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By almost any measure, UCSD's Larry Smarr is a superstar of science and technology.

Hardly a week goes by, the record shows, when the onetime astrophysicist-turned-Internet-guru isn't out jetting around the country, speaking before trade conventions, holding forth at academic seminars, attending corporate advisory-board meetings, or giving interviews to the computer-trade press. Smarr is always good for a quote. His message is his mantra, "A gigabit or bust."

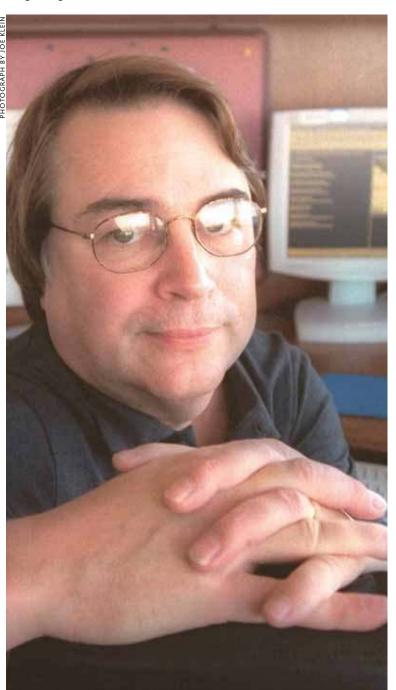
None other than Howard Rheingold — onetime editor in chief of *The Millennium Whole Earth Catalog* and founding executive editor of *Hot Wired* (a pillar of America's hightech journalism) — has an homage to Smarr in his 2002 techno-futurist book

Smart Mobs. "Perhaps the most significant news in the grid-computing effort is that astrophysicist Larry Smarr has enlisted the governor of California to finance what Smarr calls 'the emerging planetary supercomputer,' " wrote Rheingold.

"Smarr has a track record when it comes to creating as well as forecasting the next paradigm in computation. He founded the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) in 1985. Part of the project involved finding ways to link the nation's five supercomputing centers through high-speed Internet connections.

"In 1993, another part of the NCSA research resulted in the creation of Mosaic, the browser software that detonated the explosive growth of the Web. His latest sponsor, funded by \$300 million in state and private financing, is the Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS).

"He imagines bridges that are covered with a fabric of computerized sensors that will automatically tell engineers where earthquake damage has occurred, or a world in which intelligent buildings whisper directions to visitors on the way to their destinations. CITRIS will focus on new kinds of sensors, distributed computing software and advanced wireless Internet."



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Larry Smarr

Dump Young Fascists

In reference to your article about the lack of police protection and minimal police budgets ("Police Disappear While Lincoln Park Bleeds," "City Lights," January 22), I can only echo our bushleague president: Bring it on! As a California native and a victim of random and senseless police violence (I can't tell when or where it happened; suffice it to say that I won a settlement and I am supposed to have forgiven the incident), I can tell you, having had a broken pelvis from the incident, I find it impossible to forgive or forget.

About a year ago, I returned to San Diego, and my only contact with your police so far involved my riding my bicycle on Adams Avenue near the 7-Eleven store on Ohio Street, when two policemen in a squad car were waiting at a dead end next to the freeway and as I passed in front of them deliberately advanced toward me as if to menace me with their car. Me, a 50-yearplus male with some gray hair. I must have seemed a dangerous character to them! As I passed them, I yelled at them that they should "get a real job."

With the kind of treatment I receive from your police, I can tell you I'd just as soon start packing my own weapon and get rid of the police entirely. In my life, the police are more trouble than the crooks. Let's just dump these young fascists entirely. Who needs 'em' Not me!

Thomas Mittie Downtown

Handwritten Loyalty

Every week there's something about FM-94/9 in "Blurt" articles. After reading "There are no DJ jobs

anymore" by Ken Leighton on January 15, it doesn't surprise me at all that radio stations outside Clear Channel's chokehold are beginning to copy FM-94/9. The reason they've had a successful changeover is because the DJs not only play the music people want to hear, they also play tracks most of us have forgotten about but still enjoy — CDs we own or never owned but wanted to, and not just the biggest single but tracks off the same album that will further their listeners' appreciation for music, not just names and figures. Supporting local bands with a smaller fan base than 100 people was unheard of in radio until 94/9 encouraged artists to be heard and locals to vote for and support them. So, in closing, I have this to say: It's not every day that I handwrite a letter to show my appreciation and loyalty to something I enjoy.

> Kelly Conard Rolando

Smarter Women

I read the article about the girl with the old Dodge car ("Driven," January 8). I've got an old car myself, and the old cars are much better built. Despite criticism, even the old classic Fords are making a good comeback. Women who own and drive older cars are smarter and love the styling these cars always have had. Let's keep these stories about old cars going good. I'd rather work on an old car for any woman who owns one than on all the new junk out there, no matter who makes them.

> John Jusko Point Loma

Mandatory French

I was touched, moved, and changed by Byron Shewman's article "The Poor Man's High" (January 8). On January 21, Brian French was to appear in front of the parole board — in hopes of receiving parole. I have searched high and low to find out what the outcome was; my thoughts have been with him ever since I read the article. Could you refer me to a website or provide me with the information of the outcome of his hearing? It is important for me to know whether he won his freedom or not. Byron's writ-

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Twice burned, never shy San Diego's District Three city councilwoman Toni Atkins,



who's up for reelection this year, has been picking up some interesting campaign money from out-of-town contributors. Particularly noteworthy: a series of at least nine \$100 checks booked by her campaign on the same date — November 20 of last year — from various employees of CH2M

Hill, a big multinational civil engineering and construction-management firm based in Englewood, Colorado. According to its website and city records, the firm has done millions of dollars of business with the city, including work on the controversial North City Water Reclamation Plant. This isn't the first time Atkins has collected multiple donations from a group of out-of-towners associated with the same special interest. Back in August 2000, the then-council candidate was the beneficiary of a wine-and-cheese fundraising reception thrown in her honor by attorneys **Lou Wolfsheimer** and **Jim** Milch, then lobbyists for the California Cabaret

Association, which represented San Diego's strip-club owners, including Mike Galardi of Cheetahs. At the Atkins fundraiser, the attorneys reportedly handed over envelopes stuffed with bundles of checks. Campaigndisclosure statements later revealed Atkins had picked up at least \$3500 from vari-



ous members of the strip-club industry, some of whom were only later identified as such. She was quizzed by federal agents last year but escaped indictment in the Cheetahs city-council bribery case. Under city law, campaign contributions are limited to individuals only; reimbursement by employers is illegal. Reached by phone this week, two of the CH2M employees who contributed to Atkins were not especially eager to talk. Kathy Freas of Citrus Heights, a suburb of Sacramento, listed on the Atkins disclosure as "SW Water Technical Leader," denied she had been reimbursed for her contribution but refused to discuss her association with Atkins: "I don't care to continue this discussion." Margaret Ibison of Englewood, Colorado, listed as "SW Business Development Manager" for CH2M, also denied being reimbursed. Before hanging up, she added, "I am not going to answer any other questions."

Sorry, Mother *Union-Tribune* publisher David Copley, who works for his ailing mom



Helen, owner of La Jolla's Copley Press, hasn't been seen around town too much these days. But he still manages to keep his hand in politics, if only in a low-profile way. Last fall, while *U-T* editors under his command were heatedly David Copley extolling the virtues of



Arianna Huffington

Arnold Schwarzenegger to the paper's readers, David quietly dashed off a \$5000 check to the gubernatorial campaign of his old friend, reborn liberal Arianna **Huffington**, author and exwife of GOP ex-congressman Michael Huffington. Meantime, only weeks after

the election, Qualcomm magnate Irwin Jacobs, a registered Democrat who had long been a big backer of ex-governor **Gray Davis**, gave \$10,000 to Schwarzenegger on November 26 ... Also on the political money beat: San Diego's Cohn Restaurant Group, owned by David and Leslie **Cohn**, operators of such big-time local eateries as the Corvette Diner, Indigo Grill, and Gaslamp Strip Club, has anted up \$10,000 to a campaign fund registered with the California Secretary of State as "Californians Against Government Run Healthcare." The group has been pushing a referendum to block the so-called Burton bill, signed last year by Governor Gray Davis, requiring employers with 20 or more employees to pay for their health insurance.

Your tax dollars at play More evidence of prudent high living by San Diego's regional airport authority board: An \$88 dinner tab run up by ex-Air Force colonel Joe Craver last March at La Colline, a tony French restaurant in Washington, D.C. Not to worry. According to this month's Washingtonian magazine, the restaurant offers "Fair prices, a nice mix of French and American wines, but poor presentation. Don't miss: Domaine Cros Vielles Vignes Minervois 1999, \$36." Last month, a review in The Hill reported, "One of only a handful of Capitol Hill restaurants that take wine seriously, this French favorite offers a wide variety of (surprise) French wines at very fair prices, especially for a destination of lawmakers and lobbyists." And the New York Times noted that the restaurant has gotten so famous as a lobbying hangout, it was the scene of a recent episode of *K Street* on HBO produced by **George**

Science project Yet another mini-crisis for San Diego schools: according to an internal memo from outgoing chief of staff Terry Smith to trustees a few weeks ago, the National Science Foundation is in the process of running an audit on two troubled multimillion-dollar grants it gave to the district back in 1996 and 2001. "On December 18, the auditors confirmed that they intend to prepare their report with a significant amount of 'questioned costs,' " the memo says, "arising primarily from a lack of documentation." This isn't the first time the district has been in a scrape with the NSF. Back in 1999, the agency yanked about \$8.5 million in funding because of a dispute over teaching methods.

– Matt Potter

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We Have Mortgaged Our Future

By Don Bauder

though there is no money in the till, ichelangelo, no. Mundane, yes. Almost San Diego politicians still talk about

prodigious projects as if they were a painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel,

strokes, but with Picassosized publicity. For example, the city finally wants to



Delphic Sibyl, from Sistine Chapel

rather than slapping a new coat of paint on a cityowned evesore.

On the other hand, when it comes to cutting spending, the fiscally threadbare city takes a minimalist approach: tiny little brushexamine the expense accounts of officials of the Regional Economic Development Corporation and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Good. But it would be vastly better to cut all taxpayer support of the de-

velopment corporation, a truly otiose bureaucracy, and most of the government subsidy of ConVis, which should be able to exist mainly on funds from the hospitality industry.

Some local pols are still touting a downtown library, a new Chargers stadium, a huge undergroundparking facility for the zoo, energy self-sufficiency projects, toilet-to-tap (yet again, under the name "reservoir augmentation"), and a new airport, among other grandiose plans. Some of those would be highly worthy projects, if there were money. What's needed to solve some of those needs is creativity — and *not* creative accounting, which is used to paper over the massive city employee pension and healthcare liabilities, and toss tapestries over other dung heaps.

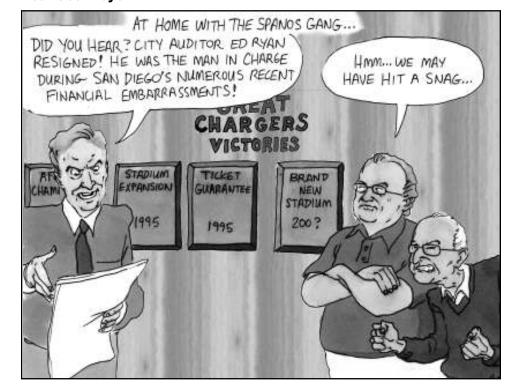
The cupboard is bare. The pension system must be funded. The state is picking local governments' pockets. But the city is crippled by massive past underfunding of infrastructure and deferring of equipment maintenance.

Michelangelo, take your palette and paintbrush and scram, at least for now, and

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Goodbye, Pines

By Ernie Grimm

ait six months. That's the message native vegetation experts seek to convey to backcountry landowners itching to

replant and reseed the scorched shrubs and wildflowers and cut down the blackened trees on their properties. "That vegetation is going to grow back," says Vincent Lazaneo, horticulture advisor with the University of California Cooperative Extension. "There is no question that it is going to occur. It's just a matter of time what type of vegetation and how fast."

Sally Snipes understands the urge to do something about the dreary black landscape. In August of 2002, the Pines fire blew through the property she inhabits in the San Felipe Valley below the north slope of Volcan Mountain. "It was just toast," she says of the 69 acres studded with live oaks and sumacs next to San Felipe creek. "I was in a funk for six months because of the black. Everything was black."

The shrubs that didn't burn on Snipes's property were reduced to scorched sticks. Thirty-seven smoking holes full of snow-white ash marked the spots where live oaks had once stood. The oaks still standing were completely blackened. The trunks of some had been hollowed out by the fire. What leaves still remained on the trees were tan-colored and dead.

A self-described gardening nut — she's a certified master gardener — Snipes, in her 50s, wears her brown hair in a long braid that hangs down her back. Gloves, a muffler, and a knit cap insulate her against the icy wind blowing hard from the east. Her back is to the 40-mile-per-hour gusts as she walks through the kneehigh grass covering her land. "This was all black," she says. "It looked like a moonscape. I am an artist, and I just couldn't paint. I couldn't believe what all the black did to me."

Snipes, with her golden

retriever Lily in tow, walks up to an oak tree with a fivefoot-diameter trunk. About an eighth of the base of the trunk is missing. Snipes walks through the empty portion and into a hollow chamber three feet wide and inches in diameter, grow in a thick mass at the top of the main trunk. "The inner wood of the trunk," Lazaneo explains, "is basically just dead wood, and if there is an opening to it, it can ignite and burn. But the outer layer of the sapwood, just beneath the bark, is the growing part of the tree, and as long as that isn't heated up enough to kill it, it will continue to function and grow after fire."

Though the core wood serves some purpose in terms of the structural strength of the tree, Lazaneo

in diameter and 10 to 15 feet long. As with the hollow oak, a clump of hearty new leaves and branches grows at the top of the mangled trunk. But on this tree, a thick bush of new trunks and prickly green leaves also grows from the base of the trunk. Less than a year and a half after the fire, the bush nears eight feet in height and is about that wide.

"People think oaks grow very slowly," Lazaneo says, "and as they get older, they do slow down. But if you grow an oak from an acorn,

feet in diameter and six feet tall in the middle of an open, sandy area near the creek bed. "It's a member of the sumac family, along with lemonade berry and laurel sumac."

The glossy, pointed leaves of the new growth contrast with the burned, dead branches, which are black where the scorched bark still adheres, white where it has peeled away. Nearby, more sugar bushes grow where the fire burned everything above ground. "In chaparral plant communities," Lazaneo ex-

In addition to sprouts from existing root systems, Lazaneo says, "There are other plants that reproduce after fire primarily from seed that has been deposited in the soil. Some of the seed will get destroyed in the fire, but most of it survives, and in fact many of the seeds require the heat and smoke of a fire to be able to accept water so that they can germinate. They sit there and wait for the fire so that they can soften up enough to take water and begin growing."



Sally Snipes

tall enough for her to stand up. Lily follows her. "Two to three weeks after the fire raged through here," Snipes says, "it was still hot enough to barbecue inside this tree. Now look at how it is coming back."

Though many long branches hang dead and leafless except for a smattering of dead leaves, new glossy green leaves and stout new branches, some two

says it's minimal. "Eighty percent of the strength is in that outer [sapwood] tube. You don't need to have a whole solid cross section there."

Another oak on Snipes's property illustrates that fact more dramatically. Though three quarters of the bottom ten feet of the trunk was burned away, what's left of the trunk still supports four or five dead branches a foot

you can have a 20-foot tree in ten years. They grow rather rapidly when they're young. If you've got an intact root system, and you've got sprouts growing up from that, it'll grow even faster because it's got all those roots already out there that can bring up the moisture and nutrients."

"This is a sugar bush," says Snipes as she approaches a shrub about six

plains, "where you have more woody shrubs such as manzanita and sumac, many of these resprout from the root crown at the base of the plant or from underground root stems. And that actually is starting to occur already [in the burned areas]. Because those roots go down fairly deep, they have access to moisture, and so they will start sprouting before we even get any significant

A little further on, Snipes stops and stoops over to inspect a plant about a foot high with narrow, fuzzy gray-green leaves and a few clusters of tiny dried blooms. "This is California buckwheat, which is the most common buckwheat out of the 15 in the county. It is not a real showy anything; it will bloom this next spring."

Buckwheat and other an-

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Mortgaged

take the mayor, all but one of the councilmembers, and most administrative staffers with you. A financially ailing city has to prioritize.

"Because of a lack of planning and priorities, we have spent down part of our future," says councilmember Donna Frye. "We have to look at things that bother people on a daily basis: sidewalks, streets, streetlights, traffic improvements, tree trimming, picking up trash along city streets — the basic cleanliness of our community. We need to upgrade neighborhood parks, playgrounds, recreation centers,

beaches, rest rooms at parks and beaches and downtown. Parking is a major problem. Public buildings have to be accessible to people with disabilities, as well as kids and moms with strollers."

Police, fire, and lifeguard facilities need maintenance, says Frye. "But the way budgets are set up, they don't include the money for maintenance and having adequate personnel for them," continued on page 10

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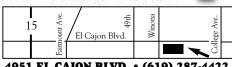




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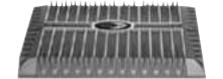


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she says. There is a crying need for green space and canyon preservation, "but what happens often is that the city will have a chance to acquire open land, it will be offered, but the city will say it doesn't have the money to acquire or maintain it."

And there are endless quality-of-life issues. "There hasn't been much done to protect groundwater. We haven't kept up with wetlands restoration and protection. There are major coastal issues," says Frye.

"We certainly should be spending money on infrastructure," says Jim Mills, former president pro tem of the California Senate. "There is construction everywhere downtown. Sewers are going to fail. Is anybody going to do anything about it beforehand? The likelihood is that the city's position will be 'wait until something happens, and if there is a problem, stick a Band-Aid on it."

There are rumors that the military will give up Miramar. Once again, there are whispers of building an airport there. "What great city has tried to put an airport in the middle of a community? It's ludicrous — insane," says former councilmember Bruce Henderson. If Miramar becomes available — and so far that's just latrine rumor — he would consider putting an additional University of California-San Diego campus there, along with a science park and large open space with additions to Mission Trails.

Instead of pursuing a repugnant scheme such as toilet-to-tap, "The focus should be on how we preserve water," says Henderson. "We lose a third of our potable water to inefficient landscape irrigation. That doesn't mean we can't have green lawns. The system should be more efficiently designed."

"The more that is spent on corporate welfare, the less is available for essential public services — police and water, library, sewer, transportation," says Steve Erie, professor of political science and director of the

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Urban Studies and Planning Program at UCSD.

Unlike Henderson, Erie says tax-and-fee increases may be necessary. "Tax is a four-letter word in San Diego. But we are undertaxed. There is a sort of conservative populism, but we've been able to get away on the cheap for years," says Erie. "There is some support in the city for increased fees or taxes to pay for firefighting services, for example, but very few politicians outside of Donna Frye will stand up and tell the truth." If consumers had to pay fees or taxes for firefighting, they would probably recover the money in lower insurance costs, says Erie. "San Diego is mortgaging its future."

Henderson says the fat corporate-welfare hogs can be cut out of the budget. He would slash or eliminate subsidies to groups such as the Regional Economic Development Corp. and ConVis, which got \$12.5 million in the last budget. He would also abolish the Centre City Development Corp., pay off its bonds, and swear off any more government-sponsored downtown development. "Is there any reason to believe that downtown is blighted?" he asks.

The city should try to sell the ballpark, he says, although there may not be buyers who would pay much. (If stadiums were profitable, owners would build them instead of scamming their home cities.) Henderson would also put the convention center up for sale — although the glut of convention space in the West might turn off any buyers. He says the center costs the city \$30 million a year — \$26 million for debt service and depreciation, and \$4 million for maintenance, with inadequate offsetting revenue coming in. (There is a ripple effect, although it's overstated.)

The matter of a down-town library cries out for creative solutions. One of the reasons Mills supported Mayor Dick Murphy is that he said he would reexamine the library and pro-sports subsidies. He didn't follow through, and Mills is disenchanted. "Some say we need a new downtown library be-

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cause the roof leaks and the plumbing doesn't work sufficiently. I say fix the roof and the plumbing," says Mills.

The location of the proposed downtown library in the ballpark district was "deplorable, chosen only because it adds value to property given to [Padres majority owner] John Moores," says Mills. Mills would repair the current downtown library. He would choose a lowerpriced location, probably not downtown, for a facility that would warehouse books and serve as an electronic nerve center for the branches, which are badly in need of upgrading and adequate staffing.

Henderson would also repair the current downtown library and use it for warehousing books and equipment. The branches are key. "Increasingly, this is a society in which the vast majority of people have access to instant information and communication technologies that are denied to the rest. Those who don't have such access should get it through a library close enough that they can reach it by walking," he says.

And speaking of communication, "We have to lay out a true picture to the public of what can be funded and what can't be funded, and have a real public discussion," says Frye.

Goodbye, pines

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nual wildflowers grow from seed that, Lazaneo says, should sprout with the first spring rains. "They get mixed into the soil, and a percentage of that seed, in almost all cases, will survive. Fires are pretty hot, but it's rare that they're hot enough to kill all the seed in the soil."

Lazaneo says it's impossible to put a number on the percentage of seeds that will survive a wildfire. "But if you consider the thousands of seeds that are produced in one plant — and those drop down in the soil every year, and those can be viable for

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sometimes five years or more — you get hundreds of seeds in a square foot of soil. So even if 10 percent survived, you've got more than enough. And by the next seeding cycle, you're back to normal."

Because of the quick show wildflowers will bring, Lazaneo recognizes the temptation to spread seed in burned areas, a practice he says is "Fine, if you've got disturbed sites where native plants have been removed. There are going to be some wildflowers in the [untouched] native areas, but we don't recommend planting or seeding in those areas because poppies, for example, may be native to California, but they're not necessarily native to where you are planting them. And, again, if you plant anything that sprouts right away, whether it's an exotic or a native, in an area where the seeds of chaparral plants are waiting to sprout...these annual plants are designed to sprout quickly, get a root system down, and suck up as much moisture as they can so that they can grow and produce seed. That leaves less water and nutrients for the perennial shrubs that want to grow."

Depending on the amount of rainfall we receive in the next few years, Lazaneo believes chaparral areas that were burned in the county—if left to regenerate themselves—will return to prefire fullness in seven to ten years. "Within three years it will look nice and covered," he says.

Landowners in the burned conifer forest habitats from Julian to Cuyamaca probably will never see their forest look like it did before the Cedar Creek fire. "That is going to take a lot longer," Lazaneo explains, "because the cycle on that vegetation in a conifer forest is a longer period of time, 80 to 100 years. Cuyamaca State Park isn't going to look anything like we remember it for probably another 25 to 30 years. But, within five to ten years, things are going to look very nice there. It's just that you are not going to have this big canopy of trees like you used to. You'll get a mixture of trees and shrubs. Then the natural cycle is that

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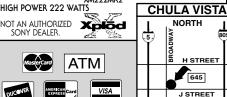
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over time the trees outgrow the shrubs and start shading them, and the shrubby growth tends to die out. Or, you would have some smaller fires that would remove the shrubs but not harm the trees"

Clint Powell, Snipes's partner and a longtime backcountry naturalist, believes some species of pine will never grow back in our local mountains. "Sugar pines," Powell wrote in the January 14 Julian News, "many over 300 years old, are all dead. The Cuyamaca Mountains contained the most southern location in California for these majestic trees. Many of these trees were five to six feet in diameter.... The same can be said about the Jeffrey and ponderosa pines. They, too, were enormous, inspirational, and beautiful."

Powell says the local Jeffrey, sugar, and ponderosa pines originally took root at a time when the Cuyamacas received 60 to 80 inches of rain annually. Of late, the yearly rainfall has been below 30 inches, sometimes closer to 20 inches. Because of that, he believes they will not regrow. The void, he says, will be partly filled with less enormous, less inspirational Coulter pines, but primarily filled with oaks, "ceanothus, scrub oak, and manzanita.... Without the shade of the huge conifers, chaparral plants will thrive."

Lazaneo is not against planting native trees and shrubs in burned areas. In fact, he recommends Las Pilitas Nursery in north Escondido and Manzanita Native Plant Nursery in Boulevard. He also recommends the Louis Moran Reforestation Center at the University of California at Davis. "They collect seeds from all the zones in the state," he explains, "so they can tell you what's appropriate for your area, and they can send it to you."

But before you plant, Lazaneo says, "Wait until well into the spring, late spring; see if there is any growth. And then you can cut out dead material, if you want to, and replant." ■



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BY MATTHEW ALICI

Dear Matthew:

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The other day my wife was recounting her childhood story of how she leaped from the garage roof with her self-made parachute. She survived the crash landing but not without getting "the wind knocked out of her." What is this phenomenon? Why is it so-o-o-o hard to take that restoring breath?

— Fred and Ethel, San Diego

Without going into yawn-inducing detail about respiratory physiology, suffice it to say that our lungs are just passive air bags that would like nothing better than to shrivel up and collapse. They're kept inflated by positive air pressure inside them and by a fluid layer that holds the lungs against a membrane that lines our rib cages. To breathe in, you have to constrict your diaphragm (a big flat muscle under your lungs) that draws the lungs down and expands your rib cage to draw your lungs out. This creates a momentary low-pressure zone, and the higher-pressure air rushes in to fill the partial vacuum. If you can't move your diaphragm and rib cage, you can't breathe.

So when our would-be Wonder Woman launched herself from the roof, the heavy fall

So when our would-be Wonder Woman launched herself from the roof, the heavy fall momentarily paralyzed her diaphragm and expelled some residual air that usually helps keep her lungs inflated. Once things are moving again and the panic is over, of course, then she was left to worry about getting the tar knocked out of her by Mom for pulling that stunt in the first place.

Heymatt

Where does the term 420 come from? Does it refer to a term used by California state patrol to signal pot smoking in progress? Also the term marijuana — I know it's a girl's name, but where did that originate?

— Unsigned, out there somewhere

Gack! History from stoners. Problematic at best, man. The counterculture's recording secretary lost her pencil back in the '60s, so we've been guessing ever since. The only sure bet is that racist scaremonger Harry J. Anslinger's name is going to come up somewhere in the answer. He was the spiritual father of *Reefer Madness* — director of the federal drug administration from the '30s through the '60s. But he doesn't have anything to do with 420. And it's a sad day in Matthewaliceville when *High Times* is our most reliable source.

Four-twenty has at least 420 explanations, most bogus. No, 420 isn't copspeak or a penal code number. It's not the number of chemicals in pot, not Jerry Garcia's favorite motel room number, not the date LSD's discoverer took his first trip. What it does seem to be, sez HT, is a private, parent-proof code made up by some kids in Marin County in the early 1970s. Four-twenty was the time they all met after school to smoke dope. The mag claims to have seen letters among some of the boys from their college years with many references to 420. The Grateful Dead are credited with spreading the term's popularity. Today 4/20 is a worldwide stoners' holiday. Unfortunately, it's also the anniversary of the Columbine slayings and Hitler's birthday. Whoa, dude...unfortunate coincidence, sez HT.

"Marijuana," of course, is one of dozens of Mexican Spanish slang words for weed. Also the name of a brand of cheap Mexican cigarettes from the early 1900s, though it's likely the cigs came later. No clear source there. But we know it north of the border because the aforementioned Mr. Anslinger chose to use the name "marijuana" instead of the more scientific "cannabis" in his speeches and legislation. This linked the drug directly to the Mexican and black subcultures and was Anslinger's subtle proof that herb was the cause of rape, mayhem, and the downfall of civilized America — his mantra for 30 years.

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— Garret from San Diego but living in Mexico

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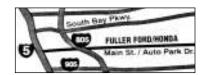
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Houston, We Have Money

Any sports fans complain about Super Bowl hype. Entirely understandable, but if you'll consider the matter the way animals do, I think you'll agree Super Bowl hype is our friend. See, the actual football game is usually boring, not unlike an afternoon spent in Vernon, Canada, reading bus schedules. Worse, this year both Super Bowl teams play a version of Martyball, albeit one with competent coaches and players, but still, both teams play not to lose. This makes rooting for one's champion, "Don't lose! Don't lose!" more diffi-cult than it ought to be. As if that weren't enough, the demographic fact of life is, not a lot of people living west of I-95 care one way or another about New England or Carolina, or, for that matter, Houston "Put your smile on. Company's coming!" Texas.

So, lay on the hype. Please.

But first, a word about safety. John Leggio, Houston Police Department spokespersonhood, warned the Gathering Storm that "drunk and disorderly behavior won't be tolerated." Women cried. Strong men clenched their fists and moved toward the podium. Leggio quickly added that persons may legally walk the streets of Houston with an open container, filled with distilled spirituous liquors, until 2:00 a.m.

Houston, by the way, has planted 20,000 trees to spruce up its world-famous boulevards for Super Bowl XXXVIII. And, if you'll come back in 30 years, I'm sure you'll be impressed how well these saplings shade Houstonian thoroughfares.

The Super Bowl is so big that being a part of it overwhelms normal human greed. Players, arrogant millionaire NFL players, take part in the game for chump change. The loser's share is a paltry \$36,500 per millionaire. The winners share is \$68,000. This is contemptible. How could this happen? Who is responsible for a wage scale utterly out of synch with the \$40 million live gate and the \$2.25 million advertisers pay CBS for each 30 seconds of air time?

This is how out of control the Super Bowl has become. This year, America Online and CBS.com have teamed up (think Jeffrey Dahmer and Donald Trump) and invited people with way too much time on their hands to log on to CBS.com and vote for their favorite Super Bowl commercial.

Now, that's very bad, that's depressing, but it gets worse. According to people in the pay of the above forementioned scum, there have been 2200 television commercials since 1967, the year of our first Super Bowl. Out of that total, nameless persons picked ten commercials representing Apple Computer, Budweiser, Coke, Levi's, McDonalds, Mountain Dew, Noxzema, Pepsi, Tabasco, and Xerox. Now, millions of human beings — people who know how to dress themselves, people who know when they are hungry and know when they need to go to the bathroom — will go online and vote for their favorite Super Bowl commercial. That's sick, but sick as it is, that's not sick enough to encompass the meaning of Super Bowl XXXVIII. What catches the spirit of this entertainment abscess, perfectly, is that on Saturday night yes, this Saturday night — CBS will televise Super Bowl's Greatest Commercials and millions of incredibly stupid people will watch Super Bowl commercials replayed on their television screens and root for their favorite Super Bowl commercial to be crowned champion of all the Super Bowl commercials.

We are doomed.

Another sign that this may be a tedious Super Bowl is the unimaginative bet made by each team's hometown mayor. Charlotte, North Carolina, mayor Pat McCrory bet Boston mayor Thomas Menino a free trip to Charlotte and all the fried chicken and Krispy Kreme doughnuts a man can eat. Thence, Menino bet his opposite a free trip to Boston and all the lobster and Dunkin' Donuts a man can eat.

Does anybody give a shit?

Ah, yes, the erectile-dysfunction industry does. Super Bowl XXXVIII, teaming up with CBS TV, will present, for your future Super Bowl's Greatest Commercials consideration, commercials showcasing three competing erectile-dysfunction medications; Levitra, Cialis, and Viagra.

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So, what does it all mean? Listen to the words of Ben Davidson, former Oakland Raiders defensive lineman. He's talking about the time his old coach, John Madden, gave a locker-room pep talk just before the Raiders went out to play a huge game against the Kansas City Chiefs. Madden said, "Men, we don't have to fear the Chiefs. They put on their pants just like we do — one leg at a time. Except Hank [Stram, Kansas City head coach] doesn't have to show his guys which is the

This is the same teacher who told his players, on another Sunday, before another big game, "Men, don't worry about the horses being blind. Just load the wagons."

Show me a Super Bowl XXXVIII coach who can match those words! Only one comes close, and that's Bill Belichick of the New England Patriots. He has rallied his troops with a hardy, "Try not

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Senior co-pastors: Majors Darvin and Betty

Carpenter

Congregation size: 240 Staff: 5 full-time

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Singles program: no **Diversity:** white, Hispanic, African-American,

Asian

Dress: casual to dressy

Services: Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

Who Are These Salvationists?, a book published in 1999, states, "We are sacramentalists who do not practice any of the sacramental rituals commonly found, historically or currently, in other churches."

Or, as Major Darvin Carpenter of the Salvation Army San Diego Citadel explained to me early last week, "We don't practice Baptism

or Communion. We don't believe that it's wrong to practice those things, but we believe that *all* of life, every interaction, is sacramental. Our talking together, for example, is sacramental. All of life is a sacrament."

This remarkable understanding of Christian practice was given a boost last week when the Salvation Army National Headquarters announced that Joan Kroc had left the organization a gift of \$1.5 billion. When voicing its thanks, the Salvation Army headquarters noted that in 1998, Joan Kroc had also given the organization \$92 million to construct the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Rolando at 69th Street and Aragon. The 12acre facility has three pools, an ice-skating rink, a skateboard park, a climbing tower, and a church.

A church? Last week I told Major Car-

penter that I didn't think most people realized that the Salvation Army held regular church services like other Protestant denominations. But the Salvation Army describes itself as *evangelical*. I asked Major Carpenter why the 139-year-old Salvation Army did so little to promote itself as a church.

"Well, obviously when 95 percent of your budget goes to social programs, you don't have much left over for other things like self-promotion."

What first caught my eye at Major Carpenter's Clairemont Mesa church was the snappy blue uniforms that many church members wear. (Wearing the uniform, Major Carpenter explained to me, isn't obligatory for membership.) These blue-uniformed folks greeted their way around the sanctuary. Their extroversion was catchy. Before the service began, almost half of the 150 people present introduced themselves to me.

The 15-piece brass band was the next Salvationist particularism to catch my attention. Influenced by *Guys and Dolls*, I'd expected off-key renditions of "When the Saints Go March-

ing In." I wasn't prepared for the band's polished performance of traditional hymns. I wasn't prepared for how worshipful even contemporary hymns, or at least the two I heard, can sound when accompanied by well-practiced musicians. ("We don't do this for entertainment," the bandleader told us at one point. "We practice, and practice seriously, to glorify God.")

The Salvation Army follows a simple but definite liturgy that marches along, with plenty of music and prayer, to its center — the sermon, or, as they call it, "Word from the Pulpit." Major Carpenter spoke to us about "The World for God," which he based on Acts 1:8.

"How can I bring the people of the world to God is a difficult challenge for each of us. Jesus told the disciples that they should first start in Jerusalem, with their immediate family and friends. He said they should then spread the Gospel to the broader community of Judea, and then to Sumaria. The Samaritans. The people they didn't like. The people they thought of as less than good. And, finally, they were to spread the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the

world.

"What's important to realize is that it's often easiest to help the world that's farthest from ourselves. We can simply write a check, send money to people we don't know. The most difficult is sharing the Gospel with the people closest to us, and that's why Jesus said the world closest to us is the first world we must conquer. Those closest to us know us and know us well. These are the people we live and work with."

The responsibilities implied in Major Carpenter's sermon were made explicit in a document he showed me after the service, the "Soldier's Covenant," which everyone who officially ioins the Salvation Army must sign. Among the stipulations to which the signatory agrees: "to abstain from alcoholic drink, tobacco, the nonmedical use of addictive drugs, gambling, pornography, the occult, and all else that could

enslave the body and spirit," "uphold the sanctity of marriage and of family life," and "uphold Christian integrity in every area of my life, allowing nothing in thought, word, or deed that is unworthy or unclean, untrue or profane, dishonest or immoral."

While I read the "Soldier's Covenant," little Mexican kids swarmed into and out of Major Carpenter's office. They offered Major Carpenter their school photos. They joked with and badgered him. They were part of the contingent of children the church attracts with its youth activities, its Boy and Girl Scout-type organizations.

"Half the people who come to our church aren't official members," Major Carpenter explained to me. "And that's completely fine. We don't pressure anyone to become a member. Membership is optional. In our earliest days we were influenced a lot by the Quakers. We like to see ourselves as a 'Holy People.' A holy people in a sinful world doing good."

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

About six months ago I met a woman I was really attracted to and we began dating. Everything was going great. I developed strong feelings for her, but she kept telling me she was not interested in a relationship because she has a divorce and several ruinous relationships in her history. I've also been hurt in the past, but I've tried to work through it. Recently she called me and said she didn't want to see me anymore because she was seeing someone else! I felt betrayed. I had become devoted to her and had showered her with gifts and affection and attention. I felt I loved her. I felt really misused. and we had some hard words. Things were said on both sides that I think we each later regretted. Soon our friends and her roommate were gossiping about all this and getting involved and interfering. I called back and apologized and hoped she would also say she was sorry, but she didn't. Two days after we argued, she called and said she had been just "testing" me. What did I do wrong? Is this person just selfish and stuck on herself or am I to blame for this mess?

HEARTBROKEN IN SAN DIEGO

Dear Heartbroken,

It sounds as if your lady friend has been less than honest with you. On one hand she's been saying she didn't want to commit because she'd had too many past relationships fail, when the truth is she was involved with another man. I can understand why you'd feel betrayed after this revelation. And I just don't buy that business about "testing" people. It's silly and it trivializes serious relationships. Love relationships are tough enough to make work, and trying to communicate straightforwardly with those dear to us is plenty difficult without devising "tests" for each other. What is this, fifth grade? Life "tests" us sorely, I'm afraid, without our needing to plan elaborate manipulations at each other's expense, and then saying as an excuse, "Oh, I was just testing you." That kind of behavior reminds me of people who say mean or inappropriate things and then try to cover their tracks by declaring, "I was only joking." You sound like a sincere young man with a lot of love to give who might do well to find a young woman who is ethical and considerate and not so caught up in playing deceitful games.

Dear Readers.

Below are responses to a pair of previous letters. The first is a comment on the letter from an uncle who had written that he inadvertently walked in on a nephew while the boy was looking at porn sites on the Internet and wondered if he should inform his sister, the nephew's mother. A prior correspondent in love with a chain-smoker prompted the second and third letters. He wrote

that he was torn between his feelings for his sweetheart and disgust at her noxious habit.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I believe viewing porn is serious and damaging, and the nephew's parents should be informed. I don't think children have a right to privacy to view porn. I've heard that it is a good idea to have the computer in a "family" area, the screen in sight so the parents can monitor what is being viewed. There are, of course, Internet filters, though I don't think they are foolproof.

GP IN OR

Dear Aunt Trudy,

"Sick of Smoke" reminded me of myself. I smoked 20-plus years. After a routine dentist visit, I learned my lower jawbone was so receded, I needed implants to hold in my dentures. This cost a bundle. I finally quit 15 years ago. Food tastes better, I feel clean, and my friends and family are thrilled for me. Withdrawal was hard, but I still say to the woman who's mentioned in the letter: GIRLFRIEND, WISE UP AND GET HELP TO OUIT!

SMOKE FREE IN CORONADO

Dear Aunt Trudy,

Your points were well taken in your response to Sick of Smoke in Vista (January 8 issue), but you missed two very important ones — secondhand smoke's effects on both adults and kids. If this schmuck is still interested in marrying the walking ashtray, he's greatly increasing his own chances of cancer from secondhand smoke, to say nothing of the risk facing their children, should they decide to have any. Kids with smoking parents have increased risk of upperrespiratory infections, ear infections, asthma, bronchitis, as well as a variety of cancers. Tell him to walk (no, run) away if the babe's not willing to stop smoking. Otherwise, he's asking for a lifetime of chronic illnesses. She may be "sweet" and a "beautiful person," but she's deadly!

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A crack snaking its way across our car window is beginning to annoy me. Patrick keeps saying he's going to get it fixed, but procrastination runs thick in his blood. The crack has been a part of our van's life for the past two years and I don't think Patrick even notices it now. But I do, and I have had enough. I'm taking action. "There are two dif-

ferent types of cracks," explained Matthew Dounshea, president of Master Glass Windshield Repair & Replacement. "If you get hit by a rock in the center of the windshield or somewhere more than four or five inches from the edge, you might just get a rock chip which is the size of a dime or a quarter. Those can spread, usually because of temperature: it gets really hot and it expands. Or, if there is a sudden temperature change like when it's frozen and you put your defroster on, that can cause it to spread. But if you get hit right near the edge of your windshield, it kind of opens a pressure crack and the next thing you know, you have a 12-inch crack going across your windshield."

Master Glass repairs cracks that are up to about 18 inches long without replacing the window. "We drill at the beginning of the crack and fill the crack with a liquid resin," said Dounshea. "It makes the crack look about 60 to 80 percent less noticeable, and it stops the spreading. We like to have the crack be less than about three months old because the long cracks do get contaminated with dirt, and it just doesn't look as good, and the resin doesn't bond as well to the glass because it is contaminated."

"There are three layers on the windshield," Dounshea continued, "the glass on the outside, the glass on the inside which is going to give it strength, and the layer in the middle which is laminate called PVB," he offered. "That is actually the layer which is tinted. So the crack on your windshield is on the outside. So you could throw a rock at your windshield and it is not going to land in your lap. Whereas with your side windows, it will. It is not laminated glass but

tempered glass which will totally shatter."

A Master Glass windshield repair costs about \$55 for a dime- to quarter-size hole and **\$69** to **\$89** for a long crack.

Our crack is about three feet long and well over three months old. Thankfully, Master Glass also replaces windshields. "We offer mobile service and usually it is the same day or next-day service," continued Dounshea, "and the replacement takes about one hour.

That was music to my ears. "When can you come?" I asked. "I can be there tomorrow between nine and noon," he answered.

True to his word, Dounshea showed up at 10:30 the next day with an assistant named Fred. As Fred got to work, Dounshea explained the process to me. "To replace the windshield," he said, "first you remove the wind"We drill at the beginning of the crack and fill the crack with a liquid resin."

shield wipers, then the cowl which is the corrugated plastic piece between the windshield and the hood, and any side and top molding around the glass. Then we use what's called a cold knife and a \$700 tool, which is basically a reciprocating saw with a spatula blade, to cut through the old urethane adhesive holding the glass in the frame. When that's done, we pull the windshield out and trim down the old adhesive to one or two mil-

limeters thick. Then we apply new primer to both the frame and the glass. With a power caulking gun we apply a thick bead of adhesive around the entire opening, making sure there are no voids." When Fred had completed all of these steps, he and Dounshea picked up the new windshield with giant suction cups and placed it into the adhesive-lined opening.

"The adhesive that we use (Dow Chemical Essex Express Advanced Cure Auto Glass Adhesive) has a one-hour cure time," Dounshea continued, "so the customer needs to let the car sit for one hour before it is safe to drive. The adhesive is a chemical cure. Other

adhesives rely on temperature and humidity for the cure. So if

it is in wintertime, it could take six to twelve hours

Dounshea warned about improperly installed windshields. "There is a huge safety factor in windshields. If your windshield is not installed properly, and you are in a car accident, and your passenger airbag goes off, it will deploy

against the windshield and blow it right out, if it is not sealed properly.'

Other windshield problems that can arise if it is not installed correctly are water leaks or air noise. Master Glass offers a lifetime guarantee against wind noise and water leaks.

What about price?" I asked. (Patrick complains it is always about the bottom line with me.)

"Seventy-five percent of vehicles will fall within \$180 and \$250 for a replacement windshield," explained Dounshea. Our van was \$230.

Before he left, Dounshea said, "Don't drive the van for at least an hour while the adhesive cures. Leave the windows open a crack for a few hours, and don't slam the door because it momentarily pressurizes the cabin, which could push out against the glass before the adhesive is cured.'

Some other prices around town: All Star Glass offers replacement windshields for \$104 and up. They also do mobile repair for \$45.

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

At last year's Andy Williams San Diego Open, Lee Trevino's three-wood shot at the par-five eighteenth hole on the Torrey Pines South course bounced in front of the green, jumped up, and hit Kermit Zarley, who was lining up his putt. One pro golfer being hit by another's ball is an unusually rare occurrence at professional golf tournaments. Zarley unflinchingly made his five and walked away to the scorer's tent. When Trevino's threesome came up to the eighteenth green, a small, female member of the gallery yelled out, "Your ball hit Mr. Zarley." Immediately Trevino answered, "I wish it had hit him harder!"

— "GOLFBALLS AND GLADIATORS,"

Alan Pesin, January 24, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

He drives a forest green 240Z with plates that read "PUCKY," and yes, Gary Puckett is his real name. He's thirty-six and lives in Vista now with his mother and a sister while looking for an apartment in Leucadia. He's also trying to put together a new band, having taken a seven-year sabbatical from commercial music, the Union Gap, and hit songs in which he crooned about the deflowering of young women. Though you could never call Puckett a Sixties rock and roller, he was a product of that decade, just as he has changed into a product of the Seventies.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"SEVEN-YEAR ITCH,"**Neal Matthews, February 1, 1979

Twenty Years Ago

Gonzalez was deported once, in 1973, while working at the Bataan Café, a Filipino restaurant in National City. She had tricked immigration officers earlier that year when they raided the restaurant and arrested four of her male coworkers. The officers asked her if she was Filipina and she simply said yes. The second time they raided the restaurant they asked her for her ID and she wasn't so lucky. She was deported by bus to Tijuana. She spent the night at the Motel Ten near Primavera and Revolución and the next night crossed back into San Diego and lived off her savings until she found another job cleaning house in El Caion.

— CITY LIGHTS: "TRABAJADORA," Abe Opincar, February 2, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

I left the Beat Farmers through mutual agreement to pursue a different musical direction — I was not, as you imply, kicked out to make room for Joey Harris. Any band



Nick Tosches and Richard Meltzer, 1972

member will verify this. If you feel that the Farmers are better off with Harris, fine. Others feel the opposite, and both sides are entitled to their opinion. But I resent a muckraking attempt to drive a wedge between Farmers and Jacks fans, especially since the followings of both bands support original music, not Top 40.

— LETTERS, **BUDDY BLUE**, La Mesa, February 2, 1989

Ten Years Ago

This spicy, thorny land in which San Diego, seat of Duval County, sits is part of a broader ecological region, the tamaulpian biotic province that stretches from the Mexican state of Tamaulipas to San Antonio, Texas. It's a transitional zone between the tropics and desert. And the region's equivocal nature becomes humanly apparent between Corpus and San Diego. Each small town along the way, on a big roadside sign, announces the name of its high school football team. East to west these team names are Anglo, until you reach San Diego, whose sign offers, "Home of the Vaqueros."

— "SAN DIEGO, TEXAS," Abe Opincar, Ianuary 27, 1994

Five Years Ago

Gone is that copy of *Zap Comix* number three, and gone is the radium-dial Howdy Doody watch, and the actual puck Frank Mahovlich scored goal number 489 with against Toronto.

`But you've kept the tattered squirrel hanky, right?, that old snotrag your mom hand-painted for your sixth (or was it seventh?) birthday and the yellow plastic space helmet from 1953, excellent plastic like they don't make anymore — hard, not very flexible, like you think would be brittle, but 'taint brittle — with a brim like on baseball caps — this is one dizzy helmet! — or if YOU haven't kept 'em, I know I have.

— "VINYL RECKONING,"

Richard Meltzer, January 28, 1999

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Crasher

MARRIED, BUT...

by Josh Board

nere's a joke with my male friends about wedding invitations. Men hate to get them. Women love 'em. Men know it means getting dressed up, wearing a tie, and probably missing a football game. Women are excited and look forward to buying a new dress to wear, only to bitch later to us men that another woman has a similar dress or worse, that a woman is getting married and it's not her. Then the questions pop up: "You know, they are getting married after only dating for ten months. We've been together for two years."

The invitation I got for this mock wedding/book-launch party was from Jennifer Coburn, the local author of the novel *The Wife of Reilly*. And when I got a call from Milo Shapiro, an interesting guy I met at a party months ago, I was really looking forward to this event.

The premise of the book is that a lady wants to leave her husband but figures it would be easier for him if she found a replacement wife.

She places personal ads and meets interesting characters along the way.

When we walked into Gallery 504 in North Park, a



Top and bottom left: Dragons party at the Casbah; bottom right: mock wedding

People kept asking Jen-

nifer to sign books. One guy

copies that he had bought.

Finally I was able to talk to

number of magazines and has

her. She has written for a

ghostwritten some books.

This is her first novel. She

said, "I got the idea when

one of my friends was looking

at buying a place. She noted

would be perfect for her hus-

band." I asked, "So your hus-

the idea to replace him?" She

told me he was with her when

she was writing the book and

band doesn't think you had

that the place next door

was carrying around ten

the snapshot on a board with lots of other pictures. As in the book, this was supposed to be the women that would be available for "Reilly." Some had written things on their pictures like "Married, but..." Another guy wrote on his wife's photo, "Don't even think about it!"

Downstairs, the gallery

body walked by and said,
"You can wear it and eat soup
with it."

We grabbed some wine and headed upstairs. There were a lot of colorful abstract

Apparently five of the people going to this party saw a better party going on down the hall at the hotel.

was filled with African paintings. An African-American woman had jewelry that was made out of utensils. My date was looking at a necklace made out of a spoon. Some-

paintings on the walls and at least 200 people stuffed in the room. There was wedding cake and champagne. A few women showed up in wedding gowns.

said, "Half of the dates that are in this book are real ones that I've heard about from friends."

I asked if, while writing, she ever saw anything that was similar to what she was working on, like an episode of Sex and the City or some film. Jennifer said, "Actually, there was an episode of Sex and the City in which they had a party where you bring your ex."

Jennifer excitedly told me, "I know in your column about parties you have to write weird things people say. Well, somebody came over and asked me if I had hair extensions. I thought that was weird. You can write about that if you want." I told her, "It would've been better if she had asked you if you had fake breasts." She responded, "I wish somebody would say that. That would mean they think these breasts look good."

As I was walking away, a lady grabbed me. She had just moved here from Oregon. She said, "I was pissed you walked in front of me when I was waiting to talk to Jennifer. But somebody said you work for the *Reader*. I love the *Reader*." We ended up

down the hall at the hotel.

was filled with African paintings on the walls and at least 200 people stuffed in







rasher

talking for about ten minutes while my date sat at the other end of the room. It caused a big fight for us. She wanted me to drive her home, but I still had another party to go to. She didn't care. So I drove up to Poway to drop her off, then on to Shelter Island.

I had heard about this party at the Sheraton Hotel. There would only be about ten people. They wanted to party before and after the Dragons gig at the Casbah. I was stoked because I like the Dragons. And when I started writing this "Crasher" column, the first party I went to made me miss Lucy's Fur Coat and Marshall Crenshaw playing the same night at the Casbah. It was nice to be going to a party that centered around this

great dive bar on Kettner Boulevard.

Only two people were there when I arrived. Apparently five of the people going to this party saw a better party going on down the hall at the

The dresser had lots of booze piled on top of it. Another table had boxes of Rice Krispie treats. I asked about them and one woman said, "At the last party I had, my friend Brent smoked a lot of weed. He got the munchies really bad and ended up eating an entire box of my Rice Krispie treats. I gave him shit about that, so he brought two boxes of them to this party. But now he's down the hall at some other party." I grabbed a beer and looked at the beautiful view of the water out the hotel window. Since there were only two people

here, I decided to go check out the party down the hall.

As I walked out the door, I heard what was a large commotion. A blonde who looked to be in her early 20s was walking by crying. There were groups of people holding two people apart. One of them had a bloody face. I went in to get my camera, but when I came back out to the hall, everyone was gone. Security had come up and the crowd scattered. I saw they had broken the mirror in the elevator, and there were bloody tissues in the hallway and elevator. As we stopped to look at the results of the melee, somebody walked by and said, "I wish hotel guests would stop leaving their tampons everywhere."

The Dragons were already playing when we got to the show. They were doing a great version of the Ramones' "Rock 'n' Roll High School," and a mosh pit was going. An older guy got bumped, and I saw an earplug pop out of his head. Security ended up throwing two people out, and the moshing subsided.

The lady from our party was getting pretty drunk. She had downed some booze at the hotel and was pounding down beers at the Casbah. She grabbed two Asian women who were sitting at a table and made them dance to a cover of the Stones' "Start Me Up."

She later started talking to a guy who was a telemarketer. I heard him say, "Sometimes when we call people, they just hang up. But the other day, I had this woman who said she was in her 40s and really horny. She wanted me to keep talking about refinancing your home, and she was taking care of herself while I did. It was bizarre, but everyone else that worked with me was jumping on the phone to listen."

I saw Derek Plank, who takes music photos for the Reader. He and I talked a bit. When I was leaving to drive back to the Sheraton, he and his date were waiting for a cab. I offered to give them a ride. As we walked back to the car I had just bought a few days before, I noticed the lady from our party had invited eight others to come back to the Sheraton and party. I told them they wouldn't all fit in the car, and they said they could sit on each other's laps. It looked like a game of Twister gone awry. I thought of those stunts where you try to fit as many people as you can into a phone booth.

I asked Derek for directions on how to get back to his place but could barely hear his muffled voice underneath the bodies that were on top of him. I was getting pissed. An expensive cigar I had in my pocket had broken in half (note to self: stop putting cigars in my pocket, then complaining when they snap in half). Now I envisioned the interior of my car having footprints everywhere but the floor.

I dropped them all off at the hotel and quickly left.

The next day, I got a few phone calls. One guy had left his hat in my car. Another woman left her purse with \$160 in it. And my date was still pissed at me. ■

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WHAT MAKES LARRY SMARR

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Smarr is the university's unofficially designated technological pontificator, poised to appear at almost any moment to offer himself as the average citizen's guide to the mysterious and sometimes frightening universe of modern technology. "We are moving into a world where your location is going to be known at all times by some electronic device. It's inevitable. So we should be talking about its consequences before it's too late," he told a



Larry Smarr

reporter for the *New York Times* last month. Keeping track of the whereabouts of Larry Smarr himself, however, is not so easy.

Thanks in part to California taxpayers, he has parlayed his one-time association with the inventors of Netscape, the first popular Web-browsing software, into a lucrative personal

franchise, complete with his own webpage featuring a guided photo tour of his elaborate gardens and hot tub in the back yard of his ocean-view La Jolla home, purchased with a \$1 million home loan from state taxpayers.

He reached a new pinnacle three years ago when thengovernor Gray Davis announced that Smarr would become head of a new branch of the University of California, the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology, to be headquartered at UCSD, into which state taxpayers have poured an estimated \$300 million. His wife Janet was given a professorship in the theater department.

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Date From	Date To	Description	Destination	Airfare
11/17/03	11/21/03	Invited Speaker at Supercomputing 2003 Conference	Phoenix, AZ	198.00
11/5/03	11/11/03	To attend BISTIC Symposium	Bethesda, MD	511.00
9/10/03	9/10/03	NASA Advisory Council Meeting	Washington, DC	
8/19/03	8/28/03	NORDUnet 2003	Reykjavík, Iceland	
7/17/03	7/17/03	To attend ESSAAC Meeting in Washington, DC (NASA)	Washington, DC	
6/29/03	6/30/03	National Institutes of Health Advisory Committee to the Director Meeting	Bethesda, MD	
6/11/03	6/11/03	NASA Headquarters NASA Advisory Council Meeting	Washington, DC	
5/15/03	5/22/03	NCSA-University of III; University of Purdue;	Champaign,III;	689.00
4/3/03	4/9/03	NASA Goddard Colloquium Council on Chemical Research	Arlington VA Austin, TX	390.00
3/18/03 3/12/03	3/23/03 3/12/03	NASA-Louisiana; NCSA Univ of III, Champaign AAMC Council of Deans Spring Meeting	Louisiana; Illinois Napa, CA	1,770.00 217.00
2/17/03	2/17/03	Cal-(IT)2 Directors retreat	Dana Point,CA	
1/29/03	2/1/03	UC Berkeley Colloquium	Oakland	185.00
1/13/03	1/16/03	Participate in NSF Workshop; Attend NIH advisory committee meetings	Arlington VA; Bethesda, MD	1,008.50
12/10/02	12/13/02	Attend NASA advisory board meetings; Meetings at Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency	Washington, DC	
11/20/02	12/2/02	Participate as speaker at I-Light workshop, Indiana U event; Attend the NIH ACD mtg	Indianapolis; Bethesda	2,442.00
10/1/02	10/3/02	Meetings at UC Irvine with Calit2 personnel and cali2 Advisory Board member Phil Smith	Irvine	
8/25/02	9/4/02	Institute for Information Science and Technologyand Advanced Computing Infrastructure, University of Texas, Austin	Austin, TX	
8/25/02	8/27/02	National Workshop on Future Sensing Systems at Granlibakken Resort	Lake Tahoe, California	276.00
8/14/02	8/16/02	Meetings at National Institutes of Health Washington		
7/14/02	7/14/02	Meetings with Dan Reed, Director, Champaign, Ill NCSA University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana		1,131.50
5/22/02	6/5/02	NIH Adv Bd Mtg., Washington;NCSA/UIUC, Champaign II, NASA Bd mtg.,Washington	Washington; Champaign III	784.00
5/22/02	5/26/02	Meetings at the Office of Emergency Services and Briefing-California Council on Science and Tech;Seminar/Briefing UC Santa Cruz Baskin School of Engineering	Sacramento; Santa Cruz	179.00
4/20/02	4/22/02	JSOE Retreat	Borrego Springs	
4/12/02	4/14/02	InterWest Life Sciences Advisory Board meeting	Half Moon Bay, CA	
3/18/02	4/2/02	Panelist in Sandia National Labs Spring Leadership Forum	Albuquerque, NM	248.00
3/11/02	3/12/02	Presenter at Enterprise Partners Venture Capital "Limited Partners" meeting	Carlsbad	
2/18/02	2/19/02	Invited participant at Intel Corporation's Seminar Series	Hillsboro, OR	
2/15/02	2/17/02	Participate in the 2002 AAAS Annual meetings	Boston	517.68
1/25/02	1/29/02	Lecturer at Purdue University's Samuel D. Conte Distinguished Lecture Series	West Lafayette, IN	300.50
12/3/01	12/8/01	Cal(IT)2 meeting with SBC, Austin TX; participate in NSF sponsored workshop at Univ of III, Chicago; Attend NIH and NASA Advisory Board meetings in Washington, DC	Austin, Chicago, Washington	2,023.83
11/4/01	11/9/01	Participate at the Next Generation Networks Conference	Boston	1,778.75
10/25/01	10/27/01	Attend the 2nd California Institutes for Science and Innovation Summit	Oakland	
10/4/01	10/10/01	Keynote Address at Illinois Digital Government Summit, Illinois; Attend CENIC	Los Angeles, Missouri, Illinois	180.35
9/30/01	10/1/01	Advisory Board meetings, L.A. Keynote speaker at UBICOMP2001	Atlanta, GA	1,388.50
9/8/01	9/13/01	NASA Advisory Board	Washington, DC	1,007.51
8/1/01	8/3/01	Brainstorm 2001: Fortune Editor's Invitational	Aspen, CO	514.10
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Hotel Name	Hotel Amount	Meals and Drinks	Mileage/Rental Car/ Parking/Taxi	Misc.	Total Cost	Train Fare	UC Pay Notes
Wyndham Phoenix Airport	747.61	8.27	178.80		1,140.63		Registration was prepaid as Pay Auth. PO652084 in the amount of \$440 on September 9, 2003.
Bethesda	355.90	50.00	552.71		1,469.61		Portion of the trip to St. Louis was for personal travel. Cost of the ticket totalled \$531. Regular ticket price is \$511. Larry will not be reimbursed for the \$20 difference, since that portion is personal. Traveller incurred \$200 in change fees — also personal charges. Those fees will not be reimbursed. Restaurant charge of \$66.50 exceeds the daily maximum. Only \$50 will be reimbursed. Traveller will reimburse UC \$376.51 for personal rental car.
			66.00		66.00		All expenses to be paid directly by NASA — hotel, transportation,food. After traveller is reimbursed by NASA, traveller will reimburse UC Regents \$66.00
Radisson SAGA SAS	2,309.50		118.20		2,572.29		Larry Smarr paid for the airfare. UC Regents paid for the hotel, \$2,309.47 and Janet Smarr's registration fee, \$135.85. Larry Smarr was on vacation for 5 of the nights. L Smarr owes UC Regents \$1290.60 (5 nights at Radisson & Reg.) L Smarr owes \$135.85 for Janet Smarr's registration fee. UC Regents owes L Smarr \$1463.40 (cost of airfare) Balance: UC Regents owes L Smarr \$39.55.
Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel	366.05		66.00		432.05		Traveler is being reimbursed by NASA for all expenses. Larry will write a check to UC Regents for \$432.05
		43.80	132.20		176.00		NIH is reimbursing Larry \$148.50 (\$65.50 in meals and incidentals & \$83 for Bethesda cabs.) Once funds are received from NIH, Larry will write a check to UC Regents for \$126.80
			66.00		66.00		NASA paid for Larry Smarr's airfare and any other expenses. Larry Smarr will reimburse UC Regents for this parking fee.
Crystal City Marriott	441.09	67.07	370.53		1,582.69		NCSA,Purdue University and NASA will reimburse Larry Smarr. Larry Smarr will reimburse UC Regents.
Marriott Hotel	37.88		316.46 7.20		740.74 1,840.20		
			3.60		220.60		All hotel and dining expenses reimbursed by conference. Airfare prepaid on diner's card by the University. Therefore, L. Smarr to write a check for \$217.00 to UC Regents.
Four Sisters Inn Radisson Miyako Hotel,	200.00 306.86	92.97	44.06 518.75		292.97 1,026.06		No alcohol was served at this lunch "Neverlost" was requested by Larry Smarr on his
San Francisco; Stanford Terrace, Palo Alto Hilton Hotel;	507.88	50.00	23.20		1,589.58		rental car — GPS System NIH is due to reimburse traveler for prorated amount of airfare cost
Hilton Hotel; Bethesda Marriott	507.88						and hotel expense incurred on Diner's Card. Traveler will issue check to UC Regents upon receipt of such reimbursement.
		23.00	37.30		60.30		Most of traveler's expenses for this trip will be covered by NIH; This itemizes expenses not covered.
					2,442.00		Traveler will be reimbursed for most of the expenses incurred on this trip by Indiana University and NIH, including some airfare. Upon receipt of such reimbursement Traveler will issue check to UC Regents for the applicable amount.
Irvine Courtyard by Marriott	128.59	141.65			297.66	21.00	Request for approval to exception to policy for meal expense that is over the limit per person. No alcohol consumed.
			93.30		108.30		The original receipts will be sent to the University of Texas for reimbursement. Airfare was paid for by a previous credit with American Airlines.
			133.30	8.00	432.30		Larry Smarr was invited to attend the National Workshop on Future Sensing Systems by Prof. Steve Glaser, UC Berkeley. The resort lodging was paid for by the National Workshop.
Hyatt Regency Bethesda; Shoney's Inn, Irving TX (missed connection)	213.20	30.50	49.30		293.00		Most of this trip's expenses will be reimbursed to Traveler by NIH and original receipts were sent to NIH for this purpose. Copies of pertinent receipts are included.
					1,131.50		
Four Points	178.57				962.57		Note that copy of receipts are attached, original receipts sent to third parties with reimbursement request. Traveler is due to reimburse UC Regents upon receipt of any pertinent expenses listed above.)
Hyatt Regency Sacramento; West Coast Santa Cruz Hotel	560.20	14.88	589.30		1,343.96		
		198.51	71.62	32.07	302.19		Group dinner participants: Larry Smarr, Janet Smarr, and 2 Cal(IT)2 consultants, Tom DeFanti and Maxine Brown. Re: discuss OptiPuter proposal. Requesting allowable reimbursement of \$45/person which includes purchase of meal only, no alcohol.
Hyatt Regency	65.26		73.30 42.00		73.30 355.26		Sponsor paid for most, not all, expenses for this trip Sandia will cover for most of expenses including airfare.
,							Original receipts were submitted to Sandia with reimbursement request. Traveler will issue check to UC Regents for airfare upon receipt from Sandia.
			16.79		16.79		Note — other trip expenses were covered by Enterprise Partners
TownPlace Suites	64.20		49.30		177.37		Please note that original receipts were sent to Intel for reimbursement. Upon traveler's receipt of such reimbursement, Traveler will issue check to UC Regents.
			73.30		590.98		Traveler will issue check to reimburse UC Regents upon his receipt of same from AAAS.
Courtyard Marriott, Indianapolis	76.59		407.75		784.84		Purdue U will reimburse Traveler for a portion of total expenses incurred. Traveler will issue check to UC Regents upon receipt of reimbursement from Purdue.
Four Points Sheraton, Bethesda Sheraton Chicago	463.00	59.53	135.00		2,709.00		Original receipts for some expenses were submitted to third party (UIC NIH NASA) with reimbursement request. Upon receipt of any applicable reimbursement from third parties, Traveler will reimburse UC Regents.
Boston Marriott	1,113.30	140.24	20.00	2,895.00	5,984.18		
Waterfront Plaza Hotel	344.10	37.72	78.90		569.61		
LAX Radisson Hotel	95.80	51.02	193.93		521.10		GPS (Never Lost) system traveler utilizes when driving in unknown cities to quickly locate destinations. Traveler is expected to be reimbursed for most of trip expenses by Illinois.
			48.90		1,567.90		Note that original receipts were submitted to GA Tech/UBI COMP2001 w/21 reimbursement since GA Tech is paying for most of this trip. Traveler will reimburse UC Regents and
							Diner's Card charges upon receipt from GA Tech.
Crestview	305.80		408.12		1,830.43		
Crestview The St. Regis Hotel	305.80	25.00	408.12 451.62		1,830.43 2,075.76		Diner's Card charges upon receipt from GA Tech. Traveler was due to attend NASA Advisory Board mtgs in San Jose but meetings were suddenly cancelled because of terrorist attacks

But the election of Republican governor Arnold Schwarzenegger means that the university's free-spending days may soon be over, a development that may subject Larry Smarr to unaccustomed scrutiny. Smarr's star power has come with a big price tag: the expense of his annual salary, currently just over \$244,000, exceeds the average of most full professors at the university.

According to a recent survey by the American Association of University Professors, the average of salary of UCSD professors was \$93,400. Average pay at UCLA was \$98,600 and at Berkeley, \$101,800. The highest in the country was Harvard's, at \$125,000.



Iohn Moores

In 2001, shortly after taking charge of the institute, Smarr told a reporter he actually no longer conducted research. And he claims not to be much of an administrator, either. "I don't run existing organizations — that's part of my deal," he boasted to the Union-Tribune in May of 2002. His travel schedule apparently leaves little time for teaching — at a time



Robert Dynes

when the university's student-faculty ratio is soaring. His most recently published scientific paper, according to the "Professional Vita" on his website, is dated 1995.

Thus, looming over Smarr's many travels and consulting activities is the question: can California taxpayers afford to keep him on the university payroll? His backers say that, while



Iohn Davies

not much of a real scientist or engineer anymore, Smarr has a genius for raising money from private industry, which may become even more of an asset in the days of tightening state budgets.

Smarr's detractors within the University of California faculty who keep their criticism muted, lest they anger Smarr's friend and associate, UC president

Robert Dynes, former chancellor of UCSD say Smarr is making more money than he is

Dynes is the son-inlaw of Warren Hellman, wealthy heir to the Levi Strauss fortune, a venture capitalist, and campaign contributor to Gray Davis, the nowfallen California governor who in 2000 set up Smarr's institute and provided the cash for it from the state treasury. Even though he is now president of UC and presumably busy with those duties, both Dynes and his wife, physicist Frances Hellman, are listed on the institute's website as among its 220 faculty researchers.

But today, in light of the state's crushing deficit, average California taxpayers may be likely to ask, what has Smarr and his institute done for them lately. With state and local budgets being shaved to the bone, newspapers are full of horror stories about wasteful, extravagant spending by high rollers on the government payroll.

One recent victim was Roger Talamantez, head of the City of San Diego's Data Processing Corporation, who was forced to resign his post two weeks ago after it was revealed that he had presided over elaborate employee "retreats" and parties where shots of premium tequila and \$121 bottles of wine paid for by the agency were de rigueur.

Auditors also found that the corporation had

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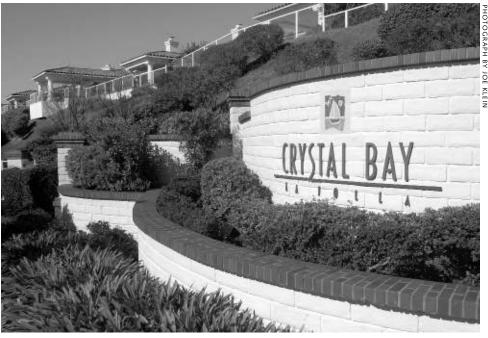
paid for a spouse's \$1075 airfare and picked up a \$2000 tab for ten individuals to go to a charity dinner last year. Talamantez, who earned \$235,975 a year, was forced to pay back \$3108.74 worth of booze and \$225 in golf expenses, on top of the \$4700 he had already agreed to return. Just by coincidence, Talamantez's wife Delia is the conflict-of-interest officer for UCSD, in charge of keeping track of the financial-disclosure forms filed under requirements of state law by administrators and professors. Smarr's travel expenses are far greater than anything Roger Talamantez ever ran up.

So far, the University of California has

escaped the embarrassment such scrutiny of the personal spending habits of its top employees and brightest stars might bring. But rumbles are beginning to make their way through UC rank-and-file that expense-account abuses and lax accounting practices are costing taxpayers millions of dollars each year.

As in the case of Roger Talamantez and the City of San Diego, the university's situation is being exacerbated by severe budget cuts and fee hikes proposed by the administration of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has promised to balance the state budget without increasing taxes.

But that promise does not extend to hold-



Near Smarr's La Jolla home

ing the line on the tuition and fees paid by UC students. Schwarzenegger's budget calls for undergraduate fees to rise by at least

10 percent, to an average

of about \$6000 a year,

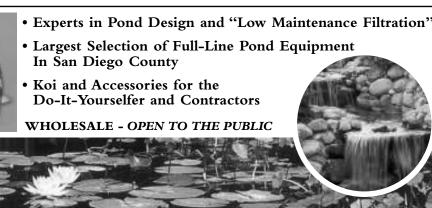
with graduate students to pay as much as 40 percent more than they are currently charged.

And two weeks ago, after a January 14 UC regents meeting in San Francisco, the university announced that it would be turning away more than 3200 eligible applicants for the freshman class who, if not for the governor's proposal to cut freshman enrollment by 10 percent,

would otherwise have been admitted next fall. They will be redirected to community college for their first two years.

Schwarzenegger also wants to hack \$35 million from faculty salaries and eliminate funds for programs aimed at helping low-income high school students get into the university. Regents had wanted to reduce the student-faculty ratio from its present 20-to-1 to something closer to the 15-to-1 of 30 years ago. The governor's budget anticipates raising it to about 21-to-1.

At the regents' meeting, the proposed cuts drew the ire of university president Robert Dynes, who declared that they would jeopardize both teaching and research at the univer-









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sity, which has long enjoyed a sacrosanct status, at least among the state's academic elite. "The budget cuts over time have begun chipping away at quality, accessibility, and affordability of the university," Dynes, less than a year in office, told the regents. In all, the Schwarzenegger budget calls for a total of \$372 million in reduced university spending, a cut of 8 percent from last year.

Aides to Dynes complained to reporters that UC faculty salaries lag the national average by more than 10 percent.

Regent John Davies, the San Diego attorney who was appointed by his close friend and fellow Republican ex-governor Pete Wilson, angrily declared that a proposed 20 percent limit on student financial aid combined with the fee increases would "impact the quality of

this institution." Other regents criticized a Schwarzenegger administration proposal to cut funding for university research by an additional 5 percent more than the 20 percent they maintained had already been trimmed over the past two years. "I know 5 percent does not sound like a lot of a cut to research, but it does have a cascading effect with respect to matching funds and graduate students," declared regent Joanne Kozberg.

In other words, long

gone are the expansionist days of Governor Gray Davis — just a few years ago — when the university created three expensive, sprawling new institutions, mostly aimed at so-called research and development of new technology and inventions, backed in part by big corporations (most of them Davis campaign contributors), which were expected to profit from the "technology transfer" of the work done by the scientists and engineers there.

The prototype was Smarr's California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology. The institute also has a branch at UC Irvine.

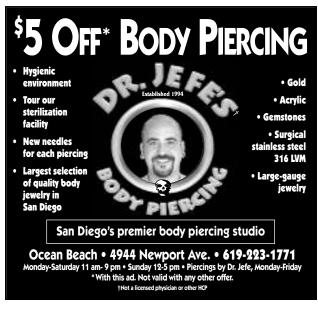
The idea of the institutes was reportedly cooked up in part by none other than Padres owner John Moores and Richard Lerner, head of La Jolla's Scripps Research Institute, along with Davis chief-of-staff and ex—San Diego Democratic congresswoman Lynn Schenk. As a result, UCSD's bid was

regarded by insiders as a sure bet and ultimately received generous funding from the state treasury.

In addition to owning the Padres, Moores is a venture capitalist who, after giving Davis almost half a million dollars in campaign contributions, was named by the governor to serve as a UC regent. The project also had the blessing of Warren Hellman.

In 2000, Hellman had partnered with Moores in at least one

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venture, Blackbaud Software, a South Carolina company that specializes in accounting systems for charities. Dynes, in turn, endorsed the \$350 million, taxpayer-financed downtown baseball stadium proposed by Moores.

"This institute will leverage UCSD's and UCI's complementary strengths in telecommunications, information technology, and applications with the powerful industry base along the High Tech Coast from San Diego to Irvine," Dynes was quoted as saying in a press release announcing formation of the institute in December 2000.

"Cardiac bio-sensors may be developed to allow health care providers to remotely monitor elderly patients; and sensing devices embedded in highways and bridges will provide electronic damage reports immediately after earthquakes and other natural disasters."

"Wouldn't it be nice if you got a call on your cell phone that said, 'Hello, we thought you'd like to know that your right front brake will fail in about 100 miles'?" Smarr, the institute's muse and newly named director, told the London *Guardian*.

The awarding of the three institutes (the others went to UCLA, for "nanotechnology," and UC San Francisco for biomedicine) was supposedly the result of a competition held among five UC campuses. Proposals from two other UC campuses lost out: Riverside, which wanted to study plant genetics, and Berkeley, which also wanted to pursue the study of information technology.

Adding to the institute's sense of inevitability was the fact that then-UC president Richard Atkinson, a former UCSD chancellor.

was an original board member of and investor in Qualcomm, the cellular-phone giant that was founded in 1985 as a virtual outgrowth of UCSD's engineering school.

In 2000, at the height of the dot-com boom, Atkinson owned more than \$200 million of Qualcomm stock, according to the financial-disclosure statements. Qualcomm, which already has various technology agreements with UCSD, lobbied hard for the institute and reportedly donated \$15 million to partially underwrite its creation. Lerner was the selection panel's chairman.

Almost as soon as it was announced, the university spent \$100 million for the new headquarters building on the UCSD campus. In a press release last January, Smarr enthused about the Web cams he had installed to televise the building over the Internet. "We're very excited because our faculty and staff can now use these cams to monitor construction progress of their respective campus and the partner campus.

"This was a marvelous way for us to join together in a single enterprise — these tangible buildings help us appreciate that both campuses are truly in this together — it's an exciting new paradigm of collaboration for UC campuses, not to mention other universities around the country that see benefit in collaborating."

Another university press release says, "The facility has been designed to help the public understand how technology is conceived, studied, developed, and implemented, especially in integration with other technologies, such as in [California Institute for Telecommunications



and Information Technology's] 'living laboratories.'

"Visitors will be able to explore an exhibit gallery, look down from a catwalk to watch scientists at work, and stroll through a rooftop 'antenna garden' to learn about wireless technology."

As it has turned out, very little of the institute's Buck Rogers wizardry has thus far emerged as practical applications, at least for the general public. Smarr's current project is called the "OptIPuter," which an institute website describes in the

opaque jargon the institute favors:

"The OptIPuter exploits a new world in which the central architectural element is optical networking, not computers — creating 'supernetworks.' This paradigm shift requires large-scale applicationsdriven system experiments and a broad multidisciplinary team to understand and develop innovative solutions for a 'LambdaGrid' world.

"The goal of this new architecture is to enable scientists who are generating terabytes and petabytes of data to interactively visualize,

analyze, and correlate their data from multiple storage sites connected to optical networks."

Smarr may be regarded in computing circles as an information guru, but getting data about the institute and the way Smarr operates can be difficult. He declined to grant an interview for this story, and spokesman Douglas Ramsey refused to provide even basic information regarding Smarr's compensation. Thus, obtaining the amount of Smarr's salary, legally a public record, required weeks of sleuthing and dealing with recalcitrant

university officials. Other key information about Smarr — such as the personal income he has derived from his numerous private speaking engagements and consulting activities — is also not available, because of a strange Catch-22.

When he took his position three years ago, Smarr told a reporter he would have no problem revealing his outside compensation as a consultant and expected that the university would require him to do so. "I fully intend to file all the disclosure papers. Everything I do with

industry is very publicly known; it's on webpages or press releases about it, and everything is out there. As an incoming faculty member, as I understand it, my first reporting would be in August at the end of my first year.

"But I suspect that I would just go ahead and work with the university and do it sooner than that, but I'm waiting for the final designation that I'm director, and they presumably will ask me to fill a bunch of stuff in, and I intend to fully disclose everything."

As Smarr antici-

pated, his position was subsequently declared by the university to be reportable under the state's political reform act, which ordinarily would have required him to annually disclose his moonlighting activities and personal investments. But for almost two years, the California Fair Political Practices Commission, the ethics agency in charge of enforcing the state's disclosure law, has failed to approve the university's revisions to its conflictof-interest code, includes the Smarr disclosure requirement.

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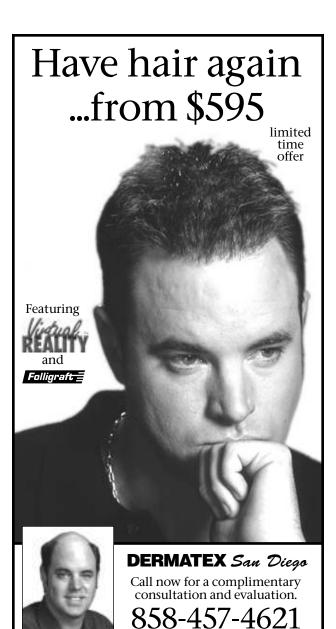
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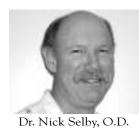
the fair political practices commission says the reason for the delay is that the agency has been "overwhelmed with work." She says that the final approval is now set for the first quarter of this year, which would mean that Smarr wouldn't have to file his first disclosure until April of 2005. A source at the university questions the reasons for the delay, saying, "They are awfully suspicious."

Even back in 2001, Smarr was not eager to discuss the amount of his salary. "Tell you the truth, I don't know" is how he responded to a question about it from a reporter. "I don't know the number. I don't really think much about money, frankly. So I couldn't give you a specific number. The money just goes directly into my account; I never see it. If my wife asked me, I wouldn't know. I really just don't spend much time focusing on my own personal situation; I spend most of it trying to put together these big projects."

In 2001, university officials declined to provide Smarr's salary until they received a request under the California Public-Records Act. At that time the university responded that it was \$169,600 annually. County records show that the University of California in June 2000 lent Smarr \$1 million to buy a house in La Jolla for nearly \$1.5 million.

Last month, in response to another request under the state's public-record act, the university revealed that, in less than two years, Smarr's salary had jumped dramatically. According to the information provided in a letter from UCSD public-records coordinator Linda Maczko, Smarr makes \$244,300 annually. Smarr's assistant director, Stephanie Sides, gets \$109,561.

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In 2001, responding to a question about how much he made from the consulting work, Smarr declined to disclose a specific amount, saying, "Well, so far, very little. Most of it is in startups that are pre-IPO and things like that. And most of it also is vested over three or four years, and I'm just starting in most things, so I don't have the stock, the full amount for another three or four years.

"I'm never opera-

tionally involved in any companies, I only advise companies. That is, I'm either an advisor or on the board or something like that, but I don't have any operational position in the company. They remunerate you for services, and usually these days companies will do it in stock or money or both"

Smarr's other title at the university is the Harry E. Gruber professor in Computer Sciences at UCSD's Jacob School of Engineering, a position endowed by Gruber and two former associates, Brian Kenner and Isaac Willis, according to a 2001 news release that quoted Gruber as saying, "I am especially delighted with the selection of Larry Smarr, a pioneer in prototyping a national information infrastructure to support academic research, governmental functions, and industrial competitiveness, as the first holder of this chair."

Gruber, 51, a physician and onetime UCSD medical school faculty member, was a cofounder in 1986 of Gensia Pharmaceuticals, an

early biotech startup, and InterVu, a dot-comera Internet technology outfit. He and his brother Alan reportedly have made millions over the years through various buyout scenarios.

Gruber now runs
Kintera, a software vendor specializing in systems to help nonprofit corporations, political campaigns, and others to raise funds through the Internet. As of October, the company, which recently went public, remained in the red.

Smarr joined the Kintera "advisory board" in January 2001 and continued to be a member until it was recently disbanded, a spokeswoman for Gruber said last week. She declined to provide any information regarding Smarr's compensation or how many times the board had met. She added that Gruber would not say how much the entrepreneur had donated to the university to fund Smarr's professorship.

The record shows that in addition to his involvement with Kintera, Smarr serves on many other advisory boards and engages in other private consulting activities.

Another company that boasts that Smarr is on its board of advisors is InterWest Partners. According to its website, the company, based in Menlo Park, California, was founded in 1979 and is "a leading diversified venture capital firm." The firm's "Life Sciences Advisory Committee" consists of six members, including Smarr, according to the website, who are "distinguished scientists and physicians from across the country who join InterWest in our commitment to building a world-class health care investment practice."

According to university travel records obtained under the public-records act, Smarr

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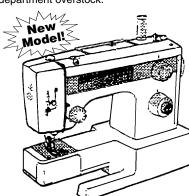




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has billed some of his InterWest-related travel expenses to the state. although the trip appears to have been personal in nature rather than official university business. On April 12, 2002, the records show, Smarr traveled to the "InterWest Life Sciences Advisory Board meeting" in Half Moon Bay, near Monterey, California. He returned on April 14, the records say. According to a university travel voucher, Smarr was paid \$73 to cover his mileage to and from San Diego's Lindbergh Field and his overnight parking expenses there. A note on the travel voucher says "Sponsor paid for most, not all, expenses for this trip." An InterWest spokeswoman confirmed last week that Smarr was still an advisory board member. She would not provide any information regarding the amount of his com-

Other advisory boards of which Smarr has been a member include that of Entropia, a "PC Grid" computer outfit in Carlsbad.

pensation.

In January 2001 Smarr told a reporter that his personal holdings included interest in a company called WebEx that was on a list of institute sponsors. Smarr confirmed he was on the company's advisory board. He said that the firm's participation in

the institute was limited to contributing its Webconferencing software.

"They are a partici-

pant; they are making their software available to the institute. That's the interesting thing

about this. Most of the companies that are providing things, there are only a few of them who









are actually asking for sponsored research, and obviously that's not with me; I don't get to do any research anymore.

"I've had 15 years of dealing with corporate partners at the National Center for Supercomputer Applications, and these were very large companies: J.P. Morgan, Sears, Allstate, Boeing, American Airlines, Caterpillar, Shell Oil, and so on. So it's not like I'm inexperienced in this

area. And I've raised a lot of money in the past from these companies."

His consulting activities for private companies as well as other governmental agencies are rankling to some. According to a review of Smarr's travel records, he has frequently ventured out of the city and state to attend a wide-ranging array of functions.

Of the approximately 90 trips reportedly taken by Smarr

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between June 2001 and mid-November of last year, according to this analysis, many have involved keynote talks at conventions and appearances at corporate events. Others have been for meetings of various federal advisory boards and technical committees. Smarr's supporters argue that his frequent travels bolster the reputation of the university and lure donations from major corporations. Detractors say that at best, much of the travel is a waste of time, and at worst, advances Smarr's

personal agenda. Under the university's official travel policy, trips not directly related to university service are in no cases to be billed to university accounts. The policy makes it clear: "When a University employee travels under the spon-



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sorship of a non-University entity, travel expenses, including advances, prepayments, or billings, shall not be charged to a University account or billed to the University; airline tickets must be from the sponsor." The rationale for the policy is that it provides a clean audit trail.

University of California spokesman Paul Schwartz says the policy contains no exceptions.

But Smarr's travel vouchers document that UCSD travel officials repeatedly allowed him to charge such trips, including airfare, directly to the university, many times to the university's Diner's Club Card account, with the promise that he would repay the expenses when the event sponsors sent him a reimbursement check. According to memos on the vouchers, Smarr did not immediately reimburse the university out of his own pocket but would instead wait until checks arrived from the sponsors.

The university provided no documentation indicating whether or not Smarr ultimately made the reimbursements called out in the vouchers.

For instance, a

memo on a voucher for a September 2001 trip costing \$1567 to give a speech at the UBI-COMP 2001 conference in Atlanta apparently sponsored by La Jolla-based General Atomics says, "Note that original receipts were submitted to GA Tech/UBICOMP2001 w/request for reimbursement since GA Tech is paying for most of this trip. Traveler will reimburse UC Regents and Diner Card charges upon receipt from GA

An October 2001 trip to Illinois to give the "Keynote Address at Illinois Digital Government Summit" cost the University of California \$521. An expensevoucher note explains, "Traveler is expected to be reimbursed for most of trip expenses by Illinois"

Tech."

In December 2001, a similar situation arose when Smarr spent \$2700 on a trip to Austin, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., attending events by the University of Illinois, the National Institutes of Health, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The purpose of the travel was said to be: "[California Institute for Telecommunications

and Information Technology] meeting with SBC, Austin TX; participate in NSF sponsored workshop at Univ of Ill, Chicago; Attend NIH and NASA Advisory Board meetings in Washington DC."

An addendum to that voucher says: "Original receipts for some expenses were submitted to third party (UIC NIH NASA) with reimbursement request. Upon receipt of any applicable reimbursement from third parties, Traveler will reimburse UC Regents."

A February 2002 trip to Hillsboro, Oregon, where Smarr was an "Invited participant at Intel Corporation's Seminar Series," cost \$177.37. A memo on the travel voucher says, "Please note that original receipts were sent to Intel for reimbursement. Upon traveler's receipt of such reimbursement, Traveler will issue check to UC Regents. This [travel-expense voucher] covers expenses charged on Diner's Card. Payment to DC is requested with this [travel-expense voucher]."

An April 2002 trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Smarr served as a "Panelist in



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Sandia National Labs Spring Leadership Forum," cost \$355.26, including airline ticket, hotel, and parking. A travel-voucher note says, "Sandia will cover for most of expenses including airfare. Original receipts were submitted to Sandia with reimbursement request. Traveler will issue a check to UC Regents for airfare upon receipt from Sandia."

A voucher from an August 2002 trip costing \$293 to Washington to attend a National Institutes of Health meeting says, "Most of this trip's expenses will be reimbursed to Traveler by NIH and original receipts were sent to NIH for this purpose. Copies of pertinent receipts are included."

A December 2002 airline ticket to Champaign, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Washington, where Smarr was a "speaker at

I-Light workshop, Indiana U event" and attending a National Health Institute meeting, cost \$2442. According to the travel-voucher note, "Traveler will be reimbursed for most of the expenses incurred on this trip by Indiana University and NIH, including some airfare. Upon receipt of such reimbursement, Traveler will issue check payable to UC Regents for applicable amount. Airfare was pre-paid through Balboa. Original receipts were submitted to third party for reimbursement purposes. Copies are attached to this [travelexpense voucher]." In March 2003, a

travel voucher for a \$220 trip to attend the AAMC Council of Deans spring meeting at a resort in the Napa Valley bears this note: "All hotel and dining expenses reimbursed by conference. Airfare prepaid on Diner's Card by the University. There-

fore, L. Smarr to write a check for \$217 to UC Regents."

A May 2003 trip to Illinois and Maryland to visit Smarr's old employers, the University of Illinois and NASA, cost \$1582.69. The travel voucher says, "[National Center for Supercomputing Application], Purdue University, and NASA will reimburse Larry Smarr. Larry Smarr will reimburse UC Regents."

Last June, after Smarr attended a National Institutes of Health Advisory Committee to the Director meeting, his travel voucher noted, "[National Institutes of Health] is reimbursing Larry \$148.50 (\$65.50 in meals and incidentals & \$83 for Bethesda cabs). Once funds are received from [National Institutes of Health], Larry will write a check to UC Regents for \$126.80."

In July, an expense

voucher entitled "To attend ESSAAC Meeting in Washington DC (NASA)" similarly noted, "Traveler is being reimbursed by NASA for all expenses. Larry will write a check to UC Regents for \$432.05."

The most elaborate trip on Smarr's itinerary, according to the records provided by UCSD, occurred during two weeks last August, when he traveled with his wife Janet to Reykjavík, Iceland, to attend the "NORDUnet 2003" conference. Because the trip also involved a personal vacation for Smarr and his family, the explanatory memo on the travel voucher was even more extensive than usual:

"Larry Smarr paid for the airfare. UC Regents paid for the hotel, \$2309.47, and Janet Smarr's registration fee, \$135.85. Larry Smarr was on vacation for 5 of the nights. L Smarr owes UC Regents \$1290.60 (5 nights at Radisson & Reg). L Smarr owes \$135.85 for Janet Smarr's registration fee. UC Regents owes L Smarr \$1463.40 (cost of airfare). Balance: UC Regents owes L. Smarr \$39.95."

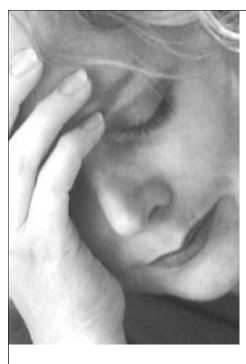
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uring my freshman year, I joined the water-polo team and met many upperclassmen. I gravitated from my freshman group of friends to this older crowd that liked to party after football games and live high school as if it were *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*. In the eyes of my freshmen peers, I had become a black sheep. At the time, I didn't care what they thought because I was with the "in" crowd and having a lot of fun.

After all my older friends graduated, I realized that my peers believed me to be a person whom no one could take seriously. They also thought I was incapable of earning decent grades. That made me feel like a loser.

Before the beginning of my senior year, I was feeling low. For the previous three years of high school, I had been labeled as "one of those guys that just likes to party." This was true because I do love to have fun, but at the same time, I wanted to change my image. I began the first semester of my senior year with a better attitude toward school and a new wardrobe. I cleaned up my physical image and then began the hard part...becoming a serious student. I organized my binder and used a planner to keep a schedule. I took notes on everything and participated in my classes more than I ever had. I earned As on tests and the respect of my teachers. Everything was going according to plan except that people still believed I was the same careless person!

Public opinion stays the same for a long time. I knew that I had become a different person on the inside, so that was enough to make me feel better. I also learned that peo-

ple who are closest to me have the only opinion that I should care about.

— Nick Toft, Mira Mesa H.S. graduate, 2003

eing born a generation too late takes a toll on my cool status. For as long as I can remember, it's seemed that my tastes have been unlike those of my peers and more similar to those of 40-year-olds. So, I have had my share of blank stares when I talk about the things I love most. Occasionally, I feel like a loser because I don't relate to the "in" things, but I've learned to grin and bear it. Besides, life is too short to waste time and money on Nelly CDs and Ashton Kutcher posters.

When driving down the road, I look like the average teenager; I play my music semi-loud, and I always have my albums by my side. However, when I roll down my window, the blaring music from my stereo is not that noise called rap but the sound of old music. I am a nut for music from the '50s, '60s, and '70s, and while I am not embarrassed, I am still a loser in the eyes of the pop-punk masses. My tastes range from progressive rock (Jethro Tull) to lounge music (Frank Sinatra, Sergio Mendes). I enjoy everything from Herman's Hermits to Cat Stevens. And then there are the Beatles, who have deeply impacted my

I am also infatuated by the actors of yesterday rather than the pouty-lipped pretty boys of today. As a movie buff, I am smitten with Marlon Brando and Paul Newman, who exuded both good looks and talent in their heyday. I know it sounds weird for a 17-year-old to drool over actors like Michael Caine

and Gregory Peck (as well as my soul mate, Jack Nicholson), but they have a place in my heart.

I know that as I get older my differences from others will not be a big deal, but that won't stop me from declaring my obsession for all things old. I will admit to my love for Tom Jones and to pining for men eligible for AARP! I will get misty when I hear "Born Free" and rock out when I hear "Baba O'Riley"! I'm a born loser and proud of it.

— Stefanie Perricone, Clairemont H.S.

he last time I felt like a loser was about nine years ago, when I sat with my one friend at a lunch table in a small Catholic school in Virginia. I can remember looking through my thick, round glasses and examining the contents of my pink lunch box. With frizzy hair pulled back into pigtails tied with a large bow, my friend and I discussed the day's events as we watched the other girls talking and laughing. I hid the note my mother had left me and opened up my sandwich. Thirty seconds later, the blonde girls with the cool light-up shoes started whining about something that smelled gross. Tracing the scent's origin, they turned around to where I sat. "Eww, she has tuna fish!" one shouted. A chorus of "ewws" and "gross" and "loser" resounded from the table. Embarrassed, I looked down at my patent leather shoes while putting the sandwich away (I'd throw it out later). Because I was the nerdy girl with the tuna fish, my memories until about sixth grade were not too fond.

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self-esteem was low. I knew that I did not like being so withdrawn and insecure, but, at the same time, I knew that striving to please people for acceptance is no way to live. I began to watch other people in their interactions. Studying the behavior of others helped me recognize my insecurities. I pushed myself to understand people better and to learn how to relate to them. Once I began to be comfortable in my own shoes, it was easier to connect with people than to be afraid of them. I realized that I counted. I was not just the frillysocks girl or the weird kid who read Anne of Green Gables and used big words. I discovered that the things I loved were becoming talents and unique qualities and that the most confidence you will ever find is in your identity.

Gabrielle Clifford, La Costa Canyon H.S.

oser...a word often used when Imy friends joke about me, and I cannot deny that in certain areas, it fits. It's a term usually used when dating is discussed. I have an excuse: I attend an allgirls' school, so it's difficult to meet boys.

I had an opportunity to erase the "loser" label during our sister school's "invitation only" homecoming. My friends were determined that I should start dating, an unfavorable word in my dictionary, as my experiences haven't been pleasant. For instance, for my school's formal last year, I found a date. We had a nice time, but other than collecting his pictures, there has been nothing else between us. Which made me feel especially loser-ish for spending four hours at a salon getting my hair

done for someone who never called again.

This year, the date search started with football games, the high school equivalent of a singles club. Groups of giggling girls migrate back and forth, trying to find a boy — any boy — who will take them to homecoming. I was expected by friends to find a date so I could go to this important activity that would shape my "high school experience."

Coming off loud and as an extrovert, people expect me to take charge. In reality, standing out scares me to death. I hate being singled out; the nervousness it causes makes me do one of two things: become silent or try to blend. Because of this behavior, potential dates were unable to know the real me. Then, once they had, I wasn't the person they

expected. It was not fun being fake, and the results were fruitless. The experience helped me understand that you don't need a boyfriend to be cool, and vou definitely don't need to act like someone else to try to get one.

— Amy Culley, Academy of Our Lady of Peace H.S.

veryone has days when they feel ■ worthless for no reason — blah days. Then there are days when you screw up, do something completely idiotic, and you feel like a total loser. Those are the worst.

A week ago, I was hanging out with my friends at Anthony's house. We were sitting on the couch watching TV and talking. Things were going well, considering there was a lot of potential for an awkward situation since Anthony's friend

Eric and his ex-girlfriend Elizabeth were there...as was Elizabeth's new boyfriend.

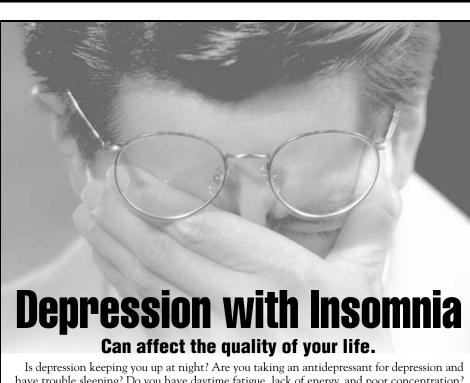
I rode over earlier with Elizabeth and her boyfriend, and on the way she started talking about how bad Matt (her new boyfriend) was at taking off clothes. She said he had ripped two of her shirts and torn the zipper on her silk blouse. The conversation was lighthearted, and I didn't think much of it until we were at Anthony's, sitting on the couch, and Matt snapped Elizabeth's bra. Of course, I opened my mouth and made a comment about how clumsy Elizabeth said he was. It didn't cross my mind that it would make Elizabeth, Matt, and Eric uncomfortable until the room got silent and all eyes were looking at me. My stomach dropped and my face flushed. I felt like a moron. Anthony

grabbed his guitar and started playing, diverting attention from my remark. No one said anything about it the rest of the night, but I still felt like I had let my friends down by saying it. I was depressed — I felt like a loser.

The next morning I still felt guilty, so I called Elizabeth and apologized. She told me it was no big deal but joked that she'd have to watch what she said to me. I then called Eric and Matt to apologize. They were both cool about it. I still felt idiotic for opening my mouth, so I went surfing — a cure-all for getting my mind off of anything negative. The feeling persisted though, and I didn't feel better until I had a chance to hang out with my friends again and not say anything stupid.

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have watched the sun set from my perch in Amici Park many times. Hardly considered San Diego's premier spot for this activity that is really a nonactivity, the park has a fine sunset among the urban sunsets of memory on file. The sun going down on New Jersey through a chemical cloud and witnessed from a Riverside Drive rooftop in Manhattan is memorable, with the crepuscular colors of electric and poisonous acids mirrored from the sky onto the back of the seemingly motionless glass snake that is the Hudson River. But the sun poised over Point Loma turning the bay — "The Silver Gate" — to molten copper studded with boats at anchor like skewered insects on a great bronze-and-pewter background plaque, the genuflection of Date Street, downhill from Our Lady of the Rosary toward the embarcadero with palm trees and telephone poles laced over the foreground respectively upholding communities of pigeons and shunt-

ing electronic conversations and cable TV through Little Italy amid flights of seagulls and/or banks of fog can be a sight of more than European charm: a fantasy setting. The imagery combined with the smells of fresh-baked bread shot through with those of simmering garlic conspired for an effect of quaint reassurance for the year I lived a block from that park. Those sights and smells easily coopted my senses surrounding that region of associations in my mind where my thoughts of home reside. In some ways, they linger there.

It was suggested that I write about the park, and my response was, "Write what about the park?" The reply I received was mysterious but left some inviting room for creativity: "The secret life of the park." This, I supposed, could include anything from an epic poem to a searing exposé of urbanplanning corruption by the Mafia. And while the park has been and continues to be something of a minor political football, zoning and architectural analysis are certainly not the only aspects of interest. City politics, architecture, these things are not among the subjects that hold my attention, and chasing down an imaginary connection with the chimera of organized crime simply because the park is in Little Italy strikes me as a quixotic pursuit.



Westward view from Amici Park

The secret life of the park for the most part is a very subjective thing. It is something I bring with me, or you might bring, to expose eye to see its various reflections.

In the introduction to Jane

attack on current city planning and rebuilding. It is also, and mostly, an attempt to introduce new principles of city planning and rebuilding, different and even opposite from those now taught in everything from schools of architecture and planning to the Sunday supplements and women's magazines."

She goes on to say, "I shall mainly be writing about common, ordinary things: for instance, what kinds of city streets are safe and what kinds are not; why some city parks are marvelous and others are vice traps and death traps...."

Amici Park is hardly either of the latter, but as to whether it is marvelous, that, I suppose, is in the eye of the beholder. It strikes me as unlikely that it would come up in conversations concerning great city parks (Central, Golden Gate, Hyde and, yes, Balboa), but while it may never have been intended as a "great" urban recreational site, it seems unarguable to me that it is unique and imaginative and has distinct charm. The only

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for a while to the sunlight and whimsical aesthetics that make up the environment and turn it over in the retina of your mind's Jacobs's 1961 book on city planning and sociology, The Death and Life of Great American Cities, Jacobs announces her intent as "an

controversy surrounding the grounds is a bit of sniping back and forth between the Little Italy Association and the Centre City Devel-

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opment Corporation, and very little of that. The potshots involve accusations that the park is underused and it is one or the other's fault, or that it is not underused at all.

I spent months in the park reading, writing on a laptop, staring into space or at the bay or at the row of 15 Italian cypress trees in a semicircle forming an area I kept thinking would be a good spot for a band to perform at small outdoor concerts. The semicircle has power outlets hidden in foliage and faces a kind of miniature slice of amphitheater punctuated by ten abbreviated classical columns. The columns look like concrete and are of the Roman variety, as opposed to, say, the Corinthian — if I remember that sort of thing correctly from Western Civ. They are functional and aesthetic, supporting a redwood crossbeam structure that provides a comfortable combination of both sun and shade for the rising concrete staggered seating area in a matched,

facing semicircle to the cypress. Before I begin to sound like a chamber of commerce brochure, I should note that much of the time I spent there was by necessity, waiting for the #16 bus. As a bus stop, it's a pretty one, but (and this should be posted) the application of sunscreen is required unless, like the foreign-language students who live across State Street, you hang out on the steps a few yards behind the stop, risking a kind of crosshatched sunburn, I suppose.

The architectural author of the park is Marian Marum, according to the Little Italy Association, but certainly others collaborated and made creative contributions, like the San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture and sculptress Nina Karavasiles.

My exposure to and subsequent interest in the park was a by-product of waiting inordinate lengths of time for the #16. I began to refer to it as "the bus that never comes," though it is due, according to the sched-



Catty-corner across from Amici Park (next to Our Lady of the Rosary)

ule, every 30 minutes. The reality of its seeming scarcity of appearance, or quite possibly the impatience-born illusion of its constant delinquency, gave rise to my theory that bus drivers simply do not read the free handout schedules. After a time,

I let buses go by and remained in the park, reading or working, for the atmosphere alone. Fairly quiet, it is safe to say. Certainly not overused.

I was living in the Villa Caterina hotel down the street for 11 months. A hotel I liked very much: clean, tasteful, well-maintained, fine-looking exterior, and comfortably sized rooms at very reasonable rates (or I wouldn't have been there) with rigorous security and administration by a man named Adam: simultane-

ously friendly, efficient, thoughtful, tough, and fair. He became something of a friend. If I'm waxing promotional again it is mostly, I suppose, an attempt to ameliorate something printed in these pages not long ago when I was the subject of an interview involving the publication of a novel I'd written set along the San Diego/Mexican border. The interviewer described my room as "one Smirnoff bottle away from Contemporary American Skid Row." I suppose I was to be a Charles Bukowski–type figure, but the hotel should not have had to suffer.

This leads me back to flagged pages of the 1961 Jane Jacobs book.

But we can hardly count on polite Skid Rows to save all the unpopular parks of our cities. A generalized neighborhood park that is not head-quarters for the leisured indigent can become populated naturally and casually only by being situated very close indeed to where active and different

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currents of life and function come to a focus. If downtown, it must get shoppers, visitors and strollers as well as downtown workers. If not downtown, it must still be where life swirls — where there is work, cultural, residential and commercial activity — as much as possible of everything different that cities can offer. The main problem of neighborhood park planning boils down to the problem of nurturing diversified neighborhoods capable of using and supporting parks.

However, many city districts do already possess precisely such ignored focal points of life which cry out for closeby neighborhood parks or public squares. It is easy to identify such centers of district life and activity, because they are where people with leaflets to hand out choose to work (if permitted by the police).

I saw no one dispensing leaflets, but I was slightly surprised to see young men, on occasion, playing bocce. The men I spoke with were



Corner of Columbia and Date Streets

in their 30s, and by no means were all of them Italian. I had always associated the game with old men in strawhats drinking red wine from small water glasses, speaking Italian with garlic-eroded hoarseness.

One such young player

was a man named Brian Gizzi, 30, who used to play the game in his hometown of Youngstown, Ohio, with the Italian Club. "I grew up with it with family and friends. I live in Pacific Beach now." Gizzi's friend Eric Kovaks was raised in

Youngstown with Gizzi. He says he is of German descent but grew up with the game. "A lot of Greeks too, back there. It's pretty serious. They have bocce courts in bars." Kovaks is 27 years old and a deft player. He lives in Ocean Beach. They are both architectural apprentices of sorts at a firm nearby. A third member of their party is Berns Shultz. Shultz, 34, grew up with a Sicilian family. "This is actually our first time here. We used to play in Presidio Park, but our office moved down here, and we spotted this park. There should be four on a team: a boccer is a thrower..." and he goes on to try to explain the game to me, but I will crib from a more official sourcebook later on. The point is, they were there, and so were two young mothers (possibly babysitters) pushing strollers with infants and accompanied by active, say, fourto six-year-olds who ran up and down the amphitheater steps and climbed into the concrete planters that support medium-sized and fragrant jacaranda trees near the sidewalk along Date. Ergo, here is a snapshot of the small park being utilized moderately.

When I close my eyes and think of Amici Park, I see young mothers and children, bocce players of various ages. (I met a couple, the man in his 60s, the woman in her 40s, who drove from La Jolla to dine down the street. But first on the evening's agenda was to play on Amici's sand court with a set of unscratched chromiumsilver balls given to them as a wedding gift and as yet unused.) I see the foreignlanguage students, eating, smoking, while incongruously playing handheld video games and a golden retriever or two in the background. The colors on the canvas behind my eyelids, in the background, are forest green, two khaki stripes (the sand courts), redwood, red-and-white checked tablecloths never to flutter in a breeze (I'll get to that), and jacaranda-blossom lavender touches like gentle paintbrush dabs to the right of the rendering, which at times, but by no means consistently, can be a still

"I was associate project manager on Amici Park,"

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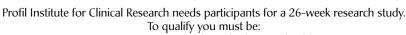
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says Jerry Selby of the Centre City Development Corporation. "Part of our agreement was with the San Diego Unified School District and Washington Elementary. Back in '94, they [Washington Elementary] were looking to redo the school, and they wanted to expand their facilities. They had a certain amount of money that was going to come to them, and we entered into a partnership where we would, through the power of eminent domain, acquire property alongside of them. Now the property that was alongside and was surrounding it was very problematic. Some of the businesses on it were incompatible with the school."

"Problematic? Incompatible?"

"I'll explain. Right next to the place was a motel that rented by the hour or 15 minutes. This was as late

as 1993. It had a reputation among European travelers who wanted a funky experience. It was well known for vice problems and drugs. It had a restaurant in it. I always say that there are very few neighborhoods in San Diego where this place would have been tolerated as long as it was there. The gentleman there at the time claimed he was running a legitimate business, but he was renting rooms in 15-minute increments. It was pretty disgusting for being right next door to a

"As far as incompatibility goes, the business right next to that was the Sheffield Plating site, a metal-plating business. A lot of hotels in the area would have their silverware plated there so it was light industry, you would say — but in enough quantities that they could be considered lethal heavy metals. So the park began as a great collaboration between the school system and CCDC."

The park came together as a result of several dovetailing interests, but Selby does not identify any single mover/shaker to whom one might point and say, "Amici Park is his baby." "It would help Washington Elementary, and it would help us do away with some blighting interests, and we could also have a neigh-

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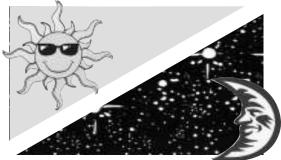
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"So the city [and the police department] does maintain the park, but the school district does have some control over it during the daylight hours. So that was basically the idea. We got the property and put some money forward, and that's how the park came about."

I told Selby that during a phone conversation with Marco Li Mandri, head of New City America and both president of and hired by the Little Italy Associa-

tion, that I gathered Li Mandri felt that the park was underutilized and that that was the result of faulty planning on the part of CCDC.

Selby's eyes went toward the ceiling. "Have you been there in the evening? I have recently, and I noticed all the foreign-language students who hang out there, and a lot of college students will play soccer in the park. During the day, of course, the school kids get to run around on this flat grassy area, and a lot of those kids might not usually get to do that too much.

"As far as I'm concerned, the park gets used quite a lot. I think what Marco's PO'ed about was

that Marco wasn't even involved when this came about. The park came about just at the time the San Diego Bocce Association got involved and wanted a bocce ball court installed and designed it, and we put

the neighborhood? They play on the grass. Some of them grew up playing on grass, so that's where they play, in the grassy part of the park.

"I think that park is being used as much as a lit-

"ALL OF DOWNTOWN IS REDOING ITS FOCUS PLAN."

in exactly what they wanted. We went to great lengths to get a storage facility for them. You know those shipping containers out there? And they don't use them. The guys that play bocce in

tle park like that can be, when it's a couple of blocks off the main drag there, and there are not a lot of offices around. Marco can moan and groan, but I think the kids in the neighborhood use the park. I see kids at the other end, where they have stuff where kids can play [jungle gym-type installations near the school], and people eating lunch in the park in the seating area. Maybe it's not perfect. Maybe it's not what he [Li Mandri] wants. But I would disagree and say that it is utilized by the people that actually live there. Marco doesn't live there. He spends a lot of time there, but he's not there 24-7."

Approaching Amici Park, most likely the way tourists or those out for an Italian lunch or dinner might walk off a plate of pasta that is, slightly uphill, in an easterly direction on Date Street — one notices in the sidewalk circles of a bronzelike metal with raised lettering on them. These occur every 30 paces or so on Date and are reminiscent of, or a kind of version of, Hollywood Boulevard's Walk of Fame. But instead of movie stars' handprints and signatures, you will find aphorisms or, in one case, a recipe for cappuccino. This one courtesy of Steve Galasso, owner of Caffe Italia, a popular restaurant and coffee shop at India and Date:

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I don't know, personally, what a pizzelle is, but I am disappointingly lacking in all sorts of Italiana that seems expected of me. I'd never heard of pesto, for example, until I was maybe

The next plaque inlaid into the sidewalk is a quote from Christopher Morley and reads, "No man is lonely while eating spaghetti, it requires so much attention." Some truth there, I find, when given a moment to think on it, and one has that moment before the next installment appears, like a disjointed, pedestrian-oriented Burma Shave sign. "Ideas should be clear and chocolate thick. — Spanish Proverb." And why isn't there an Italian proverb? One of my old favorites, for example: "Down with the State, the State of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, the Bourgeois State and the Socialist State. There remains nothing for me now, nothing but the consoling religion of Anarchism." — Benito Mussolini. That old saw has brought me comfort on many an election night.

As you make the easy ascent toward the park, you will find one more bit of inlaid whimsy that subliminally suggests it was Woody Allen making these selections. This one reads, "A nickel will get you on the subway, but garlic will get you a seat. — Old New York Proverb."

Another distinguishing characteristic of the park — and among the first things one might notice are the tables that are not tables. More sculptures meant to look like intimate tables for two in an Italian restaurant where red-andwhite checkered tablecloths are de rigueur, they have no seating, nor would it be of much use. The tops of the faux tables have threedimensional metallic meals: tacos and artichokes, etc. So even if seated at the table, one couldn't really balance anything, not even a book, much less a meal, on the surface. My guess is that the idea is to discourage vagrancy and yet put you in mind of dining. These are

the work of sculptress Nina Karavasiles, with whom I did not speak to ask what she had in mind, because, in my opinion, the artist is not required to answer for or explain anything.

But I suspect I'm right

about evoking a sense of hunger. How else to explain a super-realistic though metallic plate of ravioli with a recipe for marinara sauce opposite the plate. The recipe is courtesy of Lisa and Joe Busalacchi. As an

Italian kid growing up, often overseeing the work of my Aunt Louise with her acres of trays of ravioli dough and marinara sauce constantly in some state of preparation — all of it in turn, supervised by my grandmother, Rosa Baccagalupe (I swear) — I can pass this recipe on to you here and now with approval.

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If any recipe deserves etching in bronze (or whatever it is), this must be counted as one of them.

I cannot vouch for the stuffed artichoke recipe from Rose Cresci nor for that of blackened fish tacos from Deborah Scott. I do, however, look askance upon the Italian pedigree of this last recipe (a lot of prepping the fish with tropical fruit and sherry), but the Italian-American heritage is a capacious one, embrac-

ing tacos and Spanish proverbs alike if they sound or taste good.

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I have probably spent as many hours as dollars eating gelato and reading at the Caffe Italia near the corner of India and Date. All of that time, I had, of course, noted the extraordinary tallness of the man who could only be the proprietor of the café. This I gleaned from his administrative demeanor, energy, and white apron bearing food-stained evidence of his involvement in the kitchen as much as from his involvement with the cash register and customers, many of whom are local business or political figures of note. Also from his polite familiarity with lunch patrons from the County Administration Building as well as neighborhood retail clerks and local office personnel. Steve Galasso, author of the cappuccino recipe in the sidewalk a half block away, is not only the owner of Caffe Italia but chairman of the

board of the Little Italy Association.

I spoke with him on an early September morning when he had just come from the association's own "Focus Plan" meeting, and much of the subject of that meeting was Amici Park. "All of downtown is redoing its focus plan," he told bit of head-scratching, not unlike the reaction of park visitors to the presence of the amphitheater facing a crescent of trees as if something was about to happen but hadn't been organized yet, or the interesting and pleasant presence of the red-checkered tableclothed tables at which no one can

ANOTHER STROKE OF
MISFORTUNE FOR THE PARK
WAS THE LOSS OF DIRECT ENTRY
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me. "And we would like to see the park utilized much more than it is. Yes, I think it is underutilized as it is. You don't see a lot of people having lunch there, for example, but on the other hand, as far as being utilized, what's a lot? What's a little?" Galasso's attitude toward the park includes a

sit: inviting and curious but without real function. Some see the entire question of the park that way.

"We hope to incorporate more amenities to accommodate increased usage of the park as more tenants move into the area," Galasso told me. Certainly the boom of construction,

the ubiquitous hard hats and I-beams reaching multiple stories, the incessant riveting and pneumatic drilling, the towering cranes like Wellsian alien occupiers of the neighborhood testify to the imminent influx of "tenants." They are due any day now; in fact, have been filling newly created housing seemingly overnight within the past year, and the promise of a more peopled Little Italy looms with the great, tall cranes as banners. The incoming population will be of a homogenous and reasonably "welloff class." It strikes me that there will be little room for the middle and lower-middle classes, which, ironically, the Italians are so good

The café proprietor and chairman of the board put forth another theory, that because the park "is attached to school grounds, some people might think it is off limits to the public."

at producing.

Galasso becomes specific about "amenities" by mentioning the lack of bathroom facilities in the park. "That discourages young mothers who have children that have to go every half hour"

Another stroke of misfortune for the park was the loss of direct entry from the Front Street exit off of I-5. "You could see and access the park," he said. "Now you go by it so fast, you don't even know it's there [behind the trees in the grassy area], and you have to go out of your way to get there from the freeway." Indeed, Amici Park forms a kind of crotch (not to disparage the park with that choice of word) between I-5 and India Street, Italian Restaurant Row.

Galasso also mentioned the subject of showing movies in the amphitheater area. "But the guy who was going to spearhead that had a falling-out with the association." Likely not as ominous as it sounds. "Why they put in the amphitheater, exactly, I don't know. I think it's only been used for some function or another twice since the park was dedicated. But I don't know

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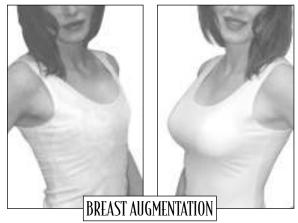
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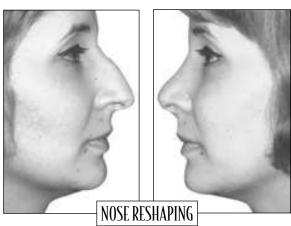


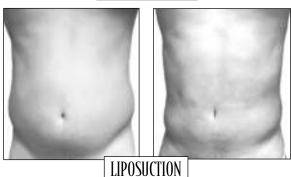
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What was and is in the wind, out the window of my former hotel room or at the corner bus stop where I waited for glimpses of the rare #16, is the scent of more golden retrievers to come. That breed is the favored dog of many young, urban, and white professionals. I mean, of course, to signify a growing population of a certain homogeneity in income and lifestyle. If you hear behind those phrases the obscurantist grousings of an aging Italian hippie priced out of the neighborhood and aspirating, "Die, yuppie scum" under his breath, I assure you I have no such death wish for anyone of any class, and some of my best friends have MBAs. But it would indicate you are reading closely enough if that's what you're picking up.

On the contrary, it is life I meant to look at, and if the secret life of the park is pretty much something I carry with me when I go there, it is lively enough for me—though I would welcome bathrooms.

Short of writing a book about the park, which I suppose you could do, the above are just some passing observations. Another one, written 42 years ago, long before Amici (which means friends in Italian, by the way), is again from the above-quoted book, and I would encourage players involved, from CCDC to the Little Italy Association and New City America, to give it a close read.

You can neither lie to a neighborhood park, nor reason with it. "Artist's conceptions" and persuasive renderings can put pictures of life into proposed neighborhood parks or park malls, and verbal rationalizations can conjure up users who ought to appreciate them, but in real life only diverse surroundings have the practical power of inducing a natural, continuing flow of life and use. Superficial architectural varietv may look like diversity, but only a genuine content of economic and social diversity, resulting in people with different schedules, has meaning to the park and the power to confer the boon of life upon it. ■

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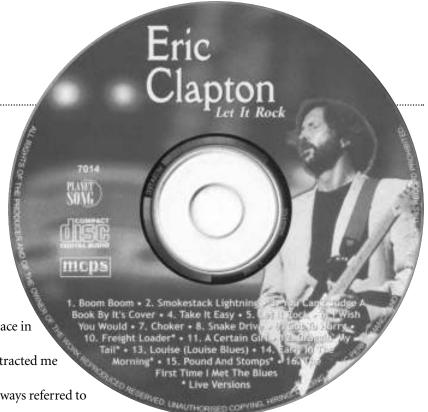
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AT FIRST, TRACEY THOUGHT I WAS AN FBI AGENT.

I'd been bidding on his eBay auctions for weeks, purchasing CD recordings of concerts that took place in San Diego from the mid-'80s onward. Though not official releases from the artists' catalogs, the CDs attracted me with professional packaging and promises of "A+ sound quality." Curiously, the auction descriptions always referred to them as "import concert CDs," usually said to be from Italy or Australia. Once I got them in the mail, I was surprised at the excellent audio clarity and high production values, recorded on genuine silver discs rather than cheap CD-Rs, with silk-screened disc art, full-color inserts, photos, setlists, and sometimes even lyric sheets, foldouts and booklets. It was obvious all the CDs had been auctioned by the same person using different eBay screen names and e-mail addresses — the concerts all took place in San Diego, the item descriptions were nearly identical, and all, it turned out, shipped from the same Clairemont Mesa P.O. box.

I e-mailed the seller to ask, "Hey, am I bidding on bootlegs or what?"

He replied, "The CDs I sell on eBay contain archival performances and are leftover inventory from overseas record labels which were forced out of business years ago.... They are not bootlegs." This brought to mind more questions — if the CDs aren't bootlegs — "archival performances"? — why were the import labels "forced out of business"? And why were some CDs auctioning at \$50,

\$60, even \$80 or more? Once I convinced the seller I wasn't a fed, just a curious reporter, he agreed to a phone interview on the assurance that his full name and eBay handles would not be disclosed.

Tracey said he's been sneaking recording equipment into hometown concerts for 20 years. "I always use top-of-the-line gear, first high-bias cassettes and stereo mikes, then DAT, and now I can record to CD, minidisc, or direct to WAV or MP3 files on a laptop computer." He told me

he has a thousand local concerts, plus a few hundred others recorded in other cities by himself or obtained in swaps with other tapers.

"I used to license my masters to overseas record companies, who could then legally release the shows on CD and sell them as imports to U.S. distributors without having to pay artist royalties. They were imported while there were still 'protection gap' loopholes in international copyright law. The CDs weren't pirated copies of authorized releases; these were previously unreleased concert recordings. It was completely legal to manufacture overseas and bring them into the country.... The black market became kind of a gray market for a while."

Later research reveals that the term "protection gap" refers to a period beginning around late 1990, in the early days of CD technology. The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) lobbied the U.S. government to avoid signing onto any international copyright agreements that gave intellectual property rights to the artists on their

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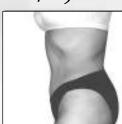
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rosters, so that the record companies themselves could maintain control of their releases. This, however, left the door open for the exploitation of unreleased material, and U.S. concert bootleggers moved their operations overseas, where American artists received no copyright protection for live recordings.

In Southeast Asia and Eastern Europe, particularly the Ukraine, record companies could legally release unauthorized concert recordings so long as the tapes originated in another country. The CDs could then be exported to North America thanks to the wording of the U.S. Copyright Law, Title 17, Chapter 6 (Manufacturing Requirements and Importation), Section 602 (Infringing Importation of Copies or Phonorecords): "In a case where the copies or phonorecords were lawfully made, the United States Customs Service has no authority to prevent their importation."

"I didn't start as a bootlegger, not for money. I used to trade [concerts] with other tapers and had a pretty big catalog with maybe a few hundred shows — and that was just a fraction of what I'd actually recorded! My list got around, and all these foreign companies started approaching me to get ahold of my master recordings, especially in Italy, Germany, and Australia, where they didn't give a shit about U.S. copyrights. All of a sudden the labels were spinning off new labels just to put all my stuff out! Especially when they found out I had hundreds of concerts I never duped for anybody, anytime; I had the only copy." He claims his personal archive was the sole inspiration and content source for so many imprints that "At one point, I was probably responsible for starting up more record labels than David Geffen, Berry Gordy, and Suge Knight combined!"

He says he licensed concerts to the European companies rather than selling his masters outright,

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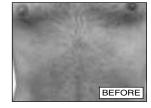
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earning a one-time fee for exclusive rights to a certain performance. He won't say how much that fee was — "It depended on the popularity of the band or how historic the concert was...San Diego shows are a lot rarer than L.A. or New York"—but he speculates that he was one of the highest-paid suppliers. "Even before the protection gap, I already had hundreds of live tapes I recorded myself, on DAT, mostly from soundboard feeds. Complete shows with fully mixed sound; stuff that nobody in the world ever heard outside my headphones. There were bidding wars [among overseas labels] for my stuff, especially for '70s bands like Jethro Tull, Pink Floyd, Kiss, any of the FM guitar heroes like Robin Trower,

Eric Clapton, that sort of thing."

A lot of money was changing hands. "The CD plants had minimum press runs of 1000 copies, so that would be the smallest release. The big labels, Great Dane [Italy] and Yellow Dog [Holland/Luxembourg], I'm sure they were doing 5000 units on most of their titles. Armando Curcio was a legitimate label [in Italy] that went into live CDs big-time in '91 with a bunch of Zappa concerts that sold better than his studio stuff. Kiss the Stone [Italy] got rich from my Tori Amos concerts. Dieter Schubert [of Germany's Swingin' Pig] bought an office building with what he made off my Stones tapes."

So why license the con-



Gray market Van Halen release

certs? I ask. Why not just start your own overseas label and keep the profits yourself? "I was kind of involved for a while," he says warily. "The laws get hinky when it comes to owning a business in another country. I guess you could say I bought into

some labels, Oxygen, Moonraker, and a few others, to a lesser extent...it was basically my money and my tapes that started them, but I couldn't take money directly out of the accounts; the international banking was, uh, complicated."

He was also "involved"

with two companies named Red Line and KTS, which were notoriously prolific and blanketed Europe with shoddy CDs with good source sound ("archiving" many San Diego shows) but packaged generically and often pressed on defective discs. "They were trying to cut costs to have the cheapest retail price in the market, but that was kind of a failed experiment. Those labels were based in San Marino, a sovereign country inside the borders of Italy, to get around some of the OSA fee requirements [the equivalent of BMI or ASCAP], even though the CDs themselves were being pressed in Prague [Czech Republic]."

He pauses. "Not that there was anything criminal going on," he qualifies.

He's correct — by exploiting a loophole in the Rome Convention (which provides a mediation body that points the way to workable ground rules for intercountry disputes) it was technically legal, in countries that had signed the Rome Convention, to issue concerts recorded in countries that hadn't signed, such as the USA. "In Italy, we went through the Italian Author's Society, they charged us a registration fee, and the government issued an approval stamp that went onto each CD...that made us immune from prosecution in Italy for bootlegging."

But if they were releasing concerts without performers' permission, weren't the CDs still bootlegs? "No," he explains, "to get the

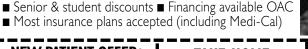
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Did any performers ever withdraw their token royalties?

Tracey laughs. "Almost never. Actually, I think a couple of British guys requested the [bank] routing number. Sting and Bob Geldof. Fuckin' cheap Limeys must've needed that

Being a well-paid supplier instead of a label owner turned out to be a good plan when retail prices for import concert CDs plummeted in late 1994. "This guy in Bavaria, Wolfgang, had a label called Live & Alive. He flooded all the supermarkets in Europe and Australia with live CDs that he sold at half price. The market fell apart when people realized that bootlegs don't have to cost more than a regular CD; they can even be cheaper."

Tracey was also rethinking his financial stake in the Italian labels after being visited in his San Diego home by two darkly dressed men who "suggested" that he consider selling his entire masters collection to Teddy Bear Records, a rival of his own business associates with reported ties to the mob. He declines to go into

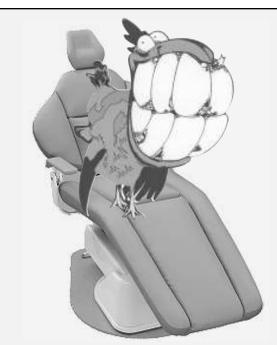
"A lot of these guys are only making a hundred bucks a night anyways, so they'll let you plug into the board for another hundred and hide your outboard gear under a towel on the floor or something."

couple hundred bucks pretty bad."

Instead of pointing out that Geldof is Irish, I let him wax on about "the good old days. In Australia, bootleg CDs of American concerts were legal as long as the word 'unauthorized' appeared on the cover, and every newsstand and grocery store in the country was selling my stuff! They were coming [into the U.S.] by the boatload, all cleared by customs. Even the major distributors were picking them up: BMG would carry Comet Records and Planet Song titles, and they'd turn up at Tower and Strawberrys, all racked the same as regular releases. Everybody knew about the copyright loopholes.... There were stores like Second Coming and Revolver in Greenwich Village where more than half their stock was 'live import' CDs!"

further detail.

The protection-gap era ended December 8, 1994, when President Clinton signed the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA), implementing the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) including Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property. Provisions in the URAA amended U.S. copyright law, creating a new federal "Anti-Bootleg Statute" (Title 18 U.S. Copyright Law, Section 2319A). Among other changes, the URAA added a new chapter 11 to Title 17 and a new Section 2319A to Title 18 of the U.S. Copyright Law. This new statute criminalized "unauthorized manufacture, distribution, or trafficking in sound recordings of live musical performances." Convicted bootleggers were subject to up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.



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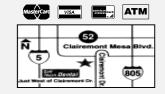
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(EU), who were being offered import-tax benefits if they agreed to enforce EU directives on copyright harmonization that granted musicians the right to "authorize or prohibit the fixation of performances."

In 1995, the IFPI issued a report that estimated 32 percent of Italy's domestic music sales the previous year — about \$145 million U.S. — involved pirated or bootlegged recordings, and this accounted for about half of all pirate music revenues in Europe. "Word got around that the Italian government wanted to put on a show for the U.S. by raiding all the concert labels to confiscate equipment and destroy stock. People were leaving the country under cover of darkness with DAT decks under their

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arms and tape boxes busting out of their luggage. I lost all the money I invested as part owner of the labels I was involved with. A few [record companies] paid me off in free CDs that they got American distributors to dump on me by the boxful. The CDs were already in the country, but [dis-

tributors] were afraid of getting busted by feds, so they were happy to get rid of all their concert imports." Not all the Italian labels went under overnight. "Kiss the Stone packed up and moved to Singapore, and they kept buying my stuff for a while. They couldn't get anything into the States,

though. At that point, Customs was even opening up single-CD packages." Tracey says demand for his concert masters dropped to almost nothing after July 1997, when a meeting between 11 European and American bootleg distributors ended with their arrest in a complex U.S. Customs sting operation — at Disney World! The distributors were charged with a total of 40 counts involving conspiracy to make and sell bootlegs. "That killed 90 percent of what was left of the wholesale network, so I pretty much stopped circulating my concert master catalog. I still recorded shows for myself, and sometimes I swap with other tapers, but I think the last company to buy a concert

Records, around '99."

Late last year, Tracey registered as a seller on eBay. "I saw people getting big bucks for those old live concert CDs. Not just the original imports but homeburned CD-R copies. Well, I still had a warehouse full of CDs the labels gave me in lieu of money they owed me, when all the new laws came down." The quick and sizable proceeds he earned from auctioning old protection-gap imports inspired him to dip into his archive of unreleased concerts, the majority recorded locally.

Currently, he produces new CDs that he burns and packages himself on his home computer. "I manufacture to order, and I usually only auction a few dozen copies, for anywhere from \$20 to \$100 each, before I

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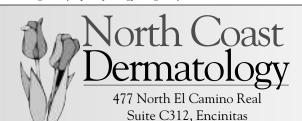
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move on to the next concert." Those triple-digit sales aren't unusual when he releases something brand new to market featuring Springsteen, Nirvana, Bowie, Dylan, and other powerhouses, but surprisingly, he says top dollar is also common for '80s synthpop acts like the Cure, Gary Numan, Siouxsie and the Banshees, and the guy with more makeup and hair than all the rest combined, Boy George and Culture Club. "That's why you see so many San Diego shows on eBay now. I was running tape at two or three [concerts] a week for years!"

As to how he managed to secretly tape so many area shows for so long, Tracey offers a tutorial, saying he rarely tapes now and sees no potential backlash.

"A lot of those places are long gone anyways — the Bacchanal [Clairemont], Flash Café [Mission Valley], the Rodeo [La Jolla], Spirit [now Brick by Brick], the old Casbah [Midtown], places where you just had a couple of doormen, not a gauntlet of security guards patting you down like at the Sports Arena."

The first challenge involved getting gear inside the venue.

"I taped pretty much every Del Mar [Fair] concert up until just recently; you could sneak in a buttload of equipment, mike shields and everything. It's outdoors and they aren't searching for tapers; they're worried about knives and submachine guns." He says bars like the Bacchanal were also fairly easy to enter.

"There was this short bald guy who ran the door for years; he ended up bouncing across the street at a nudie club, but during the Bach days, all I had to do was go in with a girl with her titties hanging out, and I could just about roll in

tape [using mikes rather than tapping into club/band audio]. But it took up so much space, I had only a few options to get it in. There was the old wheelchair trick, which gets you in the door, but then they tend to seat you in a special section near

"Right now, I run about a hundred record labels that don't really exist outside my hard drive."

my gear on an AV cart, he was so oblivious. He didn't even look at my ticket half the time, let alone all the equipment I had strapped under my jacket!"

In the '80s, before technology allowed for shrinkage, his gear was bulkier and harder to sneak past the gatekeepers. "I had a Sony rig with dual mikes that had its own EQ unit, leads, all kinds of stuff I could use inside to remotethe back, so people don't trip over you, and it's hard to get the gear where it needs to be for the best

"So I rigged up the inside of a basketball that I cut in half, with all the gear laid out inside and taped down, buttons up, and I had a girlfriend who'd strap this on under a puffy blouse and go in pretending to be pregnant! We had wires snaked up the arms to lavalier [clip-on] mikes on her shoulders, or on either side of a hat that I rigged up. She went to the bathroom, turned it on in the stall, walked back out to the front, and we were taping! But then she had to stand, not sit, in the center of the stage all night, to get the stereo sound, and everyone kept asking her, 'When are you due?' and saying, 'You can sit in my chair,' and all that stuff got recorded, too; they were babbling into the microphones and ruining my tape!"The "pregnant" trick had limited possibilities for other reasons, especially on repeat visits to the same clubs where bouncers began to wonder about his perpetually knocked-up girlfriend. He says he sometimes had paid arrangements with security or other venue employees who'd turn a blind eye to his gear upon entry, but he pre-

ferred stealth to bribery.

"The less people who know and who have something over you, the better. It got expensive, and door guys come and go all the time anyways; maybe they rat you out in the process.

"The guy to bribe is the soundman, whether it's a house guy or the band's guy. You get there early in the afternoon while they're setting up, buy the guy a beer or just chat him up, and go into your game — you're a big fan of the band, you want a copy of the show forever, you have X amount of dollars to make it easy, can he help? A lot of these guys are only making a hundred bucks a night anyways, so they'll let you plug into the board for another hundred and hide your outboard gear under a towel on the floor or something."

Failing a deal with someone to plug into the soundboard, Tracey was reluctant to just point microphones at the speak-







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to somehow tap into the club sound system, as this provided better audio quality, perhaps even fully mixed in stereo. "The simplest thing is

ers and push "record"; such

remote taping was his last

resort. His preference was

'speaker tapping.' I'd stake out a spot alongside the stage or scope out the club PA and just find a monitor or speaker, ideally one that seems to be receiving multiple feeds, and look at the back, check to see if there's an output jack. When there was, I could plug into a line-out, drop wire down to the floor, maybe use some gum to hold the wire down so they don't see it going to my unit [recorder], and I'm ready to tape." Tracey says he hid his recorder on the floor under the stage or sometimes had wire running directly from the speaker to his leg, with the recorder strapped under his pants. "Gotta stand real still all night for that one."

Technical limitations weren't the only potential problems with speaker tapping — there was also the need for ultra-stealth and the attendant fear of being beaten by bouncers (and possibly arrested) if caught. "There were places where I left my speaker-tap in a panic or just couldn't get back to the jack, and later they'd find my cable or my splitter hanging out of the speaker. Then I'd have to find new ways to tape there."

Like snaking a cable direct from the soundboard, without the soundman's knowledge."I studied manuals for all the models, so I always knew the best outputs, and I had all kinds of different plugs and adapters with me. I even had a tech kit where I'd actually splice a feedwire, cut into it, and tether the leads to my own jack unit. That was kinda dangerous, and I could have blown up someone's sound system, and you can only ever do that once at the same place. They find that cut in their cables after the show, they're gonna be loaded for bear and gunning for you from that point on."

Tracey says he had to

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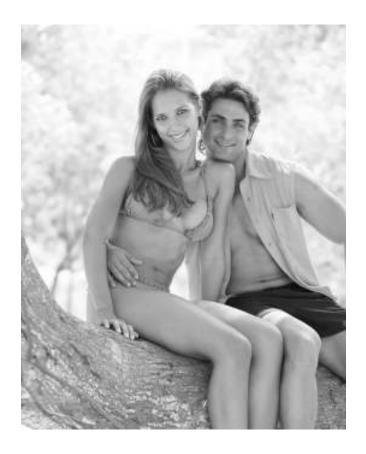
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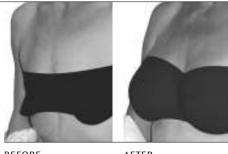


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abandon his whole recorder once, at the Bacchanal, he estimates around 1996. "I watched them [the stage crew] find it in the middle of the show, stashed under the stage, hooked to a speaker jack. I think someone saw me hook up and told them it was there. Meaning they probably saw me. So I see this guy who worked there everyone called him Snake Man—looking around for me, total murder in his eyes! I just eased on out the door and never looked back over my shoulder, and I never went back, just in case someone had spotted me. Place closed pretty soon after that."

Sometimes, he lost equipment to the performers themselves.

"I got nailed speakertapping at the Civic Theatre by Bruce Springsteen, from the stage, while he was just walking onstage! He saw me trying to tack Once digital recording media like DAT and recordable CD became available to consumers, Tracey was compelled to drop big bucks on such equipment as quickly as it was introduced, rather than waiting until prices inevitably dropped, to keep on the forefront of technology.

"I went to Japan in 1996 just to pick up all the top-of-the-line gear that wasn't out here [in the U.S.] yet. After I got back, I made this \$5000 vest I sewed up myself with all the cables and microphone wires stitched into it and a DAT recorder I controlled just by running my hand under the vest for a minute. There were hidden pockets for jacks, battery packs, everything. The mikes were so small that I had them wired to the rims of clear glasses that I wore! A lot of it was spy stuff or intended for

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down my drop wire [from the speaker], pointed at me, and yelled, 'Get that guy!' You can hear it on other tapes of the show! I had to pull out and run off. Someone told me Bruce looked like he wanted to tear off the stage and come after me himself; he was totally pissed off! They didn't chase me past the door, but they got my recorder, my master tape, plus, I couldn't go back in there again, everyone got a real good look at me. Someone got himself a \$1000 bonus that night; that's what the unit was worth, never mind what I would've gotten for that DAT master."

By the mid-'90s, microtechnology made it preferable (and safer) to go back to remote-taping, entering the venue as a self-contained recording unit, and pointing high-quality microphones at the sound source.

'nature recording,' at least that's what they [manufacturers] pretend. The digital 1/8" mikes were the most expensive part, and the optic cables that snake up the [eye]glass straps, that's \$1000 right there. You can get a good DAT recorder for \$600 or \$700, but the mikes are where the quality comes in. I paid \$50 just for the [outdoor wind block] foam I put over the mikes!"

Though mostly retired from taping since around 2000, Tracey says he's dabbled in new-millennium stealth-taping technology. "I got a minidisc recorder for about \$150 last year and caught Social D at the Casbah, and it came out pretty good. You lose some sound by compressing down [into sound files], but it was fine just for my own collection. If I was gonna swap or sell, though, there's a saying among tapers, 'Friends don't let friends burn MP3.' I also have a Nomad Jukebox; it records to WAV or MP3 files, and then you can transfer onto a computer with a USB or FireWire, but it doesn't have a volume display. They're still tinkering with new technology; I don't keep up anymore."

He's intrigued by Internet message boards that detail how some tapers are bringing laptop computers to shows, to record

a taper. I like sitting still, at home, and I figure I already have enough old stuff to sell online to keep me in burritos and beer money for a few more years.

"Right now, I run about a hundred record labels that don't really exist outside my hard drive," he says. "I come up with new company names and launch new labels all the time, so one label can concentrate on a specific band or genre. All the cardboard inserts

"The difference is that I'm not copying someone else's record right down to the graphics; I'm creating an item that never existed before."

44.1KHz music WAV files directly onto their hard drives. "If I was in the supply biz today, I'd have a lot of fun with that part, the technology. I could make [the equipment] pay for itself pretty quick. But I'm in my 40s now, and it's hard just to get up and go out to a concert nowadays, let alone several nights a week again. I have a real job [he declines to specify]; I don't need to make my living as

still say 'Euro Import,' just to be on the safe side, so eBay doesn't stress." eBay policy forbids the sale of unauthorized merchandise but seems to turn a blind eye toward items modestly disguised. "The CDs I make now weren't imported from anywhere other than my desktop, but people still figure the protection gap covers them."

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old Italian "approval" stamp, though its protections were applicable only in that country and haven't been in effect since 1994. His new releases are almost indistinguishable from the '90s imports, though some concerts he's offered on eBay took place years after the international copyright protection gap was closed. eBay seems to consider them acceptable. You can find all manner of gray-market concert CDs on the auction site ("imported" or not) by browsing their music category — type in keyword "San Diego," and most any search will return several locally recorded concerts.

Despite his initial distrust of me and reluctance to be identified in print, Tracey claims to have little fear of prosecution. "The record companies mainly go after pirates who copy commercial releases. Nobody's gonna get busted buying or selling concert

CDs on eBay. The RIAA is busy prosecuting kids who download prerecorded music off the Internet for free on their college computers."

Tracey estimates his imaginary record labels released about 20 "archival performances" on eBay in 2003; many of them selling for \$50 or more during their first few weeks of release. That's how long it usually takes before other sellers are offering CD-R copies, digitally reproducing his CDs with identical sound quality and sometimes even duplicating Tracey's self-designed packaging.

The irony isn't lost on him, that the bootlegger is now being bootlegged. "The difference is that I'm not copying someone else's record right down to the graphics; I'm creating an item that never existed before. Yeah, as soon as I put it out, copies are gonna end up all over the Inter-

net. That's the price of technology. But, look, I already made a couple bucks off the first few CDs, so I'm happy. The CD-R guys can have it from that point; it's worthless once it's been bootlegged and sold and traded for free that often."

"Worth" is a relative term. Looking over concert CD auctions I know to be Tracey's, I calculate at least \$4800 in sales over the three-month period preceding this writing. He says he still has hundreds of shows he hasn't even listened to since they were first recorded. "I don't give a shit about people burning copies of my [CDs]. It's not like I can sue them, and besides, I'm already working on the next release. Fans want new stuff all the time, not the same old thing over and over again. And they're willing to pay good money for it!"

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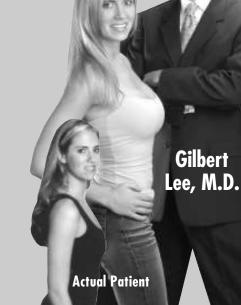
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ing and concern — well, I asked all of my friends and family to read the article. This article should be a mandatory requirement for all to read.

Name Withheld

Warning Script

Re: Byron Shewman's article "The Poor Man's High" (January 8).

I can't speak for anyone else, but I would certainly like to know if on the 21st of this month, this prisoner receives a second chance with a parole. His crime has been paid for in excess, and ending the story just short of the conclusion just doesn't

The story is just short of remarkable. Hardly believable that it could have happened in real life, but I know it happened just the way it was written in your newspaper. It read like a movie script and maybe should be adapted into one if only to warn people of the dangers of drugs. Byron Shewman should be proud of both bringing back a piece of IB history, for good or bad, and for trying to help someone that everyone seems to have forgotten.

> Eric Hueckstedt via e-mail

Parole Outcome?

I thoroughly enjoyed the story about Brian French in the January 8 Reader ("The Poor Man's High"). I see that his parole hearing is on the 21st. Can you tell me the outcome of that hearing?

> Douglas Morton via e-mail

On January 21, Brian French was denied parole. — Editor

Prays For Brian

Yesterday, while doing my laundry, I read an article about Brian French ("The Poor Man's High," January 8). I couldn't put it down. It was a terrible event that happened, but I feel Brian has more than paid for the death of his drugged-out friend. He

actually saved his life or the life of his friends, who would have certainly died at the hands of Tin Can, perhaps not that day but another. I just wanted the author of the story to know that I have sent a prayer request for Brian, praying for his release on January 21. God be with him, "the Gentle Giant."

> Ronnette Freitas via e-mail

Inspiring Execution

In response to Leenora Eddleman's letter (January 15) on the plight of one Ronald Liquori: I couldn't help but notice you failed to say what it was Mr. Liquori was convicted of and sentenced for. A quick Internet search didn't find it, but the only cites I found for United States v. Liquori were for major drug cases. I'm sure your buddy would much rather be "cruis[ing] his beloved Harley up and down the streets of Ocean Beach," but I can't help but feel that everyone else is much better off with him exactly where he is

right now.

As for S. Turville, to say Brian French ("The Poor Man's High," January 8) is an inspiration is just a little over the top, don't you think? It's one thing to kill another human being in self-defense. It's quite another to put a shotgun to the head of someone lying on the ground and literally blow their head off. If everything in the article is true, then Mr. French could very well be a good candidate for parole. But he made the decision to execute another human being. The fact that Tin Can was almost certainly already dead has nothing to do with it. He isn't in prison for no reason at all.

> John Oliver via e-mail

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thing else he has written?

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Byron Shewman has written three books: Volleyball Centennial: The First 100 Years (Masters Pr); The Sand Man, An Autobiography, a collaboration with Karch Kiraly (Renaissance Books); and Beach Volleyball, a collaboration with Karch Kiraly (Human Kinetics Publishers). — Editor

Tragic IB

As a man who has spent nearly his whole life in the city of Imperial Beach and who is still a resident, I found Byron Shewman's article in the January 8 issue about Brian French intensely interesting ("The Poor Man's High"). He mentioned people and places that I remember from wa-a-a-ay back. Mr. Shewman, if I recall, taught at Mar Vista High School when I was a student there, from 1973 to 1975. I also slightly knew his younger brother, Danny.

The tragic story of Brian French is to me something that could happen almost any day to someone in IB. It does seem that we've always had more than our share of speed freaks and also of the violence that sometimes occurs around them. I'm not in that loop anymore (thank God), so I don't know if it's any more rampant here than in other San Diego towns nowadays, but back then, there was a lot of the stuff

I believe Mr. Shewman got a couple of his facts a little skewed, though, if I'm not mistaken. The place that was the Rathskeller (now a Mexican restaurant) wasn't the Beachcomber. That was a little ways north, where they had a big buoy, or a mine, outside. That place later became Balloot's. Now it isn't in business at all, as far as I can tell. However, these things did not detract from the point of the article. He mentioned a couple of names, one of which really stands out, Barry Webster. That guy was something of a legend to me and my friends, some of whom had older brothers who were friends with Barry.

Well, thanks for the interesting story, and from what you write about Mr. French, a little forgiveness

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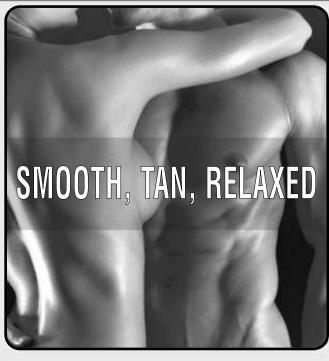
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for a man who after all was caught up in a storm of events beyond his control would not be a bad thing.

> Clayton Hinkle Imperial Beach

Byron Shewman responds: For some reason, I'd always thought the Rathskeller was formerly the Beachcomber. But in fact, the "Rat" was a few buildings to the south.

Tweeker Scum

Your article "The Poor Man's High" (January 8) was a fine read concerning the methamphetamine epidemic. I have mixed opinions on Mr. French and his conviction.

One side of me says, "Screw him!" You make your bed and you lie in it. You had everything going for you and you blew it on tweek, hung around bikers, dive bars, and the party scene and became addicted to a drug originally invented in Nazi Germany to keep the Luftwaffe awake and alert on long flights.

The other side of me says that Mr. French is an intelligent, artistic, and eloquent man who is seemingly continually screwed by the parole board, the "justice" system, and whoever the governor is at the time.

I hate tweekers! I have never done meth, but I lived with people who did. They made my life an absolute living hell! In 1990, I let my Army buddy and his 16-yearold runaway girlfriend move into my house. Bad idea! They fought and argued constantly, ripped me off, stayed up all night, and talked constantly. The cops were at my house at least once a week, they didn't pay their rent, we were behind on the utilities, and they had no respect for my house or me. To this day, 14 years later, my neighbors still despise me. It was such a relief when I finally rid myself of these low-life white trash Santee scumbags.

Tweekers are the scum of the earth! They'll do anything to get a line of speed, are violent and paranoid; they get psychotic after being up for days on end without sleep and would rip the fillings out of their mother's teeth to get high.

My 19-year-old friend Kelly was a classic example of a rich white girl of privilege who destroyed her life on this. She became so paranoid and agoraphobic that she put tinfoil over the windows of her bedroom to "keep the lasers out." She was convinced that the FBI, CIA, and Green Berets were spying on her. I tried to help her, but her family finally

moved somewhere (apparently to get her away from crystal). I have no idea what became of her. I hope she has since recovered.

If I had my way, anyone caught dealing meth would be put on an Alabama chain gang for ten years for their first offense. Don't ask me what I would do to them if they were stupid enough to get caught twice!

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Thây (t'uh-ee) — or "teacher," as the faithful refer to Thich Nhat Hanh — has been here before, for less-extended stays. And this time, says one of the faithful, a 54-year-old woman named Lan Nguyenhuu, he has brought "every monk and nun from everywhere with him." There are a total of about 200

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Some flew here from the headquarters in southwestern France, others from the church's East Coast monastery in Vermont. They joined the 30, including Brother Phap Hai, in Escondido. A planeload of them in their robes, with both male and female heads shaved, would be a sight to behold, Nguyenhuu agrees.

Nguyenhuu, speaking by phone from her home in University City, is a 15-year member of the church and a semilapsed Catholic. (She attends Mass on occasion: "It's a hard habit to break.") A refugee who moved to San Diego in 1977, she says many church members have Vietnamese roots.

She is interrupted four times in 20 minutes by the pulse of her call-waiting system. She is sought by other journalists and by church members who have volunteered to make steamed buns for the alms round. The steamed buns will be filled with vegetables and tofu and wrapped in banana leaves. "Oh, my goodness! We have to make a few thousand pieces," says Nguyenhuu.

The public is encouraged to bring its own (vegetarian) lunch and (nonalcoholic) beverages. All told, more than a thousand people are expected to be there.

Following the alms round, Thich Nhat Hanh will speak in English and in Vietnamese for about 90 minutes. Lunch and (simultaneous) meditation

will follow. It's not exactly multitasking. "We don't talk when we eat," Nguyenhuu explains. That's going to be a lot of silent people. "Oh, you'd be surprised. It will be very, very quiet. Twice we organized a public talk held in Golden Hall for 3000 people, and everybody was so-o-o-o quiet."

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\$7200") but also \$1 million for the completion of a main meditation hall in Escondido.

Brother Phap Hai, whose name (given to him by "Thây") means "dharma ocean," is speaking by cell phone. (Nguyenhuu asked him to get one so organizers could more easily reach him during the planning of this event.) Of the new 6000-square-foot hall that can "easily" fit 600 people, he says, "One of the nice things about it is that we decided to honor the land here. We didn't move the rocks. Protruding through the floor, we have the wonderful rocks that are here."

The church purchased the land, once used by the California Conservation Corps, for \$4 million. (The seller was San Diego County.) That's one heck of an alms bowlful. Does the church spend a lot of time on its fundraising efforts? Other nonprofit organizations certainly do. "Funnily

enough, we don't," says Brother Phap Hai. "It happens quite naturally. We just let people know what we need, and over time these things are taken care of. As monastics, we don't pay a lot of attention to these kinds of things. It happens. That's the Buddhist way. People in the community find out what the monastics need, and we in turn offer teachings and ourselves, and the community makes a commitment to support us in a very simple and concrete way."

— Jeanne Schinto

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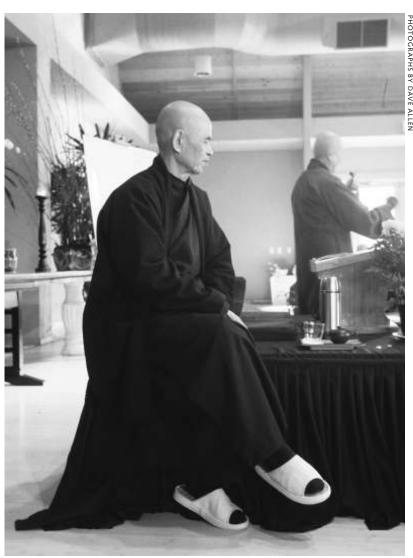
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Deer Park Monastery



Thich Nhat Hanh

Events that are underlined occur after February 5.

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received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a

contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to READER EVENTS, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

OUTDOORS

San Diego County's Waterfalls should be at their best for the season during the next month or two, depending, of course, on how

many soaking storms come our way. Two of the most accessible waterfalls include the falls below the first palm grove in Borrego Palm Canyon (Anza-Borrego Desert State Park) and the falls at the midpoint of Los Peñasquitos Canvon Preserve — a three-mile walk from either its east or west entrance. Obscure hiking routes lead to larger and more impressive falls in the Laguna Mountains and along the upper San Diego River and Cedar Creek drainages. Waterfalls in the latter two drainages are located within the Cedar Fire burn zone and therefore may be closed to public access until further notice.

While Venus Blazes in the west after the sun sets, Jupiter's more sedate (but still brilliant) gleam graces the eastern sky during the late-night hours of late January and early February. Turn a small telescope toward Jupiter and enjoy the dance of its four large 'Galilean satellites" (the four moons first discovered by Galileo). You will readily notice hour-byhour changes in the configurations of these moons as they speed around the planet.

Salton Sea Wild Goose Chase.

San Diego Natural History Museum leads expedition Friday, January 30, 2:30 p.m. to Saturday, January 31, 6 p.m. Fee: \$155, includes transportation and hotel ac-

commodations. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (IMPERIAL VALLEY)

Newly Restored Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse grand opening, Saturday, January 31, 10 a.m. Guided tours, speakers. Free. Find farmhouse on Sunset Drive, off Via Rancho Parkway. 858-674-2275 x14. (ESCONDIDO)

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

(1920 Fort Stockton). Comfortable

shoes recommended. Donation: \$15, 619-297-9327, (MISSION HILLS)

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)

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Tour del Día, Offshoot Tours offers an hour-long guided stroll highlighting the Park Palisades area of Balboa Park on Saturday, January 31, 10 a.m., beginning at the visitors' center. 619-235-1121. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Know Your Ducks, Barbara Moore leads birding skills workshop, Saturday, January 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Chula Vista Nature Center (1000 Gunpowder Point Drive). \$20. Bring bag lunch. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA

Plant Natives Along the Trans-County Trail, Saturday, January 31, 1 to 4 p.m. Meet at ranger's trailer in equestrian center at Mercy and Black Mountain Roads. Free. 858-566-6489. (MIRA MESA)

Rescuing Wild Animals in trouble is job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. Orientation on Saturday, Jan-



Il Consiglio d'Egitto at Italian Community Center, January 30 (see Film)

uary 31, at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Also planned Sunday, February 1, at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 2 p.m. 619-921-6044. Free. (ESCONDIDO, ENCINITAS)

Anza-Borrego Institute Field Programs, examine the impact of military activities on Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and tour military artifacts dating back to World War II during tour, Sunday, February 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Space availability, reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Groundhog Day comes Monday, February 2. If the sleepy woodchuck sees his shadow, so the story goes, he'll hole up for another six weeks of winter cold. None of this means much in San Diego, where a January or February warm spell can easily push the thermometer into the 80s.

Architectural Heritage Tours offered by Committee of 100, first Wednesday of each month, including February 4. Walks begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of visitors' information center, in Plaza de Panama. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Bird Festival, celebration of all the birds who make their homes in San Diego County, either year-round or just part of the time, February 5-8. Field trips, lectures, free exhibit and vendor fair (at Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way, Pacific Beach). 619-516-0139. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Help Plant Some Coast Live Oak Trees to replace dying vegetation along Agua Hedionda and Calavera Creeks. Planting on Saturday, February 7, 9 a.m. to noon, at Oak Riparian Park. Reservations: 760-724-3887. (OCEANSIDE)

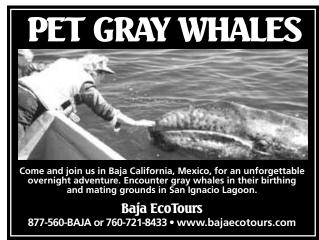
DANCE

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

See Mothers on Friday at 8 p.m.

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

and at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. *Camila's Story* presented Thursday at 8 p.m. and at 7 p.m. on the weekend. Sushi Performance and Visual Art, 320 11th Avenue. Through Sunday, February 1. Tickets: \$18 general ("pay what you can" one hour before performances Thursday and Sunday). 858-386-5101.

Belly Dance Gala by dancers Niveen Hanna, Angell, Karyna, Lucia, Thursday, January 29, 7:30 p.m., at Club Cleopatra in Nagi's Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

"Vive L'Amour," San Diego Civic Dance Company presents "Collage 2004" January 30-February 15, Casa del Prado Theatre (on Village Place, off Park Boulevard). Tap, jazz, musical theater, ballet pieces offering "a Cupid's choice of tributes to love in the air."

Performances: 8 p.m. on Friday, January 30; at 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, January 31, February 7, 14; 3 p.m. on Sundays, February 1, 8, and 15. Tickets: \$7, \$10. Reservations: 619-702-3408, (BALBOA PARK)

Waltz the Nights Away during waltz dancing to Strauss waltzes and polkas, Friday and Saturday, January 30 and 31, 8 to 11 p.m., at Balboa Park Club (Pan American Plaza). Fee: \$50 per person for one night, \$90 per person for both nights. 619-233-3232. Period and formal wear encouraged. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance, Old Twine String Band makes music, Steve Barlow calls for contradancing, Friday, January 30, at Trinity United





Paco de Lucia at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, January 31 (see In Person)

Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Second Annual Global Peace
Dance presented by Sarva
Dharma Productions, Saturday,
January 31, 7 p.m., at WorldBeat
Center (2100 Park Boulevard).
Performances by Alma Melodiosa,
Cubensis, Jahman Yoshia and
Friends, MC Kayla Rae, speaker
Jim Bell. All ages. \$10. 760-8093251. (BALBOA PARK)

Live Bellydancing by Angell, Miranda, Linda, and Shalimar to live music by Middle-Earth, Saturday, January 31, 8 p.m., 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street). \$5.760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

"Loving Hearts" celebrated when Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing, Sunday, February 1, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). \$3. 619-298-9978. (HILLOREST)

Winter Dance Concerts planned by dancers at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, Wednesday through Friday, February 4-6, 7 p.m., in grand theater (2425 Dusk Drive). \$7. Box office: 619-470-0555 x232. (PARADISE HILLS)

Israeli Folk Dancing taught by Yoni Carr, Thursdays, at Congregation Beth El (8660 Gilman Drive). Slow-teaching for beginners: 7 to 8 p.m.; intermediates: 8 to 9 p.m.; advanced level and open

dancing: 9 to 11:30 p.m. \$6. 858-452-1734. (LA JOLLA)

Brainy and Hip, Stephen Petronio Company presents its "eccentric hybrid of ballet and modern dance," Saturday, February 28, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$27. Reservations: 858-534-8497; tickets also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

BAJA

"Tiempos de Cultura, Tiempos de Frontera," Sergio Gómez Montero signs his new book, Thursday, January 29, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

["Latitud Norte 31'50" "], this photography exhibit may be viewed on Friday, January 30, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. Free. (TIJUANA)

Twenty-Five Baja California Artists have work included in painting exhibition opening with reception, Friday, January 30, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Show continues through February. 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 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)

Tijuana Cultural Center, center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

Screening in the CECUT Omnimax: Viaje Cosmico, Anillo de Fuego, Oasis Marino, Travesías Fantásticas, El Misterio de los Mayas

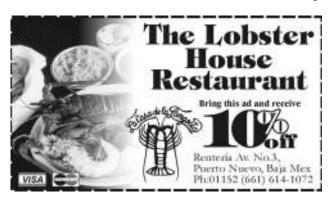
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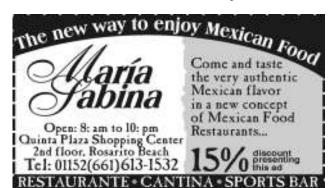


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FILM

Chris Marker Retrospective on offer through January at Museum of Photographic Arts continues with Paris Was a Woman, which screens Thursday, January 29. La Jetée and Remembrance of Things to Come screen Friday, January 30. Enjoy "Chinese Video and Film Now!" and a video installation by Yang Zhenzhong, Sat-

Celebrate 100th birthday of Cary Grant with series commencing with The Awful Truth and Bringing Up Baby, Wednesday and Thursday, February 4 and 5. Tickets: \$7. 619-238-7559 xF. (BALBOA PARK)

urday, January 31.

History Through Film, series features *Dangerous Beauty*, set in 16th-Century Venice; screens Friday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., in Little Theatre at SDSU. Discussion led by SDSU history professor Joanne Ferraro. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

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The Witcher Brothers at Hilltop Center, January 31 (see In Person)

terpreter and translator for Ambassador of Monaco in Palermo in 1782 in the film *Il Consiglio d'Egitto*. See the film, in Italian with English subtitles, Friday, January 30, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). 619-237-0601.

"Turandot," video of the opera conducted by Zubin Mehta, with Eva Marton, screens Saturday, January 31, 5 p.m., in Erickson Hall (B- 210) at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"I Capture the Castle," Tim Fywell's British period piece released in 2001, may be seen during Sunday Matinee, February 1, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800.

First Monday Films, series exploring "controversial social issues posing difficult moral dilemmas" gets underway with *The Crime of*

Padre Amaro, February 2, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion led by Richard Dell'Orfano. Free. 760-839-4328. (ESCONDIDO)

"El Hijo de la Novia" (Son of the Bride) screens for World Cinemas Series at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street), Monday, February 2, 7:30 p.m. \$10 at door. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Up for a "Twisting Psychological Teaser"? Tjebbo Penning's *Morlang* screens Monday, February 2, 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Film and Video Screening for opening of "Everything Matters: Paul Kos, A Retrospective" for Thursday Night Thing (TNT), February 5, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Donation: \$3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Jewish Film Festival runs February 5-15, featuring more than 40 feature films, documentaries, and short subjects. Titles include My Architect (San Diego premiere), Monsieur Batignole, Samy y Yo, God's Sandbox, Secret Passage, Taking Sides, The Soul



"Letters to Harriet Tubman" at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, February 4 (see In Person)

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Australia: Land Beyond*

Time, Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk, Coral Reef Adventure, Bugs! Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Garden Perennials" for Mediterranean-style landscaping discussed by garden maven Judy Wigand during "Home Landscape Class" planned at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive), Thursday, January 29. Series continues with look at "What's New in Gardening" by John Bagnasco, senior editor of Garden Compass magazine, Thursday, February 5. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$9 per class. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

"The Advantages of Living in Community" addressed by cohousing experts Zev Paiss and Neshama Abraham during talk and multimedia presentation, Friday, January 30, 7 p.m. No reservations necessary. \$5.

The subject is "Getting Started — The Nuts and Bolts of Creating a Cohousing Community" on Saturday, January 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee: \$125, includes Friday night talk, notebook. The whole shebang takes place at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Required reservations: 858-883-7314 or 303-413-8066. (HILLCREST)

"The Art of George Inness" discussed by Timken Museum director of education Gay Nay, for docent guest lecture series on Friday, January 30, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

All-Graduate Research Symposium, listen to what research is being conducted at graduate level at UCSD during symposium, Friday, January 30, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center Ballroom. Free. Reservations: 858-822-4489. (LA JOLLA)

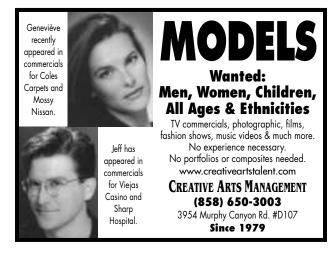
Triple Border Fence is subject for public forum hosted by Organic Collective and San Diego Action Network, Friday, January 30, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-233-5002. (HILLCREST)

"Mural How-To's" discussed by artist Linda Luisi, Saturday, January 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$50. Reservations: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Planning Your Year" is subject for retreat planned by author Lee Silber, Saturday, January 31, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Grove (3010 Juniper Street). \$29. Reservations: 858-792-5312. (SOUTH PARK)

"An International Discourse on New Chinese Video and Photography" is planned Saturday, January 31, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Museum of Photographic Arts hosts screening of Chinese Video and Film Now! 3 p.m., and video installation premiere of New Work by Yang Zhenzhong at 5 p.m. Events are in conjunction with "Zooming into Focus: Contemporary Chinese Video from the Haudenschild Collection," on view in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-5171. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ecological Vision: The Natural Patent" discussed by ecologist and psychologist Christopher







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"The Psychospiritual Power of

the Tarot" divulged by Arthur Rosengarten for Edgar Cayce Association, Sunday, February 1, 1 p.m., in community room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Donation: \$5. 619-295-7080 or 619-449-0984. (LA JOLLA)

The Painting of a Lighthouse in Oil planned by artist Bill Duffy for Southwestern Artists Association, Monday, February 2, 10 a.m., in Gallery 23, Spanish Village. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

Local Author Maurice Friedman speaks on his three-volume biography, Martin Buber's Life and Works and Meetings: Autobiographical Fragments, in Astor Judaica Library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive), Monday, February 2, 7:30 p.m. Question and answer, booksigning, dessert follow. \$8. 858-362-1174. (LA JOLLA)

"Legends of Broadway" divulged by pianist, humorist, storyteller Bruno Leone in series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Series concludes with look at "The Contemporary Broadway Musical" on Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.



The Psychospiritual Power of the Tarot" in Community Room at University Towne Centre, February 1 (see Lectures)

\$15. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Liechtenstein to Cleveland: A William S. Burroughs Odvssev" is topic when Cleveland collector and bibliophile Robert H. Jackson speaks, Tuesday, February 3, 3:30 p.m., in UCSD's Geisel Library. 858-534-1183. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Potential Problems and **Abuse** of new electronic voting machines examined by Pamela Smith of SAVE-Democracy when North County Coalition for Peace and Justice meets, Wednesday, February 4, 7 p.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). 760-753-2654.

The "Lost Art of Conversation" at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). "Understanding Mexican Politics" is topic on Wednesday, February 4, 7 p.m. Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Distinguished Journalist and Media Analyst Ken Auletta discusses his latest work, Backstory: The Inside Business of the News, for Revelle Forum, Wednesday, February 4, 6:30 p.m. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Book signing follows. \$35. Suggested reservations: 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

Tour the Night Sky during The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 4. After show, view real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

Artists from The Pearl Fishers participate in Artists' Round Table an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, February 5, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street). \$5. 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

"José Guadalupe Posada" discussed by assistant curator Claudia Leos for Insight Gallery series, Thursday, February 5 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, February 8 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Romance of California's Highway 101" examined by Peder Norby for "History Alive at

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Lee" series on Thursday, February 5, for Lemon Grove Historical Society. Program starts at 7 p.m. in H. Lee House (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-466-8631. (LEMON GROVE)

An Evening with Graham Mackintosh planned Thursday, February 5, 7 p.m., at Discover Baja Travel Club (3089 Clairemont Drive). Mackintosh presents slideillustrated lecture and discusses his new book, Nearer My God to Thee. \$5. Requested reservations: 800-727-2252. (CLAIREMONT)

"Iris in the Landscape" is topic when "retired" master gardener Mary McBride — who is also proprietor of Mary's Garden nursery — talks about varieties of iris available to bloom the whole year for San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, February 9, 6:30 p.m., at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Plant forum follows talk. 858-756-2579. Free. (DEL MAR)

Six-Piece Blues and Jazz Band with Vocalists! Dr. Gabe's Blues Therapy presents benefit concert, Friday, January 30, 6:45 p.m., at Vista High School Sexsmith Art Gallery (1 Panther Way). Free. 760-726-5611 x5449. (VISTA)

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FATHER/SON POETRY

A Poetry Reading at West Point

I read to the entire plebe class, in two batches. Twice the hall filled with bodies dressed alike, each toting a copy of my book. What would my shrink say, if I had one, about such a dream, if it were a dream?

Ouestion and answer time. "Sir," a cadet yelled from the balcony, and gave his name and rank, and then, closing his parentheses, yelled "Sir" again. "Why do your poems give me a headache when I try

to understand them?" he asked. "Do you want that?" I have a gift for gentle jokes to defuse tension, but this was not the time to use it. 'I try to write as well as I can what it feels like to be human,"

I started, picking my way carefully, for he and I were, after all, pained by the same dumb longings. 'I try to say what I don't know how to say, but of course I can't get much of it down at all."

By now I was sweating bullets. "I don't want my poems to be hard,

unless the truth is, if there is a truth." Silence hung in the hall



like a heavy fabric. My own head ached. "Sir," he yelled. Thank you. Sir.

- William Matthews

Search Party: Collected Poems, by William Matthews, edited by Sebastian Matthews and Stanley Plumly; Houghton-Mifflin; 2004; 314 pages; \$25

My Father Talks to Students at Salish Kootenai College, Flathead Reservation, Pablo, Montana

On the second day, forced by the midday heat to strip off his close-fitting jacket, nearly nauseated with fatigue after another round with reticent students, pits drenched in pungent sweat, the scar from the surgery pulsing above his groin, my father, his damp palm turned out at hip, must have finally let his guard down. Just for a moment. No one would see it drop, except maybe Johnny Findley, sitting quiet in the corner, his untouched copy of Time & Money laid out on the scarred desk, more evidence life isn't fair. No one wanted to hear about this sweating white man's poetry or his life in the big city. There were rows

of dusty movies in the video store for that. But it came down, for sure. And you can bet his trademark wit went up fast in a painted screen of words to cover any little thing left exposed. Humor fear's favorite smoking jacket. But what if Johnny saw that something give? A feeble pilot light flickering behind my father's eyes, broadcasting "I am going to collapse right here on the linoleum floor.' Did Johnny lean forward, dry hand on slick book, and check again to see if what he caught behind the mask

was really what he thought-a sort of primal fear that clings to a man's soul the way mucous gathers at the back of the throat in the early stages of a cold? Yeah, it's there, then not. And now the poet has the class laughing at something, and Johnny remains poised, rigid in his seat, as if he sees a chance to redeem something



in his life, cash in a mysterious ticket. And raises his hand, slowly, the way a bittern straightens in imitation of meadow grass; and holds it there. stubbornly still, in the stuffy classroom air, waiting for my father to get up the nerve to call on him.

IN PERSON

around the world gather to push boundaries of electronic media and technology. It will be a "living laboratory" to discuss artwork, share skills, collaborate on new pieces. Events take place in Warren

Lecture Hall studio A, Friday through Sunday, January 30-February 1, 8 a.m. Suggested donations: \$25 to \$65 for conference, \$10 for concert. 858-204-8558. (LA JOLLA)

Bluegrass Night, part of Fallbrook Americana Music Series, is Saturday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., at Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Program features Witcher Brothers, Bluegrass Redliners. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 17. 760-723-7563. (FALLBROOK)

One of the Greatest Living Guitarists? Innovative and influential flamenco guitarist Paco de

Lucia performs in concert, Saturday, January 31, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$42 to \$52, 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Author Dave Pelzer signs and discusses his third book, The Privilege of Youth, Saturday, January 31, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music

(11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

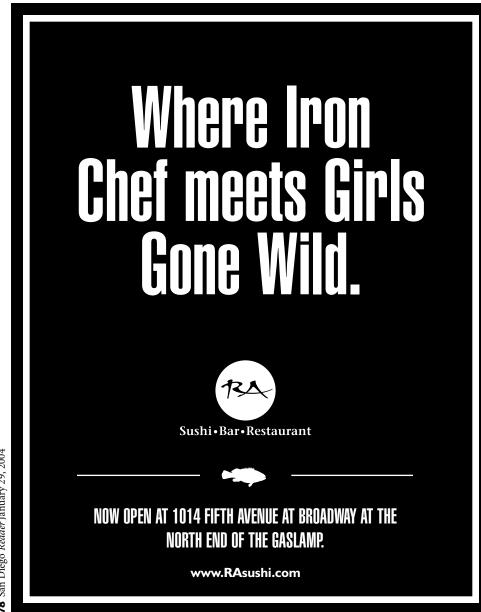
Taco Shop Poets celebrate release of new CD, Intersection, and opening of new space for Voz Alta on Saturday, January 31, 8 p.m. Performances by Adolfo Guzman Lopez, Tomas Riley, Bennie Herron, Adrian Arancibia, Miguel Angel Soria. Find Voz Alta at 1544

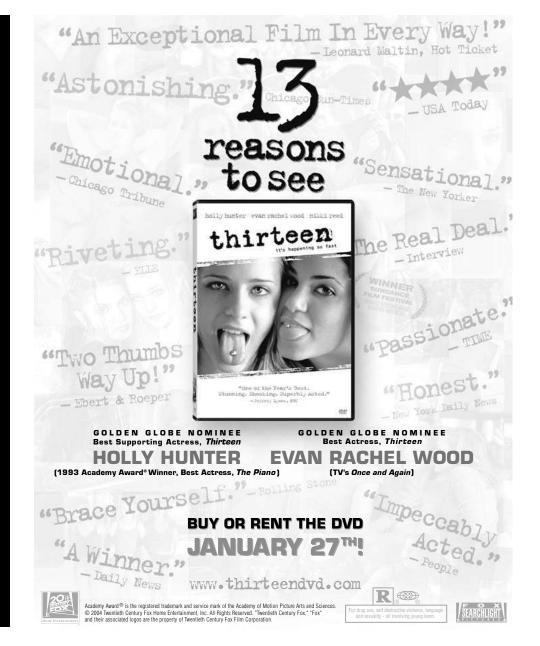
Broadway (at 16th Street). Free. 619-549-4538. (EAST VILLAGE)

Sebastian Matthews

"Philandering" is theme for Whackjob! readings by poets Lane Falcon and Tony Sinclicito, Saturday, January 31, 5 p.m., David's Coffeehouse (3766 Fifth Avenue). Open mike. Free. 619-296-4173.

Songs of Hope, Redemption, and Glory from late-18th-Cen-





tury tunesmiths performed by a cappella group Anonymous 4 on Sunday, February 1, for St. James Music Series. Program includes music from Southern shape-note tune books of 19th Century, gospel hymns. Concert begins at 3 p.m. at St. James-by-the-Sea, 743 Prospect Street. \$20. 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

Tim Flannery in Concert, Sunday, February 1, 7 p.m., for Clairemont Lutheran Vesper Concert Series (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), 858-273-7423, Nursery care available. Offering. (CLAIREMONT)

An Evening of Music and Drama from Around the World is on tap when Barbara Tobler and friends perform Sunday, February 1, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). 858-729-5531. Offering.

A Celtic Concert featuring the Millennia Consort is slated for Sunday, February 1, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Brigid's Church (4735 Cass Street). Program includes premiere performance of a work in



Anonymous 4 present "American Angels" at St. James-by-the Sea, February 1

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ing/step-dancing group perform-

ing Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville

Auditorium. Tickets: \$22 general.

Reservations: 858-534-8497 and

Jazz Band performs in concert, Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). \$27. Box office: 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Letters to Harriet Tubman" opening in 1902, when Tubman is 80 years old — presented by Paul Morse Productions for First Wednesday series, February 4, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escon-

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

\$70. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

7 p.m., for Current Affairs Book-

SPORTS

Critical Mass Community Bike Ride open to all ages and levels of bicycling proficiency, Friday, January 30. Enjoy "gently paced ride" around the city to "educate our community about an ecologically friendly" mode of transportation. Begins at 7 p.m. at fountain in front of Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Free. 619-347-3339. (BALBOA PARK)

W.S. Wrestling returns Friday, January 30, 8 p.m., to VFW Post #2111 (299 I Street). Main match: Tommy Wilson versus Mr. Smalls versus Hellman. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$13 at door. 619-422-8964. (CHULA VISTA)

Feeling Puckish? San Diego Gulls host Idaho Steelheads, Friday, January 30, 7:35 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Bakersfield Condors arrive for game on Saturday, January 31, 7:05 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

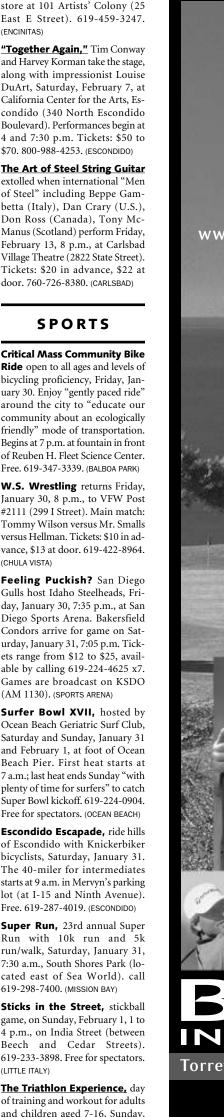
Surfer Bowl XVII, hosted by Ocean Beach Geriatric Surf Club, Saturday and Sunday, January 31 and February 1, at foot of Ocean Beach Pier. First heat starts at 7 a.m.; last heat ends Sunday "with plenty of time for surfers" to catch Super Bowl kickoff. 619-224-0904. Free for spectators. (OCEAN BEACH)

Escondido Escapade, ride hills of Escondido with Knickerbiker bicyclists, Saturday, January 31. The 40-miler for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. in Mervyn's parking lot (at I-15 and Ninth Avenue). Free. 619-287-4019. (ESCONDIDO)

Super Run, 23rd annual Super Run with 10k run and 5k run/walk, Saturday, January 31, 7:30 a.m., South Shores Park (located east of Sea World). call 619-298-7400. (MISSION BAY)

Sticks in the Street, stickball game, on Sunday, February 1, 1 to 4 p.m., on India Street (between Beech and Cedar Streets). 619-233-3898. Free for spectators.

The Triathlon Experience, day of training and workout for adults and children aged 7-16, Sunday, February 8. Participants placed in groups according to gender and ability receive tips on technique and training; make three-mile run, eight-mile bike ride, 1000-yard swim. Kids' clinic: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$40). Adults, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (\$109), Carmel Valley pool,







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3777 Townsgate Drive. 858-720-1158. (DEL MAR)

Bigger, Better, and More Fun, the Harlem Globetrotters hit the boards at the San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, February 20, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$13 to \$100, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

SPECIAL

Empty House Fun! Empty house party, Friday, January 30, 6 p.m., at San Diego Historical Society's Showcase 2004 site, the commandant's quarters at Naval Training Center (2735 Rosecrans Street). Designers' storyboards on display, refreshments. \$15.

Empty house tours offered, 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through February 1. \$5. 619-232-6203 x163. (POINT LOMA)

Pooches and Their People are invited to take part in Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society, Friday, January 30, 6 p.m., at San Diego Campus for Animal Care (5500 Gaines Street). Dogfriendly trainers offer training tips on how to keep dogs calm and civilized while around distractions such as food, people, other canines. Requested donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230.

The San Diego Button Club hosts annual winter regional, Saturday, January 31, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Twelve dealers offering their wares, with specimens ranging in age from mid-18th Century to late 1900s. Free. 760-789-4133. (LA IOLLA)

The Food and Water Bowl XII.

560 show cats from 37 recognized breeds of cat will be on hand for competition, along with four "up and coming" breeds and "household pets," during Cat Fanciers' Association cat show, January 31-February 1 at San Diego Commu-

Roam-O-Rama

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

Amid the windswept wastelands of the Anza-Borrego Desert, Borrego Mountain's twin buttes (the East and West buttes) rise with low and broad profiles. From a distance they may look unremarkable, but at close range they reveal a number of scenic wonders. East Butte lies mostly within the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area, while West Butte is largely a hiker's and camper's domain. We'll focus only on the latter.

To reach the entry point for West Butte, turn north on unpaved Buttes Pass Road from Highway 78 at a point 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road. The dirt roadways ahead, while passable for most ordinary cars a year ago, were coated with drift sand during and after summer thunderstorms in 2003. Now these roads can be recommended only

for vehicles with four-wheel drive.

After traveling 1.0 mile on Buttes Pass Road, you reach a fork. On the left-branching road, 0.9 mile farther, is a small parking area for the upper entry into "the Slot," a slot canyon incised deeply into sandstone and siltstone strata along the base of West Butte.

A short and steep little descent (or maybe butt-slide) puts you in the upper reaches of the Slot. Mark the spot at the bottom of the descent so you will know where to climb out later when you return the same way. The Slot narrows to a two-foot width as you work your way "downstream." While squeezing past opposing rock walls, notice the tilted parapets and giant chockstones wedged above you. After 10 or 15 minutes of downhill meandering, the canyon walls part,

and you come upon the upper end of a vehicle route through Borrego Mountain Wash, Follow the wash downhill another ten minutes or more for a look at some interesting "Swiss cheese" or wind-cave sandstone formations on the slope to the right. On the left is one of Anza-Borrego's several "dropoffs," or one-waydownhill vehicle routes for adventurous ieep or SUV drivers.

From the parking lot for the Slot, you can follow a hiking route north and northeast to the highest point on West Butte. There you'll enjoy a comprehensive view of the surrounding desert landscape. Heading west or northwest from that rocky summit, it is possible to gain access to an



Leaning rock, the Slot

intricate array of dangerously steep and eroded ravines — not recommended for inexperienced hikers. This flash-flood-torn, corrugated landscape is mostly hidden from view.

Back at the fork one mile in on Buttes Pass Road, a right turn takes you toward and over a small crest and down to the entrance of Hawk Canyon. Inside this small canyon is one of the finest drive-in camping areas in Anza-Borrego. Pale, crumbling granites make up the east canyon slope, while red-tinted sandstones on the west slope are reminiscent of desert locales in southern Utah.

nity Concourse (202 C Street).

Show hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$7 general, \$5 for children, seniors, military. 619-267-0787.

Book Sale at Lemon Grove Lito 3 p.m. The library is found at 8073 Broadway; 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

Alms Round Procession led by 'spiritual leader" Thich Nhat Hanh, and followed by "mindful lunch," Saturday, January 31, San Dieguito County Park (take Lomas Santa Fe Drive exit off I-5, drive east 1.5 miles to Highland, turn north, drive one-quarter mile to park entrance). Procession starts at 10 a.m. Bring vegetarian lunch and nonalcoholic beverage, blanket for seating. Parking fee: \$2. 858-646-9695. (SOLANA BEACH)

Expose Yourself, third annual event hosted by Foundation for Women, Saturday, January 31, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). "Day-long, cross-cultural community-building experience" with speakers. Requested donation: \$10. 858-483-0400.

North Highway 101). 858-755-2323. (SOLANA BEACH)

Living History in San Pasqual. cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, February 1, 10 a.m. to 2\!s>p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Discover the Magic of Opera during San Diego Opera backstage tours of Turandot, Sunday, February 1, 12:30 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Participants see scenery, costumes, backstage crew at work. Free. Required reservations: 619-232-7636.

"Self-Expression: A Harlem Renaissance," book discussion series begins with Nella Larsen's Passing, Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). UCSD African-American literature professor Camille Forbes leads discussion. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

"Animal Opera" presented by San Diego Opera and San Diego Youth Symphony, Friday, January 30, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Life-size puppet cast performs arias and excerpts from "well-loved operas." Free. 760-630-2710. (ENCINITAS)

"Rhythm, Rhyme, and All That Jazz," Classics for Kids series focuses on Gershwin, Ellington, and The Jazz Fly by author Matthew Gollub, Saturday, January 31, 3 p.m., at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Tickets: \$11-\$22. Reservations: 619-435-9111. (ROLANDO)

"The Frog Prince" presented by Missoula Children's Theatre, Saturday, January 31, at 3 and 7 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road), Around 50 local children have been cast in the musical. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for those 18 and younger. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

"World of Gray Whales" explored during class for kids, Saturday, January 31, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). What makes gray whales unique? Why do they migrate more than 10,000 miles each year? Each participant makes a model of a grav whale to take home. \$25. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Adoptable cats, vendors.

(DOWNTOWN)

African-American Heritage Celebration, Saturday, January 31, 2 to 4:30 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). 760-435-5577. (OCEANSIDE)

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The Frog Prince at Poway Center for the Performing Arts, January 31 (see For Kids)

Sketching Session, topographical and road maps serve as surfaces for sketching ocean views when Pomona artist Shari Wasson leads Free-for-All Family Day activities, Sunday, February 1, at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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

"Voracious Valentines" created out of special papers and sparkly stuff, filled with love, at Magic Wand (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle), Tuesday through Thursday, February 3-5. 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.

Quail Trail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens for tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six), Tuesday, February 3, 10:30 a.m. Meet at visitors' center located directly north of parking lot, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Princess Classics" presented by Disney on Ice, February 4-8, at San Diego Sports Arena. The live figure-skating show includes Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan, Snow White.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, February 4 and 5; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 6; 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 7 and 8 (the 3:30 p.m. performance on Sunday is in Spanish). Tickets: \$13 to \$50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Celebrate Chinese New Year with *The Weaving of a Dream*, presented by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, February 1, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Jack and the Beanstalk* presented by Big Joe Productions, February 2-4.

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.)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

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

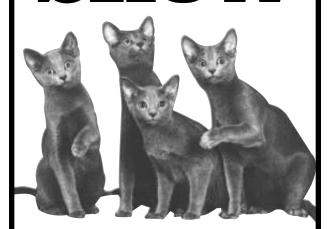
California Surf Museum, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and

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

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

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In My Father's Footsteps: A Memoir



Sehastian Matthews

W.W. Norton & Co.; 2004; 258

FROM THE DUST JACKET: A brilliant father, a complicated legacy, and a son's hard-won journey of self-discovery. William Matthews was a much-admired, award-winning poet and teacher who lived hard and died suddenly in 1997 at the age of 55. He was a jazz fan, a wit and raconteur, a connoisseur of fine food and wine, and a thrice-married womanizer.

This clear-eyed, often wryly

funny memoir pays homage to a charismatic father as the son struggles to step out from his considerable shadow. In examining his father's death (and life), Sebastian Matthews explores his own chaotic past. A child of divorce, he was shuttled throughout his boyhood between parents and many geographies. In a

I took care of him; he parented me." Later came the son's wanderings, the failed commitments. Finally Sebastian learns to confront Bill's mixed legacy.

son and his father "were roommates and drinking buddies -

confusing, symbiotic time between Bill's marriages, the teenage

Striving to emulate the best of that "sad, happy man," he discovers new definitions of home, love, and marriage.

From Publishers Weekly: For most people, the death of a parent can bring a wave of self-reflection and consideration about one's place in the world. For Matthews, the loss of his father, poet and teacher William Matthews, sparks an even more intense journey into memory and meaning. At first, his memoir seems to be a dreamy valentine, complete with poetic phrases about the emptiness of the poet's apartment and Matthews wondering if his dad's cat had gone to its owner, "confused by the fallen body, crouching with him in the tub, leaning into the discharged heat coming off his body." But the romanticism quickly ebbs as Matthews contemplates how fully he has, indeed, followed in his father's footsteps. Not only did Matthews become a writer, poet and teacher himself, but he imagines parts of his father's life as his father might have lived them. He gives as much weight to his father's affairs with students as he does to his own memories, mixing recollection, reality and hypothesis.

From Booklist: If readers turn to Sebastian Matthews's memoir as they did to Kim Stafford's remembrance of his father, the poet William Stafford, in pursuit of a unique perspective on a favorite writer, they will not be disappointed. Sebastian's frank, vivid, and haunting memoir does offer a provocative portrait of his nonchalantly elegant, always-in-demand, and artistic-to-the-bone father who

"died at the height of his powers." We see William writing late into the night in a blue swirl of cigarette smoke and music. William holding audiences rapt at lectures and readings. But we also see a great deal of Sebastian, doing his best as a lonely boy to keep up with his father's peripatetic life and many marriages and affairs and, later, struggling with his own inability to put down roots or commit to a relationship. Ultimately, Sebastian's lyrically confessional memoir evolves into a father-and-son duet, poignant testimony to the boon and burden of inheritance.

About the Author: Sebastian Matthews, writer, poet, and teacher at Warren Wilson College, was born in 1965. He received his MFA in creative writing from the University of Michigan. He is editor of a new literary journal, Rivendell. He lives with his wife and son in Asheville, North Carolina.

A conversation with the author: I opened our conversation, held late one weekday evening, by saying, "As I read In My Father's Footsteps, I could not help but wonder what it was like to grow up in the shadow of a celebrated poet father. I then thought about other poets' children, particularly those children who became poets. There's Franz Wright and there's Rosanna Warren and there's Kim Stafford, who else is there?"

"Linda Pastan's kid, Rachel, writes fiction. Joyce Johnson's son is a poet. I know a lot of kids of poets who went the other way around into a different genre. I tried that too. I went to grad school in fiction, thinking I'd do something different. And in a way I have because I love creative nonfiction. The memoir wasn't just, 'Oh, I'm going to write a memoir about my dad.' I was writing a book of creative nonfiction, and it veered toward him when he died. I like essays, and trying to write personal essays is hard. They're not

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

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

Computer Museum of America.

"Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology" explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare

"millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum-tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). 619-235-8222.

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from

the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

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

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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

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

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

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

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923

steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

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

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of

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

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

San Diego Aerospace Museum,

the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history





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Sunday, February 8th, 2004

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articles, they're not short stories, but they're somewhere in between."

"And they need to be poetic."

"They need to be poetic, and they have to have some of the elements of fiction. They have to work; they have to be good stories. Yeah, they're hard, and so I love that form. So in a way I did it, but poetry is definitely my true love."

I explained to Mr. Matthews that I'd recently finished reading South African writer J.M. Coetzee's latest novel, *Elizabeth Costello*. Costello is a novelist. Her son, a college professor, was unable to

read anything his mother wrote until he turned 35. When he did begin to read her novels, he found himself, in various ways and modes, written about. He was appalled by his mother's fictionalized versions of himself. "I wondered," I asked, "what it was like for you to read about yourself in your father's poems?"

"My mom's a poet as well, and so I grew up reading about my brother and myself in both their work. Very curious. I mean, maybe too curious. I was always interested when I was really young when our names appeared, and then when I got older, I was interested by just what kind of stories they were telling. And then when I got into writing myself and began to take it seriously, I was interested by what it meant to use one's own story to talk about your family or yourself. And then lately I'm much more interested, especially with my dad, in the difference between the straight autobiographical work and what I think he did, which

was not very straight autobiography. I think he was a mix. He didn't really write autobiographically I've come to realize. I think he uses his experience and his emotions, but then goes from there and makes things up and makes scenarios and stories.

"So it's changed over the years. As a kid I found it really reassuring. I don't know if that makes me kind of weird, but it marked something for me. Just having us in their poems. My mom wrote a book called *Interstate* that was about their divorce. It was a lot of anger."

Growing up in a family of ultra-articulate adults, I suggested, would seem to hone one's consciousness to a sharp point.

Mr. Matthews agreed. "Yes, everything is paid attention to and articulated and rearticulated. I don't know if this answers what you're saying directly, but one thing that I was really moved by, my brother is a painter and a drummer, African drummer, a very artistic guy. And my dad's sister is a modern dancer. And my mom is a poet, and her husband Charter is a photographer. I always thought of my family as artists.

"As I got older, I realized that my dad was also really an academic. I realized that my friends' parents were academics. But late in his life before he died, my father was hanging out with my brother and me, and he was talking about his sister and my brother. My dad said, 'I'm very proud that we're a family of teachers.' And I had never thought of it that way at all. My Aunt Susan also teaches and has done so for years. Charter, my stepdad, is also a teacher.

"And so it was, like, 'Oh wow, I'm from a family of teachers.' And it was very reassuring, and I never really thought of that. I always said, 'No, I'm an artist's kid, I'm a poet's kid, I'm a poet, I'm an artist.' And now I think, 'I'm as much a teacher as a writer.' And that I come from that. Growing up being sur-

rounded by books, and being surrounded by them right now, is comforting at a very basic level. When I was a child, of course, everybody was reading, and that was also just comforting to be around."

"Do you like to go back to books your father read and read them?" $\,$

"I like to go back and pick up, for instance,
Freud, Life for Our
Time and know that he was reading this when he was writing
a certain poem."

"Yes, I have many of his books, and yes I do. I'm curious. I didn't keep his whole library. I donated it to different places, but I kept a core library that I wanted to have, both in fiction and the classics and poetry and jazz; especially I kept his jazz books. I realize I can go backward and read his work, and I can begin to realize what he was reading. And I like to go back and pick up, for instance, Freud: A Life for our Time by Peter Gay, and know

that he was reading this when he was writing a certain poem. He wasn't the kind of guy that marked his books and probably would have hated the idea of somebody going back to look at his notes."

"He would have despised it.

"He would have hated it. But I would have been probably curious to look at them so I'm kind of glad they're not there."

"I hadn't thought of that, that you might go back and look at what your father had been reading when he'd written a certain set of poems."

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of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

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

Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

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

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

Southern California Lego Train Club. Through January.

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

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien" features 80 watercolors of native California plants painted in early 1900s. Valentien was commissioned by Ellen Browning Scripps to paint "all the wildflowers and plants of California" and traveled the state for next ten years

collecting specimens. The exhibit — continuing through Tuesday, September 7 — includes examples of Valentien's Rookwood pottery, landscapes in oil, historical photographs, personal extifects.

Also on view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present" (ongoing). Current "giant-screen films" include *Wolves, Ocean Oasis,* exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and

archives. Find the museum 561

South Vulcan Avenue: 760-632-

9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication

of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins

Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)







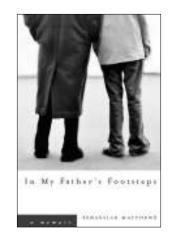
"I don't really do it that consciously, but the opportunity is there. I think I do it more with the music, but my brother and I split his jazz collection, and I have some of my own, and so I definitely think of the music, but sometimes when I read the poems, I find the records and put them on."

'Your father's generation of poets loved jazz.

'Very much, yeah. It's funny, a lot of my friends who are writers are getting back into iazz. I don't know if it's a throwback, but I feel like there are a lot of people collecting LPs."

Harold Bloom has written about what he calls "the anxiety of influence." By this anxiety Bloom means, most simply, that without poetic predecessors, the contemporary poet would likely write a weaker" poem; that Keats, for instance, needed Shakespeare in order to write his greatest poems. Likewise, it seemed to me that the younger Matthews needed the older Matthews in order to write his own poems. I asked if this "need" bothered

"Yeah, it did. It really did. And the experience I had, I tried to write about it in the memoir, and what I wrote was just kind of melodramatic. I kept cutting it out. But what it felt like when he died was very unexpected



for me; something lifted. I described it as a tree falling, being turned by a sharp wind. That's what it felt like. It was just suddenly I didn't feel the same way. The shadow was gone. I don't know what it was, but it was very powerful.

"But the only thing that was really very different was I felt like, 'You know what, I can write my own poems. I can do this myself, and I won't be judged, or I won't judge myself by a standard of his standard.' That changed. And until then it was always a big deal."

"It must have been difficult to show your father your

"Yeah, I stopped after a while, but I used to show him when I was really young."

"I would think that it would be really hard being a poet's child and a published poet and realizing that one's parents' peers would be reading ones

"I don't worry about that as much. I mean, when you called I was working. I was thinking, 'Okay, I'm done. I've gotta stop doing dad poems.' Dead father poems. But I'd forgotten that he went to an Indian reservation to talk to a bunch of community college students out in Montana — only a month before he died. I'd totally forgotten. I found the article on the Web. And the article is very funny because it was very generous; the reporter basically said that when my dad first got there, he was wearing a suit. He was so formal; his book was called Time and Money. And they said at the end of every class, he had won over the students because he was charming and funny. I've been working on a poem, almost imagining a young Native-American man or teenager in the back, not charmed, not impressed and kind of angry. And imagining my father sick and overheated and exhausted and charming, but really in a sense barely able to do it. Which I imagine was the case because I know he was really sick. And I just had this kind of weird, kind of displacement of him, half being in his head and half being in this young angry kid's head.

"But, yes, I thought about his friends a lot with the memoir. In fact, at a certain point, because I wanted them to feel like I was capturing his essence and not attacking him or doing him a disservice, I showed the

book to Russell Banks, his friend, and Stanley Plumly, and a few of his other friends, and said, 'Tell me now to stop if you think this is a mistake.' Because I wasn't totally comfortable doing it at first. And they were, like, 'No, this is great. You should do this.' And so I felt okay. I would have listened to them, really I would have listened to them if they had said, 'Oh, don't do this. Because I needed his peers, his friends, to give me a perspective that I didn't totally trust of my own. Because, you know, when I started the memoir, it wasn't about him; it was about trying to learn how to be a man.

"For years I don't really know how to be a man. I don't really know how to be with one person. I don't know how to be in one place. How do you do it? I know a lot of people who don't know that either. Like, no one talks about a kind of almost second coming-of-age. And a lot of men — I think women, too have to go through this without rituals, without really any support, because they didn't figure it out the first time. They faked it the first time. So that was what the book was about, and then when he died, it also began to be about him. I'm glad it did because I wouldn't have been able to go as deep as I did without the kind of hard stuff of writing about him."

"This also is a book that should appeal to children whose parents were divorced and remarried."

"Exactly, that's right. And that was what I was trying to write about most . I'm a child not necessarily of alcoholics, because I never thought of my parents that way. But I am a child of divorce and a child of sensualists. My father especially was a sensualist. And I wanted to get onto the page a sense of the kind of romantic glow of that life that a kid can see. And I wanted it, that life. And I imitated it, and I still feel that I'm my most happy when I'm with friends and having a drink and listening to music, but there's so much more to life than that which you don't see as a kid. And when you try and figure it out yourself, you know, it can get kind of messy.

William Matthews's Search Party: Collected Poems has been published concurrently with Sebastian Matthews's memoir. About this, the younger Mr. Matthews said, "I like that they are coming out together. I

learned so much about his poetry and how I read it and how I continue to read it, and I learned a lot about writing the memoir. Each project informed the other in very unexpected ways. And that was very exciting. So I'm very proud and excited that they're coming out together."

I wanted to print one of Mr. Matthews's father's poems in our paper's poetry section. I asked if there were a poem he'd especially like to see me use. He had, he said, been writing a poem as something of a counterpoint to one of his father's later poems — "A Poetry Reading at West Point.'

About his father's West Point poem, Mr. Matthews said, 'Yeah, it's so funny. It's probably somewhere between not true at all and exactly true. You can't tell. It doesn't matter. It's funny, and it's a kind of dramatic way for him to write about a really essential topic, which is that self-reflectiveness of what am I writing about, why am I writing? He's so good at that. It's a little drama that he's hilarious and then poignant, and he kind of makes himself the butt of the joke, but it's all there in that

— Judith Moore

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There Are Spooks In That Fortepiano

Recordings are invariably untrue to the early keyboard instruments.

JONATHAN SAVILLE

fter the previous week's splendid recital of Haydn and Beethoven on a Viennese fortepiano, what could be more opportune than the appearance of the Galatea Trio in the San Diego Early Music Society series? More

music of the same period (in this case Haydn, with a bit of Clementi and Boccherini); another early piano; and musicianship of an equally high order.

Galatea's keyboard player is the exceptionally talented Tom Beghin (his CDs of Haydn sonatas on fortepiano and C.P.E. Bach character pieces on clavichord are sensational). The instrument he played at St. James by-the-Sea was a Broadwood fortepiano, quite unlike the Stein — actually a reproduction of a Stein — Andrew Willis had used. The Broadwood differed in its thicker soundboard (and hence stronger sound), its greater string tension (hence greater sustaining power), its "English" action (which made possible chords of exciting intensity), and its less rigorous dampers (along with its pedals to vary the damping, as opposed to the pedal-less Stein). The result was a slight lessening of clarity and of timbral diversity, but also a noticeable increase in singing tone and in drama.

This 1813 Broadwood was not a reproduction but the real thing, although it had undergone extensive restoration by the meticulous and tasteful Curtis Berak to put it back into something like its original state. It's a lovely instrument, a pleasure to listen to for its own sake. However, hearing it in a large space like St. James made one aware of how relatively small a sound could be produced by these early pianos, even the Broadwoods Haydn and Beethoven knew, compared to a modern concert grand. Recordings, which have currently reached an unbelievable degree of fidelity to live sound, are invariably untrue to the early keyboard instruments: harpsichords and clavichords as well as fortepianos. They make them sound just as loud as a modern grand, only with different colors and articulations. Encountering the Broadwood at St. James immediately

corrected this misconception.

To give the instrument the greatest possible projection, it had been brought to the very edge of the chancel's raised platform, with its long end sticking out into the hall and propped up on a

makeshift pedestal. Yet from the fourth row, which is where I was sitting, the sounds were at first disconcerting in their softness, even in the loud passages. Within

a short while, my ears adjusted; and what I could then perceive, with immense pleasure, was the absolute rightness of the balance between this fortepiano and the other two instruments of the trio, the violin of Elizabeth Blumenstock and the cello of Elisabeth Le Guin, both played with light bow pressure and both presumably with gut strings. The sounds were not plummy and outgoing, in the way we are used to, but within those restraints there were infinite riches. The colors of unison passages between the violin and the pianist's right hand (or between the cello and his left) were of penetrating loveliness. Nor was there any lack of dynamic contrast. In no sense was the music miniaturized. Quite the opposite: its expressive possibilities seemed vastly expanded, in spite of the fact that — for example — just the pianist of the Beaux Arts Trio, playing the same works, would have drowned out the entire Galatea Trio, like an elephant stepping on a butterfly.

This was quite a discovery for a listener. It was also a discovery for the musicians, as pianist Beghin told us in some graceful and informative comments from the stage. The group, which is now in its fourth year, had been playing its repertoire with Viennese fortepianos, a circumstance that demanded a specific technique by the pianist and specific adjustments of sound by his collaborators. The St. James concert, which constituted the public debut of Berak's restored Broadwood, also turned out to be the first time the Galatea Trio had performed with an English-action fortepiano, and they found the experience revelatory, opening up all sorts of new possibilities, and requiring a fundamental rethinking of the

This was chiefly a program of late Haydn trios (the delicious little D minor Trio by Muzio Clementi was a slight thing, and the prettily expressive Boccherini encore — a 'Menuetto militare" — was only a brief movement); and what was especially interesting in the program was that for Haydn, too, the discovery of what an English fortepiano could do was something of a musical revelation. Haydn made two extensive sojourns to London in the first half of the 1790s, during which period he composed a number of piano trios, as well as some of his most far-reaching symphonies and string quartets. Haydn's mastery of the piano sonata had culminated in a series of masterpieces, and he had already composed some 40 piano trios of high quality; but acquaintance with the English pianos resulted in a distinct expansion of his keyboard writing in his final works in the piano trio genre, which are generally held to be the boldest, grandest, and most innovative of the lot. And it was the last three of these trios (Hob. XV:27-29) that made up the bulk of the Galatea

The sense of total formal command in these works is accompanied with scintillating imagination and astounding inventiveness. Every one of the movements, especially in such ravishing performances, deserves commentary. But let one example suffice: the Allegretto middle movement of the E major Trio,

Hob. XV:28. This extraordinary piece confounds all expectations. Its key is E minor, which is treated as an environment of uncanniness. The movement begins with an enigmatically wandering section of unison playing by all three instruments. Then the piano takes over to state the main theme. It is a brisk march in two voices — one high in the treble, the other low in the bass — with the center left hollow. An obsessive five-note turn and a relentless dotted rhythm drive the music forward like a procession of menacing ghosts. After a while the strings enter to repeat the section, at first doubling the piano's two voices, then



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The Galatea Trio, "Haydn in London" St. James by-the-Sea (San Diego Early Music Society)

Haydn, Trios in C (Hob. XV:27), E (Hob. XV:28), and E -flat (Hob. XV:29); Clementi, Trio in D, Opus 27, No. 2; Boccherini, Menuetto militare.

> barely filling in the harmonies. Next, the bass line is played in the treble and the treble in the bass, giving a new but equally weird face to the counterpoint. The rhythmic patterns never let up until the very end, when the piano is assigned a brief, limping, gasping cadenza; and the strangest movement in 18th Century music comes to an abrupt, whispering end, as though nothing untoward had happened.

> It was in a piece like this that the Galatea Trio's virtues displayed themselves most dazzlingly. The fortepiano, with its vivid timbral contrast between treble and bass, brought out the spookiness of the writing much more

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strongly than is possible with the even coloration of all notes on a modern piano. All three musicians played with an intentional absence of emotional expression (very different from their usual glow), yet with an almost frightening intensity in the remoteness. The effect was unforgettable.

But then, so were the brilliant passages in the fast movements, the warmth and charm of the typically Haydnesque sunniness, the beautifully shaped lyricism, the supple rhythmic energy, the superb unity of the players, the sophistication of the playing, the grace, the zest.... The Galatea Trio takes its name from the sculptor Pygmalion, who fell passionately in love with the statue he had made of a beautiful woman that he persuaded Aphrodite to bring his Galatea to life. The allegorical implication, for these musicians, is that a written musical score is beautiful but lifeless until artists like themselves, with the intervention of their godlike talent, have infused it with living spirit; and then it moves and speaks. A well-named group. ■

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Prague National Opera Soprano Jirina Markova-Krystlikova sings pieces by Janáček, Smetana, Verdi, Thursday, January 29, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

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)

Cypress String Quartet performs Friday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$12 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Giacomo Puccini's Masterpiece of Passion! Turandot is the season opener for San Diego Opera. Singers include Anna Shafajinskaia, Dario Volonté, Ai-Lan Zhu, Maxim Mikhailov. In Italian with English translations projected above the stage. Sets by David Hockney. Conducted by Edoardo Müller, directed by Lofti Mansouri.

Performances on 8 p.m. on Friday, January 30; 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 1; and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4. 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)

The Chamber Concert Series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues with concert by Trio Apollon, Saturday, January 31. Listen for Mozart's "Trio in E-Flat Major for Clarinet, Viola, and Piano (Kegelstatt), "Konzertstuck for Viola and Piano" by Enescu, "Sonata for Clarinet and Piano" by Poulenc, Brahms "Trio in E-Flat Major for Clarinet, Viola, and Piano." Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at 1008

Wall Street. \$25. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Rhythm, Rhyme, and All That Jazz," Classics for Kids series focuses on Gershwin, Ellington, and The Jazz Fly by author Matthew Gollub, Saturday, January 31, 3 p.m., at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Tickets: \$11-\$22. Reservations: 619-435-9111. (ROLANDO)

Soprano Kristen Leon performs pieces by Rachmaninoff, Schwantner, and USD professor Christopher Adler during senior recital on Saturday, January 31. Leon will be aided by Martin Wright (piano), Adler (piano), William McKay (clarinet). Concert begins at 8 p.m. in Shilev Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

The Pacifica Quartet performs Haydn's "Quartet in D Major No. 5," "Quartet No. 3 in C Major" by Hindemith, and Beethoven's "Quartet in C-Sharp Minor," Saturday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$25. Reservations: 858-534-8497 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Saturday Night Concert Series continues with recital of sonatas by J.S. Bach, Prokofiev, pieces by Doppler and Debussy by flutist Joanna Demers and pianist John Mark Harris, January 31, 8 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Donation: \$12 general. Reservations: 858-259-2503. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Tango, Tango! Chamber music ensemble Camarada celebrates the Argentinean tango with a dance and music show, Sunday, February 1, 6 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tango dancers Jutem Lee and Steven Black perform works by Astor Piazaolla. \$25. (LA JOLLA)

Busy on Sunday? The group repeats the show, Thursday, February 5, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$15, 619-231-3702. (BALBOA PARK)

Noise at the Library, series highlighting 20th-Century classical music includes benefit concert by trumpeter and composer Leo Wadada Smith, Sunday, February 1, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Preconcert lecture at 7 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m. \$15. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Post-Evensong Organ Recital with Ruben Valenzuela at the keys, Sunday, February 1, 5 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). 619-298-7261. Offering.

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 tune books of 19th Century, gospel hymns. Concert begins at 3 p.m. at St. James-by-the-Sea, 743 Prospect Street. \$20. 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

Guest Organist Ty Woodward presents concert in Spreckels Organ

Pavilion, Sunday, February 1, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Solo Percussion Recital by UCSD graduate student Aivun Huang for mini-concert at noon, Monday, February 2, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Concert in Celebration of Black History Month planned by pianist Ken Anderson and vocalist Dale Flemming, Monday, February 2, 7:30 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. (CHULA VISTA)

"Metales Liricos." evenings of music from Mexico, South America, Spain planned by Westwind Brass, Tuesday, February 3, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. 619-237-7892. (BALBOA PARK)

A Recital of Classical Music is promised when soprano Therese Bulat, John Danke (piano), and Alan Grant (French horn) perform Thursday, February 5, 7 p.m., for Escondido Library's First Thursday series in Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Pieces by Schubert, Mozart, Poulenc, Beckwith, Berlioz; medley of American tunes by Porter, Gershwin, Arlen. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Van Cliburn Piano Competition Gold Medalist Olga Kern joins San Diego Symphony and Jahja Ling to present Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 1," Thursday, February 5, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). \$33, \$43. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

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

"Zooming into Focus: Contemporary Chinese Video from the Haudenschild Collection," exploring the current art of China, opens with reception Friday, January 30, 6 p.m., in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Continues through Wednesday, April 21. 619-594-5171. Related symposium, Saturday, January 31.

"Some Things," this "exhibition of works old, new, borrowed, and blue" by C. Martino is on display through Thursday, February 19, at Art Institute of Califor-

nia-San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). Reception: Friday, January 30, 6 p.m. 858-598-1200.

Nature and Wildlife photographer Robert de Crevecoeur has exhibition of images on display through Sunday, February 8, at Phantom Art Gallery (suite E in Artist's Alley, 212 East North Coast Highway). Artist's reception: Friday, January 30, 5 p.m. 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

Wildlife Paintings by Sallie Lynn Davis go on exhibit with receptions Friday, January 30 (10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.); and Saturday, January 31 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.), at Vantage Point Fine Art Gallery (210-A North Coast Highway). 760-433-8888. (OCEANSIDE)

"Heart to Heart VI," annual exhibit with work by 28 artists in variety of media opens with reception Saturday, January 31, 5 p.m., at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street). Through Saturday, March 13. 619-233-6679. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Time Place, Torrey Pines," mixed-media painting exhibit by Pat MacGillis "reflecting relationship with land and sea at Torrey Pines," on view through Sunday, March 28, at Artist Space Southfair (2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Reception: Saturday, January 31, 6 p.m. 858-755-1662.

North County Artist Sally Pearce exhibits oil paintings through February at Brandon Gallery (105 North Main Street). Artist's reception: Saturday, January 31, 5 p.m. 760-723-1330.

"Paris Revisited," an exhibit of original paintings "capturing the nostalgic romance of Paris and French countryside," includes reception Saturday, January 31, 6 p.m., at Simic Gallery (1205 Prospect Street). 858-456-5255. (LA JOLLA)

"The Platinum Age: Photographs by Scott Davis and Jesse Canales" are on view through Tuesday, February 24, in Keller Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Opening reception, Monday, February 2, 5:30 p.m. Artists' lecture: Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m. 619-849-2396. (POINT LOMA)

Torrey Pines High School Art Club Exhibition on view through February at Del Mar Art Center (1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street). Reception: Wednesday, February 4, 6 p.m. 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

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 April, 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

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003.

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"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 760-735-3355. Avenue.

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, 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.

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

their construction embody aspects of theater, sculpture, painting, photography, and performance.

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

"Paris: A Century in the City of Light," showcases the city 'through a study of its people and their daily routines." Images were made mostly in late 1920s through the immediate post-World War II era. The show continuing through Sunday, May 23, includes photographs by Robert Doisneau, André Kertesz, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Edouard Boubat, others.

"The Beauty of the Albumen Print" examines a variety of albumen photographs for their diversity and beauty. Albumen printing was the dominant method of making photographs in latter part of 19th Century. Through May 23.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, found objects with a specific history are featured in "Generation to Generation: Contemporary Assemblage." Show includes work by Poupee Boccaccio, Irma Sofia Poeter, 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, "George Inness and the Visionary Landscape" 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 Through Sunday,

"José Guadalupe Posada: My Mexico," 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," continuing through Sunday, April 11. Fourteen works on display, including etchings and woodcuts.

For further information, call

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

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Shock Punctuation

The chef specialized in "global fusion."

ir traffic controllers, at least, have each other. Not Sam Pelikowski. Because Bob's car broke down (so he says), and Sonya's father just got Lyme disease (so she says), poor Sam must handle all the reserva-

tions for a posh New York restaurant. Jean-Paul Sartre said, "Hell is other people." Nah. Hell is other people demanding all-vegan cuisine for

15 at a 7:30 seating — and you will illumine the table of choice, 31, with a softer, more flattering light bulb!

Sam's boss, called "the Chef," is a modern-day Scrooge who charges \$100 to \$200 per person, per meal, whose Ferrari has a global-positioning unit, and whose Manhattan-sized ego dwarfs the culinary divas on the Food Channel. The Chef specializes in "global fusion." His new policy's as all-encompassing: the restaurant must be "fully committed" — every table occupied — at all

No wonder Bob and Sonya no-show. But that's not the half of it. Sam's an aspiring actor. The "HBO thing" fell through. He auditioned for a career-making part at Lincoln Center but hasn't been called back (though his "friend" Jerry was, and rubs it in). And Sam's soft-spoken, giving father, who hasn't been the same since his wife died, hopes Sam can come home, to South Bend, Indiana, for Christmas.

A guy sitting in a cluttered basement an-

swering phones with a headset for 75 minutes doesn't sound like promising theater, on paper. At the Cygnet Theatre, thanks to David McBean's amazing performance, Becky Mode's Fully Committed is a hilarious, and touching, charmer.

The slice-of-life writing never breaks for exposition. The playwright beads together little details, but always in the

frantic moment. Parts come together, like a puzzle. By the end you know the inner workings of the restaurant, many of its clientele, and Sam's friends, and Sam, without ever being told directly.

But here's the catch: David McBean plays Sam and everyone else — maybe 40 people. The logistics boggle. This is the equivalent not only of memorizing the phone book, but making each voice so distinctive that, the next time you hear it, you recognize Ms. Sebag breaking down, or Jerry boasting his final call-back, or this eerily patient, Vincent Price-like gent making an under-the-table reservation. And McBean must change characters as fast as he can say, "Hold, please."

McBean's so terrific, however, logistics disappear into Sam's behind-the-scenes world. In a way, he was perfect for the job: a passive team player who, were a Holland dike flooding, would plug the gap with his body. Unfortunately, the part at Lincoln Center requires someone with a "strong sense of personal entitlement" — just like every caller



David McBean in Fully Committed

Fully Committed, by Becky Mode

Cygnet Theatre Company, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

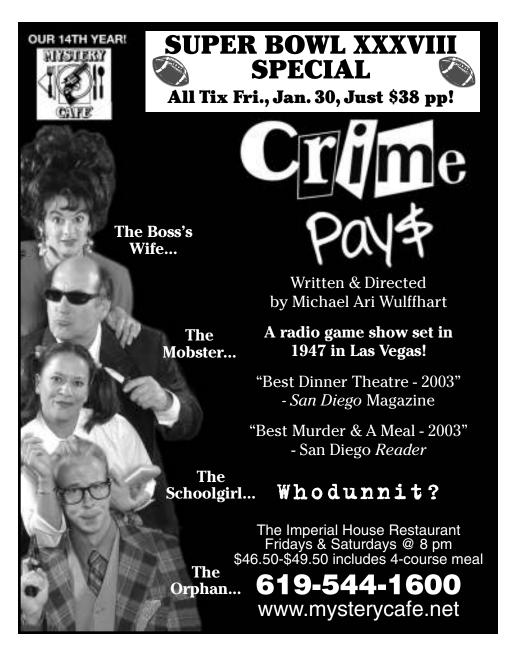
Directed by Sean Murray; cast: David McBean; scenic design, Murray; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, George Ye Playing through February 29; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, by Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts

The Theatre in Old Town, 4040 Twiggs Street
Directed by Joel Bishoff; cast: Andrea Chamberlain, Stan Chandler, David Engel, Mylinda Hull; scenic design, James Kronzer; lighting, Daniel Ordowner; musical director, Kim Douglas Steiner

Open-ended run; Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-688-2494.







I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Perfect covers the zodiac of

relationships, starting with a

first date ("Will I be a date

from hell?") through the sin-

gles' scene ("Single Man

Drought"), to marriage, chil-

dren, even a funeral. Along

the way an orange-jump-

suited San Quentin con

bullies a timid couple into

taking the Big Step: "You

think it's funny I'm nearly 50

with no soulmate?" he shouts,

adding, "You gotta compro-

mise a little, you dickheads!"

begins, "High-Maintenance

Whiner seeks..." Rose Ritz

does the equivalent. She's

Imagine a personal ad that

demanding special preferences! Amid the chaos of ringing phones, disgruntled chefs and maître d's, and an unsightly crisis in the ladies' room, Sam takes a crash course in assertion-training, and passes with flying colors.

Throughout, the audience's "Oh yeah"s and "That's right"s punctuate the show with shocks of recognition. Anyone who has ever been an actor, or waited tables, or worked at entry-level with the public will empathize with Fully Committed. And, given pathize McBean's special performance, so should everyone else.

Tues. - Sun. Evenings Saturday & Sunday Matinee

To get a sense of how I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change has become one of the longest-running shows in Off-Broadway history, consider the song "He Called Me." A woman's date said he'd phone the next day. She waits and waits. Then he does. Twice. Oh my God, she shouts with joy, "He's needy!'

The musical revue, which opened in 1996, lets romantics share her elation, yet also permits scoffers — whom untrue love hath turned a jader shade of green — to mutter in her direction, features a four-person cast, each with Broadway credits. They also have smarts enough not to push for comedy or drama - in effect, they don't try to control the audience's response. In the videotane scene, for example, when Andrea Chamberlain has Rose Ritz open up, she lets the audience smile or smirk. Same with Mylinda Hull's "Always a Bridesmaid": a closet full of

> a bad thing. Strong-voiced David Engel enhances every scene, and Stan Chandler must be one of the most versatile performers around. He plays the San Quentin con, an old Jewish funeral-goer, and a guy who's a nerd outside but superbutch when driving a car and creates each with precision.

bridesmaid dresses reminds

the singer that she's single —

which, she hints, may not be

service, wearing a happy face.

Not Rose. She tells the whole truth, and her confession

the divorce (her husband left

for an older woman), the

kids — paints too honest a

picture for prospective part-

The Theatre in Old

Town's engaging production

ners. Or does it?

Credit as well to the costume designer, unnamed in the program, who provided everything from tuxes to Chargers T-shirts — and enough Velcro to permit what must be, in many instances, split-second changes. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box

Antigone

The South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Sophocles' tragedy of indi-vidual rights vs. the whims of power. Kate Whoriskey directed. SEGERSTROM STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, FRIDAY, JAN-UARY 30. THROUGH FEBRUARY 29: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

Art

PowPac presents Jasmina Reza's comedy about three friends and the value of a blank canvas. Connie Di-Grazio directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD, THROUGH FEBRU-ARY 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Berlin's Best/Porter's Picks

The La Jolla Stage Company presents a tribute to Irving Berlin and Cole Porter. Songs include "Begin the Beguine," "Night and Day," and "Alexander's Ragtime Band." LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, THE FIRE-HOUSE, 7877 HERSCHEL AVENUE, LA JOLLA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-459-7773

Brave Smiles...Another Lesbian Tragedy

From 1930 to 1968, Hollywood's Production Code permitted no loving lesbian couples in movies. Instead, any two women who are 'close" end up either insane or dead. Using humor as an analytic tool, the Five Lesbian Brothers parody Hollywood's lesbophobia. Brave Smiles catalogues cruel fates. When the Brothers performed at Sushi, many years ago, split-second blackouts and humble minimalism kept the pace alive. Diversionary Theatre's current staging has full production values, including Shulamit Nelson's rich costumes and Paul Peterson's awesome sound design (like that plane crash just offstage). Compared to the original, the added trappings have a cumbersome, pace-lagging effect. Thus, though Diversionary offers many more visuals, the production also feels more one-note, just variations on a theme. Some versatile actors shine, however, in multiple roles: especially Robin Christ and Melissa Fernandes. And where did Diversionary find Jeannine Marique? New to San Diego theater she's wonderful in five roles, combining the play's seriocomical extremes - both entertaining and, as Brave Smiles builds its case against Hollywood, disturbing.

Worth a try.

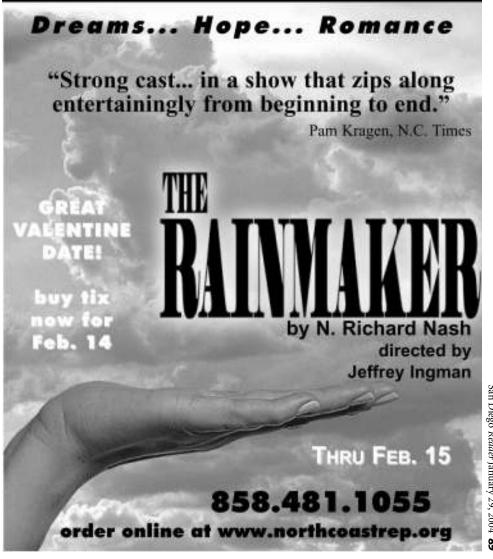
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

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North Coast Repertory Theatre



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Bus Stop

The Old Globe Theatre offers William Inge's drama about a busload of passengers stranded at a roadside diner during a snowstorm. Gerald Gutierrez directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK THURSDAY JANUARY 29 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-

By The Sea, By The Sea, By The Beautiful Sea

Korbett Kompany Productions stages one-acts: Joe Pintauro's "Dawn"; Lanford Wilson's "Day"; and Terrance McNally's "Dusk." ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE (AT IDAHO), NOR-MAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH JANUARY 31: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

Chalk It Up To Murder

In H.I.T. Productions' dinner-theater mystery, a terrible fire scorched the Cactus Gulch schoolhouse eight years ago. The culprit just broke out of jail. FIRESIDE RESTAURANT, 439 WEST WASHINGTON, ESCONDIDO, OPEN-

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Mystery Cafe's newest interactive mystery comedy takes place at the Sahara Hotel in Vegas, where "the family" runs more than shows. "A real mob scene!" IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1664

The Drunkard

:In Raymond Hall's melodrama, Edward Middleton succumbs to the "demon" rum. Can his "sweet, virtuous" wife Mary "restore her husband to his former state of sobriety"? Can "love lick liquor"? NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD. NORTH PARK, THROUGH FEBRUARY 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Fully Committed

Reviewed this issue. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (AND MONTEZUMA), COL-LEGE/ROLANDO AREA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY 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: *The Suppliants* by Aeschylus, February 23. Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Hamlet

Lamb's Players presents Shakespeare's tragedy of dilatory revenge. Robert Smyth directed. Nick Cordileone plays Hamlet. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, THROUGH MARCH 7; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT



7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600

Hello Dolly!

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the popular musical about Dolly Gallagher Levi, irrepressible matchmaker. Ray Limon directed WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE ESCONDIDO THROUGH MARCH 28; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT

8:00 P.M. MATINEE THESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AND SUN-DAY AT 1:45 P.M. 858-749-3348 OR 888-802-7469

Henry IV, Part I

Poor Players stage Shakespeare's history play, promising an "edgy look at the tale of a Prince's education, a Soldier's Tragedy, and a Bar Fly's Comedy." Richard Baird directed.

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH

FEBRUARY 29; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-287-2406.

I Love You, You're Perfect. **Now Change**

Reviewed this issue THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

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Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

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Kimberly Akimbo

She's "akimbo" because she's aging 4 1/2 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 crazy-wise comedy asks, what is normal? Is it merely an antiquated concept? In 6th @ Penn's staging, which ranks among its finest, the characters



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drive the play, propelled by rampant denial (what goes unsaid about Kimberly's condition lurks beneath every line). Director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg lets the jokes, and they are legion, fall wherever. She emphasizes an akimbo family that, the playwright would argue, is the family of man. Everyone in the terrific cast combines the human with the gonzo: Matt Scott's juiced Buddy; Liv Lellgren's tough Debra (who steals a mailbox); Jason Connors' poor, bedgaggled Jeff (is his life an internship to become the next Job?). Linda Castro gives an honest, moving performance as Kimberly. Living on fast forward, she's both younger and older than the rest. As Kim's narcissistic mother, Patie, Jo Anne Glover's a "Jersy Girl" writ large, especially when shouting: "Come back! I'll be normal now. I'll show you I can do it!" Critic's pick.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

The Last Five Years

The Laguna Playhouse stages the California premiere of Jason Robert Brown's "falling in and out of love" musical. Drew Scott Harris directed.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA
CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH,
THROUGH FEBRUARY 1; THURSDAY
THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY
AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Late-Night Catechism

Every Monday night, during summer, the Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult catechism class," taught by a sister from the old spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting for the regular teacher (it's his poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to have the job but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is just that, part of a course on Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The results, the two times I've seen the show: a. an almost nonstop evening of comedy; and b. a thought-provoking look at educa

tion, religion, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding. (Note: the Laguna Playhouse has extended the show's run five times.)

Worth a try.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA
CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH,
THROUGH MARCH 8; MONDAY AT
7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Letters to Harriet Tubman

For one performance only, the California Center hosts the story of the Underground Railroad's "Moses," Harriet Tubman, telling her life in letters.

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE PERFORM-ING ARTS, ESCONDIDO, 340 NORTH ES-CONDIDO BOULEVARD, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, AT 4:00 P.M. 800-988-4253.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Pack of Lies

OnStage Playhouse presents Hugh Whitemore's spy drama about suburban neighbors who begin the play as friends. Dan Zisko directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

The Rainmaker

Unlike the infamous Charles Hatfield, who may have brought a deluge to San Diego, the "rainmaker" in N. Richard Nash's play 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, allowing dry seasons to become arid lifetimes. If you don't look too closely, The Rainmaker's a lightweight crowd-kisser, stuffed with by-the-numbers symbolism. It gets dated fast, however, between the lines, and its abrupt Kansas-to-Oz epiphany's tough to believe. Especially at the North Coast Rep. where Joe Powers' Starbuck lacks the charisma to make the miracle glow (that he replicates Burt Lancaster's speech rhythms from the movie adds to the discrepancy). The production has two plusses: as Lizzie, whether clearing a table in a jiff or sliding across the floor on her knees. Julie Jacobs is so vibrant she almost deconstructs the script into an exposé of male domination; and Marty Burnett's scenic design combines three richly textured locales on the NCRT's small stage. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, LO-MAS SANTA FE PLAZA, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH FEBRUARY 15; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055

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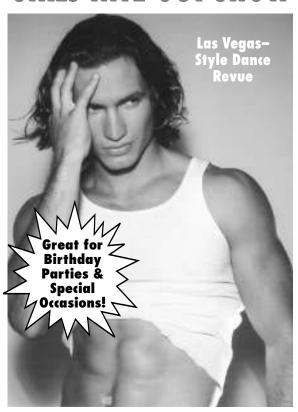
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petitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art.' Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. 619-465-7469.

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 threehour-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 on-ward 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 be-come propellers. When Jennifer Setlow's subtle lights seal off the stage, we're 20,000 feet aloft in AT6 trainers.

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Kevin Hellman, executive director of the San Diego Music Awards, has come forward with the amount that the awards has contributed to

have to wait until schools are...prepared to use them.... Our donations are usually made in September and February, but only if schools agree to be a part of the Taylor Guitars for Schools program. This requires a commitment to care for the guitars, as well as a qualified teacher for the classes.... If



the city schools.

"We have donated \$7379 to purchase guitars. We have an additional \$12,324 in our account that will be donated for guitars within the next 30 to 60 days. That's a total of \$19,703 from the 2003 net."

He said the reason most of the 2003 money has not been given to Taylor Guitars, the company that builds the guitars, is because there are still outstanding bills from the October awards.

"I can't pay out everything until all bills are paid. We also schools stop the program, the guitars are returned to Taylor.

We then re-donate them to

another school.'

When asked why he did not list these figures on www.sandiegomusicawards. com, Hellman said, "That's a very good point, and when I re-create the site - hopefully in February — I'll do just that. As a nonprofit, we have to let the IRS know exactly what is donated, so I have everything, to the penny, in my books.

— Ken Leighton

"Across the country, reggae shows have been taken off the air," said Moss Jacobs of Nederlander of California. Jacobs is the promoter for the 23rd

Annual Bob Marley Day Festival February 16 at the San Diego Sports

Arena. Jacobs said that he has a longstanding, exclusive arrangement with Clear Channel's 91X to promote the

annual Bob Marley concert.

It's not surprising that San Diego is the only city in the country to still have reggae. Reggae Makossa is San Diego's longest-running radio show. Makeda Dread launched Reggae Makossa on 91X in 1983.

Ruben Selah, manager of Trade Roots, San Diego's biggest reggae-oriented retail store, says he is happy that San Diego gets a new twohour reggae radio show named after Bob Marley. He says 80 percent of his

transactions at the 19-yearold store in Old Town come from the sale of reggae CDs or records.

Brunch with Boh and Friends debuts Sunday on FM 94/9. The new host of Brunch



HOUGH'S REGGAE SHOW MAKES 3 ON SUNDAY

with Bob is Tommy Hough — who was 12 when Marley died in 1981. He said his show will focus on Marley and his catalog. "It's not a reggae show. It's a Bob Marley show." He said cuts by Peter Tosh or Steel Pulse may get thrown in. But don't expect any ska, dancehall, or Eek-A-Mouse cuts.

San Diego now has three reggae shows, and they all air on Sunday: Reggae Makossa (8–10 p.m. on 91X); Yard Sound with Ras Charles (4-6 p.m. on AM 1000 KCEO),

and Brunch with Bob and Friends (10 a.m.-noon on FM

— Ken Leighton

This Sunday's Super **Bowl features local music** — but you'll have to wait for the Subway commercial to hear it.

Rafter Roberts and Glenn Galloway, of local bands Bunky and Soul-Junk, respectively, are co-owners of Singing Serpent, a company that composes ad jingles for clients such as Mercedes-Benz, Citibank, Panasonic, and PlayStation. They have nine employees, all of whom

play in local bands or are involved in the local music scene, including Kenseth Thibideau (bass player in the Sleeping People), Brent Asbury

(drummer in Aspects of Physics), and Arabella "Araby" Harrison (bass player in the And/Ors).

Though Roberts and

Galloway have to keep a lid on the specifics of the Subway spot, Singing Serpent has composed for the sandwich behemoth before.

"There's a section where they show the food, and there's a little sitar bit that Brent did," says Roberts. "In the end, where it plays the little identifying song, Kenseth did that.'

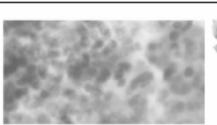
Roberts and Galloway have used a variety of local musicians to fill requests for certain types of music, including Tomcat Courtney, who sang the blues for Mercedes, and the Downs



SINGING SERPENT HITS PAY DIRT WITH MAYBELLINE

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Calendar Music scene

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session in which Mario Escoveda of the Dragons and other musicians were hired to make a lot of noise for Coors Light.

"[It was] just something awful...not even a parody," said Roberts. "I think it was, like, to the tune of 'The Hokey Pokey.'"

According to Roberts, they've been asked to cover a number of genres. "Araby faked an orgasm while there was a guitar solo, you know, just the most abhorrent creation."

Though Singing Serpent composes most of the music in the studio and rarely uses songs from local bands' existing catalogues, they are considering putting together a music-licensing division.

"Most of the time, if [a job] comes in, they aren't going to ask for indie rock," says Roberts. "They aren't going to ask for anything that we're even remotely into as artists...but we can adapt."

Roberts recently worked on two commercials for the

cosmetics company Maybelline with his girlfriend, Bunky drummer/vocalist Emily Iovce.

"One of them I did in an hour and a half, because, you know, house music is just dumb and simple.... I banged it out, they liked it, and they gave us \$30,000."

"[The other] was kind of like a smoothed-out, triphop, Missy Elliott kind of feel, and then Emily sang at the end, 'Maybe it's Maybelline....' We have performed it live. You know, we're not averse to playing the hits."

Roberts and Joyce got a chance to play more jingles on their last West Coast tour with the Castanets. "The only gig that we really made any money at was a Levi's corporate party," says Roberts. "We had just done some ungodly amount of spots for Levi's...and they wanted us to stop by and play at the launch party for their new jeans that they're selling at Wal-Mart. We learned a few songs from the campaign, they put Levi's shirts and illfitting pants on us, and we played extended versions of the commercials for a silly long time.... Basically they just ignored us for, like, 45 minutes and then they gave us \$3000.... They were nice though; they had coffee and donuts.'

— Pat Sherman

"They haven't made the toy in years."

However, that didn't stop Mattel from sending the three-man band Vertibird a cease-and-desist letter demanding they stop using the same name as the company's helicopter-like

toy. "Vertibirds are collector's items," says bassist/song-writer/singer Jack Reynolds. "They sell for big money on eBay."

Reynolds said it was hard to part with his band name of ten years.

ten years. "We let them know we were not some sort of death metal band. They sent us a licensing agreement that said we could use the name for free as long as we submitted all artwork and logos for approval. They said we could

only use it as long as they let us. That kind of screwed us. They may have wanted a cut [eventually]."

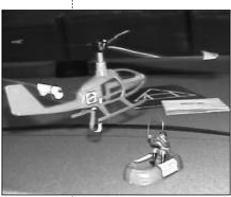
The band did not respond to Mattel within the 30 days demanded in the letter.

"They said, 'We gave you a chance, now you can't use the name anymore.' That was a year ago. We pretty much

have been flying under the radar while we reevaluate our situation."

That reevaluation has led to their new name — Momma.

"It was one of the first words people learn. It is in everyone's subconscious," Reynolds says about the new band name. He has found no other rock bands named Momma. "I searched the Library of Congress. The only thing I could find was a comic strip. But I'm not concerned because it's a common name."



THIS TOY IS THE REASON THEY'RE NOW CALLED 'MOMMA'

Momma (formerly Vertibird) appears tonight and every Thursday in February at Java Joe's in the SDSU College Area; 9:30 p.m., \$3 donation.

— Ken Leighton

The 101 Artists'
Colony in Encinitas may be on the move.

Jim Austin, Robert Lusitana, and Steve Timmons, a trio of local



DANNY PREPARES FOR ANOTHER MOVE

entrepreneurs known as NoCo, have notified Colony president Danny Salzhandler that they have interest in using the 2400-square-foot facility for their own purposes when the current lease expires in February. The Colony is located near the railroad tracks on E Street and has housed visual art and had musical performances for the last three years. NoCo owns the building.

The three NoCo owners used to be known as the youth culture outfitter Redsand, Inc., but they sold that company to Perry Ellis as of January 1.

"We're sort of in a state of limbo right now," Salzhandler says. "This is not something [these guys are]...doing lightly. They know what we mean to the community."

– Randy Hoffman

"Leave Michael alone,

he stands for peace and love and everything that's good in this world!" yelled the tall woman with short black hair, wearing a long gray dress and a white armband.

She also held a large photo of Michael Jackson attached to a wooden stick. She was alone, standing in front of the Hall of Justice on West Broadway the morning of Friday, January 16.

"Leave Michael Jackson alone!" her voice cried out to the people entering and exiting the courthouse.

Several people said to her, "Hey, lady, you're at the wrong place."

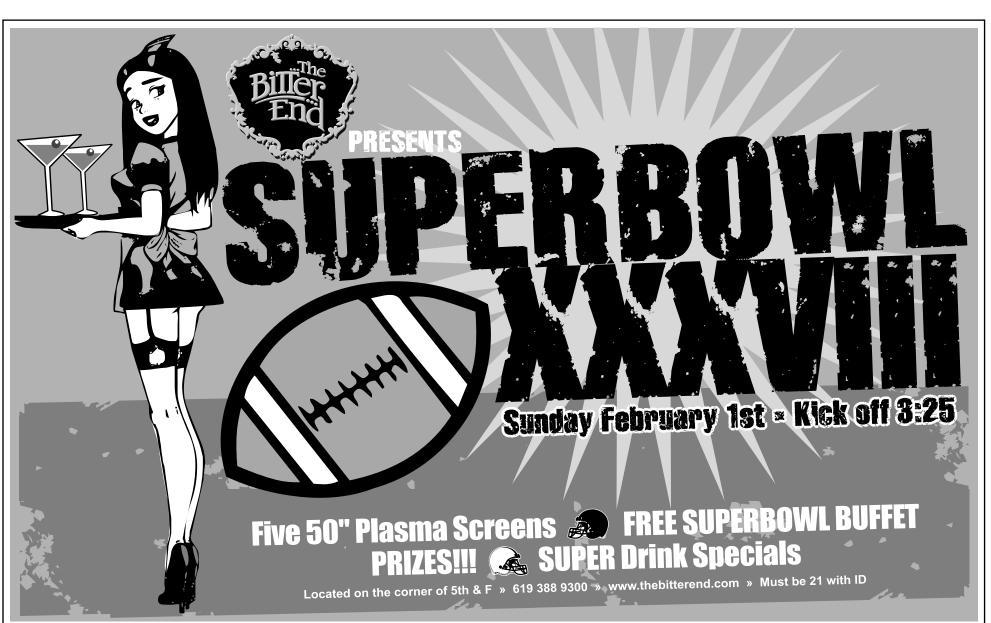
Someone else said, "Shouldn't you be in Santa Barbara?"

"We're protesting in front of every California courthouse!" she said. "We're protesting the injustice treatment [sic] of Michael by the California powers that be!"

"We?" she was asked.
"Who's 'we'?"

She handed out small flyers for the Leave Michael Jackson Alone website (www.petitiononline.com/jacksonm/petition.html).

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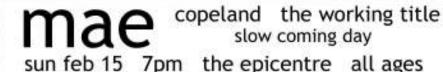


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bemused smile behind his sunglasses.

"Michael is being persecuted!" she cried. "The same wav Rome went after Jesus Christ! The powers that be see something beautiful, they're afraid of it and want to destroy it!"

Walking by, a blonde woman in a pale blue suit said, "Jackson isn't Jesus, you know.

"Take a stand! First Michael, who is next?"

A paralegal, leaving the courthouse with a stack of files, said, "The First Amendment has to be a wonderful thing.

– Michael Hemmingson

"I phoned the **Zombie Lounge**

and asked 'em, 'Those panties you sell, are they used or new?"" says my friend Brandon.

"Panties?" I ask. "That's what their ad says.

Anyway, the guy on the other line huffs and hangs up. So I go check the place out. I like zombies."

Brandon has a collection of more than 200 zombie movies from all over the world.

Brandon continues. "I walk in, and it's like I'm in another universe. Arms and chests and backs with a thousand tattoos, greased back hair, muscle shirts, the whole look is down, and there's the rockabilly babes that are dead-ringers for Betty Page. Good music, though. Crazy stuff."

"It's called psychobilly," I said.

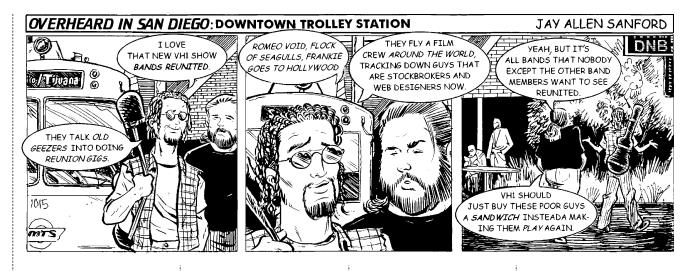
"Why is it," he wondered, "that all these rockabilly babes are over six feet tall?"



ZOMBIE LOUNGE ADAM'S APPLE CHECK

I said, "Did you check for Adam's apples?"

— Michael Hemmingson



Real estate broker leff

Paiste has squired several famous musicians around San Diego in their search for digs to buy or rent, including Bread frontman David Gates and the late George Harrison.

"Gates is a real regular country kind of guy," says Paiste, who sold a North County house to the 1970s crooner last year. Bread scored over a dozen Top 40 hits, but it was a local gig that inspired him to take up residence in San Diego County.

Paiste says, "He was at 4th & B [July 12, 1997], and I met him backstage. I was just there to see the show, and I waited around to meet him after the show to get him to sign one of my Bread albums. I told him I sell real estate in the area, and he said, 'Cool, I

was just saying that this would be a great place to own a house,' so I gave him my business card.

Paiste says the singer came to town to check out homes several times over the past few years, only recently settling on a seven-room, two-story house. "I was pretty stoked he signed my album, but it was even cooler to have him sign the deed!"

The late George Harrison was also in search of property, and Paiste drove him around once as well. "He was actually staying on a yacht, moored in the harbor. . I think it was Eric Clapton's [yacht]. He used to come here once in a while to meditate at [near] Swami's in Encinitas [the Self-Realization Fellowship, not the beach overlook], and he

was thinking about actually buying a house here. He said Swami's is his favorite place to meditate outside his [UK] home and in India.

Harrison thought so highly of the Self-Realization Fellowship that he sometimes lived on the grounds while visiting his North County sitar mentor Ravi Shankar, who lives in Encinitas. Harrison also donated a portion of proceeds from the 2002 rerelease of his song "My Sweet Lord" to the fellowship.

Paiste remembers, "He wanted a house within a few miles of Swami's, but there was nothing available. We looked at a few places in La Jolla, but he didn't like anything.

Asked if he found Harrison to be the "regular

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guy" that Gates was, Paiste says, "Well, not really. He didn't say much, except to bitch about this or that, about traffic, about the houses, about the side of the road."

The side of the road?

'Yeah, he couldn't believe all the trash people throw out of their cars. We were on the highway and saw a couch on the curb, then a chair, and then some busted-up furniture. George looked really disgusted and said, You should drive the homeless around and pick this stuff up, furnish an apartment for them.' "

— Jay Allen Sanford

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couple of months ago, DeForest Thornburgh left the world of high-tech computer support and bought the Blue Guitar shop on India Street. Thornburgh lives in the Clairemont area and finger picks a little himself. In his

youth, he played venues like LA's Golden Palomino club. He has owned an iRiver iFP-190TC MP3 player for about six months; it is roughly the size of a triangular tube of lipstick.

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MUSIC PREFERENCES: Hawaiian music from the '30s and '40s like Ukulele Ike. ("Everyone knows him as the voice of Jiminy Cricket. Back in the '20s, he was a Broadway star. Some of his records were kinda racy. When he became Jiminy Cricket, Uncle Walt told him to tone it down.") Other prominent pickers in Thornburgh's catalog include John Fahey, Leo Kottke, Django

Reinhardt, and the guitarist Buckethead of recent Guns 'n' Roses fame.

DOWNLOADS: for the most part, Thornburgh rips his own CDs and downloads them into his iRiver.

DOWNLOADS DAVE GOOD "I bought the iRiver from Fry's because they happened to have it in stock. I've got 82 songs downloaded so far. I use it mostly for

music, but sometimes I use it for taking documents and pictures back and forth between a couple of computers I use. It connects to a computer via a USB cable. They [iRiver] are constantly updating the software and the drivers. They keep putting more functionality into it. If I'm out and about, it's nice because it's so portable. It's like a pendant around your neck. It came with Sennheiser earbuds. Also, because you don't have a bunch of bulky CDs, I'll take it to Palm Springs and listen to it around the pool.

"It's also got a little device that you plug into the headphone jack and it actually transmits to your car radio. And I teach [guitar and ukulele] with it. Usually there's a radio in the teaching room [at the Blue Guitar], and I'll play some Ukulele Ike or some swing jazz for different



DeForest Thornburgh

rhythms, and I can use the FM transmitter to do that. That works out real well. The transmitter is made by Rio. That's a separate deal — a hundred bucks or so."

Problems with the iRiver? "Nope. Absolutely flawless. It's really easy to use. You can use Windows and copy from one folder to another. It kind of works like a disc drive. Why did I buy it? I wanted a fun toy, and I like the fact that it's real tiny and portable. All the kids were doing it," he laughs, "so I wanted to do it too." Most adventurous place used? "I used it at the DMV," he says. "I was waiting at the DMV and I brought it along to help while away the time."

DeForest Thornburgh's top-ten list:

1. "Hula Girl" — Sol Hoopii

2. "The Third Man Theme" — Liberace

3. "That's All There Is and There Ain't No More" — Ukulele Ike

4. "Fascinatin' Rhythm" — Ukulele Ike

5. "I'm Gonna Do All I Can for My Lord" — John Fahey

6. "West Coast Blues" — John Fahey

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SATURDAY

Paco de Lucía: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, January 31, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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Travis: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, January 31, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

The Wailers [759]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, January 31, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

MONDAY

Josh Groban: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, February 2, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

B.B. King [927] and **Earl** Thomas [946]: 4th & B, Tuesday, February 3, 8 p.m., 345 B Street,



BY DAVE GOOD

Guitarist Alan Iglesias says, "I have a ritual...I Super Glue my fingers together. People tease me and say I'm only doing it because Stevie Ray Vaughan did it, but that's not true." Iglesias insists that in order to play like Vaughan did, you've got to glue your fingers. "If you don't, the skin pulls away from the fingernail and your fingers bleed. And it hurts." So, night after night, Iglesias pours Super Glue into the little spaces between nail and fingertip. "When you're done, you've got this big tool you can file down."

That Iglesias resembles Vaughan is a job requirement. He heads up an SRV tribute band called Crossfire in which he nails Vaughan's style of guitar playing with uncanny accuracy. Sings like him, too. And, trickery or not, it works. Listen to Crossfire at the bar with your back turned and it's hard to believe it's not Double Trouble live at the El Mocambo, "Here's the key," says Iglesias. "I don't try to sound like Vaughan. I try to feel what he was feeling when he played and sang. That almost transcends the playing," In other words, he channels Vaughan? "I try to," he admits.

Iglesias's stage outfits are accurate to the nth degree. He's banged up his Stratocaster in all the right places, even got himself a black bandito hat just like

Vaughan's. "Putting the hat on is special for me. It came from the same place that Stevie got his. I don't even want to tell you how much it cost me."

Audiences for original music are slim. but bands that look and play like someone else are in high demand. "People have said that they come to the gig to tell me what I'm doing wrong. Then, after a set, they tell me,



sometimes with tears in their eyes, 'You're the real deal. We came all the way from [wherever] to rip you apart and to tell you that you can't do this thing. Nobody,' they say, 'can play like Stevie Ray Vaughan, except you

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Band [707]: East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, February 3 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street. El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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Leahy [840]: Mandeville Auditorium, Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497

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FEBRUARY

Lee Ritenour [674]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 5, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

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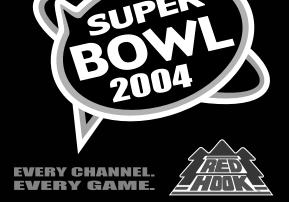
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Brad Wolf: Grand Cabaret. Saturday, February 7, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Olivia Newton-John: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Sunday, February 8, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

Marvin Hamlisch [608]: East County Performing Arts Center, Sunday, February 8, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Samples [497] and **Gayle Riet:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 8, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or

Rickie Lee Jones [422]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 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

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"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] and Anva Marina [118]: The Casbah, Saturday February 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Saturday, 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 Show Room, Sunday, February 15, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

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"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, 7 p.m., 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.

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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]: Pala Casino Events Center, 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 Caion. 619-440-2277.

Steve Tyrell: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Daryl Hall & John Oates [483]: Pechanga Theater Show Room, 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.

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 Show Room, 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.

Aceyalone, the Visionaries, and Bus Driver: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 2, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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 [504] 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], Grandaddy, and the Fire Theft: SOMA, Tuesday, March 9, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, March 10, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Method Man [189]: 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 [857] 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 [190]: 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: Pala Casino Events Center, 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 [953]: 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** [956]: 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 or 619-220-8497.

Blonde Redhead: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

"Sea of Faces Tour" with Kutless, Thousand Foot Krutch, and FM Static: Point Loma Nazarene University, Sunday, March 21, 7 p.m., PLNU Campus, Point Loma. 714-573-0245 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, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

APRIL

A Perfect Circle and Mars Volta: Cox Arena, Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Tony Bennett: Pechanga Theater Show Room, 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]: Pala Casino Events Center, 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 [612]: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

Boney James: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Friday, April 30, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

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¡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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ALTERNATIVE

Aerial 6: Soma

The American Luxury: The Casbah

Best Interest: Epicentre

The Biddy Bums: Lestat's

Blizzard: Soma The Bronx: The Casbah

The Cadaver Dogs: Tio Leo's

Concord: Brick By Brick Cue Dorian: Epicentre

Deadline Friday: Winstons

The Dirthombs: The Cashah **Double Clutch:** Epicentre

The Dragons [115]: The Kensington

Dreaming of Tanks: California

Duvall: The Casbah The 88: The Casbah

Electrocrypt: Scolari's Office

The Enchanted [220]: Galoka

Fall Out Boy: Soma

The Fiery Furnaces: The Casbah

Flight Risk: Longshot Saloon The Four Chambered Story: Soma

Fuse Box: Soma

The Great Awakening: Soma The Hip-Hop Hoodies: 'Canes

Homegrown [172]: Soma

How's My Driving?: Dream Street

Lady Dottie & the Diamonds:

Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone

Ted Leo & the Pharmacists: The

The Licorice Quartet: The

The Lobster Tank Divers: Dream

Loud Residence: Bub's Whiskey

Lucky Jeremy: The Casbah

Madcap: Soma Mest: Soma

Metric: Brick By Brick

The Mexico City Rollers: $\operatorname{The}\nolimits$

Momma: Java Joe's

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One Theory: Dream Street The Parker Theory: Soma Pridebowl: Soma

Quarter Down: Brick By Brick Rayleigh Scattering: California

Rebel, Rebel: Scolari's Office

Red Tape: The Casbah Regime: Brick By Brick

Scaramanga: California Club

Session: Dream Street Shotgun Vegas: Soma

The Sights: The Casbah The Silence: Longshot Saloon

Slewfoot: Sham Rocks Shack

Something Like Silas: Soma

South: Brick By Brick

Stellar: Dream Street Straight No Chaser: The Casbah

Stripped Down Hollywood:

Swandive: California Club Swanky Futon: Dream Street

Sweetness: The Casbah

Swillbelly: Brick By Brick

The Sympathy Hounds: Tio Leo's

Tall Midget: Dream Street

The Teeth: The Kensington Club This Holiday Life [145]: Soma

Transmutate: Longshot Saloon

T.S.O.L. [298]: The Casbah

The Ultra Prix: Scolari's Office

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The Abuse [441]: Longshot Saloon Agave: Moondoggies

The B Street Band: Hard Rock Cafe

The Bastards of Glory [409]: Tio

Blind Date: Janie's Cocktails Brain Bucket: Tiki House

John Compton: Dream Street Criminal Funk: Cannibal Bar

The Decoys: O'Connell's Pub and

DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

DJ Frances: Martini Ranch

DJ Jalil: Martini Ranch (Encinitas) DJ T: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

DJ Tone Capone: Martini Ranch

DJ Tony A: Martini Ranch

Dr. Strut: Carvers

The Elastic Waste Band: Winstons

The Evil Twins: Di-mond lim's

The Global Funk Council [520]:

4-Sale: Surf N'Saddle

Hard to Break: Tiki House

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's

The Jackson 3 [495]: North Bar

Sports & Spirits, Island Sports & Spirits

Jiggawatt: Blind Melons Jumpstart: Humphrey's

The Jen Knight Band: Dream Street

Lackluster Hero: Dream Street

Los Lonely Boys: Winstons The Noise Boys: O'Connell's Pub

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and

ROMANCE(

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

Red-Handed: The Kraken

R.O.K.: Dirk's Niteclub Scar'd Sanity: Dream Street

The Scavengers: On The Rocks Eve Selis [410]: Cannibal Bar

Serious Guise: Second Wind

The Stilletos: Island Sports & Spirits Stolen: Tiki House

The Tall Dudes: On The Rocks

Thin Lizzy: Brick By Brick

This Side Up: Dream Street

Vaguero: Over the Border

The Ventilators: Coyote Bar and

Wild Child: 'Canes

The Christy Wilson Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

The Zen Dogs: Surf N'Saddle

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Humphrey's James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel

The Fabulous Pelicans: Vieias

Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley Makai: Marriott Hotel (Mission Valley), Viejas Casino

The New Breed Band: Dick's Last

Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky

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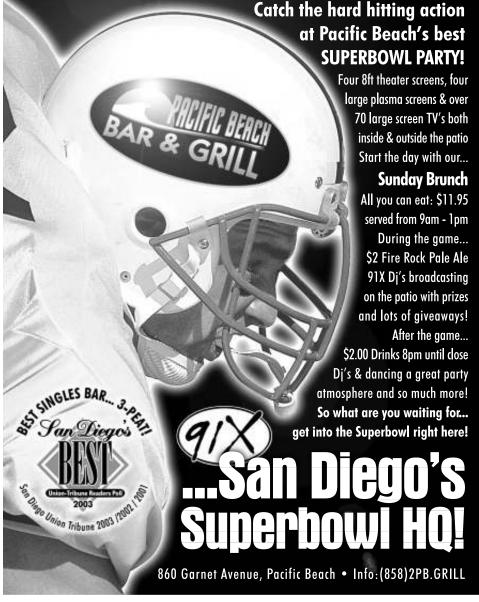
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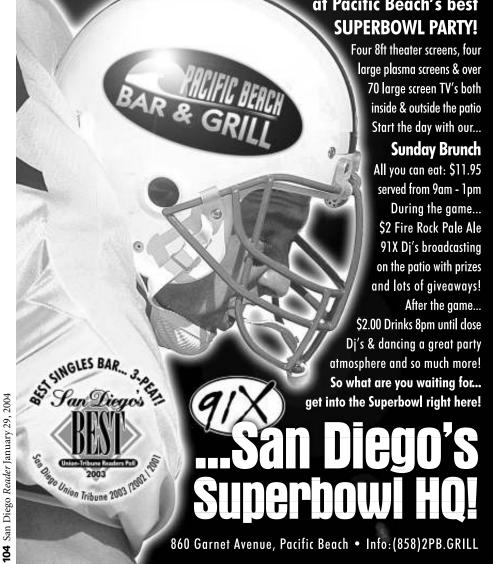
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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

Blue 44: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Blue Largo [636]: Tio Leo's Lounge

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado John Cain [703]: Hotel del

Anna Callahan: Dizzy's

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Onvx

The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and

Jo Dark: The German-American

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Eleanor England: Lestat's

The Aubrey Fay Band: Redfields Lounge & Bistro

Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge

The Greyboy Allstars [675]: 4th &

The Cynthia Hammond Trio: La Costa Tournament of Champio Lounge

Tamir Hendelman: Dizzv's

The High Society Jazz Band: Bali

Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del

Barbara Jamerson: U.S. Grant Hotel, Hotel del Coronado

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Danielle LoPresti & the Masses [452]: Dizzy's

Joe Marillo [645]: Elario's Bistro &

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Sean McVicker: Elario's Bistro &

Jerry Melnick: Rancho Bernardo

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]:

Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Sue Palmer [641]: Caffe Calabria

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel, Moray's Lounge, Elario's Bistro & Sky

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Shaw: Dizzy's

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Coyote Bar and Grill, Jimmy Love's

Sr.G.O.: Brazil by the Bay

Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

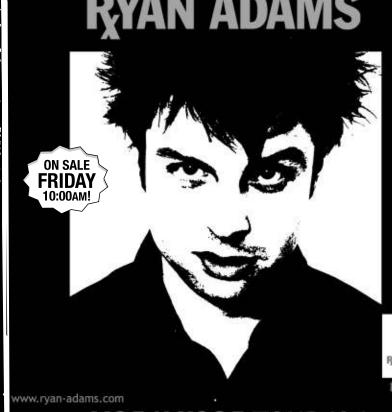
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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Irie Dingo: Fannie's

The Lights of Zion: Blind Melons

The Israel Moldonado Band:

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Psydecar [740]: Winstons

The Tribe of Kings: Galoka, Martini

The Wailers [759]: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's

Coyote Moon: Renegade Inn Nitro Express [762]: Don's Cocktail

Smith & Western: Mulvaney's

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / **FOLK**

and Coffee Company

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea

Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Dublin Fusion: Dublin Square

John Foltz: Miracles Cafe

4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and

Jenn Grinels: Blarney Stone Pub

The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould

Jaime James: Lestat's Coffeehouse Kippy Marks: Sassafras Bar and Grill

Nodlaig: Dublin Square

Carlos Olmeda: Humphrey's Raggle Taggle: Dublin Square

Ron's Garage: McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Dick's Last Resort

Sven-Erik Seaholm: Humphrey's

London Stevens: Humphrey's

Victoria Rose: Sassafras Bar and

3 Simple Words: Hennessey's

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

"Where have all the rude boys gone?" asks Ted Leo in one song. He's not just making a pun on that terrible Paula Cole song about cowboys; he's being nostalgic for the early '80s British ska revival, when fans were called "rude boys."

Leo and his band the **Pharmacists** live in the United States, not Britain, and they don't play ska, but there's something about their sound that evokes that era when popular music could address racism and class politics and still make people want to dance. His lyrics are so wordy that he often gasps for breath between lines, like early Elvis Costello, Joe Jackson, or Squeeze, And like those British artists, the Pharmacists have organ-fueled sound that's rooted in the '60s without sounding retro. The band is fantastic, but Leo is the center of attention. That's because his voice conveys the kind of confidence and enthusiasm that's been lacking in independent music for a long time. Even in fast numbers, when he could probably get away with shouting, Leo packs melody into his lines, often swooping up into falsetto. It could sound corny, but he pulls it off. (It's not only an artistic risk, it's also dan-

gerous: Leo almost lost his voice for good at a show last year.)

But his literate lyrics demand attention almost as much as his voice. There are plenty of college-educated punk-influenced rockers who might sing, "I never believed in T.E. Lawrence, so how the hell could I believe in Beau Geste?" But Leo



somehow does it without sounding like he's showing off.

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BLUES / SOUL

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The Boogiemen: The Gordon

Broken Chains: The Metaphor

Lee Brown: Humphrey's

The CeeCee James Band: Pounder's, Bub's Whiskey Dive

W.C. Clark [926]: Humphrey's Coupe de Ville: Pal Joey's

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Shooters Bar and Grill, Robbie's Roadhouse, Chateau

Shane Dwight: Patrick's II

Robin Henkel [914]: Covote Bar

The Int'l Silver Strings Submarine Band: The Book Works/Pannikin

Johnny "B" Blues: Coyote Bar and Johnny Voodoo: Second Wind (San

B.B. King [927]: 4th & B Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro

& Sky Lounge

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

Nite Life [934]: Pal Joey's

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: Tiki

The Nik Simon Band: Patrick's II

The Swingin' Kings [916]: Coyote Bar and Grill

Earl Thomas [946]: 4th & B

Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Uncle Bob & the Earthmovers:

Billy Watson: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

Sammy Dale Canonidado: Cafe

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel Dean Paul Ratzman: La Scala

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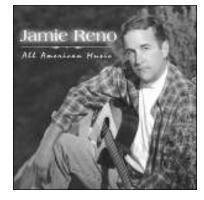
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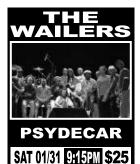
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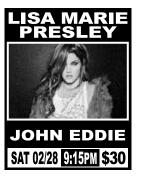


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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Love Rangers,

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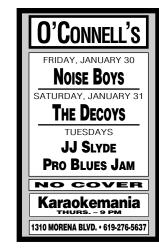
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Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety piano

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Album Name: The Red West (2003)

Artist: The Red West Label: Atlantic Records

Songs: 1) It's Not Easy 2) Don't Fall In 3) Twenty-One 4) The Balance 5) Scorn 6) At the Door 7) Days Die 8) Disappear 9) Crazy Cold 10) Strange Love Hate 11) I Forgot 12) Forever

Price/Where Available: amazon.com for \$10.99 Band Members: Jayson Belt. Andy Smith. Matt Bethancourt.

Ryan Gleason

Extra Info: The Red West formed in 2001 when Jayson and Andy, then roommates at Biola University (a Christian school in La Mirada), began writing songs together.

Website: www.theredwest.com

The Red West, a Southern California band that plays the Scene and Soma, has got the alternative pop rock sound down. The wailing from frontman Jayson Belt makes it even

more convincing. "Forever isn't what you said / it was someone else's voice instead / forever isn't what you meant / one breath away from time well spent."

The debut has a handful

of good songs. "Days Die" sparks feeling thanks to an added trumpet, and "Crazy Cold," the album's intended standout track, approaches ballad status. Sadly, subsequent tracks like "Disappear" and "Strange Love Hate," though faster and catchier, are beyond the salvation of a hooky chorus. The band's problem is their adherence to formula. This is a good band that needs to push itself a little further to be original.

Some allure is found in the idiosyncrasies of the guitar work, but the foursome spends most of their time experimenting, as if they hope to convey all the feeling of disillusionment in one guitar stroke. It's a little too touchy-feely male anxiety for me, but it must work for today's young males because these guys have played on two surf soundtracks (Tav-



The Red West

lor Steele's Drive Thru and The Blueprint by Chad Campbell), the 2002 U.S. Open of Surfing, and on the WB's reality show Boarding House, North Shore.

(To hear a sample of The Red West, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4498.)

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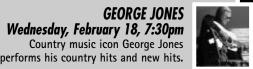
Three-time Oscar winner and composer of film scores & Broadway shows. His best-known works include the musical score for "The Way We Were," and the Pulitzer Prize winning show, A Chorus Line.



OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN Monday, February 16, 7:30pm Pop singer Olivia Newton John brings her

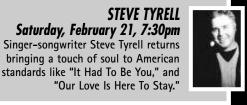
70's and 80's hits to the ECPAC stage, her voice and face are still as sweet as ever.

GEORGE JONES Wednesday, February 18, 7:30pm Country music icon George Jones



JUKE BOX GIANTS Friday, February 20, 7:30pm Herman's Hermits star Peter Noone and singer songwriter Stephen Bishop.

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Thursday, Brain Bucket, acoustic rock Friday, the Rockin' Blues Hounds, blues. Saturday, Hard to Break and Stolen, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open acoustic night.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, Deadline Friday, alternative. Friday, Psydecar, reggae/funk. Saturday, Global Funk Council and Israel Moldonado Band, reggae/rock. Monday, Elastic Waste Band, rock. Tuesday, Los Lonely Boys, rock.

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Bali Hai, 2230 Sheraton Island Drive, San Diego. 619-222-1181. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, *Jenn Grinels*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Larger Than Leon*, alternative.

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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, Swillbelly, Fith, Concord, and Quarter Down. Sunday, South and Metric. Tuesday, Thin Lizzy, Seven Train, and Regime.

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, Scaramanga, Dreaming of Tanks, and Swandive. Saturday, Rayleigh Scattering.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Saturday, *Best Interest, Stripped Down Hollywood, Cue Dorian*, and *Double Clutch*, alternative/rock.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Boogiemen,* R&B.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, Carol Ames, Sven-Erik Seaholm, London Stevens, and Carlos Olmeda, original acoustic rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Lee Brown, pop, 9:30 p.m., Rising Star, disco/pop. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Jumpstart, classic rock, 9:30 p.m., W.C. Clark, blues. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, smooth jazz. Tuesday, Lenny RankinUs Players, rock/soul.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

Java Joe's, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Thursday, *Momma*, alternative. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, open mike. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

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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.

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O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the Noise Boys*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Decoys*, rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.





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Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street. San Diego. 619-296-3546. Saturday, Electrocrypt, Rebel Rebel, and the Ultra Prix, alternative.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Johnny Voodoo, blues/rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Caion Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live alternative/rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/heavy rock. Friday, *Fuse* Box, The Great Awakening, Blizzard, Pridebowl, Four Chambered Story, and Aerial 6. Saturday, This Holiday Life, Something Like Silas, Parker Theory, and Shotgun Vegas. Wednesday, Mest, Homegrown, Fall Out Boy, and

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot* Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, Blue Largo, blues. Saturday, Cadaver Dogs, Bastards of Glory, and Sympathy Hounds, alternative. Monday, swing. Tuesday, zydeco.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Celtic Ensemble. Wednesday, open mike.

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Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise Jazz Quartet. Friday, 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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Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 7:30 p.m., Danielle LoPresti & the Masses, and guests. Saturday, 8 p.m., Anna Callahan, Tamir Hendelman, Rick Shao, and Jamey Tate, jazz.

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Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown, 619-235-6100, Sunday, the Tribe of Kings, reggae. Wednesday, 9 p.m., the David Patrone Quartet,

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Tuesday, *Gilbert* Castellanos, Latin jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown, 619-233-3077. Music is blues, Thursday, Nik Simon Band Friday and Saturday, Shane Dwight.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D.* Boucharde, piano.

Saturday, 9 p.m., the Aubrey Fay Band, jazz, R&B.

Sassafras Bar and Grill, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Friday, *Kippy Marks*, violinist. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Victoria Rose, classical guitar and Celtic harp.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, vntown, 619-233-5979, Thursday, Primo, Latin jazz. Tuesday and Wednesday, live salsa.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, pianist.

Bar: Thursday, Barbara Jamerson,

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Sunday and Monday, Julio de la Huerta, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, Faith Page,

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza. 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Stellita* and *Joe* Tarrantino, pop.

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CLIENTELE ➤ 21-and-up in

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have a taco stand that extends outside. The manager said, "We're the only one around here that has these tacos."

ACCESS ➤ one mile west of I-5 (go too far and you'll end up in Coronado); only 25 parking spots, and I saw two cars almost hit each other as they circled looking for a spot; you can park on nearby streets, but it's a bit of a walk

DRESS ➤ casual; 75% of the older Mexican men wore western outfits and cowboy hats, and women were in dresses (two women had leather skirts)

DANCE FLOOR ➤ 30' by 30' FIRE EXITS ➤ three — the main entrance from restaurant, one to the left of the stage, and one near the back bar

BATHROOMS ➤ men's (written in English and Spanish) had two urinals, two stalls, a "no smoking" sign, and graffiti scratched into mirror; the women's had three stalls, one sink, one mirror, and no graffiti; both had liquid soap, paper towels, and were clean

CAPACITY ➤ 350

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ pool table and foosball at one area of the

FURNISHINGS ➤ 40 tables that seat four in the nightclub; 8 booths in restaurant; two small bars on opposite sides of nightclub; one had red and blue neon lights around it and a neon light of a martini, the other just a blue neon light; disco ball and colored lights near stage, beer mirrors and posters; all carpeted, and lots of mirrors on walls

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 98 when a band with two percussionists played; last week at Margarita's in Tiiuana it was 115

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN

LAST MONTH ➤ Los Canelos de Durango ("the cinnamon-colored of Durango")

QUOTABLE ➤ "This salsa is hot."

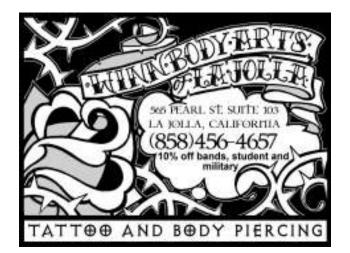
The manager said, "We've been here for 49 years. A few of those years were right across the street."

I asked about the bands, and he said, "They all play cover songs. Popular Spanish songs." He said there's a DJ named George that will play house music.

On the nights when there is live music, they will usually have two or three bands. If it's only one band, it's usually a more popular band from Mexico. The only thing I understood of the banter was when the singer said "Gracias" after each song as the crowd applauded. I enjoyed the two percussionists. One was on a regular drum set; the other played cowbells and other percussion.

– Josh Board





rock. Friday and Saturday, the Evil

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8.30 p.m. Barbara Jamerson, jazz.

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Ray Briz Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., Joey West. Monday through Wednesday,

6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *John Cain*. Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Shep Meyers Quartet. Friday through Sunday, and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Daniel Jackson, jazz.

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Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, the Stilletos, rockabilly. Saturday, the Jackson 3, rock. Janie's Cocktails, 656 E Street, Chula Vista. 619-420-9951. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., Blind Date,

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, the Offbeats, rock. Friday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Saturday, 4-Way Street, acoustic.

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Sunday, Vaquero, rock en español.

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Casa Picante, 10757 Woodside Avenue, Santee. 619-258-5557. Call club for information.

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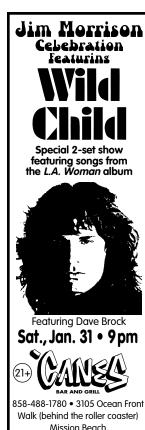
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On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday, the Tall Dudes, rock. Saturday, the Scavengers, classic rock/blues.

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Rix Bar & Grill, 7353 El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-460-7499. Saturday and Wednesday, live '80s rock.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic

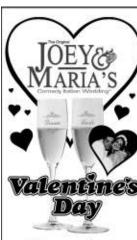
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Carrying the Torch

Last week, while considering the self-described alta cocina mexicana at the new Latin Room, I realized it was high time to revisit the restaurant that pioneered this culinary genre in the Gaslamp, Candelas

What's alta cocina? It's Spanish for "haute cuisine." Throughout the Western world, firstclass chefs are typically trained (whether at school or on-the-job) in the skills, techniques, and classic dishes of French haute cuisine. So when these talented chefs artfully treat traditional Mexican ingredients with French techniques — voila! Alta cocina mexicana.

This cooking style arose in the wealthy Polanco suburb of Mexico City, where Candelas' Chef Enrique Baeza developed his chops. Baeza's first serious gig was at Maxim's, a famed French restaurant in Mexico City proper. As he gained experience, he worked as opening chef at Viña Gourmet, Saint Honoré, and Manzanillo, pioneering this new cuisine. At Candelas, his cooking style tilts slightly toward the French end of Mexican-French fusion. No tortillas or spicy salsas appear on the table, and none of the dishes is picante enough to sting. Instead, a variety of chilies play subtle supporting roles amid softer

I first ate at Candelas four years ago, a few months after its opening, and was riveted by this cosmopolitan blending of two great cuisines. But like the Gaslamp itself, Candelas is changing and the Gaslamp isn't Polanco, either. The culinary concept remains exotic to many diners, and the restaurant still copes with a host of folks who ask, "Dude, where's my taco?" Today's bill of fare includes more steaks and elaborate salads (and fewer seafood entrées) than in the past, to provide ample dude/dudette-friendly alternatives. Some labor-intensive garnishes (e.g., broccoli flan, rather than scattered florets) have apparently vanished, as have some of the more arcane ingredients, among them the famed delicacy cuitlacoche ("corn smut")

Even with these compromises, the cuisine evidently isn't for all palates. At a recent meal, I ate with a lovely girl of the north country (a recent arrival from northeastern Oregon). She looked more and more shocked as our meal proceeded, and when the entrées appeared, she sat dead still and saucer-eyed, her fork paralyzed



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three inches above her plate. Her expression implied that there was a whole skin-on baby crocodile on the dish, rather than just a large veal chop. I still don't understand this reaction, but I guess that alta cocina is a taste that takes some developing after all.

Candelas' name doesn't exactly mean "candles" — in Mexican Śpanish, a candela is more like a tiki torch. (There are, how-

down, a busser offers the restaurant's unique version of bread and butter. You have three choices of the soft white rolls: straight up, filled with cream cheese, or deliciously dotted with jalapeño and cumin. The fluffy tan butter looks like hummus but tastes mysterious from its mixture of toasted ground hazelnuts, a hint of garlic, and an almost imperceptible touch of anchovy.

Our waiter was vivacious and enthusiastic,

easily answering our food-and-wine questions. He even steered me to the salad that would best suit my tastes. The Ensalada de Nopalitos provides a rare opportunity to sample nopal cactus pads in pristine condition. (Most restaurants buy

them already chopped, at some expense of flavor.) Here, the whole pads are peeled, grilled, and biscuit-cut to disks about a half-inch thick and three inches across. They

have a lovely, slippery texture. Baeza layers them with sliced tomatoes and mozzarella, impales the stacks on a long toothpick, and sets it atop a flurry of spring greens dressed with an oregano vinaigrette based on excellent olive oil. This would be a superb dish in summer, when the tomatoes are actually ripe.

The appetizers showcase seafoods in light treatments. One standout is the Calamares Candelas, small squid with a weightless, gentle stuffing of

Candelas

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rice flavored with tomato, onion, and a discreet pinch of morita chile. The mini-dirigibles float on a rich coral sauce, a surprising combination of tomato and creamy blue cheese. The refreshing Estructura de Aguacate offers a fan of Hass avocado heaped with cocktail shrimp, crab, and scallops in a mango-basil vinaigrette. Another of my favorites is Alcachofas Mestre (named after Candelas' owner Alberto Mestre), two fresh artichoke hearts stuffed with satiny, ruby-red raw ahi

ever, candles on all the tables.) Soon after you sit

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of a quality so superior, it would top the tuna served at half the local sushi bars. The fish carries a tang of citrus marinade, the 'chokes are capped with a frizz of Parmesan, and the sauce underneath is light, bright, and very slightly spicy.

A similar topknot of Parmesan is less judiciously employed in Ostiones Chivis, a deconstructed Mexican version of Oysters Rockefeller, where it overpowers the mild, juicy oysters. The best thing about the dish is the savory mound of bacon-dotted spinach hidden beneath the bivalves (not, as the menu claims, on top of them). An opposite problem afflicts Callos Jean, wherein a half-dozen dry-pack sea scallops are so utterly flavor dead, not even the pleasant white wine-cilantro sauce can reanimate them.

The hearty soups could be dinners in themselves. Bypassing the tempting black bean and beer chowder, I chose Crema de Cuatro Quesos, with mozzarella, Swiss, blue, and Parmesan cheeses melted in a light beef broth touched with mild but soulful chile pasilla. "This tastes like a seriously delicious four-cheese macaroni, hold the mac," said one of my tablemates.

A pair of pastas can also, theoretically, serve as starters, mid-courses, or mains. We tried Pasta Uxmal, linguine with lobster, portobello mushroom strips, and serrano chiles in a greasy, over-reduced tomatocream sauce. The lobster bits, added too early in the process, were cooked to hard lumps.

No such problem besets

the chef's sensuous signature entrée, Langosta Baeza. Here, the meat is temporarily removed from a Maine lobster tail while the shell is lined with a fluff of bacon, mushrooms, a touch of jalapeño chiles, and aged tequila. (It reminds me of a lighter, bloodfree blood sausage.) The tail meat, cooked meltingly tender, is replaced over the stuffing, and the whole is plated on a thin slick of a tasty, red-orange sauce that I can't begin to diagnose. If, by the way, you'd fancy a pairing of halibut with lobster, the perpetual nightly special (called Capricho) offers the fish wrapped in lobster meat.

Camarones Cabo de Puertas, jumbo prawns in a tamarind sauce, begs for direct comparison to the Latin Room's rendition of the same dish. The latter's version was sour, spicy, and powdery from ground chiles. Candelas' sauce is smooth and sweet, but, paradoxically, it also sings clearly with the distinctive tartness of the fruits from which it's made. The shrimps are flambéed in a splash of three different tequilas, but with these dense-fleshed prawns, you don't taste the booze; you just notice the crisp crust that the process produces. The garnishes include another slab of raw Ahi, an avocado slice, and a toothsome mound of sticky white rice held together by reduced cream.

A steak, too, demands comparison to last week's. The Placer Poblano (it means "pleasure of Puebla") is a tall, juicy ten-ounce cube of grilled Black Angus, topped with a vibrant poblano chile julienne and surrounded by a tomatillo sauce. The sauce is suavely sour, free of the under-

ripe edge of the one served with tongue at the Latin Room. Although I loved the latter's bold cuitlacoche steak garnish, Candelas' meat is far better a classier grade of beef, from a more flavorful cut (the tenderloin, rather than its bland nubbin of mignon). Candelas' final fillip is a pair of tiny tlacoyos, miniature "wraps" made of deep-fried flour tortilla pieces surrounding seasoned black beans.

Four large, luscious lamb rib chops, the Costilla de Cordero, arrived grilled rare to my order, with a simple Gallic treatment of a mustard, basil, and garlic crust and a beef broth deglaze. Underneath was a sautéed medley of multicolored bell peppers resembling Basque piperade but diced, not sliced. My boyfriend, nibbling, observed, "This tastes like something my Polish grandmother used to cook." The girl of the north country took a bite and said, "My grandmother made this, too." I said, "Aaagh! These peppers taste like they were par-

"Yep, Polish," said the boyfriend.

The veal chop that froze the girl's fork above her plate was a big, butch twelve-ouncer, grilled and set over a classic darksweet mole poblano sauce sparked with fresh rosemary, with another mound of creamy white rice underneath. Good sauce, useless meat. The factory-raised veal tasted like an unholy hybrid of wet cardboard and baby-calf formula. This is the most expensive item on the menu, and for nearly 40 bucks, I'd expect freerange or organic veal.

From the fin fish realm, we chose Pasión Azteca, a mahimahi fillet in a very sweet, rose-colored sauce based on iamaica, hibiscus flowers. The fish flesh tasted oddly lackluster, and the dried morel mushrooms on top were still crunchy and nearly neutraltasting, needing more presoaking to fully express their depth of flavor.

The three available desserts are flan, tres leches, and cajeta. The tres leches resembles strawberry shortcake — an ethereal yellow cake sandwiching blobs of whipped cream and ripe strawberries, the bottom moistened by a light, sweet milk syrup. The caieta consists of delicate crepes wrapped around a goat's milk caramel syrup. "This tastes like See's caramel," said the girl disdainfully, and the rest of us agreed that she'd nailed it. The syrup also concealed an odd tinny note, resembling the canned, readymade goat-milk cajeta sold at Food Bowl, La Palapa, and so on.

I used to love the food at Candelas. Now, alas, I merely like it. Some ingredients could be better, and the execution of certain dishes needs to be sharpened up again. I'd also like to see some of the fascinatingsounding offerings of the banquet menus rotated through the normal bill of fare. The menus are printed on elegant paper, but that shouldn't mean they're graven in stone.

Candelas has changed physically, too. The premises were renovated and expanded two years ago, the solid front wall torn out to create a plate-glass window and street patio in front

of the dining room. (Third Avenue is still dark after dark, but now Candelas lights up the block.) This project also added a separate bar lounge, a banquet room, and a private dining room (for 16-18) upstairs, with tempting custom menus available. A DJ spins sounds in the lounge every evening after 9:00 p.m. On weekends, the bar scene spills into the banquet room, which becomes a full-fledged disco from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. (with \$10 cover and ID required). "The disco draws a totally different crowd from the restaurant," says general manager Roberto Dubois. "The restaurant has more mature people, mainly regulars who come in week after week and who understand and enjoy our food. The disco...well, they drink

and dance." The windows of the lounge are decked out with stern signs: Driving or not, no booze to the blitzed. The barroom is very dark, with hints of plushness. To one side of it is the banquet room, and up ahead is the restaurant, which is decorated like a hacienda. Its plaster walls are washed with the golden tan of adobe, the floors are tiled, and the furniture is heavy and wooden, with well-padded chairs. Plants and Mexican craft objects hang from the walls, and one nook holds a candelabra so baroquely enlarged by its own stalactital drippings, it resembles a giant petrified ragmop. The track lights are kept at a romantic dimness, but an eclectic music loop plays loudly enough that diners must raise their voices to chat, bruiting their business unromantically through the room. "Here's to your divorce!" my neighbors toasted a tablemate. "It's sort of sad..." one man loudly murmured. "Oh, not sad at all!" responded the new bachelor. "I've just started to discover myself."

With Valentine's Day coming, Candelas might just be your secret rendezvous if vou don't mind overhearing such discussions. I did notice several quiet couples popping choice morsels into each others' mouths as they eye-beamed across the two-tops. This may not be the ideal spot to fall on your knee and break out the bling-bling that tile floor could break your knee bone — but it could be just right for some less crucial stage of the courtship, if your mouths are ready for some mild adventure, too.

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"So is this, like, the real thing — how you'd eat back in Tokyo?"

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h, boy. Full. An hour ago I was stuffing my guts at World Famous, the, like, expense-account surfer joint right on the beach in PB. This was a kind of reunion. Long table filled with guys I'd known

at school. They've gone on drinking. Not me. It's Tuesday night. Can't afford the drinks or the headache tomorrow morning.

I wander past a couple of beach parties, voices murmuring, laughs, guitar-strumming somewhere out of a dune in the

dark. Now I'm on the beach end of Garnet, heading for Mission Boulevard. A little boat catches my eye. Actually, a whole bunch of little boats. They're loaded with sushi, and they're floating in this Japanese place next to Karinya Thai.

It's called Kabuki. Something to do with traditional Japanese theater, right? "Theater of the common people." Don't ask me how I pick up this stuff.

Whatever, I have to pop in. I remember my friend Mr. Le at Chowtown talking about this very same "food boat" idea. The place is cream walls, tile floor, and that big racetrack-shaped sushi bar. The sushi chefs are whooping it up with a group of women but stop to yell "Irasshai" ("Welcome") when I come in. (And thanks to my mysterious Japanese expert for getting me to write that down right.)

I sit at the varnished wood counter. Huh. There's the convoy of little black boats with red stems coasting along a canal around the sushi bar. Trouble is, only maybe a third of them are filled with dishes. "Sorry it's not more," says the sushi chef, "but we close at ten. Five minutes. Just ask for anything on the menu."

Damn. That late? I didn't realize. A couple of guys to my left get up. They leave a whopping pile of empty plates. The waitress sorts them into different sizes, counts them out. Sounds like they've spent a couple of Jacksons.

The menu seems good value. It's crowded with the usual panoply of sushi and sashimi. A dragon roll (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) is \$3.75. The spider (soft-shelled crab) is \$2.95 for the roll, \$3.75 for the hand roll. The complicated volcano (with calamari and crab inside, red snapper or salmon outside, and a red lava of spicy mayo, smelt, and eel sauce) is \$2.50. A deep-fried Charlie Roll, with spicy scallops, eel, and crab inside, costs \$3.75.

But we're here for the boat-riding readymade sushis, right? Starting cheap at \$1.25 (lunchtime; \$2.25 evenings) on up to \$4.50 per item. The menu shows which sized plate costs how much.

'Course, I don't have time to decide. Ten o'clock. Oh, man. Pressure, pressure. My eyes start to dizzy up watching the boats, one after the other. It's like watching the hypnotist's swinging ball.

Spell's broken by this real pretty Japanese girl. "Something to drink?"

"Uh, yes. I'll have a Kirin Ichiban beer — if you'll tell me what 'Kirin' means."

The girl, Fumie (except she says you pronounce it Hum-ee-ay), races off to ask a friend. The "Ichiban" part I know. "Number one."

She comes back. "The tall animal. Long legs."

I draw a giraffe.

"Yes!"

"Okay. One Giraffe Number One."

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Meanwhile, I'm panicking. Don't want to have too much but need a little substance here. That walk along the boardwalk freshened my appetite. First off, I grab a salmon *nigiri* from a boat. It's two pieces of pink salmon slinking sexily over round clumps of rice (\$2.50).

The sushi chef stands waiting for orders. "Any suggestions?" I say. "What's most

popular?"
He says the Charlie Roll is pretty good. Or the Kabuki Roll. That's a spicy tuna core with

the Kabuki Roll. That's a spicy tuna core with rice wrapped around that and a combo of avocado and red snapper wrapped around that. Sounds a deal at \$2.25. I ask for one.

Fumie arrives with my Number One Giraffe. It's fine. I snap my chopsticks and take one of the two salmon *nigiri*. Mmm. Velvety, sensuous. Wasabi helps. Then my Kabuki Roll turns up, and heck, it's too beautiful to touch. Swirling greens, yellows, pinks, and reds from

the avo and snapper mix with the green-andblue ceramic plate it's on. Classy. Very classy. And filling. And for sure, healthy. Plus that center core of tuna is really spicy.

"This is different than what we have in Japan," says Fumie. "Better. The avocado is imported back there. Too expensive."

Uh-oh. The boats stop. The two sushi chefs start picking the last dishes out.

"Come back lunchtime or early evening," says a gent. Charlie. "Then all the boats are full. You won't know where to start."

"So is this, like, the real thing — how you'd eat back in Tokyo?"

"Well, I'm Korean, actually," Charlie says.
"But no. This idea started here, in the Bay
Area, San Francisco, about 30 years ago."

I ask him if the Charlie Roll is named after him. He nods modestly.

So I sit, finishing the beer and the Kabuki Roll, thinking about "theater for the common people." Guess here, cheap eating is theater for us common people, when you think about it.

Then I notice Charlie. He's handing out brown envelopes to the staff. Oh, boy. Payday. They're being polite, but I have got to be gone.

Outside, a massive line has developed for Tremors, the dance joint across the road. I sigh a sigh for lost youth and all that spare change I seemed to have back then. I head for the corner. See if the 34B is still running.

The Place: *Kabuki Sushi Restaurant, 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach (858-270-1986)* **Type of Food:** *Japanese*

Prices: Dragon roll (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avo), \$3.75; Kabuki Roll (spicy tuna, avocado, red snapper), \$2.25; volcano (calamari, crab, with red snapper or salmon, spicy mayo, smelt, eel sauce), \$2.50; spider (soft-shelled crab), \$2.95; Charlie Roll (spicy scallops, eel, crab), deep-fried, \$3.75; floating plates, \$1.25 (lunch) or \$2.25 (dinner) to \$4.50

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False Enemy

"There is some benefit with cork in cellaring, in that you get a very gradual air exchange."

ndrea Immer, as her author bio will tell you, is one of only ten women in the world to hold the title of Master Sommelier. The bio goes on to say that she is the author of *Great Wine Made Simple*, the wine columnist

for Esquire magazine, and the dean of wine studies at the French Culinary Institute. But perhaps even Immer nods. In an article in the Chicago Tribune, she goes on record saying, "There is some benefit with cork in cellaring, in that you get a very gradual air exchange between outside

atmosphere and wine inside. What you're looking for is that bottle development, instead of the suspended animation you get with a hermetically sealed screw-top bottle."

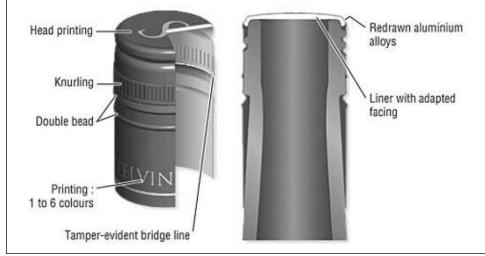
"As it turns out, she happens to be wrong," says Randall Grahm, who recently converted nearly his entire production at Bonny Doon Vineyards to screw-tops. Bottle development, he says, is the result of transesterification — the formation and splitting of esters within the wine. Esters, to quote *The Oxford Companion to Wine*, are "compounds formed by the reactions of acids with alcohols," and they are what provide a wine with much of its aroma (and, consequently, its perceived taste). Hydrogen ions, plentiful in acidic substances such as wine, catalyze both the formation and splitting of esters, so that wine is a constantly shifting mix of acids, alcohols, esters,

and water. The *Companion* again: "The fact that esters are formed at different rates, some of them reaching equilibrium [a balance between the splitting and formation] only after decades, helps explain the changes in wine aroma and bouquet

during aging." Hydrogen, not oxygen, is what's required. "It's totally anaerobic," says Grahm.

The Companion does call the influence of oxygen "all-important" in its entry on aging, but Grahm has an explanation for this. "The process that requires oxygen is the softening and con-

densation of the tannins," a polymerization that reduces a wine's astringency. "But once the tannins are soft — melted, as it were — wine doesn't really need oxygen anymore. That melting happens in the first year of barrel aging. When you rack a wine [transferring it from one barrel to another to take it off its precipitated sediment] you're giving it oxygen. Just passively sitting in barrel, the wine is taking up oxygen." Though not uniformly: "The oxygen is at the top of the barrel. If you put a redox probe into a barrel, the top six inches would be slightly reductive, perhaps even oxidative. [A substance is reduced when it gains electrons; the substance that lost them is oxidized.] The deeper you probe, the more reductive it gets. By the time the oxygen has a chance to migrate to the bottom, it gets scavenged. That's why, if you taste wine from the



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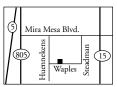
"Wine is basically reductive," he continues. "Depending on what kind of wine it is, it will be more or less reductive. It used to be, if you bought 12 bottles of Dolcetto, five of them would smell like hydrogen sulfide, because it's so strongly reductive." More careful winemaking, including the judicious introduction of oxygen during racking, has helped matters. "When you bottle wine, you're trying to break the reductive back of the wine, so that it's not quite so terribly reductive. You're giving it lots of oxygen, trying to counteract its reductive tendency so that when you put it in the bottle, it's slightly reductive instead of insanely reductive."

Any oxygen remaining in the bottle after it is sealed "gets gobbled up by any reductive agent, whether it be sulfur dioxide or anthocyanins.

Even if there is a minute amount of oxygen migration through the cork, the wine has a strongly reductive tendency." Bottle development, instead of involving a super-slow process of oxidation, "is net reductive." Thus the perfect seal provided by the screw-top is not the enemy of maturing wine. In the November 15, 2003 Wine Spectator, editor-at-large Harvey Steiman quoted Peter Gago of Australia's Penfolds winery as saying that two reds aged under screw-cap "aged in a similar way to a wine in a really cold cellar." "In other words," explained Steiman, "everything slowed down and the wine remained fresher longer, but it still developed mature characteristics." Add that to the screw-top's perfect freedom from the insidious (and sometimes ruinous) effects of cork taint, and you have a powerful case for conversion.

I had long shared Immer's view of things, though I can't tell you how I formed that opin-





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ion. I had also supposed that decanting a bottle before drinking — exposing a large portion of its surface area to oxygen — was essentially an accelerated aging of the wine. I was, of course, mistaken. In decanting, says Grahm, "What you're doing is allowing a wine to become saturated with oxygen. Until that happens, the wine doesn't really give up its aromas." This is why "filtered wines behave differently from unfiltered wines. When you pour filtered wines, they generally give up their aromas very quickly. In unfiltered wines, there are all sorts of colloids and yeasts and such floating around in there, and they continue to scavenge oxygen. So unfiltered wines need more time to become saturated with

oxygen. Also, if there are minerals in a wine, they function synergistically with the tannins to create reductive conditions. Dense wines that are high in minerals and tannins tend to be the most closed, if you will, and need lots of oxygen to attain saturation.

"We utterly adore screwcap," he concludes, "and we're convinced that it's the way to go for basically all wine." And whither Grahm goest, there goest the devoted followers of Bonny Doon. It's an audience already accustomed to straying from the beaten path — not many people in California make Mourvedre, for example — and that makes the move a little less of a PR leap of faith. As for the rest of the industry following his lead, "It would be nice," he says. "Certainly it would enable us to buy glass at a cheaper price and make more bottles available." But besides that, "I really don't care if people follow me or not." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants $are\ recommended\ listings\ written\ by$ our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of nearly 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the $latest\ information\ available\ for\ a$ mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very **expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smokingwood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs,

chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabamastyle mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Cafe 101 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. E.B. (3/01)

Cafe Sevilla Carlsbad 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine up-stairs for larger tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence.

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The Encinitas Cafe 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to closing, with egg dishes, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast, sandwiches and salads for lunch, and American entrées for dinner. Fast, excellent service. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistable lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat almon served with peas and mushrooms on one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesdays: Mondays and Wednesdays most bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. - N.W. (7/03)

Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palo-Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9665. *Top Gun*, anyone? Chow down and choose views of planes like the 1935 Harvard, "The Texan," or the Life Flight choppers scrambling. Expect to see greats like Chuck Yeager or his buddy Lowell Williams, who still trains stunt pilots here. It's not gourmet, but it's down-to-earth solid nosh, with plenty of beer and spirits flowing. The café's sexy waitresses serve generous plate-loads of everything from breakfast burritos (scrambled eggs, onions, bell pepper, potatoes, cheese) to corned beef hash with eggs and spuds. Or lunchwiches with quirky plane names like Almost Famous Mustang Burger (open-faced with chili) or the B-29 (turkey, Swiss cheese, Ortega chilies "melted together on grilled sour-dough"). Delish. Breakfast, lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

Sakura Bana 1031 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the

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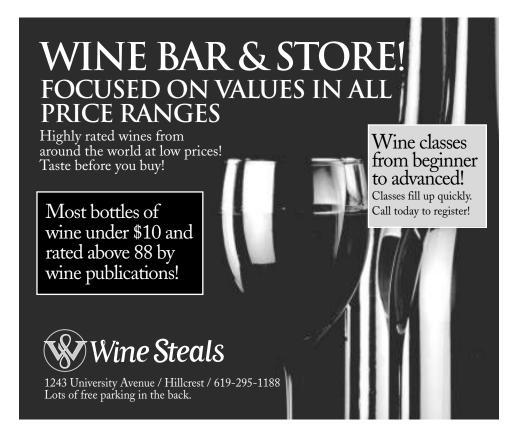
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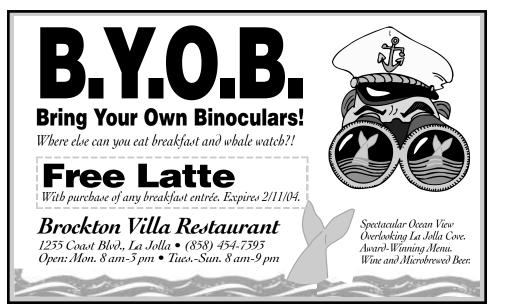
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Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — E.W. (9/98)

NORTH INLAND

Dicrescenzo's 11625 Duenda Road (off W. Bernardo Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. This is a stand-in-line, order-at-the-counter, grab-a-table, listen-for-your-ordernumber kind of a place. If you're looking for pampering and atmosphere, this isn't gonna cut it. If you're wanting yummy Italian comfort food to eat in or take out, this the spot. The bread alone is worth a trip. Real, flaky, honest-to goodness French rolls complement pastas and salads or encase meatballs, eggplant parmesan, or deli meats. The meatballs, a DiCrescenzo family recipe, are unusually moist and tender, perfectly seasoned. The subs — especially Rocco's Imperial Sub — are packed with deli goodies and just enough Italian dressing. Thin crust pizzas are a popular treat. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (10/03)

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlee. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (11/03)

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, highend high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

Ming Court 12750 Carmel Country Road, Country Plaza Shopping Center, North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. "Elegance" describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is

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Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata

with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday: closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Parioli Italian Bistro 647 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-honored tradition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli, leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

808 Restaurant The Aventine, 8980 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-552-1048. Chef-owner Jean-Marie Josselin brings his Hawaiian-French fusion food from Kauai to The Aventine and it's a delight. The restaurant's ever-changing seasonal menu reads like a Frenchman's dream of happy tropics, and the decor looks the part — part glitz, part grass shack. The kitchen emphasizes superb fresh seafood, cooked up with tropical inspirations and rigorous Gallic technique. It's always an adventure.

Try the lobster tempura, slow-roasted butterfish, or the scallop-crusted salmon when they're available. Full bar, heated patio. Dressy-casual; reservations strongly advised; reasonable valet parking. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interesting whites." Dinner reservations a must. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

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preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (10/99)

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (6/01)

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Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa, Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find deli-cious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and wellinformed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall. 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a reallife reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

Sheila's Cafe & Bakery 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheese-- and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a yarmulke to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has re-ceived extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.B. (11/01)

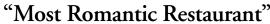
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Alfiere Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a hand-some, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme.

In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with mar-inated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on ciabatta crostini is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (12/00)

Cucina Fresca 1851 Bacon Street. Ocean Beach, 619-224-9470. OK, it's a cliché, but "bring your appetite," really applies here. We're talking northern Italian food, with southern Italian generosity. The family-run place has been open since 1990, but it feels more like 1890. Italian flags and murals, varnished wood, banknote collections, terra cotta floor tile, and very traditional dishes. All the usual suspects are here, like chicken Parmigiana, chicken marsala, veal florentine. But who cares? It's their old-fashioned size you'll love. Order, say, the "sausage and peppers" pasta. You'll be half-full from the delicious minestrone soup they toss in first. Then your pasta arrives — woah! A



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Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with ma-roon canvas window canopies, redpainted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scram bled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists be-low. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), boudin blanc (rice sausage) and craw-fish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. - N.W. (2/01)

Qwiigs Bar & Grill 5091 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. That name, Qwiigs? "Queeners Who Indulge In Great Sports" refers to a bunch of surfers who surfed a Hawaiian spot named Queen's. And they could get away with culinary murder here if they wanted to — the beach, surf, pier, horizon, and sunset are such eye-candy you tend to auto-feed your mouth. But this brass-rail and varnished-wood upstairs eatery pro-duces interesting food, featuring seafood from seared ahi to grilled mahi mahi to a substantial sushi bar. Some of their nicest surprises are in their simple plates, like a field greens salad, scrumptious with candied walnuts and chèvre cheese; or farfalle pasta with rock shrimp, goat cheese, roasted garlic, spinach, and cream; or a cheeky smoked turkey-brie-pepperoni sandwich. Also a good deal: pungent BBQ prime rib served on the bone on Mondays (other days as a sandwich). Freshest aperitif? Blackberry lemonade. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — E.B. (11/03)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their all photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two - and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and halfpound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Fri-E.B. (11/00)

Lao & Chinese Cuisine 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), tom yum soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* nood dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (2/99)

Nate's Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers' Nursery, the one with sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or "Kishka," a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are "it" here, and huge, and you can choose your cheeses, breads, and condiments as the sandwich-making proceeds. Go for, say, beef bologna, pastrami, liverwurst, salami, or vegetarian, then take it out to the eatin' deck, and check out the wild life. Town's a block and a world away. Breakfast to early dinner six days; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. E.B. (9/03)

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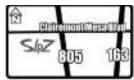
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Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get South-ern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — AM(2/01)

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya

chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney. or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B. (12/01)

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The knishes and chopped liver easily rival Mother's Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

European Bistro Lake Murray Square, 6062 Lake Murray Bouleyard (at El Paso), La Mesa, 619-698-5555. Here at the center of a Russian newimmigrant community, in a strip-mall just south of Ross and Big Lots, you'll find an array of savory Eastern European dishes. They're nowhere as heavy as Nonna's — here they're done with the lightness of the Russian-French chef tradition, applied to specialties from Russia, Poland, and the Ukraine. Following classic Russian custom, there's a splendid choice of small, savory, and substantial salads (try the sensual Stolichny chicken-potato salad) and delightful appetizers, including airy crêpes with juicy (and affordable) red or black caviar. The outstanding main course is lamb shish kebab featuring tender marinated ribs cut from a rack. But don't look for borscht; it's not on the menu. Entrées come with a choice

of starches; trust me, you want fries with that. Open daily, lunch and dinner (early dinner Sundays). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/03)

Rodeo Bar and Grill 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996 Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for - so get on down there and vote! Open until 1 a.m. (with karaoke) on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a but-termilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive.
— E.B. (5/02)

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (Rte. 73) (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5523. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here

in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Collared shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in theory) from breakfast through dinner. Reserve for weekend evenings. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

The Olde Homestead Fudge **Factory** The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. da *N.W. (4/03)* daily. Inexpensive.

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean pastel de choclo (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pud-ding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle seco de cordero (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan chilemal (cilantroladen pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-andfowl-free options. Lunch and dinner Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

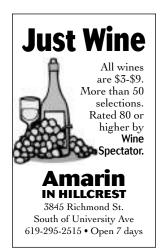
Cable Car Cafe 1945 Adams Ave nue, University Heights, 619-291-8607. A lot of San Diego history is tied to this place. For starters, a real Frisco-style cable car used to terminate near here from downtown. So did later electric trolleys at Trolley Barn Park across the road. Harvey Bentley's ostrich farm was here too — which explains the mural of ostrich characters inside. They say the first Cable Car Café opened on this spot in the 1920s. Today it's a happy little red-and-white corner joint offering honest American fare. Breakfast in cludes two eggs any style with potatoes and toast, or "make-your-own" threeegg omelets. Walk by late morning and your nose will lead you in ers roast their own beef with fresh garlic every day. One great result: the Cable Car cheese steak (sliced beef, grilled onions, and cheese on a hoagie roll). Or try the BBQ pork sandwich (with coleslaw, potato, or pasta salad). Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/02)

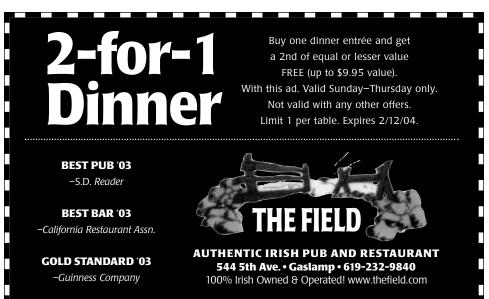
Cafe Caspian Persian Eatery & **Tearoom** 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food - most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabouli salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. Ghourmeh sabzi is a lamb stew. Koufteh-Berenji is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through earlyish dinner Tuesday to Saturday; break-













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Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops,

or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayennecumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne's pastries are created with strict French techniques with flavors inspired

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Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington Street), Suite 120, Hill-crest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

The Mission North Park and **City Bakery** 2801-2805 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the

adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W. (7/98)

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open week-days three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.W. (10/99)

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061, Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighbor-hood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bot-tomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.* (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan pu-rity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mush-rooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

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Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, shark tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. N.W. (7/03)

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive.

Deco's 731 Fifth Avenue (between G and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-DECO. When the disco is not in session here, there's surpisingly fine food in this vast, multiroom glamorama, stunningly done up like a Fred-and-Ginger 1930s ballroom. The eats are in a lightly adventurous California-Asian-Mediterranean mode featuring quality seafood handled with care and creativity; don't miss the ethereal bread pudding for dessert. (The requisite sushi "party rolls" are merely okay.) Service is hip, smart, and kind. Best dining nights: disco-less Tuesday and Wednesday. Call ahead if you want to book an offmenu meal. No cover charge on disco nights for patrons who order dinner before 9 p.m.; no sneaks, shorts, or Ts if you're clubbing. Serious wine list runs high; full bar. Happy hour Friday; dinner 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Very expensive, but somewhat affordable if you graze on appetizers. — N.W. (7/03)

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herbrich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, car-



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This is something I eat at least three days a week, North Atlantic salmon with collard greens and bacon. It's such a good combination. It's a real user-friendly recipe with eight or nine ingredients, including the oil. It's real simple, and it's low-carb.

I'm on the Atkins Low-Carb Diet, and this is in the Atkins style. Lowcarb is a big craze at the beginning of the year. Everyone's trying to lose weight again. In the first week of January at least 20 percent of the dinners sold in our restaurant were low-carb.

This is a Southernstyle dish with the collard greens. The salmon and bacon go well together with an herb butter with lemon juice and rosemary and thyme served over it.

On the Atkins Diet. red wine is allowed after the first two weeks. Salmon goes well with Pinot Noir. We just tried a very nice Pinot Noir from Oregon that we are adding to our wine list, Argyle Pinot Noir.

HOW TO DO IT

Collard greens and bacon: Heat canola oil in large sauté pan over mediumhigh heat. After about 30 seconds, add bacon and let cook until half done. Add collard greens and continue to sauté until greens are tender. Season with salt and pepper and

Grilled salmon and herb butter: Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Season salmon on both sides with

salt and pepper. Heat canola oil in medium sauté pan over medium-high heat, until just starting to smoke. Place two salmon fillets in pan. Sear on each side for 1 minute. Place in large ovenproof dish. Sear the two remaining fillets and remove to the baking dish. Bake in 475-degree oven for about five to six minutes, until cooked medium. Wipe out any oil from sauté pan. Return pan to medium-high heat and melt butter. Add herbs, lemon juice, and water. Bring to a boil, cook until lightly thickened, and reserve.

Place collard greens and bacon in center of a warmed serving plate. Top with salmon. Drizzle with herbed lemon butter.

This recipe serves four.



INGREDIENTS

Collard greens and bacon: 1/4 cup canola oil 3 ounces bacon, chopped and uncooked 11/4 pounds collard greens, washed and chopped salt and pepper to taste

and herb butter: Four 6- to 7-ounce salmon fillets 3 tablespoons canola oil 1/4 cup unsalted butter 2 tablespoons fresh herbs (rosemary, thyme, or other), chopped 2 tablespoons lemon juice 2 tablespoons water

salt and pepper to taste



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Harbor House 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate, but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome, but not original. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Moderate to expensive. —

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispycreamy plantain cheesecake flautas).



The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M. (11/02)

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate prep tions. Best dishes include "E Shrimp, Manales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good

prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at 10th Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — E.B. (12/01)

Rice Hotel W, 421 B Street (at State), downtown, 619-398-3082. The W's several amusing bars and lounges serve as a weekend amusement park for a spiffy singles crowd. Rice is there to feed them on Fusion-lite nibbles cre-ated by corporate chefs far away, em-

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Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarianfriendly. Ouiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various sa-vory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour fesenjan (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your fesenjan dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry.



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rant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

El Taco de Huitzilopochtli Calle Rosas 242, at Calle Valle Verde (Valley Verde Fracción), Ensenada, Baja, 646-174-2301. On weekend days, this plain, sprawling restaurant in a converted private house offers the authentic dishes of Texcoco, the Central Mexican heartland of Aztec cuisine. If you're looking for deliciously adventurous dining, pull up a chair. Here you can feast on sheep-brain quesadillas, marrowbone soup, or even the whole head — or the marinated, barbecued haunch — of a ram. Don't miss the deeply savory birria de chivo (goat stew) or the mysterious huauzontles, a nuttytasting amaranth-like plant swathed in melted cheese and light tomato sauce. Finish with a shot (just one) of flavorful *pulque*, fermented cactus juice. Open only on Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. To find it: Drive north on Reforma to its final streetlight, turn right onto Ambar, go two stop signs (many blocks), turn left at second stop sign, go one block, passing the school, and turn right for one block; look for large mural and sign on restaurant wall on the right. A single English-only menu makes the rounds; one staffer speaks some English. Inexpensive. - N.W. (4/03)

Fonda Roberto's La Sierra Motel,

Cuahutemoc #2800. Tiiuana. 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or chile en nogada. Portions are small, so two people may order three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up two blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road yeers right. Closed Monday; open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E. W.

Loncheria La Poca Lucha Mu nicipal Market, 105 Avenida Niños Héroes, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's Mercado Municipal is like entering a scene from The Sorcerer's Apprentice. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach Loncheria La Poca Lucha, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for carne de puerco (pork), chiles rellenos, bisteck ranchero, or higado al gusto (liver), all around \$3. Pescado frito (fried fish), mi-lanesa con papas (veal with fries), pollo frito (fried chicken), and carne asada are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Super Antojitos 1810 4th Street (between Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 665-685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early

mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The break-fast special, called *mole poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada de mole, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious mole, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. Super antojitos means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive.
— E.B. (3/20)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant

1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered bricky drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesdays only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain, or the grilled marinated egg-plant sandwich on focaccia. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive,

Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. – *E.B.* (11/03)

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night.

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3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh,

and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The $whole \ atmosphere -- striped \ gold-and$ cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. E.B. (4/02)

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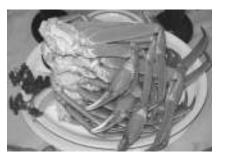
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Shiraz 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0203. Owned by the admirable Persian restaurant Bandar a couple of doors down, this restaurant offers nothing exotic — just steaks, chops, seafood, and roast chicken. Go for the steak - it's USDA Prime, juicy and flavorful and reasonably priced. Creamy mashed potatoes and veggies come at no extra charge. Fish quality isn't great; lobster tails (frozen from Australia) are safer. The nightly soup is where the Persian chef shines; don't let the clueless waiter's shrug dissuade you. An appetizer of creamed mushrooms makes a tasty side for meat, better than the "official" sauces. Other starters are mainly steakhouse standards, with airy fried calamari worth a try. California supermarket wines at ruthless markups; steep, skimpy beer list. Dinner nightly from 5 to 11 p.m. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this fourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the

block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate.

— N.W. (8/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations, with especial ingenuity in the appetizers. Along with the six-course "chef's menu," there's a reasonably priced five-course vegetarian menu showcasing fresh herbs grown in the resort's garden. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy perennial "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Reserve for weekend dinners. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (12/01)

Bob's on the Bay 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista Harbor, 619-476-0400. Big, breezy Bob's, with its beautiful Bay view, seems to be the unofficial community center of Chula Vista. It's a rambling building overlooking the Yacht Harbor where all sorts of folks pop in for a night off or a fun lunch. The food is serviceable American cuisine centered on steaks and seafood, but on Fridays and Saturdays the scene turns into a pretend-luau complete with Hawaiian band, hula dancers, a party atmosphere, and a few vaguely Polynesian dishes amid the standard mid-American buffet items. Full bar. Reservations advisable for luau nights and Sunday champagne brunch, Casual, family-friendly to the max. Breakfast and lunch buffets inexpensive; Sunday and dinner buffets moderate; à la carte expensive. -N.W. (7/03)

Cafe 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speed-boat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

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(yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is dinuguan, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's monggo (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — daing na bangus, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

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Zorbas Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the zembekikos, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the spanakopita (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), dolmathes, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape

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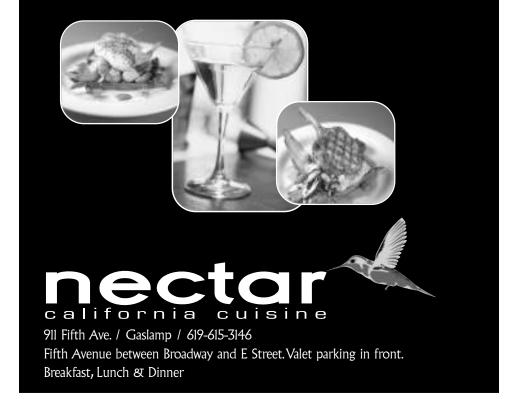
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Weight of the World

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ocumentaries are the prime, though of course not the only, beneficiary of the tendency to blur aesthetic concerns with humanistic ones. Their rootedness in reality—their indisputable realness—bumps them to the head of the

line in "importance," and commands the critic to put his priorities in order: life above art, with no exception even

in works of art. Surely a large part of the impulse to give high grades to Spellbound — a garden-variety interview movie, plus boiled-down footage of an independent and inherently suspenseful public event — springs from the desire to reward the spellers themselves as distinct from the filmmaker: straight A's for everyone. The group of students in To Be and To Have, meanwhile, are not as uniformly "good" as the ones in Spellbound, yet the filmmaker who gave shape to a full year in a rural French schoolhouse is clearly the better one. In any case, though, it is the teacher there who cries out for

reward: full-throated praise in place of a pay raise. These are real people, and their "value" goes beyond any cinematic coin. If there is injustice in *Capturing the Friedmans*— or if, for that matter, there is child molestation as charged—

it is not hypothetical. The critic becomes mobilized as a crusader, or at least as a Solomonic mediator. And *The Trials of Henry Kissinger*,

an ancillary visual aid to a previously published magazine piece, calls more for a judge and jury than for an arbiter of taste.

And now we have, opening this week at the La Jolla Village, Errol Morris's much trumpeted *The Fog of War*, subtitled "Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara," a sort of anti-war seminar chaired, hosted, conducted by the eighty-five-year-old former Secretary of Defense (a/k/a "Mac the Knife") throughout the first phase of the Vietnam War (a/k/a "McNamara's War"). What you think of it will be difficult to disentangle from



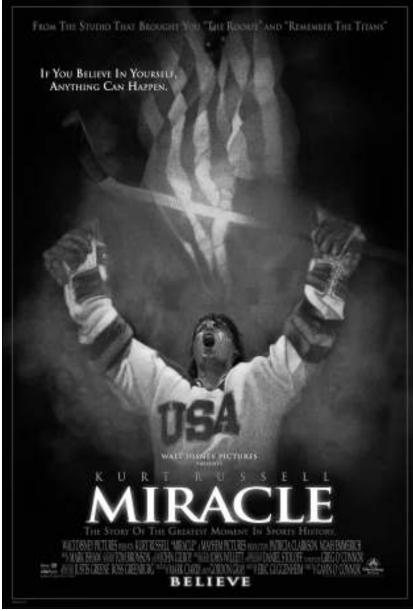
The Fog of War

what you think of *him* in specific, and war in general. The eleven lessons, taken straight from the horse's mouth, run along the lines of "Empathize with your enemy" and "Rationality will not save us" and "Proportionality should be a guideline in war" and "In order to do good you may have to engage in evil." Each of these and the seven

others are neatly tied in to events from McNamara's life, illustrated with well-chosen archival footage to supplement Morris's nose-to-nose (or rather, nose-to-lens) interview material. Basic biographical information gets filled in along the way: infancy in World War I, college during the Great Depression, marriage and military service

in World War II (when he would first team up with that Vietnam ogre, Gen. Curtis LeMay, architect of the firebombing of Tokyo), postwar prosperity with the Ford Motor Company, and then an invitation to Camelot to sit at the Round Table with Kennedy and Kennedy and Company.

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But it might be better to say that the man compels your interest: an imposing man, and in the eyes of history an important man, by all accounts a brilliant man, seemingly, at this stage, self-assessing, self-transforming, and fearlessly self-revealing. (It is always interesting to note where someone's voice will crack with emotion: recounting the selection of JFK's grave site, for instance.) But the movie can't, or anyway doesn't, supply sufficient information to sort out his motives or his truthfulness in here reshaping his legend and his legacy. It is no small thing for a man in his position to confess that his understanding of the essential nature of the conflict in Vietnam was incorrect — and no small "scoop" for a documentary. (Bigger, in either case, than anything contained in The Trials of Henry Kissinger.) But although he, together with the handholding filmmaker, cultivates assent on that and many other points — and although the ticking-bomb background music of the ever-monotonous Philip Glass insists on the urgency and the magnitude of the business at hand these are social and political and historical rather than artistic issues. The artistry is little more than functional.

The Statement, at Madstone Hazard Center, is the kind of big-theme fiction film that might have expected (had it not got lost in the year-end stampede) to receive some brownie points in advance. Certainly Norman Jewison is that kind of filmmaker: In the Heat of the Night, F.I.S.T., And Justice for All, A Soldier's Story, Agnes of God, etc., etc. But the original novel by Brian Moore, originator also of such adaptations as Catholics, The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne, Black Robe, and (a special favorite of mine) Cold Heaven, never lets its writer's abiding interest in moral and religious issues override his interest in narrative: in this case a tight-knit chase thriller, albeit with a more upbeat finish on screen than on the page, about a French collaborationist, in hiding for half a century with the aid of a secret sect of Catholics called the Chevaliers de Ste. Marie ("They're rather right-wing. *They* believe the Pope isn't a Catholic"), who is staying barely a step ahead of an apparent team of Zionist hit men and a reopened investigation by a French magistrate under the new Crimes Against Humanity law.

The fugitive, far from pure evil, but far as well from banal evil, is not the most unsympathetic figure — whitehaired, weak-hearted, short-winded, genuinely devout in his fashion, thirsting for absolution, though ruthless and cunning in his will to survive. Michael Caine, equally pathetic and scary, is customarily excellent in the part (it sounds as though he has dubbed the voice of the younger actor who takes over the part in the crude black-andwhite flashbacks to 1944), but the entire cast is top-drawer — Tilda Swinton, Jeremy Northam, Charlotte Rampling, Ciarán Hinds, Frank Finley, John Neville, the late Alan Bates — once you accept, or if you accept, the artifice of Britishers playing Frenchmen. Even an untranslated Gallicism such as coup $\textit{de grâce} \, will \, be \, ignorantly \, pronounce \bar{d}$ coo-duh-grah. (I gleefully recall Alain Resnais's turnabout in Smoking/No Smoking, where Britishers are played by Frenchmen speaking French.) The geography of the chase — all across the South of France — is most attractive (the Françoise Hardy revival of The Barbarian Invasions, incidentally, spreads to two separate bistros on the itinerary), and the shadowy pattern of

the fugitive's network of support — a logical extension of the legacy of Pope Pius XII, and hence a fascinating appendix to Costa-Gavras's Amen — has almost a masonic aura of mystery about it. The action may be slow-moving and small-scaled, but that only enhances the feeling of reality. And that, in turn, only enhances the feeling of suspense. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Aileen: Life and Death of a Serial Killer — Whatever its intrinsic interest, Nick Broomfield's (and Joan Churchill's) post-execution addendum to his 1992 documentary, Aileen Wuornos: The Selling of a Serial Killer, gets a boost from its close proximity to the docudrama on the same subject, *Monster*. It 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 halfdozen 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 aforesaid 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. 2003.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 1/29)

Along Came Polly — An ostensibly romantic comedy throwing together Mr. Uptight (Ben Stiller) and Ms. Free Spirit (Jennifer Aniston), written and directed by John Hamburg, whose mind is quite literally in the toilet. The fart at the men's-room urinals is just a warm-up for the illustrated definition of "shart," an intended fart that produces solids in addition to gasses, and then the movie's pièce de résistance, the firstdate effects of Middle Eastern cuisine on Irritable Bowel Syndrome, the guest's afterdinner pit stop in his hostess's bathroom, the turning-on of the shower to cover up the brass-band noises, the mere scrap of tissue on the roll of toilet paper, the use of Grandma's embroidered handtowel instead, the plugged-up and overflowing toilet bowl, the use of the hostess's brand-new loofah as a plunger — well, you could just about die, although not from laughing. Hank Azaria contributes a funny French accent as a nudist scuba instructor on St. Barts, but funny French accents are a dime a dozen. And climactic crosstown dashes to prevent departures of loved ones on airplanes are a dime a gross. With Philip Seymour Hoffman, Debra Messing, Alec Baldwin.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; 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; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SOLIARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

The Awful Truth — Screwball comedy, screwed down more tightly than most, about a divorced couple who take the long way around to realizing how good they had it. By the beautifully crafted finale, the only things standing between them are an unsecurely closed door and a napping cat. And as long as you accept that Cary Grant and Irene Dunne are made for each other, and poor Ralph Bellamy is made for ridicule, there's nary a bump in the road. Directed by Leo McCarey. 1937.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/4, 7 P.M., AND 2/5, 9:10 P.M.)

Bad Santa — Sick and twisted (and goddam proud of it) Christmas comedy by Terry Zwigoff, whose Ghost World instantaneously takes on the appearance of a fluke. It was the characters, even more clearly now than before, who "made" Ghost World — them, and their literary or quasiliterary creator, the graphic novelist Daniel Clowes. And although the director maintains his allegiance to misfits and marginals, it's the characters who unmake Bad Santa. One of them is more than enough: a guzzling, cussing, lusting department-store Santa (Billy Bob Thornton) who puts up with the parade of grasping brats only so that he can crack the office safe on Christmas Eve, with the help of his dwarfish elf (Tony Cox), the brains of the operation. The wonder of it is that, whether wetting himself in the Santa chair or stumbling over the papier-mâché reindeer in an alcoholic fog, he can hold on to his job long enough to pull off the bigger job. A dose of half-apologetic pathos seeps into it in the form of a self-described 'dipshit loser," a bullied, runny-nosed fat boy (Brett Kelly) by the name of Thurman 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)

The Big Bounce — Remake of the 1969 adaptation of an Elmore Leonard novel, with Owen Wilson and Morgan Freeman, directed by George Armitage. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM



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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



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mission into a Red Chinese encampment in the middle of a variety show (ventriloquist for warm-up, Siamese twins for headliners) is funny, but not notably Burton-y. With Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Alison Lohman, Danny DeVito, Steve Buscemi. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKEPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Bringing Up Baby — Screwball comedy involving, among others, a paleontologist, a society girl with an uncorrectable high opinion of herself and an unstoppable word flow, a fox terrier who has stolen and buried a priceless brontosaurus bone, a big-game hunter, and a pet leopard whose temper can be soothed by the singing of "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby," all of whom, plus others, come together at top volume for the finale in the sheriff's office. The infectiousness of the thing doesn't come so much from Howard Hawks's directorial touch (he's normally light on drama and ham-handed on comedy), but from the perfectly natural, unselfconscious, and idiosyncratic sense of humor. What Hawks finds funny is easy to identify because of the persistent re-surfacing of the same ideas in other movies: a bookworm for a hero; Cary Grant in women's clothing; a woman



The Perfect Score

oblivious to the fact that the back of her dress is missing; the nagging repetition of a person's name until it begins to sound like an accusation; and so forth. With Katharine Hepburn, Charles Ruggles, Barry Fitzgerald. 1938.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/4, 9 P.M., AND 2/5, 7 P.M.)

The Butterfly Effect — Co-writers and co-directors Eric Bress and I. Mackve

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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; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SOUARE 14)

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)

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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SOUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Cold Mountain — The hardships and heartache of the American Civil War, cushioned in the plushness of the production: the crane-happy camera, the spendthrift special effects, the "painterly' washes of color and "dynamic" compositions, the visual poetry and bombast, the chiselled and sanded faces of the A-list romantic leads, Nicole Kidman (with her Orientalized eyes) and Jude Law (blue lagoons). Paying customers will likely feel they are getting a lot for their money, and no doubt they are getting a lot of money for their money. They will also be getting, by way of the prize-winning novel by Charles Frazier, spools and spools of storyline, strung out to a slight sag: back and forth in time, from the Siege of Petersburg in 1864 and its immediate aftermath, to the antebellum quietude of the North Carolina hills; and then, after the convergence of the two time lines, back and forth in space only, from the eventful homeward trek of a wounded Confederate deserter, to the struggle of the womenfolk to keep the home fires burning. On both fronts, it's the gentle sex who bear the heaviest burdens, particularly moral and philosophical ones: [If] I had my way, they'd take metal altogether out of this world, every gun, every blade." No doubt, too, the film gains interest

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Gruber offer utterly unrationalized science fiction in the time-travel and alternate universe subdivisions. It concerns a college student (Ashton Kutcher, with scholarly beard) who had suffered from memory blackouts as a child, and who now discovers that by rereading his diaries he can return to the lost moments and rewrite the outcome. emerging from the experience with nothing worse than a bloody nose. But every time he changes one thing, it changes the entire future. This might sound as though it ought to be more interesting than it is. (Or else it might sound exactly as confusing as it is.) The makers' reliance on "shocking" subject matter — pedophilia and kiddie porn, dog burning, baby bombing, etc. — bespeaks their doubts about their ability to interest. An image that did not look as if it were viewed through sunglasses might have helped, but not significantly. Amy Smart, Ethan Suplee, Eric Stoltz, Melora Walters.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;

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The Company — Backstage dance musical centered around a Chicago ballet troupe, not necessarily the Joffrey Ballet that does the actual dancing. A labor of love for Neve Campbell, who trained in her native Canada as a ballerina and who co-wrote and coproduced 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 appreciatively recorded in long unbroken stretches, albeit in drab and dingy photography, and Neve Campbell appears to hold 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. With James Franco and Malcolm McDowell, 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Cooler — Las Vegas fairy tale, from first-time director Wayne Kramer, full of hand-me-down ideas about the old-school gangster who still believes in busting kneecaps to keep order, the failed showgirl and the tail-for-sale, the poor-man's Sinatra and "the next Harry Connick, Jr.," the changing economic landscape: "There comes a time to decide whether you're running a museum or you're running a

casino." The title character, tailor-made for William H. Macy, is not so smudgingly marked by fingerprints: such an accursed loser that he is employed by the Golden Shangri-La to contaminate its customers by his mere presence, like the passing vampire who withers the flowers in his path. After one good roll in the hay with a willing cocktail waitress (Maria Bello), he loses his "magic," however. And suddenly the always empty creamer for his coffee is brimming over, and his flattened hair has acquired some fluff. Completely unacceptable, completely unswallowable from its opening premise to its final outcome (one hates to agree with the hero's ne'er-do-well son: "It don't compute"), the textbook script lays tracks for an emotional roller coaster. depressing in its regularity and predictability. Because the film is an "indie," the sex is smellier than in the mainstream, but the sentiment no less flowery: "You put me up on a pedestal. It sure puts the gutter in perspective." Alec Baldwin, Shawn Hatosy. 2003.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Fog of War — Reviewed this issue With Robert McNamara; directed by Errol Morris.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 1/30)

The Girl from Paris — Mathilde Seigner as an escapee from city life, with Michel Serrault, directed by Christian Carion. (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 1/30)

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, Xrays 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:

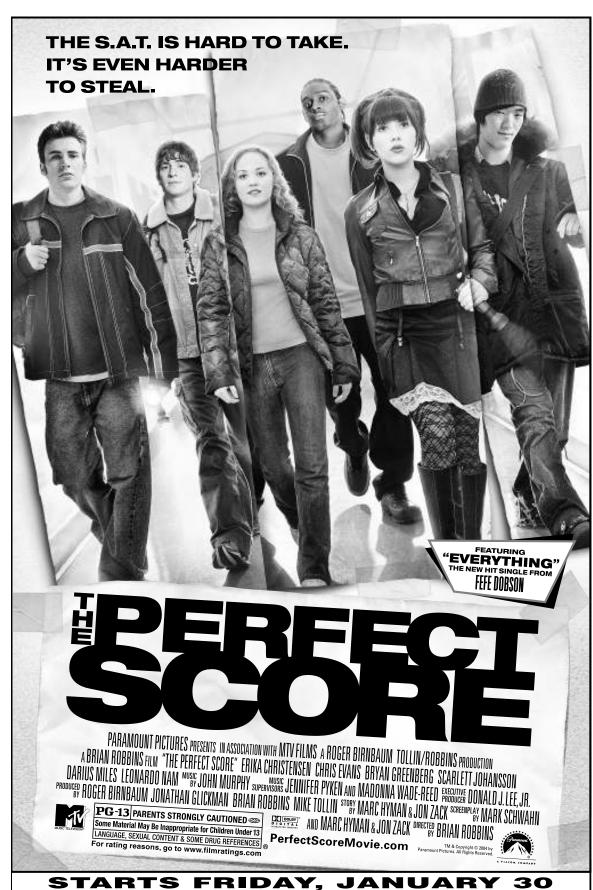
"It's obscene!" The whole thing manifests itself as understatedly ludicrous, quietly overwrought, demurely melodramatic, blushingly novelettish, a would-be bodice ripper in impregnable Calvinist clothing. And it is hard to escape the essential impression of an envious and covetous outsider, trying, out 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 techniques 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.

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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 sense "real," can only be a ghost, and the psychologist and her colleagues do not believe in ghosts. But then: who fogged up the glass in her cell and finger-wrote the words "NOT ALONE" in the frost? And who carved that same message into her forearm in the shower room? (As unprurient a women-in-prison shower scene, incidentally, as you could ever wish to see, despite the participation in it of Halle Berry and Penelope Cruz.) The mounting sense of dread in the movie has little to do with any terrors that may await, and much to do with the perceived unlikelihood of a satisfactory wrap-up. ("I wouldn't look for a real-world explanation," we are warned. "It's a dream. It's a delusion.") The sunglasses-indoors style of photography fosters no confidence in the filmmaker's -Mathieu Kassovitz's - interest in elucidation, and indeed the predictable climax falls far short of satisfactory, being both over-obvious as far as it goes and incurious to go any farther. The appearances of the ghost, however, greatly enliven a grind-it-out plot in which the ghost proves to be all but gratuitous. Savor her for herself. With Robert Downey, Jr., Charles S. Dutton, John Carroll Lynch, 2003.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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



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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.

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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

I Capture the Castle — Two wealthy American brothers take possession of the dilapidated castle occupied by two English sisters. Who will match up with whom? Literary la-di-da in period costume, from a Dodie Smith novel. With Romola Garai, Rose Byrne, Henry Thomas, Marc Blucas, Bill Nighy, and Tara Fitzgerald; directed by Tim Fywell. 2003.

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In America — The immigrant experience in Manhattan, more precisely the Sheridan Family experience, as revised and related by Irish filmmaker Iim Sheridan (Mv 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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 1/30; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; IA JOLLA VILLAGE)

La Jetée — Around the conventional sci-fi gimmick of time travel (post-WWIII), Chris Marker develops a love story and a meditation on memory that puts you in mind of Resnais. (He collaborated on some of Resnais's shorts in the Fifties, and was included, with Resnais, in the Left Bank group of the New Wave, rather than in the Cahiers constellation.) He composes the movie entirely in still shots, except one; and the gamble he takes is that the novelty will hold up throughout the movie's length. Even at a mere 29 minutes, he is stretching his luck. (Five years later, Resnais also used the time-travel premise to shape a love story and a meditation on memory, Je T'Aime, Je *T'Aime*, and it was a better movie by approximately a parsec.) 1962.

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The Last Samurai — Tom Cruise as "one of the most decorated warriors this nation has ever known," circa 1876, a tormented Civil War vet and Indian fighter who is hired as a mercenary to train the troops of the Japanese emperor to combat a renegade samurai, and who is then taken captive by his new enemy, learns their strange ways, masters in a few lessons their martial arts. and joins them in their hopeless fight against the forces of progress. In short, a sort of Dances with Akitas. This glossy, glamorizing, vulgar, overblown, pompous, and presumptuous epic is, in addition to all that, intermittently stimulating. The cornerstone Japanese theme of trampled tradition in the onrush of Westernization is knowledgeably handled. And Ken Watanabe cuts a fine figure as the hidebound samurai. In the last analysis, though, the sprawling, transpacific, two-and-a-half-hour war story is all about Tom. Even as he gives himself up to his fascination with the enemy (who allow him to live only because of their fascination with him), it is the fascination itself, and not the objects of it, that rivets the camera: never mind what's so fascinating, let's fix our sights on who's so fascinated. (Cruise's head looks about to burst from the effort.) And despite his embrace of Bushido - his spiritual growth, his embodiment of the lost concept of "honor" — he remains a bit of a dilettante and a poseur. (Where does his humility, his subservience, come into it?) In the larger view, despite the lip service paid to an alien and ancient culture, despite the stacking of the deck in that culture's favor, the horning-in hero remains a sterling representative of the American imperialist, similar to the interlopers and appropriators

in such cultural hybrids (highbrow and low) as *The Challenge, The Karate Kid, Ghost Dog, Bulletproof Monk,* and *Kill Bill.* The quest is ultimately not so much for his peace of mind as for his piece of the action. Timothy Spall, Tony Goldwyn, Billy Connolly; directed by Edward Zwick. 2003.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM

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The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King — Peter Jackson grinds out the final 200 minutes: "Things are now in motion," intones Gandalf, "that cannot be undone." From this promontory, you can look back and see the immensity of the enterprise, indeed so immense — nine hours and two years — that you can barely remember whence you have come, or why. One measure of the immensity, over and above the increasing confusion, is the increasing dependence on the expeditious head shot, a time-saving mainstay of the made-for-TV quickie. Astoundingly enough, the filmmaker manages to crank up some excitement as the end approaches, or maybe it's only some eager anticipation of relief. Whatever it is, it gets discharged over the last hour and a half or so, when the movie seems to be forever on the verge of ending; and the twenty minutes or so after the conclusion of the hostilities amount to sheer torture. Even at that, there's no time set aside to get back to Saruman for a reaction from the losers' locker room. Or for that matter, no time for a pre-game pep talk or a halftime strategy adjustment, either: Christopher Lee is nowhere to be seen. Part Three certainly has its moments: the relay of the signal fires ("Hope is kindled") across the mountain peaks is really quite thrilling ("And Rohan will answer"); and the giant spider Shelob is a skin-crawling special effect, though not more tingling, in another way, than fat Sam to the rescue. (With this, Sean Astin has his meatiest screen role after Rudy.) But the decisive battle is even more interminable than the one in Part Two, and more ruinously cartoonized through computer-generated imagery. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Orlando Bloom, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA

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 sadsack 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 soupladle renditions of Elvis Costello's "Peace, Love, and Understanding" and Roxy Music's "More Than This"). And the



touristing 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; GASLAMP 15; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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 toetapper when he thinks he's alone (surefire laugh: he's alone but for a prim, middleaged 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)

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World — The first screen incarnation of Lucky Jack Aubrey, hero of Patrick O'Brian's loved and admired series of historical adventure novels, captain of the



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British man-of-war, the HMS Surprise. This is preeminently a boys' story, and as pure and innocent a specimen as you are apt to find anymore, uncorrupted by concerns with democracy or demographics. (The closest you could find to it in the oeuvre of its director, Peter Weir, is the curdled Conradism of The Mosquito Coast.) There is an actual boy on view, a cherubic curly-topped towhead, but of course boys of all ages want to choose their role models and hero figures from among grown men (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a copperskinned 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 violinand-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.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: RANCHO DEL REY 16:

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 smallminded. 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.

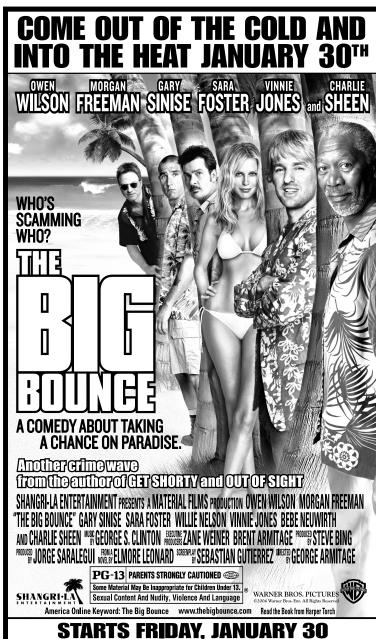
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Monster — Dramatized legal brief on behalf of the bisexual streetwalker and serial killer and (outside the scope of the movie) death-penalty cause célèbre, Aileen Wuornos, who just wanted, like anyone else, to love and be loved and of course, as per 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,







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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. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 1/30; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18,

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My Flesh and Blood — Jonathan Karsh's documentary about a family comprising eleven adopted children with assortedhandicaps. (KEN, 1/30 THROUGH 2/5)

Mystic River — Clint Eastwood's somber meditation on chance, fate, doom; scarred souls and endless repercussions; violence begetting violence. Just as Unforgiven was an act of penance for the body counts in his Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns as well as in his self-directed imitation Leones (High Plains Drifter, The Outlaw Josey Wales, Pale

Rider), this can be viewed as an act of penance for the lone-wolf vigilantism of his Dirty Harry urban shoot-'em-ups: a kind of cleansed Harry. (There is no room here for Eastwood the actor, standing aside for the "liberal" casting of Sean Penn and Tim Robbins, and their highly emotional, tearful, unstoical, un-Eastwoody histrionics.) Although formulated as a murder mystery, it is not narrowly focussed on the investigation, but divides its time more or less evenly among three main characters, and expands continuously into the specific milieu, the complex personal relationships,

the affected and ongoing lives, in fact life in general, life with a capital "L." All throughout, it sustains a tone of lamentation, underscored by the churchy musical theme composed by Eastwood himself (albeit orchestrated by his trusted collaborator, Lennie Niehaus). The retributive anger never supplants the sorrow; the release never comes. Admittedly, the outcome of the case depends upon a fortuitous coincidence that reeks of mystery-making for its own sake: a previously unrevealed second murder on the same night as the first. Yet the solution to

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701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Aileen: The Life and Death of a Serial Killer (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:15) 5:20, 7:25 Restard 11: Suit. (3:15, 3:15) 3:25, 7:25, 9:45; **Bad Santa** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:35) 7:50, 10:00; The Butterfly Effect (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 2:40) 4:40, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00, 9:50, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 2:40, 4:40, 5:25) 7:15, 8:00, 9:50; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:50) 8:05, 10:10; House of Sand and Fog (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 5:05, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:05) 7:45, 10:20; **In America** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:55) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **Mon**.-Thu. (2:55, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; **Lost In Translation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:30, 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:30) 7:35, 10:00; **Master and Commander:** The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:20, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:25) 7:20, 10:15; **Mona Lisa Smile** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 9:55; **The Perfect Score** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 7:55, 10:20; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri. (2:05) 4:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:05) 4:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20); **The Station** Agent (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 4:55, 8:25, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 4:55) 7:05, 9:30; **Torque** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:00) 5:00, 8:30, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:00, 5:00) 7:00, 9:15; **You Got Served** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 2:10, 3:05) 4:15, 5:10, 7:30, 8:15, 9:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 2:10, 3:05, 4:15, 5:10) 7:30, 8:10, 9:40, 10:10

457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 1:00, 2:50, 3:30, 5:20) 6:45, 7:40, 9:15; **The Big** Bounce (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:30, 2:15, 3:05, 4:35, 5:30) 7:05, 7:50, 9:30, 10:15; **Big** Fish (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 3:00, 4:00) 6:35, 7:10, 9:35; Calendar Girls (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 3:10) 6:55, 9:40; Sat. (12:25, 3:10) 10:20; Sun.-Thu. (12:25, 3:10) 6:55, 9:40; Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:40) 6:20, 9:05; Cold Mountain (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:50, 3:15) 6:40, 10:05; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:25) 6:50, 10:15; **The Lord** of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:40) 8:50; Miracle (PG) Sat. 7:30; My Baby's Daddy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:20) 6:30, 9:50; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:05) 7:00, 9:55; **Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 1:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45, 10:10

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Big Fish (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; **The Fog of War** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **House of** Sand and Fog (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon. (1:40) 4:20, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **In America** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:50

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information
The Big Bounce; The Perfect Score; You Got Served; The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date with Tad Hamilton; Mystic River; The Last Samurai; Calendar Girls; Mona Lisa Smile; Cold Mountain; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Along Came Polly; Big Fish; Torque; Paycheck; Cheaper by the Dozen; Something's Gotta Give; Pe-

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information The Big Bounce; The Perfect Score; You Got Served; The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date with Tad Hamilton; Along Came Polly; Torque; Lost in Translation; Chasing Liberty; Big Fish; Cold Mountain; Paycheck Cheaper by the Dozen; Peter Pan; House of Sand and Fog; The Lord of the Rings: The

Return of the King; Something's Gotta Give; The Last Samurai; Love Actually **Hazard Center 7**

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) Call theater for program information The Statement; In America; Something's Gotta Give; The Girl from Paris; Lost in Translation; Mystic River; Cold Mountain;

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information
The Big Bounce; The Perfect Score; You
Got Served; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; Calendar Girls; Seabiscuit; The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date Seabiscuit; The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date with Tad Hamilton; Mystic River; Along Came Polly; Torque; Lost in Translation; My Baby's Daddy; Cold Mountain; Cheaper by the Dozen; Big Fish; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Something's Gotta Give; The Last Samurai

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) The Big Bounce (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:50, 9:50; Sat. (11:35, 1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:50, 9:50; Sun. (11:35, 1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:50, Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:50) 8:10; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:30) 7:55; **My Baby's Daddy** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 3:55) 5:45, 7:45, 9:45; Sat. (11:55, 1:55, 3:55) 5:45, 7:45, 9:45; Sun. (11:55, 1:55, 3:55) 5:45, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:40, 5:35) 7:35; **Torque** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 3:40) 5:30, 7:25, 9:30; Sat. (11:50, 1:50, 3:40) 5:30, 7:25, 9:30; Sun. (11:50, 1:50 3:40) 5:30, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:50, 5:55) 8:15; 5:40) 5:30, 7:25; Mon.-1nu. (3:30, 3:35) 8:15; Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55, 10:15; Sat. (11:40, 1:45, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (11:40, 1:45, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:25) 7:45; You Got Served (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00, 10:10; Sat. (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:40) 8:00

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **My Flesh and Blood** (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.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; The Com**pany** (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 Ear-ring** (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

Paris Was a Woman, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; La Jetee, Friday, 7 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Remembrance of Things to Come, Friday, 5:50 and 7:45 p.m., and Saturday, 7:45 p.m.; The Awful Truth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bringing Up Baby, Wednesday, 9 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado (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.-Tue. 11:00; Wed.-Thu. 5:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 7:00; Sun. 1:00, 3:00; Mon.-Tue. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Wed.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00 Sky Tonight Wed. 7:00 To Worlds Beyond A.M. Sat. 10:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

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; The Big Bounce (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 5:10) 7:35, 9:50; Big Fish (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; The Butterfly Effect (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; **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; 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; Monster (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:10, 5:00) 7:40, 10:25; **My Baby's Daddy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 4:25) 9:55; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:05, 10:20; Paycheck (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30) 7:00; The Perfect Score (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 5:05) 7:30, 9:55; Peter Pri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 5:05) 7:50, 9:55; 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, 9:35; Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **You Got Served** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:15) 7:35, 10:05

LA MESA

Grossmont Center *Grossmont Center* (619-465-7100) Grossman Center (619-403-7100) Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:40, 9:50; The Big Bource (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:20, 10:30; Sun. (1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:40, 5:55) 8:00, 10:00; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:25, 9:50; **Mon.-Thu**. (2:00, 4:50) 7:25, 9:50; **Cheaper by** the Dozen (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:40, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:40) 7:00, 9:30; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 4:35, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 4:35) 8:30; The Perfect **Score** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:00) 5:10, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:00, 5:10) 7:30, 9:55; Something's Gotta Give (PG-13)

4:20, 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:00, 9:55; **Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00, 10:05; You Got Served (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:55, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:55, 10:00

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **Calendar Girls** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:35; Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 10:05; Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:55) 8:20; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:10) 6:30, 9:40; Sun. (12:00, 3:10) 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:30; **Girl With A Pearl Earring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:00) 4:15, 6:40, 9:10; Sun. (11:45, 2:00) 4:15, 6:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:40; **In Amer**ica (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:10) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; Sun. (11:55, 2:10) 4:30, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:10, 5:30) 8:05; Lost In Translation (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:00, 9:20; Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:20, 5:45) 8:00; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Sat (12:20, 3:20) 7:10, 10:00; Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:20; **Miracle** (PG) Sat. 7:20; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:15, 5:35) 8:15; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:30) 6:50, 9:50; Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 6:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30)

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) Call theater for program information

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 11:40; The Big Bounce (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:20; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:15; Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Thu.

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; The Big Bounce (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:40) 7:15, 9:45; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:00) 7:30, 10:30; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:15) 7:10, 10:00; Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:35, 5:00) 7:30, 10:15; Sat. (11:50, 2:35, 5:00) 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (11:50, 2:35, 5:00) 7:30, 10:15; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:20) 6:55, 10:25; **Girl With** Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 5:20) 6:55, 10:25; Girl With A Pearl Earring (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:15, 5:05) 7:35, 10:40; 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; Miracle (PG) Sat. 7:30; Mystic River (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:40) 7:00, 10:20; **The Perfect Score** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:45, 5:15) 7:40, 10:10; Peter Pan (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:35); Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:55) 7:25, 10:25; Torque (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:50, 9:40; **Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20; You Got Served (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Call theater for program information

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; The Big Bounce

(PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; The Cooler (R) Fri.-Thu, 10:15, 3:15, 8:00; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 3:30, 7:30; Miracle (PG) Sat. 8:00; My Baby's Daddy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 6:00, 10:45; The Perfect Score (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Torque (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! (PG-13) Fri. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; You Got Served (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30,

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information The Big Bounce; The Perfect Score; You Got Served; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date with Tad Hamilton, Mystic Win a Date With Tad Hamilton; Mystic River; Along Came Polly; Teacher's Pet; Torque; My Baby's Daddy; Big Fish; Calen-dar 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

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, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05; The Big Bounce (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:50) 7:00, 10:00; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:20, 3:35) 6:55, 7:30, 9:50; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; Sat. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 10:10; Sun.-Thu. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 3:00) 6:45, 10:20; The Last Samurai (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35. 10:20; The Last Samural (R) Fri.-1hu. (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; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:45) 7:05, 10:20; Miracle (PG) Sat. 7:30; Mystic River (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:15) 6:40, 10:35; The Perfect Score (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:10) 6:45, 9:50; **Some**thing's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:40) 7:10, 10:25; **Torque** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 5:10) 10:30; **Win a Date With Tad** Hamilton! (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 4:10) 7:15, 9:55; **You Got Served** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 5:15) 8:00, 10:30

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436) **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 10:15; **Paycheck** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 8:15; Peter Pan (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:00

NATIONAL CITY

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Ave. (619-423-2727) Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:33; The Big Bounce (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 10:57; The Butterfly Effect (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:08; **My Baby's Daddy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:14; **Torque** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:18; **You Got** Served (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 10:54

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6 *Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)* **Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **The Big Bounce** (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 4:30, 7:00; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15;

the original murder is not overly tricksy, 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.

★★★★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM

PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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-totoe 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; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

The Perfect Score — Pandering teen caper film in which a motley crew of highschool seniors (pothead, jock, poor little rich girl, etc.) conspire for motley reasons to steal the answers to the SAT. ("Suck-Ass Test - that's what that stands for," elucidates the annoyingly loud narrator.) A dab of nostalgia: Mike Jarvis, the fired basketball coach of St. John's University, has a cameo as the basketball coach of St. John's University. (The production notes attempt to smooth over the problem by identifying Jarvis's character as "Illinois Coach," or in other words by lying.) With Erika Christensen, Chris Evans, Bryan Greenberg, Scarlett Johansson, Darius Miles, and Leonardo Nam; directed by Brian Robbins. 2004.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION

MARKETPI ACE 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 1/30)

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

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CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770) **Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:00, 10:10; **The Big Bounce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:15, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:45, 4:15) 7:35, 9:55; **Big** Fish (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:25, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:25, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; The Butterfly Effect (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:55) 4:40, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 1:55, 4:40) 7:25, 10:05; Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:25, 3:50) 7:15, 9:45; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:10) 5:15, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 2:10, 5:15) 8:30; Girl With A Pearl Earring (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 2:20, 4:45) 7:05, 9:35; **The** Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00) 4:10, 8:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 4:10) 8:45; The Perfect **Score** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:20) 4:35, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:25, 2:20, 4:35) 7:40, 9:50; Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:50, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:50) 7:45, 10:20; **Win** a Date With Tad Hamilton! (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:05) 4:25, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:05, 4:25) 7:00, 10:00; You **Got Served** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:10, 10:15

Escondido 16

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POWAY

Poway 10

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(PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15,
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Big Eigh (PG-13) Fri. Sat. 10:45, 14:5, 1 **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of** the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 3:30, 7:45; Miracle (PG) Sat. 8:00; The Perfect Score (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00; Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:45, 7:45; **Win a Date With Tad** Hamilton! (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4·45, 7·00, 9·30; Sun -Thu 10·00, 12·15, 2·30, 4:45, 7:00; **You Got Served** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

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4:15) 7:20, 10:20; **Torque** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu.

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Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Calendar Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; Girl With A Pearl Earring (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; In **America** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

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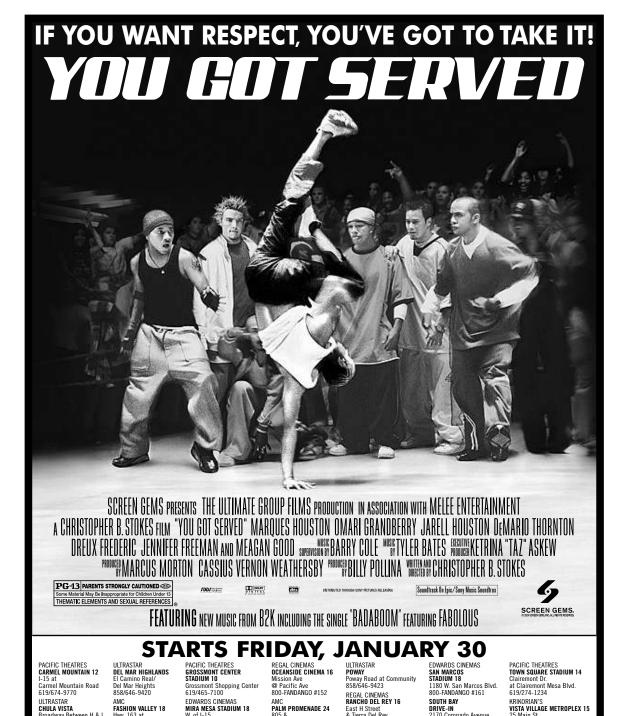
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Calendar Movies

see, for the first time, Hook's stump. Jeremy Sumpter brings to the role of The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up a crackingly 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 indecipherable Freudian purpose. (Is there not something vaguely vaginal about the CG crocodile whose gaping maw swallows Hook whole? — after having previously symbolically castrated him? Doesn't it almost compensate for the abandoned theatrical tradition of casting a woman as Peter?) Australian-born filmmaker P.J. Hogan has a surplus of energy, proficiency, resource, capital, and such, and a shortage only of taste. The aggregate effect is to make the story, for those who know it, feel very long: half an hour just to get to Never Land. With Olivia Williams, Lynn Redgrave, Richard Briers. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18 GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION

Seabiscuit — Writer-director Gary Ross runs through the storied career of the toosmall racehorse with the too-big jockey, blind in one eye to boot. In this $treatment - \overset{\cdot}{a} \ simple \ horse \ story \ amplified$ into a social history — the nag must lug the additional weight of the aggregate Little Guy and the collective American Dream. Although these sentimentalities are to a large extent true to the horse's press clippings at the time, the practical result is that the filmmaker picks up the story too far back — it will be nearly an hour before the title figure makes his grand entrance from a fog bank — and goes to inordinate lengths to explain to the modern-day viewer the meaning of such things as the Triumph of

MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM

DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO

Industry, the Closing of the Frontier, Prohibition, the Stock Market Crash, and the Great Depression: "A great national migration began," blah blah. (The authoritative voice of the narrator, complete with PBS credentials, is that of historian David McCullough.) At the more intimate level, Ross feels obliged to point out repeatedly in the dialogue, lest anyone miss it, how this mishandled and discarded horse mirrors and symbolizes the three damaged men - owner, trainer, rider - who turned him into a winner. The viewer, in particular the old-fashioned viewer to whom the film caters, could be forgiven for feeling a little less enlightened than insulted. And when he reminds himself that Ross's prior credit was Pleasantville, he could be forgiven again for wondering whether the filmmaker, in his bland nostalgia and bottled optimism, is not somehow a prisoner of the antiseptic fantasyland he therein satirized. The races, despite an overdose of slow-motion and of blustery billowy Randy Newman music in the mode of *The Natural*, are varied and exciting. And the principals — Jeff Bridges Chris Cooper, Tobey Maguire as the aforesaid owner, trainer, rider - are uniformly sympathetic in their openly operatically anguished way. But it is left to real-life jockey Gary Stevens to teach the less-is-more lesson (from the Richard Conte School of Acting), a tight-lipped, squarejawed oasis of professional cool and personal dignity. With William H. Macy. 2003.

★ (MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 1/30)

Something's Gotta Give — Wrinklyromance 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 selfcaricaturing 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 hiphop 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-youngerwoman 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 tatfor-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 COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Statement — Reviewed this issue. With Michael Caine, Tilda Swinton, Jeremy Northam, and Charlotte Rampling; directed by Norman Jewison.

★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

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

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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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA)

Teacher's Pet - Nominally a Disney cartoon, but with more of an undergroundcomic 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-slashteacher 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, freewheeling, 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.

• (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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)

21 Grams — The first English-language feature from Mexican filmmaker Alejandro González Iñárritu brings together disparate characters by the same matchmaking method of his *Amores Perros*: by car

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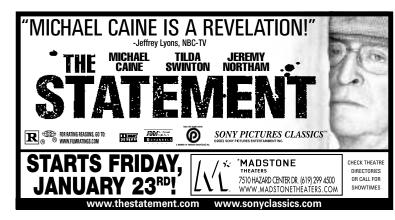
accident. Benicio Del Toro, a born-again excon, runs over the husband and two daughters of Naomi Watts, and the husband's heart is transplanted anonymously into Sean Penn, a teacher of mathematics and probability, and therefore a deep appreciator of his good fortune, who tracks down and begins to court 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. ★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; HILLCREST CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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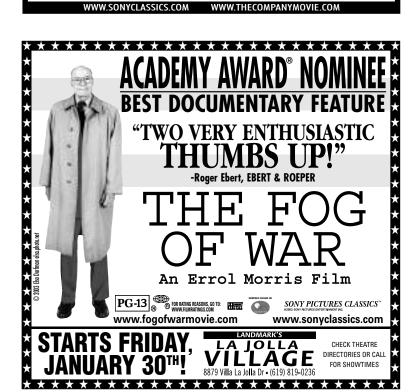
Recommendable to anyone desirous of an old-fashioned bubblegum comedy, bright and sweet and airy and chewy, about a Piggly Wiggly checker in Frazier's Bottom. W.Va., who gets selected out of the legion of Internet applicants for a night on the town with a Hollywood heartthrob anxious to reclaim his image from tabloid cover boy to Boy Next Door. Big-screen newcomer Josh Duhamel (ex-Leo on the daytime soap, *All* My Children) harnesses all the required confidence, entitlement, jadedness, and, upon command, charm, in the role of the heartthrob. All he lacks is the stature to set himself apart, as a bigger star would automatically have done (a Leonardo DiCaprio, a Brad Pitt), from the Little People: Topher Grace, of Fox-TV's That '70s Show, who is no less confident, in an overpracticed sitcommy way, as the actual Boy Next Door, or Kate (Blue Crush) Bosworth, who as the winning contestant shows every capability of becoming the next Sandra Dee, a position vacant for thirty-five years. Kathryn Hahn as a tattooed but tender-hearted bartender makes a good impression as well. The kidding of Tinsel Town could hardly be more kid-glove (the Big Star speaking broken Spanish to his Albanian housemaid), and if the extolling of the simple life and small-town values seems a tad two-faced, there is plenty of truth in that duality — plenty of honestly torn emotion - and plenty of tradition, too. The humor throughout remains solidly rooted in character and situation, never straining the bounds of probability or taste. Ginnifer Goodwin, Nathan Lane, Sean Hayes, Gary Cole; directed by Robert Luketic. 2004.

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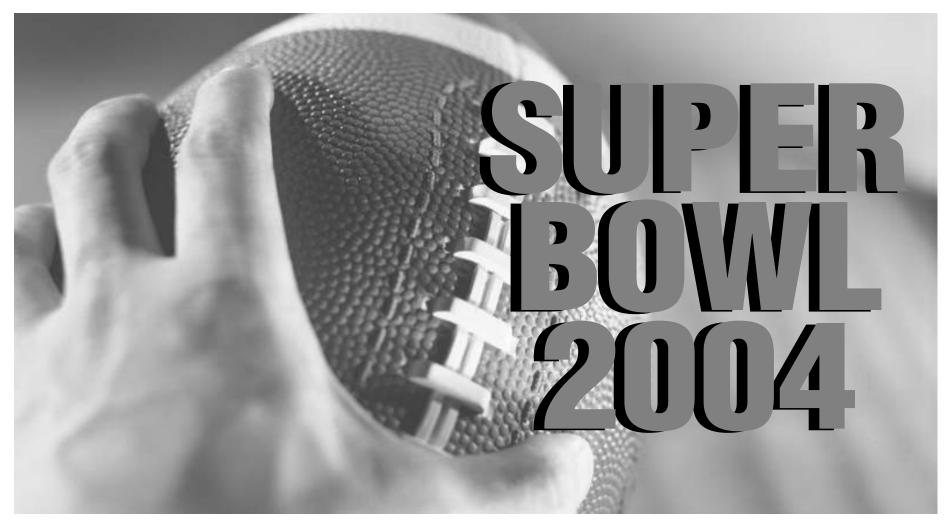
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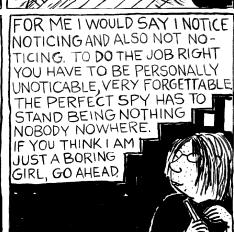
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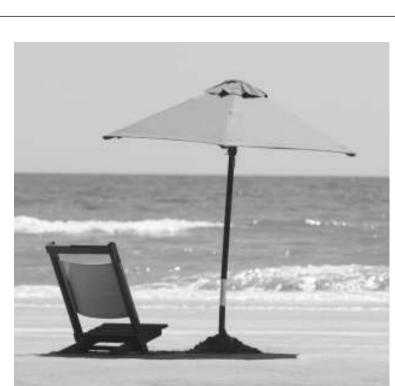
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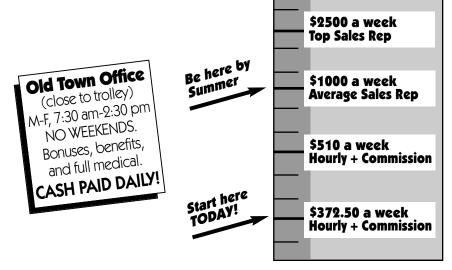
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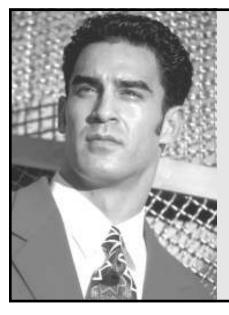
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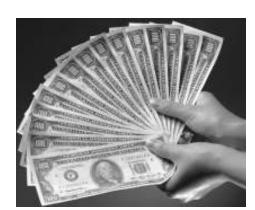


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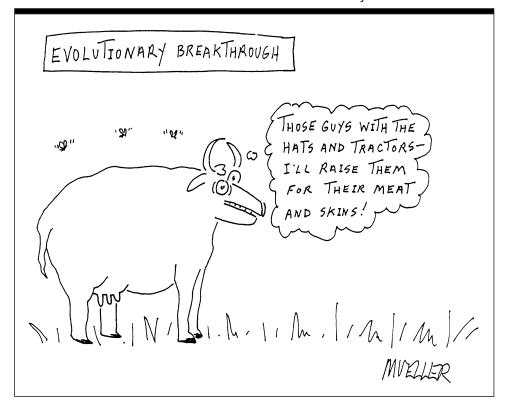
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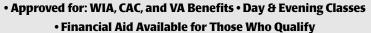
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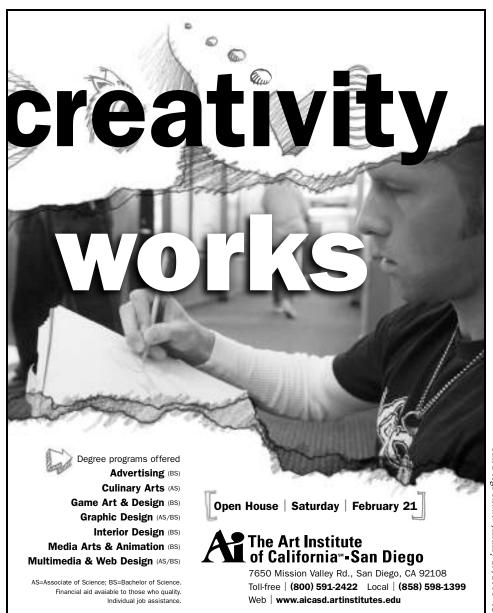
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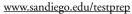
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Cell phones are like a ball and Chain that attach you to problems. Regardless of who you are with and where you are at, if you get a cell phone call, your priorities change. Even if you don't answer a call, just knowing that there's a message on your phone can change your attitude completely. I do not own, nor do I believe in cell phones. My friends say that it's inconvenient that I don't have a cell phone, but I say that it's inconvenient for them to call me when I don't want to talk to them. It's definitely inevitable that I'll have to get one.



Otis Langton

Retired La Jolla

In one way or another, I think people on cell phones are usually taking care of business. Most anytime that someone uses a cell phone is appropriate, unless it's somewhere like movie theater; that's rude. I don't think there's anything wrong with a person using a cell phone at dinner; that's what they're made for. If it's the situation that a person is on a date, I think a person should turn their cell phone off. The people who are obsessed and carry on meaningless conversations on their cell phones are also rude. It bothers me when people use their phone to look flashy; idle chit-chat can wait until you see the



Jennifer

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I'm one of the people who uses their cell phone too much. The new two-way phones contribute to me using my phone too much. The two-way walkie-talkie phones are good for people who live in Mexico because they don't get long-distance charges when talking to people in the States. Two-ways are more impersonal though; I wouldn't want my business shouted everywhere. I use my twoway at restaurants sometimes even though it's rude. I get tons of minutes, so I'm always on my cell phone: when I'm eating, walking, or when I'm working. I use my cell phone while I'm driving, and I know that I shouldn't use it unless I'm stuck in a ditch somewhere. In my car, the conversations aren't meaningful, and I risk my life by using my cell phone. I would use my cell phone on a date if I'm blowing the guy off.



Barbara Stein

Petitioner Spring Valley

People on cell phones bug the hell out of me. I get mad and tell people to turn them the hell off. I don't want a cell phone; I don't want to be bugged everywhere I go. Who wants to be bugged everywhere they go? I leave my house to get away from people. I don't want my family calling me and bothering me. My sister and my son use their cell phones too much. I've heard them go off in church before, and that's so rude. When they go off in church, people say that they forget to turn them off and then you hear the little music ringing and that really bugs the hell



Ken Anderson

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I think it's an affectation of yuppiedom because people are addicted to hearing themselves talk. Cell phone people are too self-involved with their SUVs, bank accounts, and fucking hairstyles to unglue the phone from their ear. My friends have cell phones, and I mock them and call them yuppies. What annoys me most is when people are barreling down the freeway at 90 miles an hour and yakking away, meanwhile risking my life and the lives of others around them. If these SUV-driving Christians want to die and go see Jesus, they can drive off a cliff, but don't risk my life in the process. Also, if you're a customer talking on a cell phone while someone's trying to give you service, don't, because that's an insult to the person trying to help you.



Rebecca McGlocklin

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I think that people need to take the time to use the phone when it's not an inconvenience to someone else. In a car, grocery store, or in-line anywhere constitutes a bad time to use a cell phone. I've had people that want to talk on their phones while I'm doing their hair. The phone will ring while I'm doing something like putting color in their hair, and they'll go ahead and answer it and make me wait until they're ready. I even had one girl that wanted to answer the phone while I was shampooing her hair. I think we all need to take time and remember how we treated people before we had cell phones and be a little more independent.

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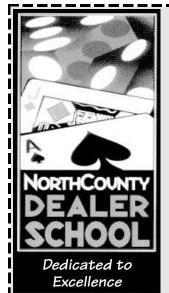
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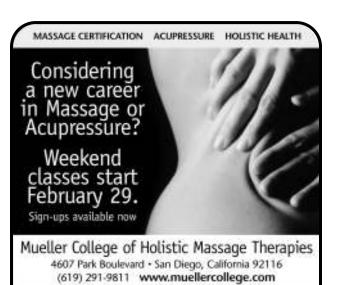
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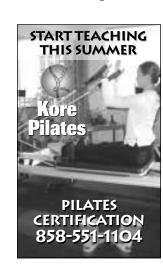
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- 17. With 24-, 38-, 49- and 59-Across, an astute comment by parents about their childrens' doll collections

 19. First name in daredeviltry
- 20. Icicles' starting points
- 21. Big Apple subway inits.
- 22. Chaplin prop
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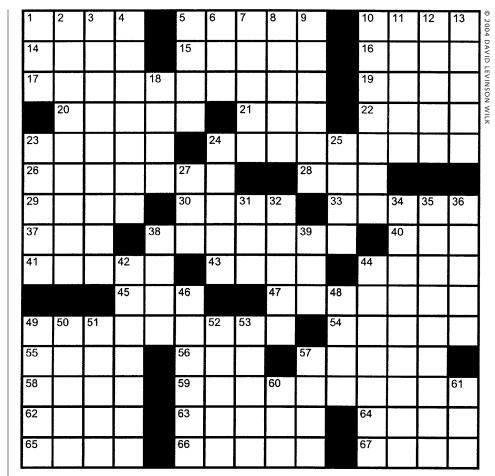
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- 27. Word from a killjoy 31. Like 1, 3 or 7
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- 34. Arctic fliers
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- 36. Some newspaper pieces 38. Pioneer's heading
- 39. Is in the past?
- 42. Must
- 44. Bull's-eyes, etc. 46. Like the first bowl of porridge
- Goldilocks tastes _ known then ..."
- 49. Gaza group
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- 52. Lit, so to speak
- 53. Tear open 57. Shore birds
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Of the 73 entrants, 68 were correct.

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- 2. Leanne Grodeman, National City
- 3. Lois M. Day, San Diego 4. Andre L. Desilets, San Diego

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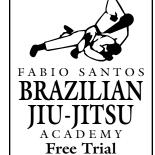


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WANTED. Honest, healthy, happy, active, romantic, 30-40, single white male, over romantic, 30-40, single wille make, evo-5'10", nonsmoker, monogamous relation-ship. Mom, 38, 5'7:, 125lbs., brown/blue. Clairemont area preferred. (2/11)

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longs for someone with a beautiful spiri body, and a courageous, vibrant, lovin and stable personality. Be prosperou and adventurous! (2/4) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$90810

BE MY VALENTINE. Attractive, intelligent, fun, passionate woman seeking classy, strong, intelligent gentleman. Enjoy traveling, outdoors, movies, dinner, theater and more. (2/11) \$\infty\$90832

VERY CUTE, SLIM AND INTERESTING Spanish girl, mid-30s, wants to meet a tall, good looking and fun Asian guy for dating. (2/4) \$\oldsymbol{2}\$90800

HONESTY, INTEGRITY, HUMOR, building blocks to a beautiful relationship. White female looking for a tall, 35-42 male interested in sharing, learning and beginning something new. (2/4) \$790813

SELF-AWARE AND PASSIONATE red head, 55, pottery, blues, yoga, meditation, balancing spiritual and sensual. Seeking black man, confident, intelligent, sexy, honest, kind, attractive alpha male. (2/11) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$90844

COLLEGE PROFESSOR SEEKS gentle man, professional soul mate. We're trust-worthy, considerate, healthy, sexy, pro-portionate, passionate, monogamous, ethical and moral character, love laugh-ter, love dancing, great smiles. (2/11)

ATTRACTIVE, ARTICULATE, degreed professional, 5'6", 115lbs. Séeking happy, positive, 35-45, 5'10"+, successful, caucasian professional, to enjoy all that San Diego has to offer. (2/4) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$90817

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, LOVING, caring, fun, spiritual, nature, exotic cook, easygoing. Seeking fun, loving, sensitive male, wanting genuine, rewarding relationship, 32-55, nonsmoker, drug free. (2/4) \$\tilde{\tilde{\tilde{2}}}99816\$

ATTRACTIVE, ATHLETIC, 49, 5'6", 153lbs. fun loving, interested in a scholar, masculine gentleman for good company and exciting experiences, lots of laughing, sharing the highlights. (2/11) \$\infty\$90848

32 YEAR OLD, SEXY, PETITE female seeking older man, 50+, for mature friendship. 5'3", 105lbs., long brown hair, exotic, fun loving, hardworking, lonely woman. (2/11) \$\Pi\$90833

woman. (2/11) **TX** 90655 **ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD,** 40s, outgoing, adventurous. Let's share movies, dining, great conversation. Seeking outgoing, professional, romantic, intelligent man for friendship, laughter, and exploring the city. (2/4) 290820

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companionship, 58-62. (2/11) SINCERE, JEWISH WOMAN, 57, nonsmoker, spunky New York attitude, enjoys long walks, movies, good conversation. Seeking secure, honest, thoughtful man for laughs and good times. (2/11)

BLACK, FULL FIGURED FEMALE, enjoys

GILLS. (2/11) **T9**0847 **GIRL NEXT DOOR**, 32, curvy, professional, sweet, happy, active, affectionate. Seeking guy next door, 39-40, nonsmoker, educated, honest, active, caring, humorous. Sincere, long-term relationship. (2/4) **T9**0827

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY with bluish, green eyes, seeking easygoing, compatible nonsmoker between the ages of 45-52. I enjoy the beach, sports, working out and movies. (2/11) \$\mathbf{T}\$90851

35, GREEN EYED, 5', enjoys outdoors, music, culture, studying microbiology. Seeking attractive man, romantic, educated, playful, passionate, into healthy lifestyle. Let's explore San Diego, beyond. (2/4) \$\overline{\text{T90821}}\$

yond. (2/4) \$\frac{1}{2}\$90821 **AFRICAN-AMERICAN CUTIE,** 5'4", fit, 40, seeking white/Hispanic cutie under 40, fit, lover of self, life, nature, energetic, adventurous, beach bum. Call me same! (2/4)

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START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT! If you are over 40, have low mileage, no baggage, like your food weak and your women spicy, please call. (2/4) \$\mathbf{2}\$ 90808

STEAL MY HEART. 58, European, beautiful, blonde, slender, classy, fun, genuine, romantic, creative, music, opera, dining, conversations. You: 58-62, intelligent, handsome, generous, affectionate, great values. (2/11) ☎90858

LOOKING TO SHARE MY LIFE with a special man who is intelligent, strong, kind, secure, 45+. Moderate smoking and drinking OK. Let's create beautiful memories. (2/11) \$\Pi\$90829

CALL ME! ATTRACTIVE, FIT, 39, profe sional, seeks Caucasian, well educated, cultured, fit, stable, childless male, 36-44, for monogamous relationship. Enjoy fine dining, theater and travel. (2/11)

EXOTIC, GOOD LOOKING, adventurous, fun loving, spontaneous, a woman of class. Searching for one good man with looks, style, clean cut, with hair, physically fit, nonsmoker, 40-49. (2/4) \$\tilde{\tilde{2}}\$90815

©30815 **GRAB LIFE AND LET GO!** Tall, pretty, very 'the serve slander, professional, 46, no isfit, sexy, slender, professional, 46, no issues or cats, wants 40-50, outdoor, athletic, sexy, together, real man. (2/4) \$\frac{\pi}{27}\$90799

MAN WANTED, PREFERABLY ALIVE, 6+,

years old plus, no addictions, no unty workers. (2/11) 🏗 90822 LADY OF COLOR NEEDS Caucasian man for romantic, passionate love. Lots of tender loving care, age 49-65, someone in Carlsbad. Let's have some fun now. (2/11) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$90852

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VISTA. ATTRACTIVE, 5', Christian lady, 61, seeking immaculate, on-the-go, together type. Family, travel, romance, caring, honesty, monogamy, who will do all the driving. (2/11) ☎90842

the driving. (2/11) \$\alpha\$90842

FIT, ATTRACTIVE, YOUTHFUL, 44, Italian looks, happy, creative, communicative, affectionate, passionate, secure, honest, spiritual, thoughtful, attractive, proportionate. Seeking same in late 30s-mid-40s, nonsmoker/drinker. (2/4) \$\alpha\$90826

HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN. Integrity model. artist, author, dancer, loves mounmodel, artist, author, dancer, loves mountain cabins, animals. Never married. You: never married, handsome, integrity, quality, 40-59, military experience a plus. (2/11) \$\oldsymbol{\pi}\$90850

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, 5'6", 45 years young. Looking for friend, white or black, muscular build. I'm normal, like music, dancing and just having fun. (2/4) 790793.

SPONTANEOUS BLONDE, unencumbered, affectionate, 50's, adventurous. Enjoys camping, outdoors, reading, arts, gardening, music, travel, laughter, desert, local activities. Seeking chemistry/compatibility with honest, secure man. (2/11) 2790854

man. (2/11) **T**90854 **ATRACTIVE WHITE WOMAN**, 48, trim, active, healthy. Enjoy relaxing with a bottle of wine, conversation, movies, travel, dancing. You're attractive, white, successful, honest, passionate, healthy. (2/11) **T**90830

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AT 3AM, LET'S SHARE champagne and peanut butter. On Tuesday, the museum. Thursday, the roller coaster. Saturday, a Napa winery. Warm, intelligent, adventurous, successful, blonde seeks dynamic equal, 55+. (2/4) 179/98/18

PRETITY, SEXY, FIT, blonde, 37, tall, Sagittarian, passionate, outgoing, bubbly personality. Seeking tall, white, funny, romantic gentleman, nonsmoker. Let's share life's adventures. Let's meet. (2/11) 179/98/55

LIFE HAS BEGUN, AT 40. Ebony lady, at tractive, mom, seeks grounded. humor tractive, mom, seeks grounded, humorous, Christian ebony man for friendship conversation and more. (2/11) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$90849

FEMALE, 51, NORTH COUNTY. Looking for one-on-one relationship, average, for one-on-one relationship, average, nonjudgemental male, traveling, humor, concerts, movies, good conversation, honesty above all. I'm thin, 5'. (2/4)

GOT A HARLEY? I'm a great backrest! Easygoing, happy, friendly, curvaceous me seeks tall, affectionate, honest, adventurous you, for fun and romance. Be 50+ please. (2/11) 179862

CUTE BLONDE, 40S, college degreed professional, 5'7", fit, nonsmoker. Seeks

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counterpart, 45-55, for travel, concerts, movies, dining, biking, hiking, sailing, laughter, sunsets. RV, dog, points! (2/11) \$\frac{1}{2}90838\$

VERY PRETTY LADY, desiring best friend who is 5'10"+, romantic, intelligent, good natured and enjoys fine dining, movies, walking, traveling and new adventures. (2/11) 390840

WIDOW, 56, COLLEGE EDUCATED, employed, no-nonsense New York attitude Nonsmoking/no drugs. Seeking alert, healthy gentleman, 51-65. Enjoy current events, theatre, outings, friendship, rela-tionship. (2/4) \$\mathbf{7}\$90792

tionship. (2/4) 39/9/92

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING. Attractive brunette, 38, 5'6", 125lbs., very fit, great sense of humor. Looking for outdoorsy, athletic, positive professional, between 34-44. Relationship/family oriented. (2/11)

TRUSTING, LASTING FRIEND wanted. Someone tó count on, build relationship with, caring, thought, authentic communication, patience. 5¹⁷, attractive, 45, ourvaceous, enthusiastic, fun loving, healthy, thoughtful. (2/4) **2**90811

thoughtful. (2/4) \$\frac{1}{22}\$90811 **BE MY VALENTINE.** Attractive black

BE MY VALENTINE. Attractive black woman, 51 years old, who's humorous, down to earth, been there done that, who enjoys movies, walks, talks, dancing. Call me. Race unimportant. (2/4) \$\Delta\$ 90804

HELLO BOYS! Me: 33, white, short, round, funny, cutie. You: 30-40ish, considerate, nice looking, good personality. Us: start out as friends and end up ? (2/11) \$\Delta\$ 90845

CUTE, CURVACEOUS GAL, 5'2", 125lbs. great legs, sincere, lovable. Seeking life-time playmate, 58+, 160lbs., nonsmok-ing/drugs, healthy, active, humorous, honest, emotionally/financially secure, ro-mantic, traditional. (2/4) \$\Pi\$90794

ASIAN, PROFESSIONAL, 5'3", 120lbs., sincere, honest, attractive, educated. Seeking 54-63, with the same qualities. (2/11) \$\Pi\$90859 VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, sexv. nice

legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 39-50, healthy, generous, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (2/11) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$90860

fun, trim, fit, adventurous, bright, honest 58. Seeking white male counterpart, 53-65, relationship, movies, romance, dining, travel, outdoors, quiet times. Friends

INTELLIGENT, TALL, SEXY, degreed black beauty with a killer smile seeking a 6'2" or taller, attractive, degreed, male professional, age 35-45. Serious minded only, please. (2/11) \$\infty\$0837

only, please. (2/11) **T9**0837

INTELLIGENT, SPUNKY, energetic chick, attractive, 45, unencumbered brunette, enjoys hikes, fitness, movies, dining, good conversation. Seeking 42-50, active, fit professional for friendship and possible relationship. (2/4) **T9**0798 SENSATIONAL, SEXY, VIVACIOUS, 44

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ceous woman. Seeking balanced, honest, expressive, passionate, sensitive, loyal man. Share laughter, commitment, dreams. Let's embrace the journey. (2/4) Seeking a great lady to enjoy the winter with. Let's explore San Diego. Race/age unimportant. (2/4) 20418

HEALTHY, ADORABLE, Sunattached female, 40 (looks 30, ho unattached female, 40 (looks 30, honest!) from Boston/New York area. Seeking gentleman, 35-50, to help her seek higher ground. (2/4) \$\overline{\Omega}\$90824

ADVENTUROUS, SENSUOUS, direct, his panic, 54, 135lbs., 5'5", romantic, giving, very, very nice. You: nonsmoker, git, 5'9"+, 45+, interesting, charming. To go out and have fun. (2/4) ☎90825

out and nave run. (2/4) \$290825

FARY TALE ENDING. Romantic, English princess, dancer, 58", dark hair, green eyes, nonsmoker, childless, for successful, affectionate prince, 38-50, who already has the castle! (2/4) \$290797

BLACK, PRETTY, HAPPY, personality plus, 50, extremely romantic, enjoys dining out, sunsets, quiet times, traditional values, enthusiastic lady. You: honest gentleman, motivated, appreciate life, love. (2/4) \$\frac{1}{2}\$90823

ALL IN ONE LATINA. You: 35-45, great sense of humor, professional, nonsmoker. Enjoy dining, movies and travel. Race unimportant. Childless and no baggage a plus. (2/4) \$\frac{1}{2}90814\$

GREEN EYES, 45, ATTRACTIVE, kind, nonmaterialistic, outdoorsy, Project Wildlife volunteer. Looking for handsome, yet humble honest man with a great sense of humor. (2/11) \$\alpha\$90841

CAN YOU KEEP UP WITH ME? Cute, intelligent, fun loving, world-traveling female, 41, seeks adventurous, romantic, intelligent, fun man for promising relationship. (2/4) 2790828

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MAKE, 129, 5'9". Blonde, blue eyes, inking, writing, reading, listen urfing, dreaming, smiling, cook ughing, feeling every day of e. (2/11) \$\frac{1}{2}\$20513

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LOTS TO OFFER, professional, balanced, unencumbered athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 53, homeowner, spontaneous, Midwest values, educated. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (2/4) \$\mathbf{T}\$20421

woman. (2/4) \$\pi 20421\$

BOATING, SUN, OCEAN LOVER wanted. Share wonderful lifestyle with kind, thoughtful, loving gentleman, 59, who lives on a 54' motor yacht. Be slender, fit, nonsmoker. (2/11) \$\pi 20514\$

der, fit, nonsmoker. (2/11) ☎ 20514

I'M A TREASURE, just call you'll see.
49, tall, nonsmoker, good looking, successful executive, kind, spontaneous, funny, sexy, honest, spiritual, monogamous, very romantic. Likes dining, dancing, movies, walks, talks, fireplace, sunsets. You: 28-48, very attractive, personality, sweet, sensual, sassy in fashion, likes being pampered. Friends first, grow into long-term relationship. (2/4) ☎ 20458 ship. (Ž/4) \$\tilde{2}\) 20458 **ATTRACTIVE, LATIN, 37,** 5'11", 165lbs. fit athletic adventurous, outgoing

SLENDER, GOOD LOOKING guy, 40ish, good man. Loves outdoors, dinner, movies, fishing. Like to meet slender, attractive, nice woman, friendship, fun and see what happens? (2/11) \$\tilde{\tilde{2}}\$20480

With the solida. (2/4) ★ 20400

Fryou SEEK LOVE you might try me. 39, attractive, 6', 180lbs., green eyes, nice guy. Interested in a steady partner. And you? (2/11) ★ 20496

est, communicative, educated, fit, successful, humorous, nonsmoker/drinker. Seeking female under 40 for commitment, loves travel, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, beach walks. (2/4) \$\frac{14}{2}\$20447

28, 6'1", 185LBS., white/Asian, healthy, clean cut, nonsmoker/drinker, passionate, romantic, enjoys outdoors, music and dancing. (2/4) 22 20451

SINGLE MALE, 5'11", 210LBS., attrac-

40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS. White male,

SEEKING DEGREED PROFESSIONAL,

VERY GOOD LOOKING WHITE male

TALL AND SPIRITUAL. 6'4", 52, healthy professional, well educated, ope minded, compassionate, passionate sensual, sensuous, candlelight roman

BLACK KNIGHT, GOOD looking, 45 5'9", 175lbs, athletic built, great kisser 5'9", 175lbs, athletic built, great kisser, shaved head. Seeking full-figure, white, Asian female, chemistry, friendship, nonjudgemental, committed relationship, 35-58. (2/11) 22 20478

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

STOP HERE! 27 years old, 5'11", 170lbs., black hair, brown eyes, Caucasian. Looking for slender Caucasian between 22-29. Must be affectionate,

humorous, sweet, trustworthy. Looking for long-term relationship. (2/4)

CARING FOR YOU. Professional, 51, bind athletic, romantic, would love to

kind, athletic, romantic, would love to treat you like a lady. Seeking physically and emotionally fit woman, 35-50. North County. (2/4) 2 20453

FRIENDSHIP, POSSIBLE ROMANCE? FRIENDSHIF, POSSIBLE ROMANCE, 'I'm 31, 5'8", kind, cute. Seeking sweet, smart, sexy, twenty-something, non-smoker. Love travel, music, movies, museums, dining. Let's share life's ad-venturous! (2/4) ☎20469

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, affect

tionate, attractive, unencumbered de-greed professional, 40, 611*, 215lbs., German-Irish Catholic, clean-cut, con-servative appearance, seeks intelligent, warmhearted, unencumbered white fe-male, 25-34, very attractive, possessing inner and outer beauty. (2/4) \$\mathbf{x}\$ 20411

Inner and outer beauty. (2/4) ★ 20411

SURF, BLADES, PLAYS GUITAR, restaurants, theater, movies, 37, 5'11", physically fit, North County Coastal. You: enjoy the outdoors, quiet evenings at home, time to date. (2/4) ★ 20472

EBONY LADY, MY DREAMS await you to step into reality. 35-45, proportionate. Me: white, 6'3", 250lbs., good shape, attractive, love kids, cooking, nonmaterialistic, romantic, honest. (2/4)

JEWISH MAN, 59, seeking Jewish woman, 35, early 50's, for friendship,

woman, 35, early 50's, for friendship possibly long-term relationship. Inter-ests: Tennis, hiking, music, live theater (2/11) ☎ 20500

GORGEOUS LATINO MALE, fit, slim,

5'8", educated, homeowner. Seeking woman with sweet personality, 23-43, 5'3"+. (2/4) **क** 20422

ENGLISH/AMERICAN GENTLEMAN.
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North County, youthful exuberance, 5'10', 160lbs., brown/blue eyes. Seeking attractive, blonde, height/weight symmetry, for long-term companionship, nonsmoker. (2/4) \$\Pi\$ 20466

MICE LOOKING slender Irish and Italian. Enjoys movies, fun, romantic dinners. Wants to meet petite or slender brunette who enjoys sharing good times together. (2/11) \$\mathbf{T}\$20479

wgeiner. (2/11) \$\infty\$ 20479

PARTNER IN CRIME. Educated, Hispanic teddy bear, 32, silly, eclectic, unique. Seeks cute, white/Hispanic, nonsmoking, 21-32, loyal, affectionate, movies, music, exercise, family, cuddling, kissing. (2/11) \$\infty\$ 20488

BAD BOY 100KS with a cod base.

BAD BOY LOKS with a good heart seeking slim lady, nonsmoker, for friend, romance and tender loving care. I could be the one for you. (2/11) \$\tilde{\tau}\$20474

GREAT CATCH! DOWN TO EARTH, Jew-

ish male, 34, enjoys movies, hiking, cats, 80s music. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (2/11) 220493

new in town. Caucasian, professional male. Looking for friendship, dating, possibly more. I am secure, and have no baggage. (2/4) 🕿 20417

FINE GENTLEMAN, good natured, outgoing, slim, 5'8", seeks mature senior woman, 69 plus, joyful in spirit, aging gracefully. (2/11) \$20477

SINGLE, HANDSOME, 30s, athletic,

black male. Seeking slightly older woman, shapely, for dating, mutual friends, possible relationship. (2/4)

TEACHER, 40, EASYGOING, enjoys dancing, tennis, working out, concerts, guitar. Seeking slender woman, loves to laugh, smile, have fun morning, noon and night. (2/4) ☎ 20427

30s MAN, 6'3", DASHING, black man

very successful, looking for slender, attractive woman, for fun and relationship. Race unimportant. Everything your heart could wish for. (2/4)

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₩IFE WANTED. If you are slender, attractive, professional, serious about long-term relationship, then call. I'm 6', 175lbs., muscular, attractive, business owner, in La Jolla. (2/4) ☎ 20460

ENTHUSIASTIC, FUN, HEALTHY, hon

50ISH, NPR AND GOLF ADDICTED, Buddist leftist professional seeks intelligent, attractive and affectionate companion for walks, dinners and who knows what. (2/11) \$\infty\$20503

DEL MAR. Handsome, charming, romantic, executive, 60, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, well educated, fit, professional lady, 35-60. (2/4) ☎ 20473

tive, intelligent, athletic, professional, honest, positive, open minded, spontaneous, personable, agreeable, affectionate, passionate, loves intimacy, black and prefer interracial dating. (2/4) 2720446

36, searching for an ebony woman, communication, trust and respect, who enjoys a passionate and romantic male. (2/11) 2 20501

gym trim, dancing, cooking, walks, ski-ing, movies, wine, quiet and outrageous times. Caucasian, spontaneous, caring, thoughtful level-headed caucasian pro-fessional, 5'10", 62. (2/4) \$\tilde{a}\$ 20467

6'3", 225lbs. Seeking princess for dating, adventure, romance, best friends, relationship, good times, laughter, Las Vegas. (2/11) 🕿 20483

vegas. (2/11) \$\tilde{\pi}\$ 20483

NORTH COUNTY, BROWN, blue, 5'7", trim, 5'7", stable, honest, varied interests, easygoing, TLC, to give. Seeking attractive female, as best friend, companion, relationship. No games. (2/4) \$\tilde{\pi}\$ 20425

tic. Sailing, skiing, music, dancing companionship. Seeking spiritual partner. (2/4) \$\infty\$ 20434

ner. (2/4) \$\frac{\text{T}}{2}\text{20434}\$ **OUTDOOR, ADVENTUROUS.** Seeking same. 30, white, blue, brown, 6'3". 175lbs., cute. Romantic, humorous, animals, ocean, mountains, camping, financially secure. You: any race, 18-35, long relationship. (2/4) \$\frac{\text{T}}{2}\text{20463}\$







HERPES, LATIN, NICE GUY, 50 years, 5'7", 168lbs. You: Asian, white, Latin, life running, walks, jazz, concerts, movies, holding hands. Be ready to smile again. (2/4) ☎ 20420

CHARMING, LOVABLE, HONEST, funny, intelligent... Just to name a few? You decide. Sensual, loving man that loves the scent of a woman and everything else. (2/11) ☎ 20486

LET'S GET DRUNK! Astrologer, activist, unconventional, many interests, Pisces, Scorpio moon, Leo rising, 54, 6', 150lbs., bald, vegetarian. Let's dissolve egos in Neptunian ecstasy. (2/4)

NORTH COUNTY, CARLSBAD, white male, 42, romantic, handsome, humorous. Seeking woman, 30-45, who would like romance in her life, and lives in North County. (2/4) ☎ 20426

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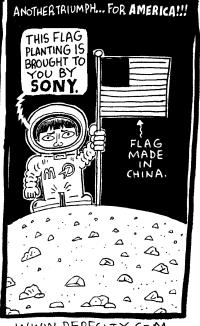
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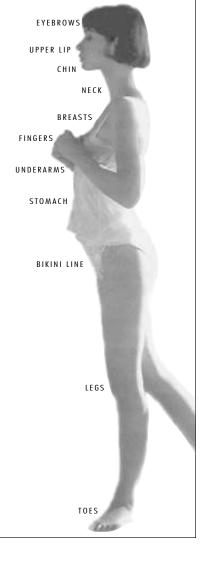
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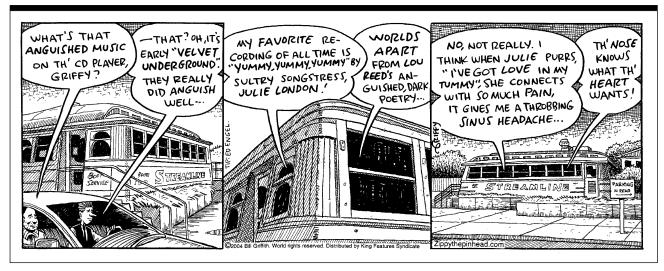
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COLLEGE AREA. Studios, 1, 2 bedrooms from \$725. Central air conditioning/heat. Patio/balcony. All electric kitchen. Dishwasher. Cable hookup. Laundry on site. Reserved covered parking. Elevator. Courtyards. 2 pools. 2 saunas. Basketball and tennis courts. New fitness center. Barbecues. Villa Del Sol, 5474 Reservoir Drive. 1-888-862-2284. www.sdreader.com/rent/2048.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. New paint, and flooring in kitchen. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, living room, and family room. Big backyard. 619-459-2884

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COLLEGE AREA. \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Across from community center that has a gym, pool, ice rink, and skatepark. No smoking. 858-337-3644.

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CROWN POINT. \$1395. 2+ bedroom, 1 bath. Garage, 1 block to bay, great location. 4013 Honeycutt Street. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

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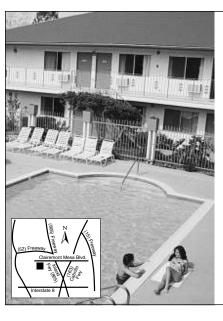
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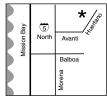
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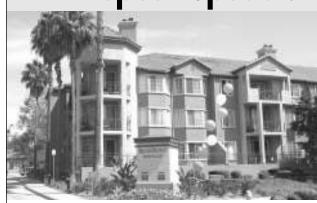
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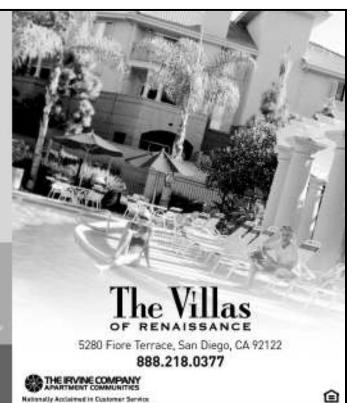
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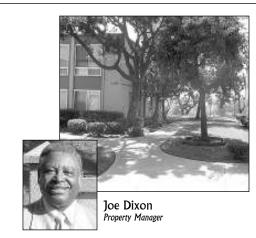
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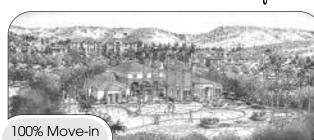
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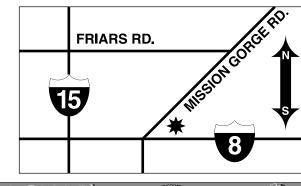
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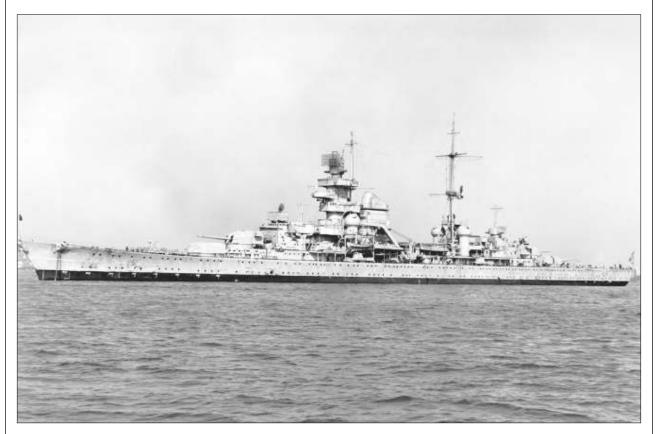
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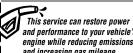
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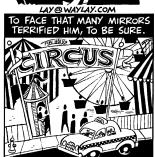
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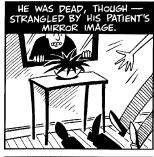
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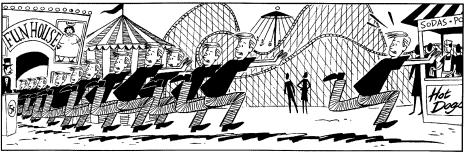












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Knowledge Is Power

 Scientists on the cutting edge have recently developed cholesterol-free mice (by Quark Biotech), bisexual butterflies (by Butterfly Park in Singapore), and the "perfect" slice of buttered toast (by Arla Foods, Leeds, England). ... A team of mathematicians using 200,000 computers found the largest "Mersenne prime" number ever, which is 6.3 million digits long. Said a Michigan State grad student who worked on the project, "It's a neat accomplishment, but it really doesn't have any applicability." ... New York University professor Steven Brams and colleagues developed a nuanced political-economic theory for efficiently dividing a cake among dessert lovers who insist on getting their fair shares.

Déjà Vu All Over Again

 In January, in Florida's first election using all touch-screen balloting (following the state's 2000 presidential fiasco), Ellyn Bogdanoff won a special election for a state House seat from Broward County by 12 votes out of about 10,000 cast, but the losing candidate was considering a challenge over the 134 "voters" who had gone into the

booths but for whom no votes were registered. (By the way, in January in San Antonio, Texas, Chad Allen Tolleson was arrested for burglarizing a store by climbing in through a ventilation duct; however, he got stuck, and early-arriving employees who found him dangling from the ceiling now refer to him as "Hanging Chad.")

Cultural Diversity

- Over a two-month period in the American Indian Miskito community of northern Nicaragua, about 150 people contracted a hysteria whose symptoms included wandering naked in public, becoming severely violent, fighting imaginary enemies, and, later, lapsing into comalike states. Nicaraguan officials regard the illness — "grisi siknis" — as culture-bound, with traditional healers more effective at treating it than medical doctors.
- The Tokyo police's lost-and-found center reported that the equivalent of \$23 million in cash found by strangers was turned in in 2002 (and almost \$17 million eventually made it back to the rightful owners). Also, reported the New York Times in January, 330,000 umbrellas were turned in (but fewer than 1000 were claimed).

Latest Religious Messages

- Televangelist Joyce Meyer has risen from the pack of TV ministers (and from the ordinariness of her pre-preaching life) by her pursuit of donations (\$95 million in 2003), according to a December St. Louis Post-Dispatch profile. "Make your checks payable to Joyce Meyer Ministries,' she shouted, "and 'million' is spelled m-i-l-l-io-n." Of once receiving \$1 million in stocks from a worshipper, she said, "I didn't have that [gift] for five minutes and I said, 'OK, God, next I'll take \$5 million.' "'Fear," she reminds her parishioners, as in their fear of making sacrifices in order to have more money to give her, "is the work of the devil."

- The Los Angeles Kabbalah Centre is enjoy-

ing soaring income due to the Jewish mysticism's recent embrace by pop celebrities (e.g., Madonna, Britney Spears), according to a December New York Times report. Kabbalah bottled water (which has supposedly absorbed the energy of the Torah by osmosis from being in the same room with it and which "changes you on a molecular level," said a Centre employee) costs \$3.50, and red string bracelets (which supposedly ward off negative spirits — which Jewish traditionalists say is an appalling oversimplification of their purpose) cost from \$26 to \$36.

God, the Micromanager

- Ten months before election day, God has handicapped the 2004 presidential race as a "blowout" victory for President Bush, according to Pat Robertson on his Christian Broadcasting Network program The 700 Club (January). ... Connecticut's besieged governor, John Rowland, who is in trouble for having taken favors from contractors and then (as he later admitted) lying about it, said he can't resign because God spoke to him directly and ordered him to hang in and defend himself (December).

Recurring "News of the Weird" **Themes**

 In Clearwater, Fla., Mary Denise Flowers was arrested for stealing a \$20,000 ring from Littman Jewelers, with the key prosecution evidence emerging only several days later when Flowers, whose modus operandi was to swallow the ring at the scene of the crime, finally "passed" it at a local hospital, where it was mined from her feces (December). ... A home at 3715 Euclid Avenue in San Diego was completely demolished when a pilot light ignited the 19 bug bombs the homeowner had set; one canister would have been plenty lethal for the small area, but 19 yielded a bomb 28 times more powerful than necessary (December).

Recent Extreme Body Piercings (No Fatalities!)

 Joy Wiggins (accidentally shot herself in the heart with a nail gun but was saved by doctors at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, Texas, October); Jed Bryant, 21 (accidentally shot by coworker's nail gun, three and a half inches into his skull, Rapid City, S.D., January); Roxanne Kirtley (absentmindedly stood up, forcing her head against a protruding nail that went 2 inches into her skull, Dallas, August); and a 34-year-old laborer (fell and landed seat-first on a rebar rod that impaled him through the buttocks, Toronto, Ontario, September).

Readers' Choice

- While his dad was busy with a phone call three feet away, Timmy Novotny, 7, climbed through the 8-by-10-inch release door of a stuffedanimal game machine at the Piggly Wiggly supermarket in Sheboygan, Wis., in January and couldn't get out. He spent an hour among the elephants and rabbits until firefighters dismantled

In the Past Month...

 New York City Port Authority police officer Russell Bass pleaded guilty to having illegally videotaped an 11-year-old girl in a shower two years ago and blamed it on the stress he was under for helping with the 9/11 rescue at the World Trade Center. ... North Little Rock, Ark., police arrested two alleged Internet-trolling pedophiles, one of whom had flown in from Arizona and the other all the way from South Korea, to meet teenyboppers, who were, of course, police officers running a sting.

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The Volkswagen Thing was inspired by the Kübel, a German army vehicle. "Some people call it the Nazi War Wagon," says Kenny Prill. It has a rag top and removable windows. The windshield can fold forward, and all four doors come off for extreme ventilation or relief from claustrophobia.

Kenny bought his Thing in 1978. "A friend of ours used to go to Mazatlán and Puerto Vallarta for fishing, and he saw them down there and liked them and found one for sale up here. When he decided to give it up, my wife Char said, 'Why don't you buy it?' I said, 'Are you crazy?' because we already had her '55 Chevy and my '56 Chevy panel truck. But gas prices had reached a dollar a gallon, so we bought the Thing and I parked the truck, a V-8 that got lousy mileage.

"The Things were manufactured in Mexico and used there as taxis and even police cars. They sold up here only in 1973 and 1974, I believe. They were marketed as a recreation vehicle. It's got an air-cooled engine like a Bug, and the engine in the rear gives it good traction, so it can go a lot of places. But they didn't sell. Some people think they're ugly. But if you like to go to the desert or Mexico, it's a good car. I've driven mine to Bahía Los Angeles, about 350 miles down Baia, and to Gonzaga Bay on the Sea of Córtez. When our kids were young, all four of us piled into the Thing and drove to Pagosa Springs, Colorado. We looked like the Beverly Hillbillies.

"It's got some drawbacks. A few years ago we were going to watch the Super Bowl with our friends in Alpine. So we're on 8 east past the Lake Jennings turnoff, going up the grade against a headwind that slowed us

down to about 40 miles an hour, because the front of the Thing is so squared off. I shifted into third gear and tried to pick up a little more speed, and it went boom. An intake valve broke and hit the piston.

"Like any of the air-cooled VWs, it's high maintenance. You need to set the valves and change the oil every 3000 miles. I bought one of those books called How to Keep Your Volkswagen Alive.

"And you have to drive them right. Some people don't realize that if they're going uphill and lugging in fourth gear, it puts a lot of strain on the motor. You've got to keep the RPMs up.

"When my motor blew up, I had a new one built. The stock motor is 1600cc. This one is 1776. The mileage isn't that great, with the built-up motor and a bigger carburetor and with gear ratio in the Thing being low. It's made for torque, for sand or



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Cheap, escapist trash? You'd think so, looking at the cover.

By John Brizzolara

I am sleeping on a neighbor's sofa while my place is being fumigated. It's only for a night or two, but from the pile of books next to me, you would think I was to be stranded on a desert isle, and these were my choices of indispensable literature. Not true. But not terribly far from true. This stack of (mostly) old Ace paperbacks from the 1960s represents a quick assessment of hmmm...what am I in the mood for? The answer: pulp fiction.

Sometimes I forget that Nabokov or Evelyn Waugh can be fun. Even James Joyce is hilarious in many, many passages once you crack the code. But code cracking, working one's way through an author's idiosyncratic conceits or shibboleths can, at times, seem more like work than fun. On the other hand, finding and identifying a pearl of an allusion or literary in-joke can be a delicious if silly pleasure.

But what have I grabbed here? Part of a recent haul from Adams Avenue is represented. The Mad King, by Edgar Rice Burroughs; When the Sleeper Awakes, by H.G. Wells; Master of the World, by Jules Verne; The King in Yellow, by Robert W. Chambers; Swordswoman, by Robert E. Howard; The Hand of Fu Manchu and The Day the World Ended, by Sax Rohmer. Finally, Our Lady of Darkness, by Fritz Leiber. Excluding the latter, a loaner, I may have shelled out a total of \$15 for these.

I've fired up the gas heater. In a moment I'll make some hot chocolate. Cozy is the byword here. Sometimes I look upon my life and find that it is good. Among the things in the darkness though, just beyond the blind spot at the corners of my eyes, are what psychiatrists would label nonspecific or free-floating anxiety possibly. Pulp writers might term it purplishly "nameless dread.

There is something classic, typical, and eerily resonant in the opening pages of the 1929 "super-science thriller" *The Day the World Ended*, by Sax Rohmer (Arthur Sarsfield Ward), creator of the long, politically incorrect Fu Manchu stories (this is not one of them). It is very characteristic of this type of writing, termed pulp and aimed at the newly literate masses in the wake of the Industrial Revolution. It might also be a working metaphor for that shot-outof-a-gun feeling I often have upon waking in the morning, whether it is 7 a.m.

I AM GIVEN THREE DAYS

"Brian Woodville!" I sat up in bed with a start. Pitch darkness prevailed in my apartment. But staring intently out of the alcove in the direction of the half-shuttered windows, I could just discern a faint difference in the gloom....

I reached up for a hanging switch and lighted my bedside lamp.

The room was empty. No sound was audible except a distant rippling from the little stream at the foot of the gardens and the intimate ticking of my wristwatch.

I raised my pajama sleeve and glanced at the dial. Just three o'clock. Silence — emptiness...yet, a cold, commanding voice had called me by name! Or had I dreamed — dreamed vividly?

"Brian Woodville!"

... The voice was starkly something of another world!

... "Brian Woodville," said the cold, inexorable voice apparently at my elbow! — "You have three days. You will leave Baden-Baden within that time. This is the first warning....

...Either I was at last face-to-face with what is loosely termed "the supernatural" or I was going mad!

Action, of some sort, I have found to be the only antidote to panic of any sort. There was a bottle of whisky and some soda water on the table. I brewed a drink — with exaggerated care and coolness. I filled and lighted

I had three days....

If this sort of thing happened to Mr. Woodville more than once, these days he would be prescribed Paxil or Wellbutrin for anxiety and a 12-step program for the whisky. But this is exactly the kind of dilemma I can relate to. Three days for what? I don't know. Deadlines? Homework? Property taxes? A term paper? Rent? It doesn't matter. It is exactly the kind of Kafkaesque sentence I've felt over my head as far back as I can remember. And as for springing into action, that was exactly my style (and Bogart's and Raymond Chandler's, etc.) right down to the soda and the pipe. What kind of sense does this make at 3 a.m.? Don't ask.

I've never read any of the Fu Manchu novels, but I intend to remedy that right away. On the back jacket of The Hand of Fu Manchu is a photo of Rohmer in a mandarin-collared, floor-length silk robe. He is smoking a pipe. I may have seen this photo as a child (like one of Mickey Spillane holding a $.\overline{45}$), and it would as readily explain my choice of occupation as the thrill I received isolating fore-



Sax Rohmer's silk robe and pipe made Brizzolara sign up to be a writer.

shadowing imagery in A High Wind in Jamaica and Billy Budd. Yes, to create those rollicking, salty yarns that were lifting me light-years and miles from my big ears, big butt, and dork haircut? Marvelous! But a silk gown, a pipe, and a gun? Sign me up.

I'm rereading Leiber's Our Lady of Darkness, winner of the World Fantasy Award 25 or so years ago, as well as other major genre awards. In this one, Leiber has anthropomorphized and named his version of my small stack of old paperback gaud. He calls it his Scholar's Mistress and comprises old pulp magazines, detective novels, the Golden nature guides, and Knowledge through Color books. This stuff had been his "chief, almost sole companions during the three years [he'd] laid sodden there stupidly goggling at the TV...." Following the death of his wife, protagonist Franz Westen goes on a late-life alcoholic binge that almost kills him, meanwhile writing his column for Weird Underground, a kind of X-Files fan magazine. Cheap, escapist trash? You'd think so, looking at the cover: a bogeyman of a naked woman bursting through a window. Her body is made of shredded pulp magazines.

Next to the sofa I'm lying on is someone's CD case; it was originally made to hold eight-track tapes. This sofa has accommodated many an overnight tenant, and this may well have been misplaced or temporarily stored by one of them. The collection strikes me as something like the smattering of familiarity I grabbed, keeping just ahead of the exterminators. The music, nicely encased and dust free for many years, I see, includes albums like Floyd Cramer in Concert, Elvis Country: I'm 10,000 Years Old, The Best of Liberace, The Gambler: Kenny Rogers, and Mellow Magic for the '70s: Living Strings.

I can't escape the notion that this case of music has served the same pur-

pose for some predecessor on this couch as my clutch of novels. I imagine I could write a short story about the owner of these musical clues. But I am momentarily stumped over what I might deduce about the owner of The Mad King, Our Lady of Darkness, and The Day the World Ended. Stumped and reluctant to go there.

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'm not quite done with Christmas. This happens every year. When everyone else has moved on to New Year's resolutions and white sales, I'm still sitting at my dining-room table signing Christmas cards. I vow every year to change, to get Christmas done early. I never do.

My dilemma always starts the same way. In September, I find myself occupied with backto-school projects — shopping, school supplies, getting back into the school routine. If Christmas even crosses my mind. I see it as a tiny light shimmering far in the distance.

October disappears quickly in more school projects and the dreaded Halloween/All Saints' Day exacta. Four of my five children attend a small Catholic academy near our home in San Marcos. Every year on October 31, the school holds an All Saints' Day carnival. The kids dress up as the saint of their choice and give a speech about their saint. Just try to find a St. Dymphna, Virgin, or Martyr costume at your local Toys "R" Us. I piece together saint costumes from our dress-up closet and a few trips to Goodwill. Then everyone needs a regular Halloween costume for trick-or-treating.

By the time we finish with the end of October, I need at least a week to recover. Soon, I start planning for Thanksgiving. My oldest daughter Rebecca's birthday follows on November 30. During the pre-Thanksgiving lull, I sometimes think to myself, "I should do some Christmas shopping now, so I'm not so swamped in December." Never happens. I pick up a magazine and look at another new turkey recipe to try, and Christmas flies right out of my head.

The first week in December, Jack looks at me and says, "What are we doing for Christmas?" By that time, I usually have a pretty good idea of what the kids want. Jack and I discuss our gift-giving strategy. We try to be even. For instance, if one kid gets a new bike, everyone gets a new bike or something of greater or equal gravitas and value. "We shouldn't spend too much money," Jack says.

We always do. Over the next few weeks, Jack shops at lunch and on his way home from work. I shop at night on the Internet and have the packages shipped to Jack's office. I make many trips to Target to purchase teacher gifts and Secret Santa gifts and friend gifts for the kids.

At some point during the shopping and Christmas pageants and class parties, Jack asks me, "What do you want to do about the card?" In the past, we have sent Christmas cards to friends and family. We always include a family photo and a long letter telling folks what we've been up to during the year. This year I told Jack, "No photo. I'm too fat. You can take a picture of just the kids."

"I can Photoshop you," Jack coaxed. "I'll make you look great.

On a cool afternoon the week before Christmas, we dressed the kids in nice clothes and drove to a park near our house. Jack set up his tripod and posed the whole family with a duck pond and waterfall in the background. The photos turned out okay. The kids looked great. When Jack scanned the photo into our computer, the first thing he did was give himself more hair and make my face thinner.

"I don't want to do a letter this year," I told Jack as I looked at the finished family photo. "Nothing has changed. You still have the same job. I'm still doing the same thing. The kids go to the same school. Everyone's just a year older, and people will see that from the picture."

'Okay," Jack agreed. "No letter."

The kids got out of school for Christmas vacation. We spent the week before Christmas baking cookies and wrapping presents and shopping for holiday feasts. Every day, I thought, "I should be working on the cards.

The week after Christmas, the kids played with all their new gear, rode new bikes, bickered incessantly, and complained that there was "nothing to do." Every time I considered writing Christmas cards, I had to fix another snack or break up an argument or read the directions on a new toy.

The kids went back to school. I packed up the family Christmas presents I hadn't yet sent and mailed them to Ohio and Virginia and Mammoth. I tried to catch up on the laundry and cleaning and bill paying I'd neglected during the holidays.

On January 21, I sat down to write Christmas cards. The girls were at school. Johnny and Ben kneeled in the family room building planes and other modes of transportation with their Duplos. I sat at our round breakfast table with two boxes of cards, a pile of family photos, and the stack of cards we'd received from other people arrayed around me. "Look," Ben said as he swooped a bright red plastic square at me. "I made this just for you."

'Thanks, Ben," I told him. "That's cool. You can set it on the table.

I opened the first card and wrote, "Loved your card. Hope you had a blessed holiday and that the New Year holds much joy. Love, Jack, Anne, Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, Johnny, and Ben."

"One down," I thought. Maybe I'll be done by Easter.

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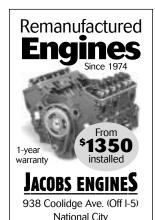












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