756.

**INDIAN ARROWHEADS/ARTIFACTS.** Must be authentic. Call Steve at 619-222-8562.

**MILITARY MEDALS.** Many old military medals are worth hundreds of dollars. I have \$3000 cash to spend. Other old military items also wanted, especially USMC. 619-280-8089.

**OFFICE SPACE WANTED.** For healing work during evening and weekend hours. I'm happy to share a space. Please call Katie at 619-518-7658.

**OLD CAMERAS**, lenses or photo equipment. For cash. 858-335-4292.

**OLD TOYS AND TRAINS**, Lionel, American Flyer, Marx, Aurora, Corgi, Dinky, Hot Wheels, Matchbox, slot cars. Buddy-L, Smith-Miller, Strato, Tonka. Old plastic vehicles: Pyro, Renwal. Dave, 858-756-2411.

**PIANO BENCH**, preferably in light-colored wood. 858-784-8250.

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**CHINA CABINET**, curved glass, secretary desk, side table, rocking chair, Cadillac desk, lamps, miscellaneous antiques, best offer. 619-466-7714.

**COMIC BOOK COLLECTION**, mostly 1980s. Spiderman, Captain America. Best offer takes all! 760-579-2383.

**DESK**, oak rolltop, not a reproduction, 50"Hx50"Lx32"W, excellent condition,

asking \$2000. Can e-mail photos. dreamweaver0425@yahoo.com or 619-486-4643.

**DINING TABLE**, Duncay Phyfe, 2 pedestal, 3 leaves, 6 chairs, solid shape top needs refinishing, \$800/best. 858-748-6383.

**DINING TABLE**, antique, French, spindle style, 44"x41", 3 leaves up to 77", 6 chairs, \$500/best. Photos available. 619-442-2116.

**DOLL**, German, antique, good condition, collector's. Leave message, speak loudly and slowly, let the phone ring. 619-287-1382.

**DOORS, DOUBLE**, vintage 1970s, stained glass, beautiful, ornate, with hardware, 31"W and 33"Wx8'8"H, \$325/best. 619-583-7355.

**FIGURINE**, collectible, Goebel of Germany Co-Boy named Brum, \$40. Ocean-side, 760-967-1511.

**GHETTOPOLY**, \$60. Star Wars Monopoly, 20th Anniversary (1977-1997), limited collector's edition, includes numbered/dated game board and brass coins, \$35. Delivered. Leave message, 858-578-0936.

**HAT, FEATHER**, antique, ladies' colorful hat, give as gift, \$100. 619-296-5132.

**JUKEBOX**, Wurlitzer, works great, good shape, \$1500/best. 619-698-8549.

**MAGAZINES.** Surfer-Surfing, middle-late 1970s. Muscle and Fitness, early 1980s. Teen magazines. Sixteen, Tiger Beat, early 1970s. Each \$5. 858-272-1471.

**MISCELLANEOUS** antiques. Carved oak sofa table, 44"Lx22"Wx31-1/2"H, \$295. Lustreware coblet, \$15. Spode Chinese Rose place settings, \$25. E-mail photos. 858-453-6430.

**PHONOGRAPH**, antique Edison disc, wind up, mahogany, 1903, plays, \$350. 858-272-4812.

**PLAYER PIANO** with 50 valuable music rolls and beautiful bench, \$800. 858-558-7997.

**SHIP MODEL**, New tall ship model "USS Constitution," mahogany display case, approximately 36"x42", museum quality. \$550. E-mail for information/pictures. artzfoto@aol.com; 619-281-1202.

**TV**, 12"x6"x7-1/2"H Panasonic, includes alarm, clock, radio, model TR-4451, \$50. 858-450-9259.

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**CLAIREMONT.** Garage sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday, 1/24. Great variety, bedroom furniture, lamps, books, records, turntable, clothes, household items, plants, tools, barbecue, etc. 4448 Pochontas Avenue.

**CLAIREMONT.** Garage sale. Saturday, 1/24, 8am-2pm. Great variety. Desk, table, clothes, household items, etc. 4223 Quapaw Avenue.

**COLLEGE AREA.** Yard sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday, 1/24. Books, stuffed animals, luggage, clothes, etc. Cash only. 6936 Saranac Street (west of 70th, near El Cajon Boulevard). 619-337-4157.

**EL CAJON.** Estate sale. 8am-noon, Friday and Saturday, 1/23-1/24. Power tools, furniture, Pella windows, skis, boots, you name it! 850 Washington Heights Road, 92020.

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**ENCINITAS.** Moving sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 1/24. Furniture, clothing, children's stuff, household/kitchen items, appliances/electronics, shelves and more. 719 4th Street between D and E.

**GOLDEN HILL.** Huge yard sale, 3 households combined. 7:30am-noon, Saturday only. Clothes, books, records, CDs, furniture, kitchen, kitsch and more. 2552 A Street.

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**MIRA MESA.** Garage/moving sale. Saturday/Sunday, 1/24-1/25. Everything must go. 10252 Drumcliff Avenue.

**MISSION HILLS.** Estate sale. 8am-3pm, 1/24-1/25. Furniture, household items, tools, cameras, medical aids, books, miscellaneous. 4341 Goldfinch Street (main cross streets are Jackdaw and West Lewis).

**NORTH CITY, WEST.** Garage sale. 8am-1pm, Sunday, 1/25. Furniture, bike and lots more! 12734 Futura Street, 92130.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** Estate sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 1/24. Bedroom furniture, office furniture, lots of clothing and miscellaneous. 857 Agate Street.

**POINT LOMA.** Yard sale. 9am-?, Saturday, 1/24. Furniture, clothing, household, sporting goods, computer parts, collectibles, jewelry, books, VCR. 3021 Quimby Street (off Rosecrans).

**POINT LOMA.** Yard sale. 9am-noon, Friday, 1/23. Furniture, luggage, kid stuff. 3565 Jennings Street.

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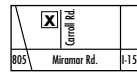
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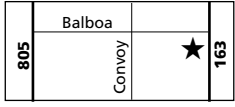
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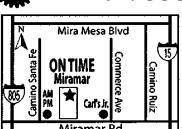
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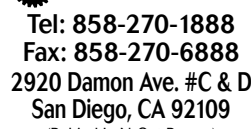
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## All-Terrain Family

According to Tamara, she and her husband Wasyl (a Ukrainian name) are a matched set. I would've guessed that they met and first kissed around a campfire with background music of sputtering motors. Nope. She was director of an extended-day program at an elementary school, and he was in maintenance. "It just happened we had the same interests," she says. "Trucks, the desert, and racing."

They raced in Mexico and Nevada. But a body can't take abuse forever. Wasyl hurt his back and needed surgery. So they gave up competition, and for a time they worked on pit crews. "Actually, my husband did the crew stuff and I was there for fun," Tamara admitted. Now they build and drive their Toyotas for pleasure only. They go to races as spectators, which Tamara prefers to competing, because it leaves them free to take off and explore.

"This weekend we're going up to Pomona," Tamara says. "To an off-road expo. We're hoping to get better ideas for how we should build the back end in our truck, to decide what kind of suspension we want."

Both of them drive Tacomas. Wasyl's, the one they're outfitting as the desert truck, is a 1999 extra cab. They've already invested \$4000 in the front suspension, the shocks, and the A-arms, a bargain because Wasyl does most of the labor. Now they're saving and shopping for back-end parts. They'll change the leaf springs and more. "It'll cost a lot, too," she says.

So far they've kept Wasyl's truck street legal. The motor's stock. Inside the cab is stock. "We haven't put racing seats in it because they're no good for getting in and out all the time or for daily driving."

"Why Toyotas?" I asked. "Oh, my brother-in-law's lasted for thousands and thousands of miles and nothing ever went wrong, and Toyotas are worth more when you sell them."

"And why trucks, instead of, say, ATVs or Jeeps?"

"We used to have motorcycles, but we sold them when Wasyl had back surgery. A truck is a way of going as a family. That's why, when we bought my truck, we got the four-door, the Pre-Runner. It's a family off-road vehicle. We've kept it basically stock, but we bought it with an upgraded suspension, double shocks and all. It has plenty of power, though. Both our trucks are V-6s

with about 190 horsepower. You can get a turbocharger and it bumps them up to over 200, but I keep mine stock because I can use regular gas. If I put on a turbocharger, I would have to use high-octane gas. So as long as I'm going to drive it around town, I'll keep it stock.

"The Toyota's better than other trucks for around-town driving. I used to have a Ford F-150, an extra cab long bed, and parking, going to school, and working, the spaces are way small. There's just not enough room. Before, we had an old Spirit race truck that wasn't street legal, and we had to pay somebody under the table to get it smogged, a couple hundred bucks each time. You can't do that anymore; it's all gone digital, and the result goes straight to the DMV."

Still, she says, they might soon get something to drive only in the desert, and it might not be a Toyota. Maybe a dune buggy, something they can trailer out. Because of some of the terrain they prefer, no matter how tough a vehicle they build, there's no telling when it might break. If they get a dune buggy, they can trailer it home with the Toyota and fix it themselves and save money, which is important because they want to buy a house.



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Wasyl's the family mechanic, and Tamara's proud of being "the only girl in the neighborhood who helps her husband work on his truck. I hold things for him, keep a fender in place while he bolts it on, help put the tools back where they go.

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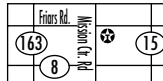
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# T.G.I.F.

I have had years where I made noticeably more than the happy little 25K.

By John Brizzolara

It is a subject that, like death, can be a promising one to write about. But it can turn on you; its capacity for revealing things about oneself is too great. That is because money problems, as someone said (it should have been Freud if it wasn't), are never about money.

I once thought I had figured out exactly how much money would be enough for me, but I discovered what countless others have while performing this exercise: the figure must continually be adjusted upward. I don't think this is out of greed. I believe it is some kind of mathematical function built into the very question, along with a kind of uncertainty principle. Of course, I have all the mathematical prowess of a sock (part of my ongoing, star-crossed relationship with money), but I don't believe intelligence of any kind has much to do with mastery of this, this, *thing*.

The sum I hit upon as "enough" was \$250,000. Stick that in savings and live off 10 percent interest (high for savings, but for the sake of argument...) and I would be living pretty much as I always have at a modest 25K a year, but without the stomach-eating stress of wondering when the next check might arrive. I can't say I've ever had the opportunity to test this empirically, but I have had years where I made noticeably more than the happy little

25K. I recall much financial weeping, gnashing of teeth, and rending of garments during those rocky and barren weeks, those stretches of infertile ground for the seed of my freelance imagination.

The best time I've ever had, liquid assets-wise, came in the wake of two events that rank right up there on the stressometer with birth and death (not only in the family, but your own). Those events were my divorce and the sale of my first novel. The property settlement in the divorce left me with some cash, but even my ex-wife would agree I hardly made out like a bandit. No one did. The payment for the first novel was commensurate with most first sales; that is, less than a third of what a schoolteacher makes in a year.

I was all right for a while. I moved down to Mexico into a writer's dream of a house on the beach and set to work on the contracted second and third novels (simultaneously, which was dumb).

Did I say "in the wake of two events"? I did. I forgot cancer. I had just successfully completed 14 months of chemo and radiation for lymphoma.

The summer of 1987 was a festival of mood swings. I danced around bonfires, drinking tequila, and playing guitar with Mexican and American surfers; I took long, idyllic walks with my ten-year-old son, examining tidepools and showing him the constellations. As I worked, I would look up from the computer screen and watch sets of graceful waves, pelicans, sea lions, surfers, and gulls. I also spent an inordinate amount of time weeping for no apparent reason or fighting irrationally but passionately with the woman I was involved with through the divorce and cancer.

Through all this, I had a little more money in the bank than usual. Not enough to impress anybody, but for a change it was not the looming bogeyman of a subject it had been since I flunked economics around puberty. That summer — which, at one end, involved slow-motion frolicking in the surf in the sunset among the dolphins with my only begotten man-child (in memory, anyway) and a suicidal spill of pain tablets around a tequila bottle at the other — had nothing to do with money. My underlying neurotic relationship with bread, scratch, moola I'm pretty sure is to be laid (along with some other colorful and toxic items) at the feet of my dear mother.

In Chicago, where I grew up, drinking out of a glass is considered almost gay, but my mother took the just-us-folks philosophy even further. Any display of more than a churchmously sum of cash she considered tantamount to public nudity. Driving a late-model car and/or wearing a mink coat was an act



The Amazing Kreskin creates cash; the author dumps it

of perverse exhibitionism. One got the impression, though, that all of this would have a vastly different interpretation had it been Mom's car, coat, or cash. That interpretation would likely involve a pseudo-intellectual lecture on her particular niche in a kind of Darwinian meritocracy. But in Mom's book, to be poor was noble — that is, if she were the one to be broke. The kindest sentiment she might express toward even the most marginally "flush character" ("Daddy Warbucks," "Diamond Jim," etc.) was that he was pretentious — probably loud, with other gauche habits or accessories. The cumulative effect of this was to turn the idea of income (anything from a bartender's tip to a federal tax return) into a kind of hot potato to be disposed of quickly before you got burned.

Just before the holidays I accidentally disposed of a sum larger than I let on to anyone. The cash, slated for essentials, was stuffed into an envelope as I was opening bills. The moneyed envelope ended up in a public trash can with the empty envelopes. I mentioned this to a few people, lowballing the figure out of sheer embarrassment and the unlikely nature of the story. The ensuing reactions were interesting. On one side, a few small but very kind loans, and on the other side, high-volume name-calling and a hung-up phone by someone who could only assume I'd invested my discretionary income in booze again.

I've found the phrase "It's only money" meaningless because it isn't only money. But for me, the question is still unclear, unanswered: what is it? An exceedingly dumb question, but I'd welcome even exceedingly dumb answers.

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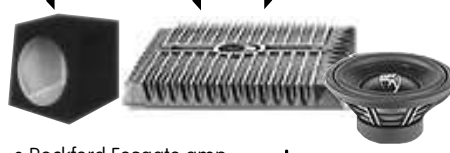
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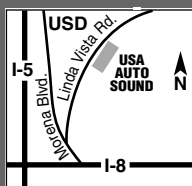
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I watched the black-and-white monitor as the doctor moved the wand. “There’s the little peanut,” Dr. G smiled.

I watched my baby’s tiny heart beating away. *Blip, blip, blip* on the screen.

“And there’s only one,” she added. Five weeks later, Jack took me to the hospital after my water broke. We spent a long night waiting to see if the bleeding would stop. When it didn’t, I had a D&C and went home.

“We’ll try again,” Jack told me as I stared out the car window at the lights along the freeway.

“We’ll see,” I answered. I didn’t think that much about having another baby during the summer. I mourned the one we’d lost. I tried to get back in shape. I took Rebecca and Angela and Lucy and Johnny and Ben to the pool and the zoo and the Wild Animal Park.

In July, Katie, our babysitter, had a baby. She named her little girl Gemma. When Katie brought Gemma to meet us, the girls swarmed around the tiny round face staring out from the infant car seat. “She’s so sweet,” Rebecca crooned.

The girls took turns holding the baby. Ben and Johnny watched.

When Katie and Gemma left, Angela sat beside me on the couch. “Mom,” she said. “Do you think God will send us another baby?”

“I don’t know, sweetie,” I told her. “I hope He does,” Angela said. “Me, too,” Rebecca and Lucy said together. Even Ben told me, “I wish I had a little baby like Gemma.”

Jack and I didn’t try to get pregnant again. We also didn’t try not to get pregnant. In October, my period was late. I took a home pregnancy

test. “Guess what?” I told Jack that night. “We’re pregnant again.”

Jack’s eyes filled with tears. He hugged me hard. “That’s so great, sweetie.” He paused. “Let’s wait to tell the kids. In case...”

“I know,” I answered. “In case” happened the very next week. “If I didn’t pay attention to these things, we wouldn’t have even known,” I told Jack. “Maybe I’m getting too old. Maybe my body won’t do this anymore.”

I spent the holidays trying not to think about babies. It’s like an affliction, this desire to hold a small, warm new life against my chest. I found myself remembering only the good things about pregnancy: the sense of joy and anticipation, feeling the baby move inside my belly, the exhilaration and relief when you finally push the little wriggling bundle out of your body.

Alternately, I harangued myself for such an idiotic notion. “What are you thinking?” I told myself. “You’re almost 42. You thought carrying Ben was hard? That was three years ago. Just wait until you’re dragging your fat ass around in your 40s. Remember hemorrhoids? Remember heartburn? Remember gaining 60 pounds? If you gain 60 pounds now, you’re going to weigh 250 pounds. Two hundred fifty!!!! You could play linebacker for the Chargers. And why do you need another baby? Five isn’t enough? Some of your friends can’t have kids at all. They’d be happy to have even one. What makes you so greedy?”

New Year’s Eve, Jack and I had our neighbors Andy and Tina over for dinner. When the time came to toast the New Year, I told Jack, “I really shouldn’t drink tonight.”

“Why not?” he asked. “You’re not pregnant, are you?”

“Of course I am,” I said. Jack kissed me. Andy and Tina offered their congratulations. Three nights later, Jack and I went out to celebrate Jack’s 47th birthday. Every time we mentioned the baby, we used the word “if.” “If this baby is born,” Jack said, “it’s going to be weird switching gears back to having an infant.”

“I know,” I said. “I find myself not even wanting to be too excited. I’m so guarded now.” The next day at Mass, I heard a newborn cry a few pews in front of us. I tried to catch Jack’s eye. Ben whispered loudly, “Mom, when we get home, can I watch a Rescue Heroes DVD?”

Standing out in front of church a half hour later, I thought I felt an old familiar feeling. When we got home, I went to the bathroom and stared at the red stain of my failure. I changed clothes and walked downstairs to where Jack read the Sunday paper. “My period started,” I told him.

He put down the paper and hugged me. “One more in Heaven,” he said.

I didn’t cry. I haven’t cried yet. I’m working on getting in shape. I take Rebecca and Angela and Lucy and Johnny to school. I hold Ben a little tighter.

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