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Children Cheapened

I suspect that I will be the only person writing who does not join in heaping praise on lê thi diem thúy ("Art Is Slow," February 5). With that admission, I hope that my respect for her huge talent is obvious. However, many experiences of people's individual lives are, at their root, private and sacred and won't fit between two book covers no matter how hard one pushes. People are sovereign; thus is it one of the job hazards of being a writer that while the author attempts to reflect reality, it is always (at least to some degree) their own reality they create and not necessarily that of anybody else. When Ms. lê states that her book "... is putting a name and a face and feelings to an experience ...," she seems to miss the fact that it was other people and not her words that breathed names, faces, and feelings (life) into those experiences in the first place. For anyone to say that the children of war (any war) fell asleep is to cheapen the child, and from experience, I am sure that would make said child realize that Ms. lê did not know them at all.

Elliot T. Richey Normal Heights

Excellent Bauder

Thanks to the Reader and especially Don Bauder for the recent articles about the city's growing pension scandal and financial problems, and especially the last one, entitled "Our Enron-Style Scandal" ("City Lights," February 5). Bauder's excellent analysis and writing hit all the nails on the head and reveal in detail the unvarnished truth about the city's systematic looting of the pension funds, much to the detriment of taxpayers and innocent elderly retirees. This is an especially nasty case of elder abuse. We have been systematically lied to by the city and the retirement system's (SDCERS) board of directors. It is greed run rampant, a public agency that is out of control and unaccountable to its taxpayers and retirees.

David W. Wood Del Cerro

Financial Book-Cookers

Although I usually agrée with Don Bauder, I don't see the current budget crisis as Enronomics — I think it is more clearly Soviet-style crony capitalism ("Our Enron-Style Scandal," "City Lights," February 5). The city has taken money from the taxpayers and its employees to give to the Chargers, the Padres, developers (NTC, CCDC), and well-connected visitor-based businesses.

As Bruce Henderson and others have noted, the giveaway amounts to at least \$500 million and I would suggest more than a billion, about the amount the city is underfunded. Ex-Mayor Golding, the city managers, and the financial bookcookers should all be held accountable.

> David Bainbridge Mira Mesa

Unholy Mess

Thank you for Don Bauder's article of February 5 on the City of San Diego pension fund ("Our Enron-Style Scandal," "City Lights").

Your exposé of the deceit perpetrated by city officials over a number of years should open the public's eye to the corruption and irresponsibility of some of our local officials. It's hard to believe that the city that had an exemplary management culture in the 1960s and '70s has been corrupted to such an extent. The city's retirees and taxpayers should be grateful to Diann Shipione, a person of integrity and courage, for uncovering this unholy mess. The city management should be investigated, and the persons responsible for this coverup should be held accountable for their misdeeds.

Adam G. Saling Scripps Miramar Ranch

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Freeing the Cheetahs Three

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The three San Diego city councilmen under in-



city councilmen under indictment for bribery and other alleged nefarious activity in the Cheetahs stripclub scandal have been raking in the big money for their legal-defense funds from an array of the usual city hall special interests. But some less-familiar names have also

Ralph Inzunza m

surfaced for the cause. Councilman Ralph Inzunza, who picked up \$106,000 — the most raised by members of the Cheetahs defendants during the last half of 2003, according to campaign-disclosure reports filed late last week - relied heavily on old and familiar sources to pay for the services of his criminal defense attorney Michael Pancer. Most of them gave the legal maximum of \$250 each. There was labor czar Jerry Butkiewicz, fresh from his high-profile bid to keep the Chargers in town. There was port commissioner and Jaguar dealer Steve Cushman, along with his onetime colleague, developer Peter Janopaul. Others included Gabriel Valenzuela, listed as a "supervisor" with the Padres, along with Delia and Roger Talamantez, he being recently forced out as head of the city's data-processing operation in part for spending too much on tequila shooters. Biotech titan Ted Roth, another longtime donor and political player, checked in as well. Lobbyist Paul Robinson joined the Inzunza cause, as did ex-water board chairwoman, now lobbyist, Christine Fraham, Mitch Berner of Public Solutions, John Chalker of L.M. Capital, developer Janay Kruger, Steve Davis of SDG&E, lawyer and lobbyist Lynn Heidel, lobbyists Matt and Paul Peterson, and Marc Wolfsheimer, son of one-time strip-club industry lobbyist Lou Wolfsheimer. Other influence peddlers included David Nielsen of MNA Consulting; Bernie Rhinerson and Al Ziegaus (along with wife Connie) of Southwest Solutions; Cox Cable's Bill Geppert, Mary Bal, and Ed Lopez (who also serves on the school board); Chargers advocate and restaurateur Dan Shea; and SDG&E's Buz Schott. Inzunza recruited plenty of friends and family from his city council District 8. There were a raft of members of the Hueso family, including Ben, a close Inzunza ally as well as a city redevelopment employee who is running for school board from the district. Daniel and Rebecca Ayyad, longtime Inzunza backers who happen to redevelop rundown property in the district, were on the list. So, too, were Robert Ito, regional airport authority board member **Bill Lynch**, and his fellow board member, defense contracting consultant Joe Craver; and chamber of commerce honcho Jessie Knight. Inzunza's friends in politics are also well represented. Mayor Dick Murphy, his chief of staff John Kern, and Scott Peters and wife Lynn Gorguze all closed ranks around their colleague, as did Inzunza mentor, state assemblyman Juan Vargas and his aide de camp Colin Rice. Ditto their friend and campaign supporter, city business improvement district contractor

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Marco Limandri. Other donors included Fred Pierce, SDSU Foundation redevelopment executive and chairman of the city's troubled pension plan, along with Alberto Mier y Teran, listed as general manager of Spanish-language broadcaster KBNT, and John Dahlen, owner of Sheriff Bill Kolender's favorite old drinking spot, Bully's East. A new name listed among the Inzunza heavy hitters: Internet consultant Susan Myrland, whose website lists as clients High Tech High; the MAAC Project, a nonprofit Inzunza once chaired; and AVID, an educational group that San Diego school-board member Ron Ottinger works for. Myrland's husband Doug manages public broadcaster KPBS, which recently stirred up a minor fuss after Union-Tribune editorial writer Bob Kittle departed as a weekly commentator.

Getting religious As if **Alan Bersin** didn't have enough to worry about already, the

 Alan Bersin

San Diego Unified School District's citizens committee monitoring progress on repairing schools with proceeds from the district's Prop MM billion-dollar bond measure has come up with some more bad news. It turns out that money is running out be-

fore the schools are fixed.

Just to keep up with maintenance, says a letter signed by chairman Gil Johnson and vice chair Dorothy Leonard, would cost "an additional \$24 million annually above the current district funded budget of \$38 million." They warn against delay: "A deferred repair doesn't go away, it just increases in cost." Also reportedly deferred. December delivery of the annual outside-audit results by the KPMG accounting firm. It's now expected on March 15. And just as his administrative top gun Lou Smith was departing for greener pastures last week, Bersin himself was reportedly in Washington, D.C., huddling with officials from the National Science Foundation, which is conducting its own audit on how federal grant money has been spent by the district. ... Deputy San Diego city attorney Leslie

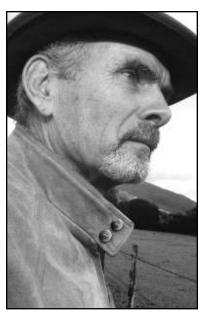


Devaney, who is running against coworker Deborah Berger and private attorney Michael Aguirre to succeed her boss Casey Gwinn, is set to speak about her campaign before the Christian Professional Women's Fellowship in two weeks. The topic: "You

want me to do WHAT, Lord?" According to the program notes: "Leslie doesn't know what is ahead, but she knows she's in the place where God wants her to be."

— Matt Potter

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Duncan McFetridge

Moneybags Promote Sobbing Farmers

By Don Bauder

What do you get when you launder money in a henhouse or a pigsty? Filthy lucre, according to proponents of Proposition A, the Rural as it was in 1998 when a

Lands Initiative that would attempt to thwart development sprawl into the backcountry.

Attacks against the initiative feature farmers wailing that their honorable livelihood will be curtailed. But the money for those political ads is provided by the real estate industry, just as it was in 1998 when a similar measure, Proposition B, was voted down.

The San Diego County Farm Bureau does the talking, and real estate interests do the bankrolling. And that raises the big question: do some farmers who own backcountry property intend to continue farming it? Or is their real agenda

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to make money farming as they reap agricultural tax relief, then get rich selling their land to developers?

In 1998, about twothirds of the money to beat Prop. B came from realty pushers, according to the proponents. Among the big donors then: Builders Association and Contractors Political Action Committee, \$43,000; Building Industry Association of San Diego County, \$10,000; San Diego Board of Realtors, \$40,000; and National Association of Home Builders, \$27,000.

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Rescue People Are Very Angry

By Ernie Grimm

D oth sides agree the seeds of the dispute Dwere planted in 2000 when the County Board of Supervisors announced that the

three county animal shelters — in Carlsbad, Linda Vista, and Bonita --- would be "no-kill" shelters within five years. "No kill," at least for public shelters that can't turn away animals, does not mean a complete cessation of euthanizing animals. It means no "adoptable" animals will be killed. The announcement resulted in the summer 2003 hiring of Marlena

Young, an animal-behavior specialist formerly of the Kansas City Humane Society. She is trained in a method of dog temperament testing known as the Sternberg Method. Young's hiring and her subsequent implementation of the temperament testing touched off a round of infighting and firings among staff, management, and volunteers at the shelters.









Marlena Young

Cynthia Starkovsky volunteered at the central shelter for 12 years. She leads a loose group of people in the local animal shelter and animal rescue fields who are unhappy with the changes. "At the top of our list," Starkovsky says, "is our objection to the imposing of these very harsh tests on older, very young, sick, injured, and very frightened animals. I would say that is the core issue. A collateral issue also is, since they imposed this system, they are now recharacterizing euthanasia in new ways, declaring animals untreatable for behavior or medical rea-

sons. There are other issues, too, such as the fact that the Department of Animal Services has retaliated against any volunteers and rescue groups who have attempted to speak up on behalf of these animals simply by firing [the volunteers]."

Starkovsky, who was asked not to come back to the shelter after protesting against the test, complains that the county's new system fixes something that wasn't broken. "Historically," she explains, "animals at public shelters were evaluated by a very democratic system. There was input from volunteers, ken-

nel staff, even members of the public as to the adoptability — in terms of behavior — of an animal. Now, one evaluator basically has displaced that democratic method of deciding which dogs live and die, which is going to be helped and which not."

Marlena Young believes there's a danger in being too democratic when deciding a dog's future. "We actually have a form that is called a Behavioral Awareness Form that volunteers can fill out and give to the staff at that shelter to review, and they can write anything on there that they want. The problem is that

iors that we feel are legitimate. In other words, if a dog snaps at you, people tend to go, 'Oh well, it was just...' and we say, 'No, we want to know what the trigger was and if this is going to happen again.' We need to know more about that behavior. We don't want to ever excuse that away because it may mean that somebody is going to get hurt. There was a Doberman in New Jersey, in the last few months, that was adopted out after 87 days in a shelter where he never showed any aggression. The staff liked this

they want to excuse behav-

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Bullwhip, Bagpipes, or Cobra?

By Robert Kumpel

Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante is ■ facing a lawsuit alleging that he took from Indian tribes \$3.8 million more than

is allowed by the state's campaign limits. Who is the plaintiff in the lawsuit?

A. The State Attorney General B. The State Fair Political Practices Commission C CALPIRG D. The unions of State Gaming Tribes

2. Craig Peyer, the CHP officer convicted of killing Cara Knott along I-15 in 1986, was denied parole at his first hearing in January.

He will not be eligible for parole again for how many years?

A. four years B. two years C. six years D. eight years

3. Which Democratic presidential candidate said, "If God had thought homosexuality is a sin, he would not have created gay people"?

A. John Kerry

B. Dick Gephardt C. Howard Dean D. Wesley Clark

4. The City of San Diego reached an agreement to end the lawsuit over its lease to the Boy Scouts in Balboa Park. The city has agreed to cancel the lease to the Boy Scouts and pay the legal fees for what group?

A. The ACLU B. The Gay and Lesbian Center C. The Rainbow Coalition D. The American Civil **Rights Institute**

5. Which longtime Las Vegas casino was shut down by federal agents who seized \$500,000 to cover unpaid employee benefits?

A. The Golden Nugget

B. The Mint C. Binion's Horseshoe D. The Fremont

6. Researchers from Best Places rated which Ameri-

can city as the most stress-

A. Tacoma B. Detroit C. Miami D. Salt Lake City

ful to live in?

7. Which automotive manufacturer is recalling 800,000 automobiles because of power-steering problems that have caused eight known injuries?

A. Ford **B.** General Motors C. Daimler-Chrysler D. Honda

8. U.S. Census figures reveal that 26 percent of gay

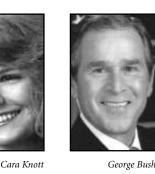


Cruz Bustamante

male couples with children have one parent staying at home while only 25 percent of married heterosexual couples keep a parent at home during the day. Approximately how many male-couple households with children are there in America?

A. 10,000 B. 40,000 C. 60,000 D. 105,000

9. Recent studies have re-



vealed which people have the highest concentrations of industrial chemicals and pesticides in their bodies?

A. Armenians

B. Indians of Brazil's rain forests Diego C. Sherpas D. Greenland's Inuit Reader

10. San Clemente is con-February sidering a measure to ban smoking on its beaches. If y it passes, they would be the $\frac{12}{5}$ second California city to continued on page 17 w

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Sobbing farmers

continued from page 2 of Voters show a similar pattern in donations to defeat Prop. A. Last year, about \$75,000 of the

\$119,000 raised to beat the measure in the upcoming March 2 election came from realty interests. Genesee Properties, which is working to subdivide Julian's Hoskings Ranch, gave \$25,000; Gildred Building

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Co., \$5000; Valley View Partnership, \$5000; San Diego Board of Realtors, \$15,000; Atomic Investments, \$15,000; and Canta Rana Ranch Land Co., \$10,000.

January donations show

a similar pattern, and Duncan McFetridge, the major voice of Prop. A, is worried that a flood of expensive advertising will roll over the county in the days before the election. "Last time they did a blitzkrieg of ad-

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vertising the last two weeks and caught us completely off guard," he says.

Funds pouring from real estate fat cats to the farm bureau "is like laundering money," says La continued on page 10



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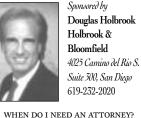
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estate interests "have to

find a respectable name, so

the money is laundered

through the farm bureau."

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reau seems to be an agent

for developers." All across

the country, the bureau "is

into things that have noth-

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Putting the farmers

front and center is a mar-

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Frazee, who lost her rural

home in the fires. "Farm-

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a noble profession, an in-

tegral part of our country,"

and that's why real estate

moneybags use farmers'

sob stories to beat Prop. A.

"But the idea that the ini-

tiative is bad for farmers is

director of the San Diego

County Farm Bureau,

readily admits that real es-

tate interests are filling the

bureau's coffers to fight the

initiative. "It's transparent,"

says Larson. Real estate

plutocrats "are not trying

to hide anything. It makes

no sense for them to wage

their own particular

The initiative would

create a "clean water and

forest overlay" for 694,000

acres in the northern and

eastern parts of the

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per 40 or 80 acres or, in

the far-out fringes, 160

acres. It should preserve

farming, not threaten it,

As philanthropist and arts

aficionado Ellen Revelle,

honorary chair of the initiative, says, the city can't

The issues are clear-cut.

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says McFetridge.

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Eric Larson, executive

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be saved without saving the countryside. San Diego has a huge infrastructure deficit: continued sprawl would exacerbate it. Mayoral candidate Peter Q. Davis backs Prop. A, as do major labor unions, environmentalists, the Housing Affordability Council, and a majority of city councilmembers. The council gave it the nod by a 5-4 vote Monday.

The county, which has tangled with McFetridge for years, opposes it. Officials of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, not surprisingly, voted 30 to 1 against it. The San Diego County Taxpayers Association — which traditionally has more interest in protecting its donors than taxpayers also opposes it.

In addition to blocking sprawl, proponents say the initiative should improve water quality; prevent pollution of wetlands, beaches, and bays; protect forests; and encourage transitfriendly development.

The farm bureau says the initiative won't stop development; it will just shift it to existing cities, creating more traffic congestion. It won't help farmers or protect forests, claim the opponents. And big developers will be the only ones who will be able to afford the countywide elections that will be needed to get projects approved.

But the farm bureau pushes one extremely dubious argument: that backcountry property owners should be reimbursed for any losses they suffer. In a letter to members sent January 16, the president of the farm bureau said a major argument against the initiative is that "Farmers and property owners who have their land devalued by Prop. A will receive no compensation."

Similarly, on its website, the "No on Prop. A" faction says, "It's not fair to longtime property owners who purchased land and paid taxes based on existing rules but won't be able to use it as originally planned."

Translation: Some peo-

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get tax breaks — all the while expecting to unload it for development at enormous profits. Avocado farming, for example, can be very profitable, but if the business sours — and even if it doesn't — some farmers want to be able to sell their land to developers.

"Some of them bought that land for \$50 to \$100 an acre," says McFetridge. Most important, he points out that courts have consistently held that the possibility of zoning changes is a risk of owning real estate. And, asks McFetridge, who in the world could reimburse these landholders for zoning changes? What governmental body could afford it?

Larson agrees that downzoning is a risk of real estate ownership. But he supports a plan for farmers to set aside part of their property for agricultural uses. "It becomes a permanent agricultural preserve," he says. "The form of compensation remains to be seen — it could be feebased or governmentbased. People who own land should get just compensation."

But McFetridge hoots that such a program is voluntary and would hardly solve the problem. "Conservation easements are voluntary. Ours is a longterm plan," he says.

Oregon lawyer Robert Liberty, former director of One Thousand Friends of Oregon, asks, "If your farm originally had not much value, and suddenly it has value, did you create that? When a freeway interchange is built, and property becomes valuable, those people are not asked to pay back the government for value that it created. Why should it work the other way?"

Liberty points out that the farm bureau in his state is in favor of the program that mandates minimal land sizes of 40 and 80 acres and has created a green belt surrounding the Portland metro area. In his state, "not only are lot sizes restricted, but building houses is restricted," says

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Liberty, who has visited San Diego to speak in behalf of the local initiative. "Oregon farmers support minimum lot sizes as a way to protect farming from conflicting uses and driving up the price of land so they can't buy it."

Invective flies. Last week, Larson accused Prop. A. proponents of playing "fast and loose with the truth" by citing the 60 Minutes exposé.

Last summer, Davis Ross, a writer for Valley Center's Valley Roadrunner, noted that McFetridge lives alone in a cabin in Descanso with three dogs and a cat. "Am I alone in noticing the weird resemblance between his Russian monk existence and that of the Unibomber and Theodore Kazinsky?" asked Ross. Problem: the correct spellings are Unabomber and Kaczynski, respectively. Ross doesn't speak for the farm bureau, says Larson.

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dog, it was great, they adopted him out. Ten days later, he killed a woman."

Young was hired, she says, "because the county decided that they wanted to gather more information about each animal and make a decision based on that in-depth information. The only way that you can do that is to get the animal out of the kennel and do an assessment of its behavior. They hired me and said, 'We want to have some sort of a behavior-evaluation system with which we can begin to separate out these dogs not only for our purposes of moving animals through the shelter but also to protect the public from dangerous animals.' '

"Dogs that Marlena Young cleared," Starkovsky responds, "have actually bitten adopters and have been returned to the shelter and euthanized. So are her judgments any better?"

No standardized system has ever governed the animal-sheltering field. Individual shelters have always developed their own protocols for euthanizing and adopting out dogs. The Sternberg Method, in which Young was trained, is the first system to spread across the country. It was developed in a private shelter in Upstate New York by a woman named Sue Sternberg. "Her motivation," Young explains, "was that she was sending out dogs that were coming back having bitten. She wanted to stop that, so she decided we need to learn as much as we can about dog behavior by watching dogto-dog interaction. Because dogs speak body language with the way they hold their body, tail, mouth, and eves, and the way they move and turn and all that. So because dogs speak the same language, we watch what they are doing with one another. Then we apply that to what we are seeing when we bring these dogs in here."

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Young, an energetic woman about 40 years old with short brown hair. demonstrates an evaluation in her office at the central shelter. While her trained assistant, Jenny, takes notes, she first stands silently for a minute with the dog on a leash. Later, Young explains that she wants to see if the dog is interested in making a personal connection and receiving affection from her. But the Dalmatian is indifferent. Next she begins to talk to him in a high, sweet voice and reaches down to pet the dog, who accepts one pet but shrugs off the second. Young then sits in a chair, and the dog puts his head on her lap. This time, he willingly receives affection from her. He even accepts the full-body hug Young gives him, though with noticeable tension in his body.

Young stands up and places her left hand under the dog's chin. With her right she attempts to lift his upper lip and inspect the teeth. The point is not the teeth but his reaction, which is to pull away forcefully though with no attendant growling or snapping. Young tries another 10 to 15 times with the same results. Next she tries

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to interest the dog in toys, but he is unmoved. He sniffs at the door while Young offers him a doggie treat. He does accept a rawhide chew but not enthusiastically. When Young reaches to take it away, he makes no attempt to resist. Next she gives him a bowl full of canned dog

food, which he begins to

scarf. Using a lifelike rubber hand and arm — about the size of a seven-yearold's — Young grabs the bowl and pulls it away from the eating dog. This particular part of the test angers Starkovsky and

other opponents to the test. "You give nice food to a dog who may have been eating out of garbage cans," she says, "or who may be sick, or may be old and have never tasted such good food, then you yank

it away from him. How would you expect it to respond?"

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Our Dalmatian, despite clearly enjoying the food, doesn't react to its removal in the slightest. "That is something we like to see,"



Young explains. "I don't care if he eats a little faster. I don't care if he eats in dog gulps, which is a little bit of defensive learning, but it is so minor that it isn't even worth talking about. If, when I reached in, he would freeze, and he might even reach up to bite the hand, we need to know that. Because dogs are in situations all the time where they get ahold of something off the counter, or they have grabbed something that the kids have left on the table, and you reach for it, and if the dog has learning problems ... "

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Young continues the evaluation, first yelling suddenly, "HEY!" The dog snaps to attention and looks toward her but nothing more. Next, Jenny leaves the room and, after a pause, knocks on the door and then enters. The Dalmatian curiously wags his tail and stares at Jenny, who is talking in a high sugary voice to the dog. Suddenly, Jenny turns and bolts out the door. The sudden movement arouses the dog, but he doesn't give chase.

Next, Young sits in a chair cradling a lifelike baby doll. The dog comes over, sniffs, and returns to his lying position on the floor. Then Marlena puts a realistic mechanical cat on the floor. The cat walks and makes slightly phonysounding cat noises. The dog looks but doesn't move toward the cat.

Though she will not give the Dalmatian a final score until he's had a dogto-dog test — meaning, he will be put in the company of another dog (or dogs) to see how he behaves — Young gives him a tentative score of two on a oneto-four scale, one being perfect, four being probably not adoptable.

A small minority of the dogs that come through the county shelters receive the temperament test. "Probably 5 percent of them get temperament tested," Young explains. "We are talking about 30,000 dogs that come through these three shelters. I'm training some of the employees, but right now I am the only one [who is qualified to per-

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form the test]. And it takes two people to do it — an observer and a handler so that takes two people away from their work if they are going to be doing this. Our resources are very limited in terms of which animals we can test. So we do have a preliminary behavior grade. Every day, a supervising animal-care attendant and a lieutenant walk through the kennels and look at animals that have just completed their hold period — when they come in stray, they have to be held for four business days. We have a sort of inkennel review test that we do for these animals, and we assign them a grade. It is either A, B, C, or D. They do very specific things, such as stand at the front of the kennel and offer a hand and see what the dog does and things like that. And they're looking for very specific reactions. The A grade would be a dog that is very friendly: comes up to the front of the kennel, ears back, eyes kind of squinty, tail low, maybe stepping a little bit, wagging his tail. And the average public recognizes those things. They are in and out of here so quick that I never see them. The grade B dogs may be at first suspicious, or apprehensive, or maybe even a little fearful, and then when you soften your body position, they react, they recover, and they come up real soft. They melt. Those dogs go out quickly. It is the ones that grade C that we concern ourselves with. They are standing; usually their body is a little taller and stiffer; their tail is usually high; they may make direct eye contact with you; they may lean forward a little bit. You offer a hand, and they jump over it, and they kind of look at you, but they are not interacting with you. Even when you soften your body position, it is still the same with them. They probably just want out. Those dogs, while they are not mean, and they are not showing us aggression in the kennel, we know there may be some issues in there. So those are the dogs that we concentrate on looking at, the ones that grade C in

the kennel. The D dogs are the ones that have no recovery, that are either showing us aggression with threats — like growling or snarling or snapping — or, they are hidden in the back of the kennel, and when we begin to approach them, then they begin to threaten us. So they are unsafe to test."

Grade D dogs will, in all likelihood, be euthanized. That's a fact that angers Starkovsky. "Any dog who is trembling in the least, they don't even test it; it is just labeled passive-aggressive and it is killed. But all of us in the rescue business, we removed those kinds of dogs regularly, no problem at all. As soon as the dog is out and in a private home, it calms down. All it needs is a quiet environment and some affection."

Other operators of animal-rescue groups contacted for this story expressed concern over Young's system but refused to comment for the record, some for fear of being banned from the county shelters. "Rescue people are really angry," Starkovsky says, "because sometimes you will go in and try to rescue the animal, and they will say, 'Oh no, you can't have it; it has been graded level 4. We are going to euthanize it; that is it.' If you beg and plead enough, maybe you will get the dog, but then maybe you won't. I went to bat for a couple of dogs, and they just said, 'No, absolutely not, we are going to kill it.' It's almost like genocide." ■

Bullwhip or cobra?

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ban smoking at the beach. Which city was the first?

A. Imperial Beach B. San Diego C. Oceanside D. Solana Beach

11. Which Democrat has agreed to introduce President Bush at Republican fund-raisers?

A. Zell Miller B. John Breaux continued on page 18

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continued from page 17 C. Dianne Feinstein D. Ernest Hollings

12. Which celebrity said at a MoveOn.org awards ceremony that "Americanization is like McDonaldization"?

- A. Margaret Cho B. Julia Stiles C. Michael Moore
- D. Chuck D

13. Which of the following films turned up on an Internet site for downloading in January after it was sent to a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for private screening?

A. Cold Mountain B. Lost in Translation C. House of Sand and Fog D. Something's Gotta Give

14. Mohamed Kamal Mustafa was sentenced to 15 months in prison January 15 for writing the book *Women in Islam*. The

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book included information on:

A. training women to build bombs B. chaining women against

their will C. beating women without leaving bruises D. methods of rape

15. 2003 saw San Diego housing prices rise at a furious pace, with the yearend overall median home price at \$405,000. Which area had the lowest appreciation of real estate value, 4.2 percent?

A. Rancho Santa Fe B. Clairemont C. La Mesa D. National City

16. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. announced it is merging with Bank One to create the second-largest banking company in America. Which is the largest bank in the U.S.?

A. Bank of America/FleetBostonB. Citigroup, Inc.

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C. Wells Fargo D. Washington Mutual, Inc.

17. Which company shipped the most personal computers worldwide in 2003?

A. Dell B. Hewlett-Packard C. IBM D. Apple

18. Which popular drug was found by a recent international study to impair long-term memory?

A. Marijuana B. Ephedra C. Ecstasy D. Zoloft

19. Which celebrity said in a January 14 TV interview, "I do believe in the sanctity of marriage, I totally do"?

A. Elizabeth Taylor B. Donald Trump C. Jennifer Aniston D. Britney Spears

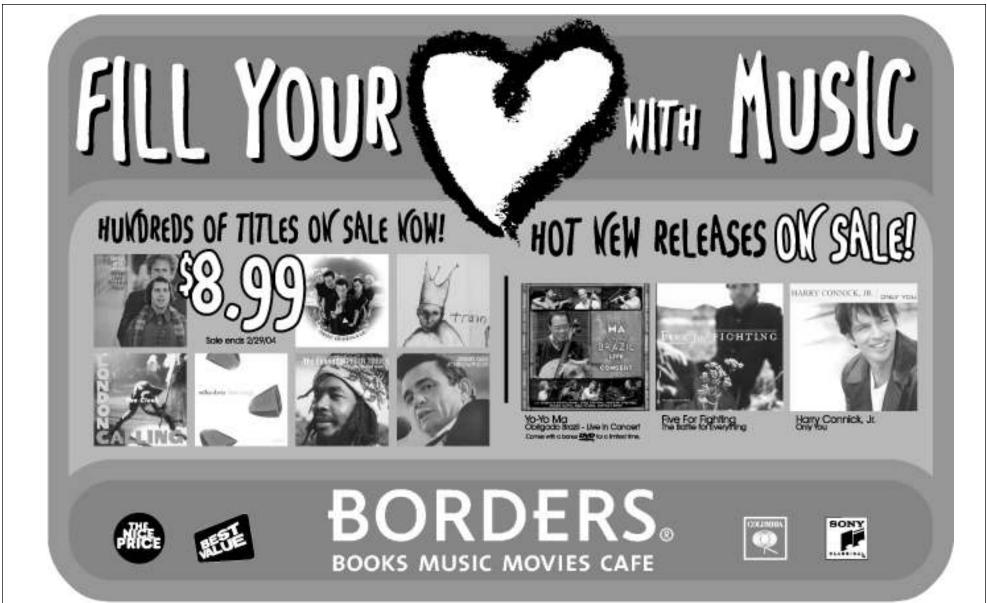
20. National security issues continue to dog airport screeners as was apparent when Portland (Maine) International Jetport was evacuated Tuesday, January 13, after baggage screeners found which item packed in a length of PVC pipe?

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A. an umbrella B. a bagpipe C. a bullwhip D. a cobra

ANSWERS:

1. B, The State Fair Political Practices Commission 2. A, four years 3. C, Howard Dean 4. A, The ACLU 5. C, Binion's Horseshoe 6. A, Tacoma 7. B, General Motors 8. C, 60,000 9. D, Greenland's Inuit 10. D, Solana Beach 11. A, Zell Miller 12 D. Chuck D 13. D, Something's Gotta Give 14. C, beating women without leaving bruises 15. A, Rancho Santa Fe 16. B, Citigroup, Inc. 17. A, Dell 18. C, Ecstasy 19. D, Britney Spears 20. B, a bagpipe



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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

Heymatt:

by Rick Geary

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When we cross the border at San Ysidro, my husband always comments on how excited the drug dogs look when they're sniffing all the cars. He thinks it's because the dogs are drug addicts, and that's how they get them to search. I'm not sure if he's serious or not, but I find it hard to believe. What's the truth?

— Liz, Pacific Beach

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Urban Legend No. 475, I think this is. On the same list with the giant alligators and nuked poodles. No offense to your mate, Liz, but a person would have to be a bonehead to think that a strungout German shepherd would be of any use to anyone. Are drug-sniffing dogs addicts? Just say no. But according to one local dog trainer, it's a very widely held belief.

Here's an excerpt from my forthcoming book *Drug Dog Training for Dummies*. First, take one dog. A shepherd, retriever, spaniel — working or hunting dogs are best. Shelter dogs are sometimes recycled as narcs. Now find out what turns this dog on, toy-wise. It could be a ball or an old sock, f'rinstance. Then administer the all-important personality test. Hide the toy, then see if the dog hunts maniacally for it until he finds it, returns it to you to hide again, and pesters you to continue playing this game until you want to strangle him. In short, would this single-minded mutt make a profoundly aggravating house pet? Yes? There you go. The perfect candidate.

Next, hide the ball about 500 times and praise the heck out of him every time he finds it. Now that he's "ball hot," as they say, one by one introduce the smells of the drugs you'd like him to find. You establish a connection between the ball and the smell — and only the smell. The dog never comes in contact with the drugs. Pretty soon the dog should be just as eagerly hunting for the source of the drug smell, which he now associates with the ideas of ball-playfun-reward-"Good doggie!" There's still some fine-tuning to do before he's ready to work, but those are the basics. So no wonder drug-sniffing dogs wag their tails and look so excited. To them it's just a big game with lots of praise at the end. A dog's favorite things. Mine too, for that matter.

Matthew:

What's so practical about a practical joke? Where did the term come from?

— AV, Golden Hill

Welcome to another episode of *As the Word Turns*, the Matthew Alice College of Etymological Knowledge. A joke is practical when it involves an action of some kind — having 15 pizzas delivered to some unsuspecting schmo, dropping water balloons, clever stuff like that. Practical, in this case, comes from the idea of a practice, an action, some insanely stupid trick that only the practician thinks is funny.

Heymatt:

Were there "switch" pitchers ever in baseball history?

— J, BP

Three switch pitchers played in the pre-1900 era, but the only contemporary major leaguer to do it was ex-Padre (officially listed as a righty) Greg Harris in 1995, when he was with the Expos. He pitched to one batter with his left hand and walked him. Harris always claimed ambidexterity but was in the majors for many years before he actually got a chance to try. When he played for Boston, the manager wouldn't let him do it for some strange "purity of the game" reasons. Bert Campanaris pitched from both sides in the '60s in the A's farm system, and there are a couple of switchers in the minors today. Baseball rules say you can't change pitching hands in a single at-bat (that's a balk), just between batters.

News: World's Tallest Building Topped Out. (Taipei). On October 9, the uppermost and final spire segment was raised into place on Taipei 101 in Taipei, Taiwan. At 509.2 meters, the 101-story tower now officially holds the world's tallest building title previously held by Petronas Tower 1 and Petronas Tower 2. The Sears Tower still holds the title of the world's tallest building to the tip of the antenna at 527 meters. Taipei 101 now also holds the highest roof (449 meters) and highest occupied floor (439 meters) titles.

— Al Weiss, Rancho Bernardo

You'd think I would have learned by now. When I see aggravation on the horizon, I usually try to head it off. Our world's tallest building question was a big, flashing neon sign: "Falling rocks next 7 miles." I should have said, in the first place, that this tallest building stuff is just a chamber of commerce "mine's bigger than yours" game. So measure all the rooftop spikes and spires and flagpoles and Jack-in-the-Box antenna balls and snagged kites and roosting pigeons and whatever else you want to prove your point. When you think about it, a doghouse in Denver is higher up than any of them, measured from sea level. So maybe one day Donald Trump will build an outhouse on Everest and end the debate.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

White Crane Spreads Its Wings

ust as the rosebud contains within it the innate form of the perfect flower, so do we all contain within ourselves the innate forms of our own perfection."

The above was written by a man I'll call Yee Yuen, my Tai Chi Ch'uan teacher. While you people have been watching Janet Jackson's breast on TV, I have been working on my yiquan, developing my yi, my qi, and my prana. I have had, until recently, but two memo-

ries of martial arts. Here's number one. I was enrolled at (if not attending) Grossmont College and living in a Fifth Avenue flophouse with two other students. One roommate, Dick Allen, was a huge, violent man who practiced karate every afternoon, then cruised the bars at night, got drunk, and picked fights with hapless civilians. In between he was an amusing companion, smart and funny. I liked him.

The other memory is graduate school in San Francisco. I was living in an apartment at the base of Russian Hill and would walk over to the California Street trolley line to catch a ride to school. My walk took me past Grace Cathedral and the tiny (tennis-court sized) Huntington Park. In the mornings, particularly early in the morning, the park was populated by elderly Chinese practicing their Tai Chi. Men and women, dressed in street clothes, silent, moving together like an impossibly slow-flying flock of geese.

And that's it, which is not a great deal. So, I was surprised to find myself wanting to take a Tai Chi class. I thought, "Can croquet and pottery be far behind?" Even so, I found myself standing in front of Tai Chi manuals when attending upon a Barnes and Noble outlet. I noted that my eves locked on to a mention of Tai Chi if that phrase appeared in a newspaper or mag-azine article. After a year, I decided, "Why fight it?"

I went to several free Tai Chi classes and talked to everyone who would talk to me. One talkee was a Tai Chi master. I got the name of his teacher.

Sifu Yee Yuen looks like the Yoda of Tai Chi masters. He's ancient, somewhere between 75 and 100. He's been practicing Tai Chi for 60 years. He's small, maybe five feet tall, bald, has a slight belly, and speaks with a Chinese accent.

Before we get misty-eyed and reach for a sip of Buddha tea. I should mention that Sifu Yee

Yuen taught in Los Angeles public high schools for 30 years before he retired. He shops at Target, always carries a cell phone, is married to an overweight, bleached-blonde woman — is, in other words, fully immersed in the world as we know it.

Sifu Yee Yuen holds classes in a city park, and I thank him for that. Nine students assemble for his 8:00 a.m. class. We close our eyes and stand in place for 30 minutes. This is a standing meditation called zhan zhuang. We are told to breath normally, harmonize our minds, and most of all, "don't think." I understand, pretty quickly, that it's the don't think part that takes a lifetime to learn.

My mind is aflutter and abuzz with impor-My mind is aflutter and abuzz with impor-tant topics like, "What should I have for din-ner?" "Am I doing this right?" "When will this end?" "The morning air is thick, sensuous." "My knee hurts." "This is great." "I should get a tune-up for the truck." "That was an inter-esting article about..." "Am I doing this right?" and on and on and on and on and on, a ceaseless waterfall of time-filling babble.

Then we stretch, warm up, and begin the movements. The classical Tai Chi Chuan form has three stages and 108 movements. Within one or two decades I should be able to demonstrate for you the Grasp Sparrow's Tail, White Crane Spreads Its Wings, Embrace Tiger, Return to Mountain, Needle to the Bottom of the Sea, Wave Hands Through Clouds (five times), and Snake Creeps Low. Please check back then.

Of course, we do not practice the 108 move-ments. We practice one or two. Sifu Yee Yuen does not overly structure his classes. He has an 8:00 a.m. class twice a week, 9:30 a.m. class four times a week, 4:00 p.m. class twice a week, and Friday is off. Class will run two to three hours. You show up and do what he does. Then you leave. I doubt if he speaks 100 words in between.

At first, the movements seem pretty simple. I can't do them, but I can see, given time, how I could perform a passable facsimile. But then, once in awhile, my guess is because he's bored, Sifu Yee Yuen will go on a runner, move from one movement to the next, to the next, to the next, always in perfect form, always in extreme slow-motion and not stop or repeat himself for 40 or 50 minutes.

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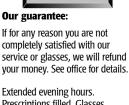
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"Just what is the point of your paper?" Reverend Kevin Wise asked me for the third time. My jowls reddened. I nattered about "alternative news weekly" and "started in 1976." I

didn't really understand the question. I don't think Reverend Wise did, either. He'd already asked me twice, "Just what is the point of what you're writing?" Early last Sunday morning at North

morning at North County Church of Christ, Reverend Wise eyed me once again. "I'd be more comfortable answering your questions if I knew exactly what it was you were up to."

were up to." The Church of Christ has made few concessions. Church of Christ churches don't ordain women. They don't ordain any man who divorces his wife. ("We make an exception," Reverend Wise told me, "if the individual got divorced before he became a Christian.") Church of Christ churches use no musical instruments during worship because the New Testament records no mention of musical instruments being used in the early

Church. ("But we do have a 'praise band' that performs on Friday nights," Reverend Wise told me. "We don't believe that using instruments in a church is a sin.")

But North County Church of Christ is not representative of *all* Churches of Christ. The denomination emphasizes the autonomy of individual congregations. North County, for example, uses trays of tiny cups filled with grape juice for Communion. Other Church of Christ churches use a communal cup and are called "One Cuppers."

"In our sanctuary, that big screen we project hymn lyrics on," Reverend Wise told me, "is not something that other Church of Christ churches might feel comfortable using. It just wouldn't be for them."

Last Sunday morning at North County's 8:00 a.m. service, most of the 200 or so people present were dressed casually. Many men wore Hawaiian shirts and jeans. Mothers wearing T-shirts accompanied teens dressed in T-shirts and shorts. As far as I could tell, the service followed no traditional liturgical pattern. The church's general informality was underscored by the seven-member choir that sang in tight four-part a cappella harmony. Their singing was the sort you hear in denominations like the Plymouth Brethren that make even fewer concessions to modernity. There's something plaintive in this singing's simplicity. It's the closest fundamentalist Protestantism gets to Gregorian chant.

Behailu Abebe, a missionary from Ethiopia, delivered the morning's message, a PowerPointillustrated recap of the Church of Christ's efforts in Ethiopia from 1961 to 2003.

"I'm so glad to be among the Jesus people. When we were distributing food among a Muslim population, after six months they asked us, 'Why do you do this?' It was an opportunity for us to share the Gospel. Afterward, they started calling us the 'Jesus people.'

The Church of Christ is Jesus people. I want to show you what God has helped us accomplish in Ethiopia."

Abebe told us that the Ethiopian government has recently warmed to the efforts of Christian missionaries. "If you'll remember, I once had to flee Ethiopia. In 1984, we were persecuted. Now the government is behind us. Can you imagine how happy the people are when we dig wells for them and teach them drip irrigation?" Abebe showed us

Abebe showed us many images of new schools, seminaries, crops being grown, and wells being dug. He showed us a murky pond where animals and villagers both went for their water.

"And sometimes the animals even pee in the water. If you look at the water, it's thick and murky. It's not at all healthy to drink. But the people had no choice. So we dug a nice

deep well and the water that came out was clean and pure. In Ethiopia, to have a glass of clean water to drink is a very precious thing."

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After the service, I found North County's senior pastor, Tim Martin, addressing a group of newcomers to his church. I dragged him away for a few minutes and asked him how the Church of Christ organized its missionary program.

"We've been so big on autonomy that we don't have any sort of missionary committee or umbrella organization for missionaries. A Church of Christ missionary has to go around to individual churches and ask for money. We tried to have a missionary organization back in 1900, but it fell apart.

"This was one of the results of our approach to biblical interpretation, and the factionalism that grew out of it. Small issues, like the 'one cup' or 'many cups,' that tended to divide us. I think that over the past 20 years, that's slowly started to change."

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I have a new boyfriend who has two children, ages 20 and 17. The 17-year-old girl was living with her grandmother and then moved in with her 20-year-old boyfriend for a while. They recently got asked to leave their apartment, so they both moved in with my boyfriend. Maybe I'm kind of prudish, but I feel it isn't right for a 17-year-old girl to be living and sleeping with her boyfriend under her father's roof. Her father says he doesn't like it either but has been reluctant to confront her. He's real passive. I keep telling him that this is wrong; she's a minor, and if she gets pregnant, my boyfriend is going to end up being responsible for the baby. The boy has a job but no car, and the girlfriend drives him to work in a car her grandmother gave her. I tried to live with this but found I just couldn't. I told my boyfriend that I was considering breaking up with him because I felt his allowing this to go on in his house was a serious character flaw. This, coupled with the fact that we both have to listen to this 20-year-old guy call my boyfriend's daughter a "bitch" when he gets in a bad mood, has motivated my boyfriend to finally ask the young man to move out. His daughter says her father is forcing them to break up by asking the boy to leave. I think my boyfriend is perfect except for this one problem. Any advice?

DILEMMA IN DEL MAR

Dear Dilemma,

If your boyfriend is not comfortable with his daughter cohabitating with her boyfriend in his home, then he has a right to ask the boyfriend to leave. After she turns 18, graduates from high school, and can support herself financially, then she will be an independent adult and can live with whom she pleases. As for your sweetie's alleged passivity and character flaws, you will have to be the judge of whether this man is someone you love and respect, whose complicated life you want to share. It sounds as if he really listened and took your advice and has taken steps to change this living situation. If he can make that stick, perhaps you will give him points for having had the good sense to heed your wake-up call.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

*See store for details.

My elderly mother needed some minor remodeling done on her house. The guy whom she hired to do the job — which involved some plumbing, tile work, plastering, and electrical stuff — had only done very small plumbing jobs for her before. He claimed he was a contractor and had a crew who could do all the work. He gave her what I thought was a very high estimate, but she liked him and wanted him to do the job,

so she hired him. Four months later, her house is a mess. Parts of it are all torn up; two bathrooms and a bedroom are unusable. There's plaster dust all over the place (Mother has asthma, so this is not good), and this guy and his workers show up very infrequently and can't seem to tell us when the job will be finished. My mother is distraught and tearful, as well as coughing and wheezing. I got two other contractors to look at the job, and they say it was a month's job at the outside; they also agreed with me that this guy's estimate was way high. This guy keeps promising the job will be finished in a week, in three days, whatever, and then no workers even show up, him included, for another week. I've given the guy several deadlines to finish the job and though he agrees to them, he never completes the work. I'd like to fire this guy and get someone else to finish up. He seems unwilling or incapable of doing it. My mother balks at this. She's worried about "hurting his feelings." What do you say?

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Dear Irate.

Obviously I am not a contractor, and I don't know all the details of the case, but it sounds as if your mother is being taken advantage of. Whether the man she hired is a terrible bumbler or actually unscrupulous, I couldn't say, but since the neverending construction is now starting to adversely affect Mom's health by exacerbating her asthma, I would talk to her about taking action. See if she'll allow you to get rid of this guy and find someone competent who can finish the job in an efficient and timely manner. If this project has really taken four times as long as it ought to have, according to knowledgeable, honest people in the field, then something's wrong. Pay this guy what's owed him and send him packing.

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-EVE KELLY

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We are trying to jump on the health wagon here in the Kelly household. A few years down the road of marriage has left us sluggish and plump. I am determined to pump up the exercise for Patrick and me — the kids get plenty and try to instill some healthy eating habits into the family. The problem in the second department is finding that

healthy food that everyone enjoys. Patrick won't eat vegetables, at least not with a smile on his face. And, though they'll happily watch them sing and dance on video, the kids won't eat veggies on the table. So I turned to the Internet in search of a food with health-boosting qualities that would

be agreeable to the whole Kelly clan. Again, and again, my Internet search led

to an old friend from my northeastern upbringing: blueberries. I was astonished at the antioxidant power of blueberries. On *maisonradical.com*, I read, "Scientists at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University ranked blueberries number one in antioxidant activity compared with 40 other commercially available fruits and vegetables. That means a serving of blueberries has more of the antioxidant power you need to fight aging, cancer and heart disease."

I was tickled to discover this because blueberries happen to be a crowd favorite around here. This time of year though, fresh blueberries cost quite a penny and they're hard to stockpile. What about frozen blueberries? Do they have the same health value? I turned to a more oldfashioned information tool, the telephone.

"Frozen blueberries have the same nutritional value as fresh blueberries," explained Pat St. John, spokesperson for Trader Joe's. "Produce that is going to be frozen can stay on the vine or on the tree longer because it doesn't have to travel so far. The berries are picked at their peak of ripeness, and shortly after picking, they are cleaned and then they are individually quick frozen, and then bagged."

During my last trip to Trader Joe's, I noticed packages of blueberries marked "wild" and others not. I asked St. John

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about it. When she answered, I felt a little silly for asking. "Wild blueberries," she said, "grow in the wild. They are smaller, a slightly different shape and they have a much more intense flavor than the conventionally

grown blueberries. Our wild organic blueberries are grown in

Quebec, Canada, and they are a variety of blueberry called *Vaccinium angustifolium*. Our Trader Joe's conventionally grown blueberries come from the Pacific Northwest, and they are any of the following varieties: Bluecrop, Jersey, Duke, and Blueray."

Interested in letting my taste buds decide a favorite, I hustled through a round of grocery stores to snatch up their frozen blueberries. Surprisingly, quite a few shops were sold out of their blueberries and I had to return the following day to buy them. Is this healthy food "The berries are picked at their

peak of ripeness."

becoming a national favorite?

Later that day, I invited over friends, Bernice and Sarah, for tasting. We started with the Vons Whole Unsweetened Blueberries. (\$3.59 for 16 ounces) "Mushy, flat tasting, not very sweet," grimaced Bernice, puckering her lips. We quickly set that aside as a loser and moved on.

The Safeway Select Organic Wild Blueberries (**\$3.29** for 16 ounces at Vons) had a deep blackish color and were much smaller. "It has a quick

burst of fresh flavor when you first suck on it," remarked Bernice.

"But then the blueberry flavor dissipates," I added.

We finally enjoyed a mouthful with the Cascadian Farm Organic Blueberries. (**\$4.59** for 10 ounces at Vons) The small dark berries popped in our mouths with a strong tartness. "It probably depends on what you like out of blueberries," said Sarah. "Do you like your blueberries tart or sweet?"

"My only beef with these blueberries is I wish they were bigger so I had more to sink my teeth into," I complained.

Next up: Wild Oats Organic Wild Blueberries (**\$2.99** for 10 ounces at Henry's Mar-

ketplace). "These taste much better than the Cascadian Farm blueberries," Bernice smiled, "more fruit, less tart, and there is more blueberry to bite into." The Wild Oats, with their tangy flavor, were a table favorite. Henry's Market-

place Blueberries (**\$2.99** for 16 ounces) did not pass the taste test. "Screamingly tart," Bernice said.

"They have a mediciny taste, kind of like taking cough syrup," added Sarah. "You get a tiny hit of blueberry taste"

"You get a tiny bit of blueberry taste," Bernice continued, " but as soon as you taste blueberry, it's *tart!*"

We liked the resealable bag of the Private Selection Blueberries (**\$2.89** for a one pound bag at Ralph's), but little else. "Very watery," I said.

"These blueberries have that tired produce taste when produce is not fresh anymore," commented Bernice.

We hit another winner with the Trader Joe's Northwest Blueberries. (**\$2.19** for 16 ounces) "Finally a large luscious-sized blueberry," smiled Sarah. "Very ripe taste," offered Bernice, "must have been picked at peak ripeness. These

would be perfect for making pies or for dribbling over cheesecake," she continued.

At first bite, Albertson's Blueberries (**\$5.99** for 40 ounces) seemed chewy and sweet but after another bite, the table agreed they tasted overripe and syrupy.

Whole Foods sold two bags: 365 Organic Wild Blueberries (**\$2.49** for 10 ounces) and 365 Whole Foods Market Blueberries. (**\$2.69** for a one-pound bag) The first carried a sweet tang, but we all wished they were a bit chewier and less mushy. The latter, with its fruity sweetness, was a keeper. "A treat to get such big blueberries," offered Bernice.

"You just want to keep eating these ones," smiled Sarah, digging into the bag for a third helping.

Our favorites, we decided, were the Trader Joe's Blueberries, the 365 Blueberries, and the Wild Oats Wild Blueberries. Now, I'll have to research how to remove blueberry stains from fingertips.

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BACK WHEN

In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

The Beach Boys are the sound of Southern California, all young, falsetto harmonies and brash guitars...in some special way I can't explain exactly their music *sounds* like Southern California to me. This is the music that belongs to *us*.

— "SAN DIEGO'S TRUE ETHNIC MUSIC," Jim Cravens, February 14, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

May we introduce you to Burl Stiff, bon vivant, man-about-town, who's sitting at the moment in the Whaling Bar at La Valencia Hotel? Of course you already recognize the face, which occasionally tops Stiff's fourtimes-weekly Union society column ---- the frosty hair, the dapper beard, the twinkling eyes framed by stylish glasses. But here he sits in the flesh, clad in an elegant threepiece suit by Bill Blass, sipping judiciously on well-mixed bourbon. The bar is dark compared to the bright sun on Prospect outside, but luncheon patrons spot Burl regardless; every few moments the bright smile, the breezy little wave, the saluting eyebrows switch on.

— CITY LIGHTS: "I COVER THE WATERCRESS," Jeannette De Wyze, February 15, 1979

Twenty Years Ago

If you are small, grayish-black, have a thick white bill, a wingspan of twenty-five inches, and enjoy lolling around on broad, flat expanses of neatly clipped lawn, you'd better stay away from the Chula Vista Municipal Golf Course for the next month. Find some other place to congregate and schmooze with your other lobe-toed pals, or you might wind up as just so much dead meat. In the past month, 92 American coots (*Fulica americana*), fitting the above description, were gunned down on the green by two officers of Chula Vista's police force.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"COOTS GOT OLD ON CHULA VISTA GOLF COURSE,"** *Abe Opincar, February 16, 1984*

Fifteen Years Ago

Once upon a midday dreary, strollers gathered, looking cheery. At the gates of a place where San Diegans sleep forevermore — In Greenwood, where the dead are napping, slowly there arose a tapping Sound of strutters gently stepping,/ stepping gently past death's door.

— "UPON YOUR SOLES," C.H. Elster, February 16, 1989

Ten Years Ago

The only clue that it isn't midnight is the fact that the smoke doesn't stink like so much expelled tobacco breath. It's clean, fresh smoke, manufactured just for the



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occasion from a special vegetable oil. This sinister white stuff is being exuded to give the illusion of a thousand club patrons puffing away like mad — and also to dim the daylight sparkle that creeps through. Inside the Casbah, they're shooting a music video of local sensation Lucy's Fur Coat, visual accompaniment for their song "Treasure Hands," which the band hopes will catapult it into national recognition....

The band will be shot performing the song while dressed like a kitschy '50s lounge act, in glittery smoking jackets, against a bright-blue, spangly background. In these shots, they will be watched by a group of "sophisticates" dessed in suits, ties, cocktail dresses. Later on, the band, in its normal jeans and shirts, will again be shot playing live to a real audience made up of 91X ticket winners.

— "THEY'RE NOT POSERS AND THEY'RE NOT

GRUNGE," Gina Arnold, February 10, 1994

Five Years Ago

Turn south off Grand Avenue onto Lamont Street. Park along Lamont. Wander over to the gas station. The gas station, on your right, as you face away from the traffic along Grand. Back in 1977, a pay telephone stood along the side of this station. It was an Arco station then. Frank Bompensiero made his last telephone call here. "Dialed," someone told me, and then laughed a high-pitched crazy laugh, "his last number."

Some people say Bompensiero talked to James Aladena ("Jimmy the Weasel") Fratianno. Others claim that he spoke to Joseph ("Joe Bananas") Bonnano, the former New York Mafia leader simmering in exile in Tucson. Fratianno protested: no way did Bompensiero call him. No way. Fratianno insisted that Bompensiero was returning the call of Los Angeles' Mafia overlord, Dominic Brooklier (who in a fit of Anglophilia had changed his name from Dominic Bruccoleri). Still other people said — whispered that Bompensiero called the FBI.

— "SHOT IN THE DARK," Judith Moore, February 11, 1999

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SMOKE SCREEN

by Josh Board

got a call from a woman who works at L.A. Fitness in Poway. (Am I the only one that thinks it's odd there's an "L.A." Fitness in the San Diego area?) She invited me to a party Wednesday night for the chamber of commerce. I was told there would be belly dancers (a plus) and food from Pat & Oscar's (a negative). I wondered where they would put the food. Would I find bean dip on the weight machines?

They had rooms in the back for the party. People were showing up to work out in their bicycle shorts and sweats, while others in suits came for the party. I took a picture of Ms. Poway as I waited around. When the fifth older gentleman walked in with a suit, I asked myself what I was doing here. It was a weeknight and people were dressed up. This wasn't my idea of a party. But at least I got a paragraph out of it and a picture of a cute girl.

The next night, there was a party/meeting for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. I do volunteer work for them, so I figured I'd write about that. I arrived at the Rancho Bernardo Rec Center, where a woman was telling us that we had 131 wishes granted for kids last year and we're shooting for 150 this



of them. I thought about exchanging stories about the kids we worked with. The last one I picked up at the airport flew in for a Chargers-Vikings game. He was from Minnesota, where it was ten degrees. He was also going to see the zoo and Sea World. He didn't seem to like the autographed picture

that weekend, and it was also football-related. It was for the conference championship playoff games to determine who

Luckily, I found a party

"I should've parked at Sea World and taken the shuttle over here!"

of the Vikings I bought him (which was expensive), and he told me my car looked like crap (he was right about that, but you don't want to hear it from a ten-year-old). As sick as it may sound, I never rooted so hard for the Chargers in my life.

makes it to the Super Bowl.

The guy who threw this party, Paul Willemssen, is a member of OMBAC. That stands for the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club. Somebody else said jokingly, "It stands for 'old men behaving as children.' But don't

print that."

Bottom right: outside area with food and TVs

Top: OMBAC football fans (Paul, second from the right); Bottom left: Miss Poway;

Paul said, "OMBAC was started over 50 years ago by the guys who invented the Over the Line tournament. They were runners in marathons, and you needed an athletic club to sponsor you in those events, so they formed their own. But we don't just do the OTL events and crazy parties. We sponsor an amateur rugby team, which is one of the best in the country [OMBAC Eagles]. We do wheelchair rugby, wheelchair basketball, and other sports. We also have a surf contest that has the proceeds go to wheelchair-related

things for the beach."

Paul's house in Bay Park was beautiful. But parking sucked. I parked way up the street, near a person carrying two six-packs of Heineken who said, "I should've parked at Sea World and taken the shuttle over here!"

The Spanish-style home had food catered by El Indio: a great variety of Mexican stuff and a large amount of alcohol. One person told me, "You'll always find lots of alcohol at OMBAC parties. Help yourself."

Some people hate parties during sports events, because everyone gets in the way of the TV, and the conversations can keep you from hearing the announcers. But this wasn't the Super Bowl. And there were more TVs than I've ever seen in a house. The front living room had a big screen. The bar in the kitchen had a TV. The kitchen had a small TV facing the opposite direction. The bathroom near the kitchen had a TV. Outside, near the Jacuzzi, there was a TV. There was a thatched hut with food and drinks underneath and another TV there. I walked up some stairs, and there was another deck with a TV. I walked up some more stairs, and there was a room specifically for the smokers. It



Crasher

had a giant TV, some couches, a small bar, and about eight chairs. One woman complained and left when I lit my cigar. The guy next to me said, "She knew this was the smoking lounge." He ended up telling me he had a lot of money bet on the "under" in this game (meaning that if the combined score was below 46, he would win).

Somebody came around collecting money for a pool, one of those charts with boxes everywhere that I've never been able to figure out. You throw in a buck per square and write your initials in it. I think if a touchdown is scored during the time frame vou have in the game, you win all the money everyone threw into the pot. About 15 minutes later, I hear the guy who collected the money saying, "Nobody won this time. Nobody had the square filled out when that field

goal was kicked."

During a time out, I went onto the deck. You can see the water and Sea World. I'm sure the view is ten times nicer at night. Some guys out there were debating whether a team can win a Super Bowl without a hall of fame-type quarterback. I went down the stairs to grab some rolled tacos and saw three women hunched over. I stopped to listen and one of them was talking about how beautiful the flowers were there. One said. "I think those are snapdragons." I quickly got my rolled tacos and headed back upstairs with the men.

I said to Paul, "Shouldn't there be Mexican guys here from El Indio serving this food?" He said, "No, that costs extra. And we already spent over \$600 on this party. People can get their own plates and serve themselves."

I saw a little kid open a cooler and somebody yelled, "If it isn't your cooler, don't go into it. It's an OMBAC rule!" The kid looked around, saw another cooler, and grabbed a Coke.

I heard a guy talking about all the different devices that can be used to open beer bottles when you don't have a bottle opener. He mentioned a plastic lighter. He said, "You can use a car door — there's a certain way to do it. But when you're learning how, you end up with a few broken bottles. A seat belt buckle works great." I wonder if he drinks and drives.

The smoking room filled with smoke, even with the doors and windows open. Paul pulled out a roach clip, which was attached to a car antenna. One guy said, "Cool, you got some weed we can smoke?" Paul said, "No, this is for my cigarettes," and explained how he welded and made this device. Somebody said, "You only need those for ioints that are too small to hold." Paul responded. "You can send this to NASA

and you won't find pot residue on it. It's strictly for my cigarettes. I hate my fingers being discolored and stinky from smoking, even though I only smoke two a day. And putting it on this antenna, I can extend it to any length I want."

Another guy saw this and said, "That is so gay! You are smoking a cigarette with a roach clip." Paul told him, "It's more like a cigarette holder." Another guy said, "Are you Bette Davis? Who the hell uses a cigarette holder?"

"I used to buy all kinds of products for my fingers, and they'd still smell after smoking. This was the only solution."

I finished my cigar just as the first game was ending. A lot of people were leaving, and I told Paul I didn't think many were going to stay for the second game. Paul said, "Actually, some might show up for that game that aren't here now. That's what's great. It's two games instead of one, like the Super Bowl. I'm going to do this every year."

I saw more people leaving than arriving.

Next week, it'll be the Super Bowl parties I write about. ■

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Romance often leads to marriage, and marriage often leads to divorce. The latter is not only emotionally painful but legally complicated, which is why most people hire lawyers to help them. The following conversations are with lawyers who specialize in divorce, who spend most of their time helping untie the matrimonial knot.

Sharon Kalemkiarian

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Would you please tell us about yourself? How long have you been practicing law, and what percentage of your practice relates to family law, specifically divorce issues?

I graduated from law school in '89, and I spent the first five really seven — years after law school involved in child-advocacy work. I taught the child-advocacy program at USD, the clinic that they had in child advocacy for law students. I worked with adolescents and teenagers who had legal problems and a variety of mental-health and school issues. Then I was really the creator and leader of a movement to reform county services for children in need of mental health.

I started practicing family law around three years ago - two and a half, three years ago — joining this practice as a partner. Our firm is primarily dedicated to family law. I still do a fair amount of work in the juvenile court as well as guardianships for grandparents and relatives who are caring for children. I also serve as minor's counsel in family-law matters when appointed by the bench. So all of my work is exclusively to family proceedings, and about 80 percent of it is in the family court on both dissolution and property matters, custody and visitation matters...the gamut that we all cover.

You have a particular focus, I take it, in child issues. I do. I certainly handle all the matters in the cases and have been very successful in all facets of it, but I tell my clients, "You know, if you want to argue over your property with your spouse, soon to be ex-spouse, argue as much as you want. You're going to spend a lot of money, you're probably going to fritter a lot of your money away that would be saved if you would settle and both come to some agreement. But don't argue over your kids. That's the worst thing you can do."

If you're retained by a mother, your task is to represent that mother and her claim, her interest. If you're retained by the father, the same is true. Within our system of adversarial advocacy, do you ever find yourself saying, "You know, I don't want to represent either one of these people. I just want to help this child"?

Not very often, and I'll tell you why. If someone walks into my office and their position is really, I think, damaging to their child, I won't take the case. I'm not going to advocate for a position on behalf of my client that I can't go to sleep at night without being concerned I've done something wrong. Now, short of that, there's a lot of gray area.

When people come in and they have the distress that goes along with divorce, whether you want the divorce or not doesn't



Sharon Kalemkiarian

matter, it's still always very stressful, very anxiety-causing. It's one of the major emotional, physical, financial traumas in people's lives, no matter what. And when it comes to children, nothing is more traumatic. You feel so vulnerable as mother or father as to what's going to happen in the future on so many levels.

I can have a very great impact as counsel, both being responsible for my client's legal rights, as well as counseling them as a lawyer. I can have a great influence over how they approach the case, what type of information they're going to be given, what type of information they're going to further seek out, how they're going to approach the other parent. I can have an even greater impact if I know the lawyer on the other side shares my perspective and the perspective of most professionals who understand child custody and divorce, which is that people need to communicate. They need to talk, they need to get to a common ground. They've got to recognize that both parents are important in the child's life fundamentally, that that's true. Even when there's been abuse and domestic violence, both parents are a significant presence in the child's life. Now, how that presence gets interpreted and how it physically plays out is totally different when you have abuse or difficult domestic violence, but it doesn't decrease the significance of the parent figure in the child's life.

So I very rarely feel, "Oh gee, I'd rather be minor's counsel in this case." Because it's a mistake to say that we can take responsibility for the child's health and well-being out of the decisionmaking process between the parents. They're responsible ultimately, not society, not the court, not me. If they can't figure it out, the child's going to be damaged by it. My job is to help them figure it out, as well as do what I can to, frankly, take it out of an adversarial posture if I possibly can. If I cannot, to have that process go as well as it can.

What changes have you seen related to children's issues?

There has been a change in the court process. Part of it is statutory, in that, over the last ten years, California has moved towards requiring that the parents have mediation that's provided by the court. Very controversial. The fathers' rights groups put up posters against this process. The mothers' groups who think they've been abused put up websites against the process.

The process of mediation?

Yeah. And I totally support it. I think the court is much better

off having what's called mediation. In our county I wouldn't really even call it that. Before you get into court with your custody matter, you're required to go see a mediator that's provided by the court, which is called family court services. That's the arm of the court that does that, custody mediation. Or you can opt to go to a private mediator. In either case, the court is asking a professional who meets certain requirements set out in state law to make a recommendation to the judge as to what should be done. But they only make a recommendation if the parents cannot agree. So it at least ensures that there's going to be some point, if people have filed a motion, that they're going to have to talk to each other or talk to someone else, 'cause sometimes the parents won't sit in the

same room. That's an improvement. That didn't use to happen. As a result of that, there's a lot more consciousness by the judges that these things need to be resolved out of the courtroom.

In addition, in San Diego County, we have a commitment from the bench. We have good judges who care about children's issues and who are educated about that by a number of different community organizations and who support other types of interventions and other types of services to help parents get along better.

I'm the chair of the board of an organization called Kids' Turn. Kids' Turn is a six-week workshop for parents and their children together. They don't attend the same class at the workshop, but they go during the same six weeks. We teach parents how to deal with the

dynamics of divorce and how to be coparents and what are the flash points for each parent and how do you avoid those things and how do you stay focused on the wellbeing of your child. Then we help the children in an age-approents will be there for them. That's a very significant development, to have that kind of a service in the county. We are awaiting a significant grant from the California Endowment to really expand those services, and the bench is totally in support of

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priate workshop led by a teacher or a psychologist — how the children can stay out of the conflict, and that it's not their responsibility to communicate between their parents, and that it's not their fault, and that both of their parthat. So there has been, to support that, some research that's been published in the last five years which really focuses on the impact a divorce can have on children, and that has caused a spike in the interest of the court and

of some parents in dealing with that.

However, let me say — and this is one of my soapbox issues — I really believe, and so do many of my colleagues and certainly all of the mental-health professionals who deal with this and teachers who encounter this problem — that divorce is a major mentalhealth issue for children, as significant in numbers as child abuse, more significant in numbers, more significant in incidents. I mean, you walk into any public school classroom, 50 percent of those kids are going through divorce at some point. When there's conflict, we know the impact it has on kids. It causes physical ailments. There's research now that shows that. It certainly causes emotional problems; it can cause school failure. Some of these may be

short-term, some of the impacts are long-term, some of them lead to deaths, and we have to take responsibility for that problem as a public mental-health issue, as a public-health crisis. But we don't. And there's lots of reasons, some of which I can't quite understand, but we don't do that.

Are we afraid to admit the problem because that might impinge on whether we get our divorces?

That's right. So many of us have gone through divorces. It's nothing anybody wants to go through. Nobody wants to remember it, because it's rarely a process that is amicable. Sometimes it is, but not usually. Also, I think it's the American notion that it's a private matter. It's somebody else's problem. You have two parents; they have to figure it out. You know, in child abuse we all





recognize the child's defenseless, but for some reason, when it's two parents fighting, we don't want to get involved in that as a public issue, as something that we should be having some intervention.

Do you think it's fair to say that divorce will always inflict serious wounds on children? That all we can do, with a lot of hard work and maybe prayer, is to minimize some of those wounds or make them not quite as severe?

I wouldn't start from the position that there's always going to be wounds. Divorce will always cause a change in the child's life, which is going to be, in some fashion, significant and potentially traumatic. It's a change. It's a major, major change. And people didn't used to think that. People used to think, "Oh, well, if they stay with Mom they'll be fine."

There's always a

change. The question is, can that change be something that doesn't inflict harm, which is different. There's life in two households. There's life with a new spouse. There's life with two extended families. How do we have that change be something that is not harmful and that potentially can be enriching and okay? I don't want to say it's ever as good as growing up in an intact family with two parents who love each other, but if that's not something you're going to have, how do we make the alternative something which doesn't harm the child? There are plenty of studies that show you don't have to harm your children when you get divorced.

There's plenty of clients that come in the door — and you'll hear this from many divorce attorneys — where we look at them and want to say, and sometimes do, "Can't you figure

out how to stay together?" Or, "Can't you last a few more years 'cause your kids are young?" Or whatever. But none of us can get inside the hearts and minds of our clients. We're not in their shoes. By the time they come to us they're in a lot of pain and they've made some very tough decisions. At that point, how do we help minimize the harm and maximize the good and the support?

We know what does it. Again, this is from research; it's also from our experience. Children need to know that both parents are going to be in their life, that no one's disappearing. They need their extended family to stay involved on both sides. They do much better if they're in a supportive community, whether that's a church community, a school community — it's documented — some system of support

beyond their family, a hobby that they can continue to maintain and be enriched by and feel a good self-esteem from. It's documented that that makes a difference, and not having their economic lifestyle dramatically change with either parent.

The moving, having new houses, people are always worried about that. That has very little impact on kids. They don't care. What they care about is if Mom suddenly goes from having lived in a mansion to living in a onebedroom apartment. If Mom goes from having lived in a really nice, middle-class house to living in a smaller house, or living in a townhouse, that's not going to have a huge impact on them. If Mom's wringing her hands 'cause she can't put food on the table or Dad is out of work because he's emotionally bankrupted from the process, that has an

impact on them. So we know what it takes to help kids deal with divorce, and the legal system is partly designed to account for that.

Do you think the courts tend to favor fathers or mothers in the process?

On an individual basis, judges bring to their decision-making their own experience and knowledge and wisdom. To pretend that a father or mother sitting on the bench isn't going to be reflecting on their own experience as a parent would be foolhardy. However, I can't say that I've seen biased decisions in judges favoring mothers over fathers in any consistent way. Some judges have less patience for people who don't want to go to work. Some judges have less patience for fathers who insist on 50-50 to the T. You see that. Those are sort of philosophical problems or biases that people have,

but I would not say that our bench exhibits any kind of systemic or personally consistent bias toward one parent or the other.

Now the posture of the law — separate from judges — the law says you always do what's in the best interest of the child and you try to maintain stability of custodial relationships. Those are the two kinds of hallmarks of custody decision-making from the perspective of appellate law and decision-making of trial judges. Over the years, there has developed a recognition in the case law that fathers can be primary parents and that parents can share custody of a child.

I ask the question, I guess, because it seems in our culture as a whole there's a growing recognition of the importance of fathers in a child's life. Not long ago, it seems, children were basically seen as the mother's responsibility. Now

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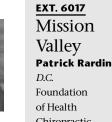
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though, not only do you have maternity leave, but you have paternity leave and stay-at-home dads. I'm wondering if that has influenced the court.

I believe it has. You need to talk with people who've been in the practice for 30 years to get a real perspective on that. For example, I have two or three cases where fathers have fought for and gotten shared custody almost 50-50, but I say "shared custody" because it can vary in terms of what the schedule looks like, of very young children, one-year-olds. Really the research supports continuing and frequent contact with two parents, even for young children. There's a difference of opinion whether those contacts

should include overnights and what is best for the child in terms of the schedule, but judges are definitely giving very substantial time to fathers, and that time is for very young children as well, and recognizing that dads can change diapers and put kids to bed in a rocking chair and get up in the morning and get them ready for preschool.

But do you think there's some basic biological force in play with a mother that is different from a father?

I don't know if it's biological. Maybe it is. In most families, when the couple is married, even if she's not a stayat-home mom, she's making the decisions: what school they're

going to go to, what their clothing is going to be like. That's just not what dads normally do. When you see a dad who, during the marriage, did that, it stands out.

You know, I have one case where he was the one who was tracking what kind of foods the child ate, and he would make the baby food and he would get up in the middle of the night as much as she was. That's not normal. It's becoming more normal because both parents work and moms are saying, "Heck, I'm not going to do all this." Even when they're sharing physical duties, it's still usually Mom who is responsible for the structuring of the home life. So whether that's

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biological or cultural, I don't know. But it's real hard for mothers when there's a divorce and Dad pops up and says, "I want the kids as much as you do." "Well, why? I'm the one who gets to make the decisions here. I'm the one who knows them better."

What complicates that, California's childsupport formula is calculated based upon a very complicated set of rules that were adopted after much debate in the legislature. It's so complex that none of us understand it except we go to our computers and punch in the numbers and a number comes out. That formula takes into account parental income, how much of the parents'

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51 percent of the time. *So the amount of*

time the child is with you bears some kind of economic advantage?

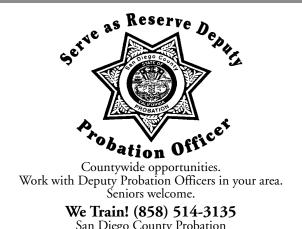
It does! So what do you see happening in almost every case, even where there's very high incomes? Mother says the only reason he

wants the kids is because it's going to lessen his child-support payment, and Dad says, "I want the kids no matter what." But, of course, he knows if he gets the kids more it does lessen his support payment.

Yeah, but on the other side of it he could *say*, *"Look, number one, I have to pay more and,* number two, I don't even get to see the kid as much."

That's right. And it's so hard for people almost impossible — to separate support and the impact that the time-share has on support payment from what's best for the child. It's impossible because the parties know that whatever decision is made about time-share

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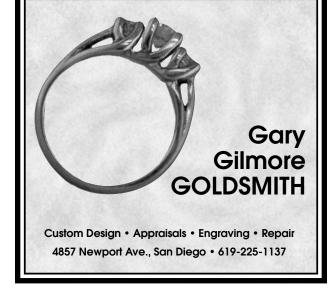


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is going to impact how much money exchanges between them. On the other hand, there is great logic and wisdom to why it's done that way, because if you have the children more, you do have greater expenses.

However, interesting problem: if you've got your kids 35 percent of the time — let's say you have them every other weekend and one night during the week, or you have them Thursday through Sunday, an extended weekend — you still have to have the same size house as you would if you had them all the time. Your out-ofpocket expenses may be somewhat less than the parent who has them a couple days more a week, because you have

"Whatever it says I'm supposed to pay, that's what I'm going to pay." And I really know they're not making their request of child custody based upon what they're going to have to pay or not pay. Once they come to

you, do the issues change?

There's a couple of interesting rules of thumb that you'll hear from divorce attorneys and mental-health people and judges. The first is that generally how people related to each other during the marriage continues in the divorce. So if one was controlling and the other was submissive, that continues. If money was always the point of contention, money will continue to be. If they managed

"It takes 12 months usually for the party who didn't want the divorce to realize it's happening."

less utilities and they're not taking showers and you're not buying food, but the formula tries to take account of the fact that you should each be spending a certain portion of your income for the children. But the dilemma for each parent is, if I'm going to have my kids at all in a significant way, other than going to pick them up for dinner and returning them to the other parent's home, I have to maintain a household and pay my bills and do whatever else I have to do just like he does, or just like she does.

So there's a lot of tension that gets put into the custody negotiations when people are focused on the money. Not always. I've seen wonderful interactions between parents where Dad basically says,

during the marriage to truly share parenting and they were both devoted and communicative about that devotion to their children, that will continue. So if they were very competitive, that's going to continue. If one was the detail person and the other was the bigpicture person, that will continue. So one of the things that you do as you get more experience as a lawyer is you begin to pick up on those clues that your client is giving you, because that's going to tell you how the other party's going to behave in the divorce.

So from that perspective, their relationship doesn't change except that they're not married anymore. They continue to relate to each other often in the same way. The issues change over time. I don't think I would phrase the contrast to "what were the issues that led to the divorce and do those issues change," but rather I would say that time changes what people are invested in in the divorce process.

This is a really important principle when we talk about court reform. When you start the divorce process, you file the petition within 30 or 60 days, and the other person is supposed to file their response once they've been served. At that point it takes 12 months usually for the party who didn't want the divorce to realize it's happening. It's a period with a lot of turmoil, a lot of mind-bending choices that people have to make, particularly if it was not mutual. Time changes what people are prepared to do and agree to. At the very beginning, "I'll never leave this house. I have to have this house." Twelve, 18 months down the line, when they've had a chance to look at their finances and understand better the mortgage market and understand what the assets of the marriage are, "Oh, well, maybe the house should be sold." Father starts off absolutely wedded to 50-50 custody and she's got to go to work right away and blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. That changes. "Maybe it's not right. Maybe I'm going to have a new girlfriend and she doesn't want the kids around all the time. Maybe her going to work right away isn't such a good thing." Time is important in the divorce process if we're going to help people get through that process in a way that leaves them whole, or as whole as they can be now that they lost the picture they had before.

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Now, on the other hand, one of the big concerns that people have about divorce and the courts is that it takes too long, and that's a common complaint that comes to judges. "It took me four years and it cost me \$200,000." The balance between people needing time to process what's happening to them and to make decisions that are going to have legal impact and financial impact and emotional impact on their futures has to be taken into account. On the other hand, you shouldn't have cases that hang around for so long that they become so stale that it causes a lot of anger.

In my judgment, you should be able to get most divorces done

within 24 months. Some of them you can't get done in less than 12, and that's just the way it is. There's a lot of reaction from the bar because the presiding judge last year - for the last couple years, for the entire Superior Court — along with one presiding in family law were trying to force timelines on the process. Some of the lawyers got angry about that, because it was like someone looking over their shoulder. "Are you working fast enough? Are you doing your job? Are you returning phone calls and all of that." It's like, please. We're professionals. Most of us really do a good job. Others were upset, and I put myself in this camp, because

there is time that has to elapse in a divorce for people to be prepared to conclude it. It's not like a civil lawsuit where you're arguing over awards of property and things that have to do with corporations; it's not your life that's getting decided here.

If you could change anything in the current divorce laws or custody laws, what would it be?

Oh, I would take custody and visitation out of an adversarial process. I would also take property out.

How do you do that? Well, you can't do it in the American legal system, because there's a whole body of law which establishes people's rights to do it this way. But there are some movements — I don't know what else to call them - among attorneys, supported by judges, to do it differently. One of them is this movement for collaborative divorce, and it was started by some therapists and some lawyers, with the support of some judges, who were really committed to helping couples divorce collaboratively. It utilizes a team of people — two lawyers, coaches who are mental-health professionals (not giving therapy, just coaching people through the process), a financial expert, and an expert on children. One of the rules of that process is that if it ultimately goes to court, everybody's off the case. I just got trained in that process

last weekend and have been reading a lot about it. It's a great process. It's not something that many people know about. You can do it in tough cases; it doesn't have to be a kumbaya case, where people are trying to be civil to each other. But it takes a lot for people to say, "I'm not going to court."

What advice would you offer couples contemplating divorce, besides get a good lawyer?

That's not my first piece of advice. My first piece of advice is if you have children, go see a good child specialist, whether that's a therapist or your minister or a social worker. Get yourself informed about the impact of divorce on children and make decisions accordingly. First thing, just do that. Secondly, don't blame each other for what's happening, because the process of blame and saying "You're responsible for this" will destroy your ability to have a civil divorce. Thirdly, try to make every aspect of the divorce civil. Try first the process that has you talking, as hard as it is, whether it's through mediation, through finding lawyers who will do a collaborative divorce, through going through your own lawyer but then asking that lawyer to sit down with the other person's lawyer with the two of you right away.

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do what I'm saying? No, I think it's possible. But it takes a lot of will and maturity.

Bill Hargreaves

How many years have you been practicing law, and what percentage of your practice is divorce cases?

Well, I graduated from USD law school in 1972, so I've been practicing essentially for 30 years. At the beginning I had more or less a general practice. I worked for some other lawyers. Then in, I think it was 1980, when California, the state bar, adopted a specialization program — that was when I first became a certified family law specialist. That decision really directed my practice into what it is now, which is 100 percent family law.

Of the attorneys practicing family law, how many have this certification? Is this required of all attorneys practicing family law?

No, this is pretty much a minority, if you would, of those attorneys who deal exclusively with family-law issues. To become a certified family law special-

ist, you have to demonstrate that you've handled a particular number of cases, that you've done a particular number of trials. Then you have to pass an examination that's administered by the Board of Legal Specialization. Then there's what they call a peer-review period, whereby family lawyers in your area who are certified specialists look at your application and let the commission know if there's anything that would merit further investigation. So, for example, the peerreview issues would not be how smart you are and whether you could pass the exam, but whether you're ethical, whether you tend to settle cases or whether you're litigious, that kind of thing. In our county, I would guess somewhere between 25 percent, maybe as high as 30 percent, of those who are practicing family law exclusively are certified specialists.

How has family changed in the 30 years you've been practicing? Well, it certainly has become a lot more complicated.

Legally? Legally. And a lot of that has been due to changes in family law, both in terms of the number of cases that have come down from appellate courts, including the California Supreme Court, where various statutes have been interpreted, but more significantly from the legislature, where we have had all sorts of legislation dealing with family-law issues that have placed upon the practitioner new requirements, such as declarations of disclo-









sure. We never had those till four or five years ago. It's created a lot more paperwork, let's say, than we had before.

You're speaking of disclosures of income? Both disclosures of

income as well as disclosures of assets and debts. But now it's been formalized so that we have formal disclosure requirements with statutory provisions that dictate what has to be contained within those disclosures. So where the legislation is good, in some respects it was done to correct some wrongs. The fact that it's now applicable to every single case that is filed complicates those cases where people have a fairly simple divorce and they could reach an agreement with very little to do other than enter the judgment. Now, because of the paperwork that's necessary to comply with the statutory requirements, we have to do a lot more work, and it costs a lot more money for these people to get a divorce than it otherwise would. Have you seen any

changes between couples in the 30 years you've been practicing?

Couples — this is a generalization, keep in mind — have become more difficult, more litigious. And all of the complaints that we commonly hear about how complicated the process is and why can't the system be kinder and gentler, I mean, to the extent we have those complaints, in large measure there is just a huge number of people who are now fighting. Whereas it seemed before the people were a little more willing to get these things resolved without the necessity of these lengthy court battles.

So couples have become more contentious? Yes. And just downright mean. I don't know if it's the increase in publicity about big divorce cases that have gone awry that have created the idea in people that they can get something by going to court.

Do you feel that in some instances they're using the courts not to get something but to get each other?

Well, that's the common issue that we see. When you step back and you look at, let's say, a high-conflict case, generally it is people not willing to let go. Oftentimes you'll take a case and you will see that from start to finish it involves a process. The process is not only the legal process and getting the paperwork done but it is also a process that involves people getting to a point where they're emotionally ready to settle. They oftentimes won't get to that point for a good number of months. They're just not — I'm trying to remember her name, she wrote a book on death and dying...

Kübler-Ross. Yes. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross. She talked about the various stages. If you look at those stages and apply them to the context of divorce, it's very, very similar. By the time you get to acceptance, you have had to go through the step of denial, the step of anger. Those same stages are very applicable to what we



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see. People repeat them and repeat them and repeat them until they finally are ready to accept the consequences, if you will.

I can see that, for some people, a divorce could be concluded too soon; that they need the legal process to help them through the psychological process.

Exactly. Sometimes the legal process helps the psychological process, but oftentimes it gets people stuck in one of those stages, particularly in the anger stage. For whatever reason, they're not able to get out of that. For that reason, we will frequently require our clients to utilize therapy, counseling of some sort, if they want to continue here at our office.

In your experience, what is the greatest cause of marital failure?

I don't know if there is any single cause. It usually relates back to the partner that they've picked and the differences in the personalities and their inability to deal effectively with those differences. I just couldn't point to a single one. I mean, we see commonly — not in the majority of cases, but commonly — someone has found a new person. That usually occurs after the relationship has been in trouble for a good length of time. Other issues occur.

I'll tell you something that we see commonly is retirement, where a couple cannot deal with that kind of significant change, where someone who was in control of the household is suddenly faced with a partner who has been out of the household most of the time and that partner is now retired and comes home and now wants to, let's say, meddle with the other partner's con-

trol and... As in, "I married you for better or for worse, but not for lunch."

Exactly! Sometimes marriages work better when partners are away from each other during the day!

Death can be a triggering factor. *Death of a child?*

Death of a child, Death of a parent, anything that's a big event in the lives of the partners. It either ends up driving them closer together or driving the wedge in deeper, and it really just depends on their ability to support one another and their own particular personalities.

What about financial disagreements?

Well, that can be common, and we do see that a lot. Although I'm not going to say we see it in the majority of cases by any means. It's odd, because in our practice, in good times we see an increase in divorce. So overall, numerically our cases will increase in good times, and my thinking is that people tend to stick together when they're economically insecure; that it's much more easy to make the change when there's some feeling of economic security. So right now our numbers will be down. The cases are usually bigger, but the numbers are down.

What about sexual issues? Do people ever list that as a primary reason?

You mean if somebody is gay?

Well, that, or if there are two different levels of need for a sexual life. If one wants it and the other doesn't.

It's happened, that's for sure! I'll tell you, we've had more than one where older couples have come in and the triggering factor has been Viagra, where the old guy suddenly discovered some new life in the form of a little blue pill, and his spouse wants no part of it. He's not willing to let go, so that has occurred more than once. That is less common.

We've had some pretty funny cases. A lot of times, and this sounds sort of cynical, but I call this entertainment law. If it was me going through this it would be absolutely horrible, but watching people behave — you know, it reduces us all, on some level, to teenagers. We have this need to lash out and misbehave during this process, and that brings up, let's say, a lot of negative emotional energy. Watching people go through it is sometimes funny, but some of the cases are just, you just shake your head and can't believe it! One instance I can think of, this physician's girl-

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friend was a dominatrix — and he was in the process of going through a divorce. And the person he was divorcing kept bringing up, as part of the custody issues, the fact that this dominatrix girlfriend was getting arrested for things, and it was really quite funny!

You shake your head over the choices that some people make.

Exactly! So maybe that was one of those issues where he had a fondness for that type of activity, and that's what created the breakup. You know, we all go through changes, and I think you see our eccentricities come out more during midlife. They call them a midlife crisis in some people, but people generally change or their eccentricities come out and they become less tolerable as we get older.

Do the central problems between couples evolve and change through the process of divorce?

What I think the answer is, if I understood the question, is it

really depends upon how the people deal with the process. Some people will come in and they will be of a mind, let's call it reasonable, and they want to get their case settled in a reasonable fashion and we do the work that's necessary to do and they adopt a solutionoriented attitude and we get it resolved. Other people come in and their anger is exacerbated. The process makes them feel empowered such that they want to maybe reach out and hurt the

other party, and they go on to make matters worse rather than better. That really has more to do with the personalities. Sometimes you'll see one person who's wanting to settle and another person who doesn't. That's, let's say, more common.

In general, do men tend to make it more difficult or do women? Are men meaner or are women meaner in the worst cases?

Well, I would say they probably are equal in terms of the numbers who are being mean, but I don't know. There's been some pretty big meanness on both sides. You take Betty Broderick, for example, instances like that. We had her in our office for all of two months, and this was more than two years before she shot and killed Dan and Linda. That was just an incredible instance where someone was unable to let go and the results were tragic. We've had other instances that have been much less intense, because the end results haven't been murder and a death, but it has resulted in bitterness and an inability to let go such that the person doesn't have a life afterward, other than one that's filled with bitterness, resentment, and anger.

Let me ask you a personal question here. How has the practice of family law for 30 years changed your own life? I mean, day by day you're seeing marriages break up — in what ways has that influenced your own relationships?

It certainly has made me feel that my life is much more normal than I ever thought it was in comparison to what I see! I would say in a lot of ways it's given me — well, one, I have a lot more empathy for people who are going through these very, very difficult times, and I think I have a greater ability to deal with conflict in my personal life, just having watched people not deal with conflict in theirs, and that not dealing with conflict has led to a breakdown of communication and oftentimes to a breakdown of the relationship. From that standpoint, I guess I feel like my life has been enhanced by that. I've got to tell you, I don't let this stuff get to me. I take an awful lot of time off and get away from it.

I would think you'd have to. Otherwise, it'd wear you out, wouldn't it — just emotionally?

Well, if you let it. But if you get into it on an emotional level, you're done. You can't stand before a judge and argue a case and sound like a litigant. You've got to approach it as a lawyer. You've got to look at it, "What are the legal issues here and how can I resolve them?" I mean, most of what we see — it's a mechanical process ---and most of what we see aren't legal issues, they're practical issues. People need a forum to resolve those practical issues, and that's why mediation, alternative dispute resolution, is somewhat helpful, because it gives them the ability to talk about some of these practical issues, whereas the court system drives a further wedge between people and they end up communicating through lawyers rather than directly.

Back to the personal: are you married?

I'm gay. Okay, well, that may put you in a good position for dealing with all this! But my question is still applicable — do you ever, in an argument with someone you care a great deal about, hear yourself sounding like a lawyer and have to check yourself on that, realiz*ing you're not in court?* Well, I'll tell you. I don't, but my partner, who is also a lawyer, does.

And, of course, he would never say this about you!

Never! No, I'm sure he would. Yeah, but sometimes you tend to. It drives people crazy. I see them doing that to each other in mediation sessions. Somebody will be analyzing the problem instead of speaking from the heart. It's usually the guy who's the analytical one. But oftentimes we see it not so much as a gender issue, but somebody's way ahead — and it could be either party, but more frequently I would say women and they're ahead in the sense that they have been thinking about this. They've sought counseling about it, and it's taken maybe a year, year and a half, before they finally decided they're going to end the relationship, and then they spring it on the husband and he is in a total state of shock. Now the woman is ready to move on, and



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If you could change anything about current divorce laws, what would it be?

My big push would be to have the legislation mandate mediation or at least give the judges authority as they do in civil courts. Why they don't do that in family courts is beyond

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me. Right now, the only mediation that the court can order is that related to custody issues. We should have mandatory mediation or the capability — the judges should have the capability - of ordering on all financial issues so that parties are forced to sit down and talk to one another instead of engaging one another in these ongoing battles. What advice would

you offer couples con*templating marriage?*

I would say it's too bad we don't mandate counseling on that end.

If people would even take a simple personality-profile test to understand one another. We all tend to gravitate toward our opposite, in some respects, for balance. You need to understand that when you marry an extrovert that wants to be around people, and you're an introvert who kind of needs downtime or time to yourself, you're setting yourself up for conflict. But if you understand that the conflict has nothing to do with you individually, that it's not a personal attack 'cause your

partner wants to go out and have fun, it has to do with their particular emotional makeup and needs. I would say get some counseling, understand one another. But the other thing, the prenups have gotten a bad rap, but in my view they force people to discuss hard issues that people don't generally discuss. In other words, when you're going through the romancing process you're not talking about how is our money going to be handled, who's going to be in charge of it, who's going to pay the day-to-day bills. And people go in with expectations that are often not met because they're not discussed. There may be issues that need to be discussed. They don't need to wreck the relationship; there just needs to be an understanding that there are differences in how people think about these things. If you're willing to get married, you've got to also respect the differences in your partner. And what advice

would you offer couples contemplating divorce, besides get a good lawyer?

Well, certainly I would never advocate that parties not seek legal advice, because the information that they can obtain about what could happen in the event of a divorce could be invaluable. The advice I give to all of our clients is, first of all, if there are young children, have you sought counseling and is the marriage really irretrievable? I mean, it's just way too easy to give up in good times, and it can have some rather profound and lasting consequences on children. But if people have really given it a try and they get to that point where they're having to go through the divorce,





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then explore alternative dispute resolution, and get somebody who's skilled not only at mediation, but who's skilled as a family-law mediator. In other words, somebody who knows family law, knows the application of the legal principles so that you're not steered in the wrong direction and then you go to a lawyer and learn that, wait a minute, you gave up way too much.

Finally, Bill, I have to ask this question. After spending 30 years helping people dissolve their marriages, what do you think about gay marriage?

Well, that would certainly give us a whole new group to...

New business, okay! I'll tell you, if most of my gay friends realized what the application of family law and the Family Law Act would do in terms of their relationship, they

might not be so anxious to get involved in it. The problem is, we use the word "marriage." If we just get rid of that word and say, "Are you in favor of gay civil union that gives those couples that want it the same protections as marriage?" And it is a civil aspect we're talking about here; that is, the application of the Family Law Act. Then I would say absolutely yes. As a religious concept, I'm not there.

Janis Stocks

Would you tell us about yourself? How long have you been practicing law? What percentage of your practice relates to family law, specifically divorce?

I've been a lawyer since 1974. I've been certified by the state bar Board of Legal Specialization as a legal specialist in family law since 1980, and I have been a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers since 1993. I'm president-elect of the Southern California chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. I would say that in the past 25 years, 90 percent of my practice has been devoted to divorce work. I'm also an adoption attorney, so I've been doing adoptions for about 22 years. How has the practice

of divorce law changed during these years that you've been in practice?

When I first started practicing law and up until about ten years ago, I would have a balanced caseload of couples who were somewhat acrimonious and needed to litigate, whether it was light litigation or heavy-duty, bloodbath litigation. Then I would have maybe 50 percent of my clients who were individuals able to work out their cases without litigation and through settlements, through the assistance of their attorneys. About ten years ago, mediation became very popular for divorces. What I found as a lawyer was that the 50 percent who were willing to settle their cases, willing to work things out, were being routed into mediation, and appropriately so. That left the attorneys with the 50 percent who wanted to litigate, either litigation-light or litigation-heavy. So I think that the attorneys and the court system are under a lot more pressure, 'cause the more acrimonious cases are what is seen at the courthouse.

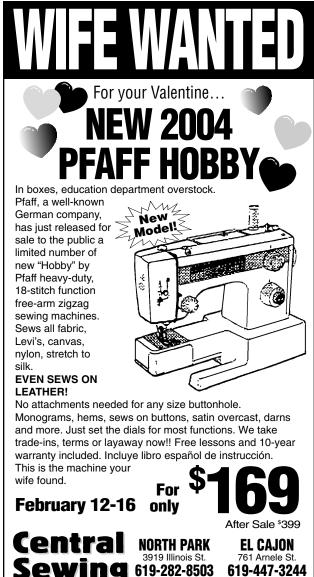
Intelligent people who care about their children, who are not in a power struggle with one another, and who are relatively emotionally healthy — as anyone who's going through a divorce is going to have some emotional issues involved, whether it's the right thing or not relatively healthy people, mentally healthy people, understand that mediation is the way to go and that they are much smarter to sit down with an experienced attorney and work out the problems of their case. It's complicated, but people can sit down and mediate that with a skilled mediator. Those people are the people that I admire. The people that go to court are the people that maybe are having a power struggle over their children, maybe are having power struggles over issues that happened in the marriage, just pain and control issues, and they carry right into the divorce.

In your experience, what would you say is the greatest cause of marital failure?

I think it's as basic as lack of communication, that the marriage lacks the communication that would lead people to negotiate issues that they have whether it be money, whether it be sex, whether it be kids, whether it be work. At least one of those issues comes up in every single divorce.

My take on it is that people get tired of not having their needs met and not being heard and decide, "I'm not going to do this anymore." And then some factor, this kind of subissue — the new person, the loss of the job, the money problems, the sex problems — one of those things gets blamed. But it's really the failure for the relationship to provide a level of trust and intimacy and support that people need and want. It's the old Ann Landers thing. "Would I be better off with this person or without this person?" And when you factor in another subproblem, sex, another relationship, an affair, money, the kids - lots of problems with kids - people are willing to leave, thinking there's something better.

Do the central prob-

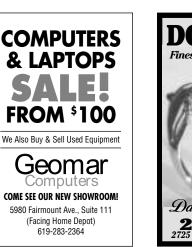


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lems between couples evolve through the process of divorce itself? That is to say, a couple comes to you because of certain issues — at least, that's what they speak about — but then in the process itself, which could take a couple of years, do the points of contention become something else?

Yes. I think that the points of contention boil down to two things: kids and money. When you've lived on the edge of your two paychecks and you couldn't support your household on those two paychecks and now you have two households, money becomes the driving factor. "How am I going to get my share that's enough for me to live a decent life?"

Secondarily, the kids. "I'd like to see my kids every day," each parent says. Well, they're

not going to get to see their kids every day, so how are they going to fashion something that's going to get them whatever quality they think they need and their children need with each of their parents. So they start digging in — "I want the kids with me; I should be the primary parent" — instead of figuring out a way that they're going to be able to share the children and meet their children's needs, and, maybe something they didn't do in the marriage: putting their children's needs first. You know, making sure their children get to the sporting activity, making sure their kids have what they need. Not saying to their kids, "I can't buy you those tennis shoes, 'cause your dad didn't give me any

money." Here's another

thing I just thought of that I'm seeing more than in the past: I don't know where this is coming from, but I am seeing more families where the children have severe emotional problems. I'm seeing more

ADD, I'm seeing more autism, I'm seeing all kinds of things that 20 years ago I rarely saw. Maybe I saw a Down syndrome child or a cystic fibrosis child or some child that was putting a great deal of

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stress on the marriage. But now I see so many children with emotional problems that their parents are trying to struggle with, and children being diagnosed younger and younger with bipolar, and chil-

Janis Stocks

dren suffering from depression, and children suffering from Tourette's.

Do you think the numbers of problems of children have gone up, or are we just diagnosing it more often?

I don't know the answer to that. I think there is usually a diagnosis of the year. A few years ago it was hyperactivity, then attention deficit disorder, and for a while it was Tourette's. Now it's back to ADD. So you know, it may just be what we all experienced as kids. Maybe we had a brother who was not very attentive in school and couldn't sit still in his chair; well, no one paid any attention to that because, you know, three little kids couldn't sit in their seat. Now you can't sit in your seat, you get a diagnosis and you get medication, you get



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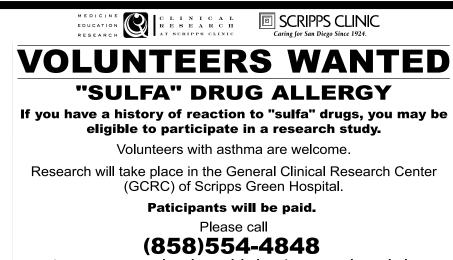
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very complex. It contains so many issues: child support, spousal support, division of property, division of retirement plans, valuation of businesses. It's extremely complex. *Has the law become*

more complex? If you look back ten years, you would see that the legislation that gets tinkered with every year — midsession, midyear, and each year in each session — the most in law is family law.

It just gets layered. You know, we just settle into something, and some special-interest group will say, "I think something more needs to be done for protection." We have legislation every year, every session, on domestic violence, how that impacts custody, how that impacts all kind of rights. We also see legisla-

tion on whatever the hot topic of the year is. Right now in the United States, the biggest topic, the biggest issue, is move-away cases and how do we deal with those. When both parents live here in San Diego, one parent wants to move to Ohio because that's where her parents live and that's where she's going to be able to get a job, or that's where her husband has been transferred or something like that. Where do the children stay? Do the children go with the mom? Do they stay with the dad?

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He's got a point. "They made up this schedule for me. I'm on the road every weekend, I'm flying up to San Francisco." He'd rather be home. He's 16. It was really an eye-opener for me.

I think family law is an evolving, living thing, because there's always going to be a special-interest group who has a legislator and who says, "Look, I think we need this. I think we need that." For instance, about ten years ago now, it was determined that there wasn't enough full, honest disclosure about assets and income. A whole new procedure was created to disclose information, and the statutes were amended, the family code was amended, and that little exercise probably cost people a minimum of \$2000 more on each side for their case, a maximum of several thousands of dollars just to fill out this paperwork. Some people fill it out really well and some people fill it out really poorly, and I'm not sure that it serves the purpose of guaranteeing that disclosure's going to be made. But we all have to do it; it's a requirement.

I'm going to ask you to go out on a limb. In general, do you think the courts tend to favor men or favor women these days, and have you seen any change in that?

When I first started out and was a young lawyer, of course I only saw white men who were older than me as judges. I started in 1975. They were 50 at the time and I was 25. Now I'm much older than that, so 50's not so old. But I think there was favoritism towards women, particularly in custody matters and making sure that the

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support was adequate to take care of the mom's household with the kids. It's obviously supposed to be gender neutral. I couldn't possibly make a blanket statement about all the judges. There's one judge who everybody believes is very favorable to fathers. There's another judge who always seems to bend over and be favorable to mothers. The wonderful thing about being a family lawyer is that we argue both sides of the case, so we have a much better perspective than the criminal attorney, say, who only does one side. One day we could be arguing an issue for the woman's side and the next day the same issue for the man's side.

Each judge is different. I honestly think that the judges that we've had in the last ten years in family court have attempted to give each case a fair hearing and to not take gender sides. Certainly, if there's a close call, I can name the judges who I think would make the call for the woman and the judges who I think would make the call for the man.

Do you think lawyers have a hand in intensifying the contentiousness?

Absolutely I do. See, I look at myself as a lawyer, attorney, and counselor-at-law, and I think a lot of attorneys don't have the counselor-at-law part. "I'm your advocate. I'm going to get you what you want, I'm going to say what you want, but I'm not going to go out there without any particular counseling about why you want that. Why do you want that? What will that do for you? What will that do for

your children? Yeah, I know you're really hurt and angry and upset, but let's talk about the rest of your life and what's going to happen from now. I know you're scared, but being scared is not a reason to fight."

Does it wear you out? Personally? Yeah.

I would think this would be one of the hardest jobs.

It is. When I represent lawyers, I've never had a lawyer who didn't say to me, "How can you do this? How can you come down here?" I was with a lawyer this week and he said, "It's so negative down here. It's so negative, it's so noisy. Ugh! How can you stand coming down here?"

Is the rate of depression high among divorce lawyers? I don't think so. No,

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none of my friends are particularly depressed. I think it's really important to have an outside life.

Be able to turn it off? Right. I think it's real important. A lot of us travel a lot and are gone for weeks at a time. Not often enough. You need to have a support system and a family system outside of work, and you need to keep work where it belongs. I don't work on the weekends. I know a lot of attorneys who do, just to kind of clean up things on their desk, but I don't. I don't take things home at night. I also realized that I'm not going to work more than a certain number of hours a day. But then I've been doing this almost 30 years. I had to figure out a way.

What advice would you offer couples contemplating divorce,

besides get a good lawyer?

Actually, I do think they need a good lawyer, but I think they should see if they can do mediation or this new procedure that's called collaborative divorce, where they work to create a plan and commit to not going to the courthouse to have judges who spend 20 minutes on their lives make major decisions for them. That's what I would say to people. Do you really want a judge who's spent 20 minutes listening to two attorneys say the worst things they could about each of you deciding what's going to happen with your children for the next ten years?

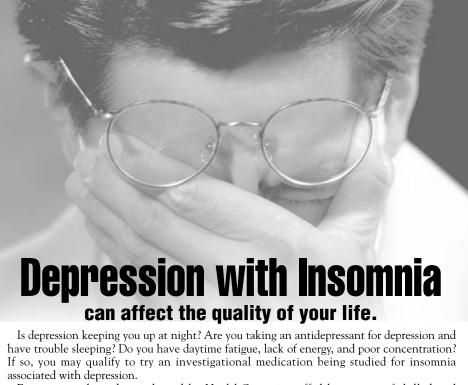
I've been through this, so I know what a terrifying thing it is to sit there in that court and have it dawn on you what exactly is happening, that this person who really does not know either one of you is deciding your life.

Does that make any sense? Absolutely not! If I went to that judge the next day and said, "Remember the Smith case that we did yesterday?" He'd just look at me like, "No. Are you kidding? Of course I wouldn't remember that. Why would I remember that?" So...

Hildy Fentin

How long have you been practicing law? What percentage of your practice relates to family law, specifically divorce?

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this point, 100 percent of my practice is related to family law, but early on it was a different mix.

How has this part of your practice changed through these years?

There are a lot of external things that have changed in family law. For starters, when I first started practicing family law, we were down at civil court, down in Superior Court, downtown. They separated family court and made it a building, I think it's at least 20 years ago. Then they started direct calendaring, where one judge took responsibility for his or her own calendar and had a greater familiarity with the cases.

Then the child-support guidelines came into effect. There are a lot of things that have changed over the course of the years that I've practiced. Child-support guidelines make less reason to go to court, 'cause you simply have to put the numbers in a computer and it will calculate what the child support should be. There's no reason why you should spend the money to have a judge make that decision. Also minor's counsel, San Diego's a leader, there's actually a minor's counsel program where kids are being represented. I would say that program and my involvement in that program triggered

or refocused my energies towards settlement, because I have more of a focus on children, not just the individual litigant that I was representing. Now there's fast track, and people do not want to get involved in the fast-track program, they want to opt out.

What's fast track? It's a new program down in family court that was started about a year ago.

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sial. Judge Strauss, a presiding judge, felt that he wanted divorces to be quickly resolved. So he instituted a new fasttrack program, which is kind of putting a round

peg into a square hole, because people have emotions. The emotions alone will slow down the track. People are opting out of that program.

Are people just put in this fast-track program? Yes.

So there's no choice. No choice. If you file Petition for Dissolution of Marriage downtown, you automatically get on the track and then there's a whole timetable and there's a status conference approximately 90 days after you file. Whether you want a status conference or not, you're going down to court unless you can tell the court that you're

involved in mediation or the collaborativedivorce program. But if vou're involved in some sort of alternate dispute resolution, the court will allow you to postpone that hearing for up to a year, I think it is now. People are getting wind of that, and that's another reason there's some alternatives.

So would you say the law has become more complex, or is it in some way simplified?

Oh, I think it's far more complex. As society gets more complex, the family-law arena gets more complex. The more employment benefits that employers provide to individuals, the more difficult it is to determine whether it's

community or separate and then whether it's divisible and how to divide it. There are subspecialties within being a specialist. I would say it's far more complex.

What do you think are the greatest causes of marital failure?

There're actually a few things. I think one of the primary reasons is the pace of our society. I think that we are spending so much time trying to tread water, to stay above water. Just the fast pace that we are all in — where we are juggling our work commitments, our kids' commitments, their involvement in sports and extracurricular activities — and our spiritual needs get put

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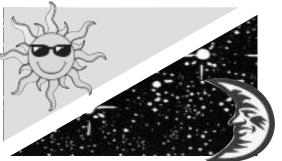
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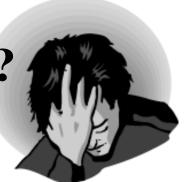


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on the bottom shelf, along with the connection with the other spouse. It's very difficult to maintain that connection if you don't have the time. To me, that's the primary reason. I think there's a lot of dissatisfaction people have, self-doubts, dissatisfaction, which then lends themselves to looking outward, maybe not just to their spouse but to others to get that satisfaction. My real strong gut feeling is that it has to do with this society and this pace that we're setting for all of us, and I think it's out of control. Are you married?

Yes.

Do you find yourself occasionally pulling back from certain arguments, just remembering some of the conflicts you've been witnessing through the day?

No. Not necessarily. I think that my age more than anything has affected my approach to any issue. I do take the experience from my work in helping better evaluate the needs of my children. I definitely do that, whether it be academically, socially, sports, or whatever. But as far as my relationship with my husband, I don't think it makes it any less conflictive. Maybe it does. Who knows? You'll have to ask him.

Well, when you have a fight, do you ever hear the lawyer in you coming out?

Oh, okay. Does he say that? No. That doesn't come out at all. I mean, he's an attorney also.

*Oh, you're in trou*ble. Then you've got two attorneys going at it, but there's no judge to help vou

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What advice would you offer couples who are

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Well, the good news is they went to see a pastor or someone. The first thing that I would say is make sure you talk about this, the ramifications of it, before you enter into it. But the other thing that I

would say is make sure that you take the time to relate to the other person and to listen to and continue to respect the other person. That would be sort of the emotional part of it, which is take some time for the two of you. If it's one day a week, go out and make sure you make the time to make the connection with the other person. As I said, I

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think that what people are going through is they're losing connection with the other person because they literally don't have the time.

The other thing I would say - and I think about this a lot in any marriage people need to be educated on their property rights. The saddest cases, where it doesn't involve children, are the cases where the people come in and they've handled their finances in such a way that one party is more advantaged than the other. And it really wasn't intended to be that way, but the law ends up translating it that way. That is the most disappointing situation. If those people understood the ramifications of their actions during their marriage, it would have been different, because they

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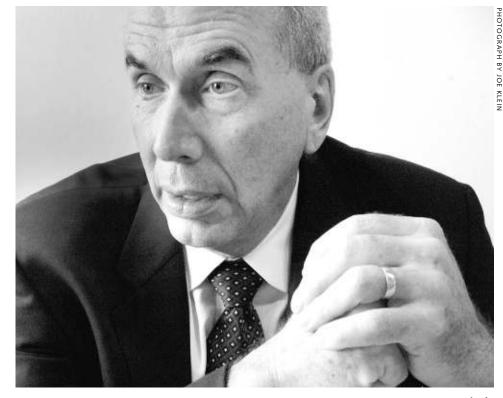
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How has this part of your practice changed through the years?

I think by and large the process over the years has evolved in a number of ways. First of all, I can recall when I first started it was just at the end of the "fault concepts." We changed the fault concepts effective really around 1970.

The so-called nofault divorce?

Correct. And back in the fault-concept days, there was an enormous amount of rancorous litigation, because if you could prove that the other side was the black hat in the relationship, you ended up with benefits in custody, benefits in the division of property, and benefits in the allocation of support. It took a while for that concept to be erased, because as with all humans, even though something changes, it takes a while for it to sink in. So I would say there still was a lot of combativeness until the middle of the '70s, or maybe even the end of the '70s.

Now, I suppose the fundamental concepts of the law haven't really changed enormously in the time that I have happen in most every case. We may do them slightly differently pensions have become much more compli-

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been practicing. We still equally divide the community property. We still set child and spousal supports. We still do the things that sophisticated than they were 30 years ago. Pensions and options particularly, and all sorts of property that didn't exist, that was not even thought up, 30 years ago.
 People also are, I think, becoming much

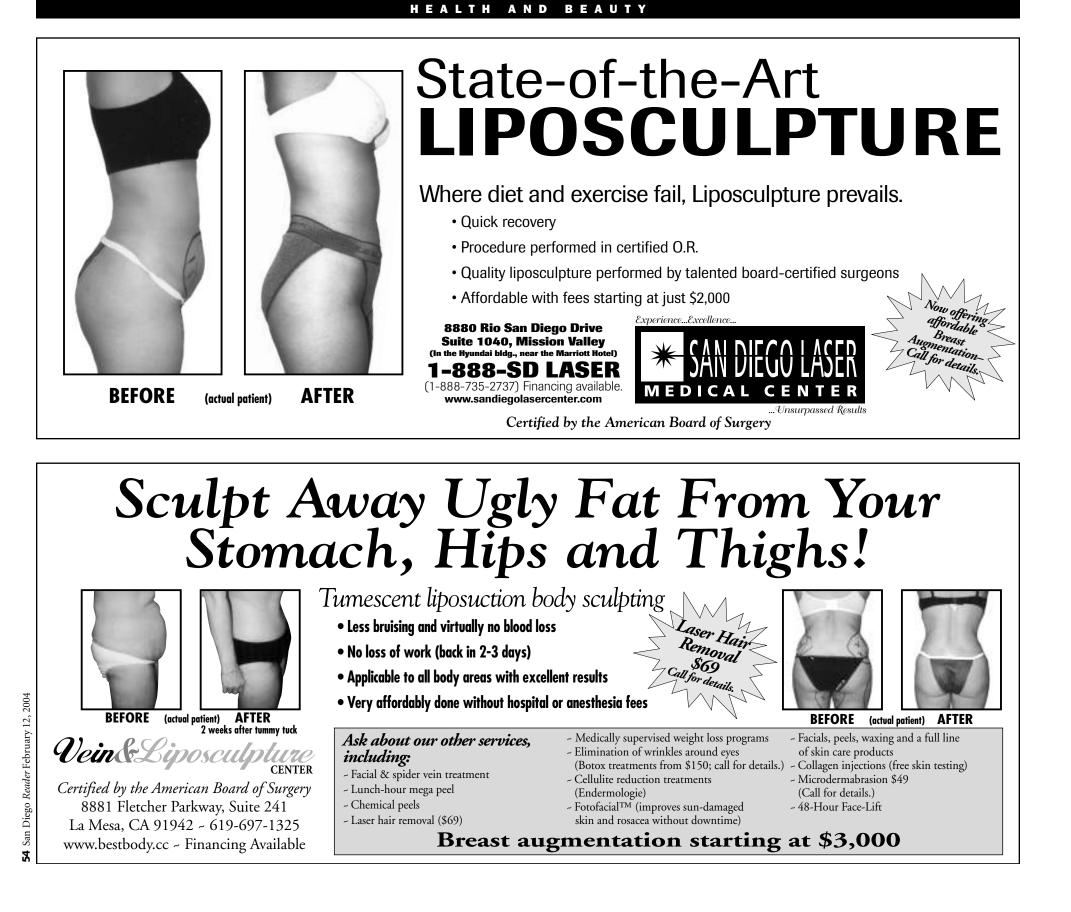
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cated, stock options didn't exist years ago but now are there, and that's a very, very complicated area of the law. So it has become much didn't exist years ago but now are there, and that's a very, very complicated area of the law. hires the most vicious lawyer he or she can find, the other one finds a vicious lawyer, and then they spend tens and twenties and hundreds of thousands of dollars butting heads in courtrooms. They're looking to mediation; they're looking to arbitrate controversies. They're looking to private resolutions away from the courthouse. They're looking to expedite resolution of issues. They're also looking at, instead of having two experts fix a value for something, or two experts deal with tax issues, obtaining a single expert to deter-



mine those things as to value, as to tax consequences, and so forth.

What, in your experience, is the greatest *cause of marital failure?*

Well, that's interesting because each case is, of course, different. If there's one prevailing theme, it's probably infidelity. I would rate that as number one. Probably close behind that is either abuse of a spouse, or abuse of mind-altering substances, or abuse of alcohol. They seem to be all related in that abusers are also abusers of substances and so forth. Not always true, but mostly true.

Another sort of insidious thing that is a cause of trouble in marriage is the existence of a prenuptial agreement. I always tell people when they ask me to do a prenuptial agreement, say when the man comes to me and asks about it, I point out to him that this is probably the first pleading in a divorce that I'm going to see in five or ten years, because generally, unless the prenuptial agreement provides for some financial incentive to the other spouse, the usual scenario is one spouse has almost nothing. The other spouse has a bunch of things to protect. And if the perception going into the marriage is "I don't trust you and I want to protect all my things from you and I want to make sure that I keep all my things and that you get little or nothing if I'm married to you for years," that is not a good way to start a relationship.

So if there's going to be a prenuptial agreement, generally I try to couch it in a way that allows the less pecuniary spouse to end up with something, to feel that they're getting something out of the relationship materially. Otherwise it eats at

them, and four, five, six years later, they're divorced.

What generates the most contention — the division of assets or the determination of ongo-

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I would say they're probably about even. Probably if I were to tip my hat, there'd be more litigation over valuation and division of assets.

In many cases the support numbers on child support, where the person is employed by a big company, are very predictable, and they can be taken from the

guidelines.

Spousal support is much, much less predictable. But there's a lot of litigation — particularly over spousal support — because

there is no definition for it. If you were to sit me down in a room with another lawyer who'd been around for a long time and a judge who'd been around for,

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say, 30 years — say you had 100 years of experience around the table — we couldn't tell you what spousal support is.

There's a statute. The court is supposed to apply this statute. There are no guidelines. The statute has 14 subpoints to it. Things like, what does he earn, what does she earn? Now, it's always interesting, and let's be sexist for a minute and say that he is running the business. And let's further say that his salary throughout the latter part of the marriage has been a quarter of a million dollars. But he also had a bottomless credit card, or they had a bottomless credit card that was paid by the business. They gave themselves a pension plan. They took out loans periodically that were expensed out later in the form of

bonuses and just sort of disappear off the books. They gave themselves all manner of other perks, like cars and insurance policies and medical insurance plans. Well, that person's earnings aren't \$250,000. They're a much larger number. So someone has to go into that business and figure out what that number is so you have a spousal-support number.

Another relevant factor is what was the historical marital standard of living? Because the party who's being supported has a right to his or her share of that as a form of support. When you get right down to the end and you've gone through income and age and duration of marriage and all the other issues in the 14, the final one is any other factor the court would like to con-



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it will last. We do know that a marriage under 10 years is short, and usually support is a percentage of the marriage, a third

to half. A marriage over 10 years is just openended. Then you get into all the horse-trading that goes on, because spousal support — for example, if you just went to court on it and you were married for 15 or 20 years, the court will just make an order that says essentially, you pay this amount of money until you die, she dies, she remarries, or until further order of court. In other words, the issue's left open indefinitely, and either side can come back and ask for it to be increased or reduced.

But if you're representing the person who's got the salary or has the main income flow, one of the things that we do in the settlement process is to try to buy that right out. In other words, give an additional asset of some kind in exchange for painting a fence around spousal support, or getting a waiver of spousal support, or rather than having to pay indefinitely, having to pay for five years but paying a much larger number. On a longer marriage, that's a huge negotiation point.

If you could change anything with the current laws on divorce, what would it be?

I think that we need to take a long look at two things that we do here that no one else does anymore. One is, we assign some mystical significance to the date of separation. And we say that some assets are valued at the date of separation and not at the time of trial, and we say that earnings after the date of separation are 100 percent owned by the person who went to work that day. That is

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a view that is not shared by every other state in the union, and we need to take another look at that and probably adopt the same rules that apply everywhere else.

The second thing is, we are the last and only state of the 13 community-property states that has a mandated equal division of the community assets. Everyone else has gone to a concept that is best described as equitable distribution. What that means is the court starts from a 50-50 division, but the court has discretion to say, "Okay, ma'am, it sort of looks to me like you'll never earn anything more than minimum wage," for example. "You're sitting on a house with \$400,000 or \$500,000 in equity in it. I'm going to resolve this \$4 or \$5 million case. I'm going to set this house over to you and that way you'll have a place to live, and I'll do that under the

premise that the husband making \$20,000 a month can find a replacement house at some point in the future, and I'm not going to charge you with that in the division." I think we need to start looking at that concept, 'cause most of the world does that.

Does it wear you out emotionally?

If you get worn out emotionally in these cases, you'll last three cases. You have to distance yourself from being emotionally involved. Any lawyer who becomes emotionally involved is ineffective. The court picks up on it, everybody picks up on it, the other side picks up on it, and you have no credibility.

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How many years have you been practicing law, and what percentage of your practice relates to family law? Twenty years,







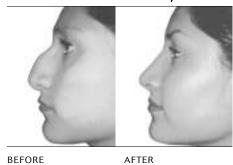
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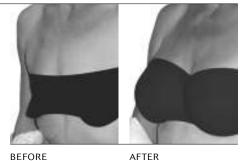
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You've had considerable experience, then, in matters of divorce law. How has your practice changed during these years?

It's the one area of the law where a small practitioner can compete with a very big firm, 'cause even the big firms only have one or two lawyers in them doing divorce work. So I can compete with any of the large firms in town in doing domestic litigation. I started out pretty much with small cases, as most lawyers do. Maybe a husband and wife, they don't own a home, they rent, they have a car, a couple credit cards, they may have a kid. Now my cases are primarily custody related. I have complex custody and interstate-, international-custody litigation, multimillion-dollar property disputes, contingent benefit rights issues related to royalties or stock options, long-term pension benefits. You name it, I hear it now.

What, in your experience, is the greatest cause of marital failure? Why are people coming to you?

That changes based on the economic conditions we are in. I kind of keep little tabs on how the cases come in and who's the petitioner, who's the respondent who's asking for the divorce, in essence. When the economic times are really good, it's the husband asking for the divorce. When the economic times aren't so good, when we're in a recession, it's the wife filing for divorce. That doesn't mean that husbands never file or wives always file, it just means

that more often than not...and it seems to swing.

Why do you think that's the case?

Well, the husband, when economic times are good, seems to think that, well, maybe they can afford taking on somebody new and they want to make a change in their lives and they're going through some sort of emotional upheaval, especially if they're middle-aged. They're ready to take on the responsibilities of a new family or a new significant other who's generally younger.

In the downward economic times, I find that I have wives/moms working outside the home, Dad has lost his job, Dad has been laid off or something of that sort, and she gets tired of carrying him. It appears that she could do better with less

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deadwood. Now those are the economic issues that come up a lot, and economics is it more than anything else. The secondary reasons are going to be reasons of infidelity, and then you get the really esoteric issues — somebody wants to have a sex change, somebody just wants to be single, somebody's changed their religious beliefs, and the couple's now incompatible. But it goes money, sex, and then everything else.

In that order. Yeah. It is for me, anyway. Infidelity is not the lead reason people get divorced. Infidelity happens in relationships a lot, but a lot of couples can still work through that issue. Where the infidelity is compounded with economic crisis or - you can almost call it economic betrayal, where one spouse is truly a mushroom: they're kept in the dark and fed a lot of bull; then all of a sudden the lights come on. For example, you have a husband that is self-employed and he manages his own business affairs. He keeps his business records locked up. The wife doesn't sign the checkbook. She has no idea what the financial affairs of the family are; she comes to him for an allowance, things of that sort. Somehow she finds out, because something comes in the mail that indicates that they either are greatly in debt and she didn't know it, or there's a bank account she didn't know about that's got a significant amount of money in it. Then she'll have the temerity to ask that husband, "What is this?" He won't like the response, generally gets angry with her, and that leads to somebody calling me or somebody

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couples tend to evolve or change through the process of divorce itself?

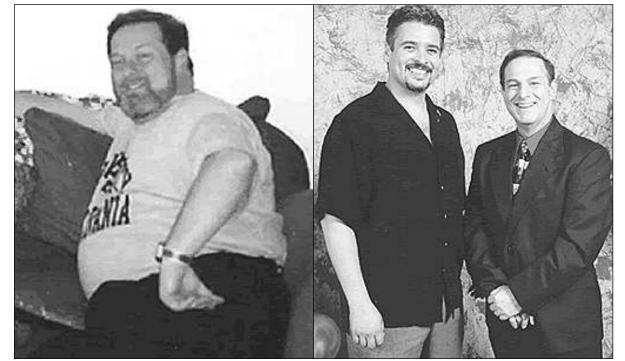
I don't know if they shift or change, but I think the focus will change. Maybe that answers your question. I mean, they may be coming to me because of economic betrayal; she or he has found out that there's a pot of money the other one hasn't told them about. Then they will find out that there's also been other types of betraval in the relationship, whether that be infidelity or otherwise, and that may become a focus for them.

Generally speaking though, if it's the wife filing for divorce, she may be filing based on economic issues. But what will come to the forefront really quick is bad parenting on Dad's part, especially if she had tolerated it. That is, she has served as the buffer between Dad and the kids; she's the one that keeps Dad from flying off the handle, something of that sort. That will come up and that will become a key focus for Mom, even though the initial reason she may have filed for divorce was an economic reason, because he doesn't give her any money or he's given his money to somebody else or there isn't any money to be given. Whatever her reason for coming in on an economic basis, that will shift if he's really not been a good father.

The same is true for Dad. When Mom is not a good mom, that is the lead reason for Dad to file, and then economics will come in secondarily. When Mom has some real problems -Mom is either a substance abuser, she has some sort of emotional problem, maybe she has a borderline personality disorder or she's bipolar, something along those lines — and Dad

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So he's hoping for custody?

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then the economic things all come up later on, because in California, child support is based on a mathematical formula. There are only four elements to calculating child sup-

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and then, finally, the number of children. So Dad's income, Mom's income, number of children, and timeshare are the only four factors that go into the equation. Nobody cares what your bills are, nobody cares what you can afford. It goes into a computer and spits out an answer. So eventually, the economic reality will set in for one or the other parent that they're going to be paying non-tax-deductible, tax-free recipient child support. In addition, you'll pay one half of any uncovered medical, dental, optical, or psychological costs for the child, half the daycare — and that gets to be costly. Did you say that

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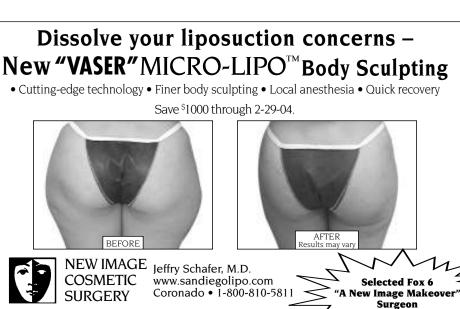
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Back to causes, do you think prenuptial agreements are good or bad?

They're wonderful. But the problem is, you generally get them presented as "Well, we want this in case we get divorced." If people would think about it...

Let me explain family law in my view to you real quick. Think of a marriage between a husband and wife as a way to buy property, to get into debt, and have kids. If you think of that, that's the way the state looks at it. It's just a business. We don't even call divorce "divorce" in California; we call it "dissolution of partnership." Now if you and I were to go into business today, we'd see a lawyer to



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draft up the partnership contract. The contract would say, "Don's going to do these things for the business. Gordon is going to do these things for the business." There'd be 30 pages of boilerplate, because lawyers like to write, but at the end of that contract, there'd be a provision for what we will do in the dissolution of partnership. Well, California calls divorce a dissolution of marriage, and in our contract, let's say the one you and I have, that contract may say you get the name of the company and certain receivables and I get certain receivables, and maybe you're going to pay me money not to compete against you in Southern California for three years, and that's our deal. So if we start to work and then decide to split the sheets ten years later, we are going to apply the contract you and I drafted before we started business, a partnership contract.

When couples get married, though, they generally don't have that. That contract is a prenuptial agreement. If you don't have one, the state imposes one on you, and they call that the family code. The problem is, the family code is changed every day, between the legislature, the court of appeals, the California Supreme Court, the United States Supreme Court, and even our bankruptcy court appellate panel. There are decisions that change the family law every week, so much so that I get a flyer emailed to me. It's single-spaced, doublesided, and it is the changes to the family code from last week. Unlike the situation where you and I are going into business and we apply the contract we drafted ten years earlier, with the family code you apply the law

that exists on the day you go to trial, not even the day that you file your divorce. There's going to be new law on the books that takes place during the time your case is going on, and that is going to impact your case. *I had another lawyer*

who said he suspected that prenuptial agreements may become a cause of divorce.

If they're presented badly, yes, I think that could be true. But a prenuptial agreement is a chance for this couple to manage their financial affairs without the input from the State of California. Candidly, I don't know about you, but I don't like the state telling me how to manage my finances. I think it's between my wife and me to determine whether we are going to have joint assets when we buy something. If she mistakenly decides that she's going to use her inheritance to pay for living expenses for us because she just pulls it out of the wrong account, I think she has the right to agree with me that we'll put that money back because we really meant to use some other money. Under California law, separate-property money used to pay community-property living expenses is a gift, unless there's a writing otherwise, which means that if she mistakenly pulls out \$50,000 and does something with it — we just live on it, use it to pay bills, and things of that sort she doesn't get it back, and I don't think that's right. A couple with a prenuptial agreement can avoid that. Now, can it cause a

Now, can it cause a divorce? Sure, if it provides for things. For example, that in the event they get divorced after five years and they have two children, she's going to receive a million dollars, and maybe

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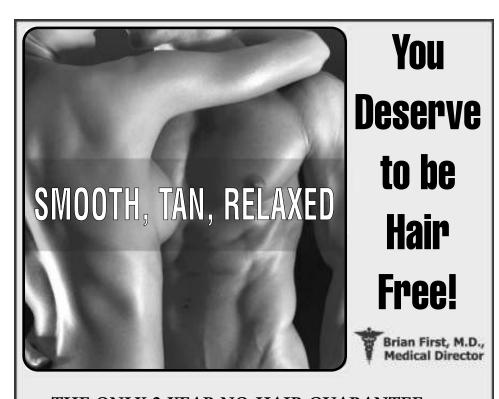
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A typical prenuptial agreement is going to say the following: these are my assets, these are your assets, and we're deciding between us that my assets will always be mine and your assets will always be yours. We're going to create a joint checking account. Into that joint checking account we are each going to put money, or one spouse will put money that we will use to live on. Anything that comes out of that joint checking

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account will be joint property. If we buy something out of it, if we pay for expenses out of it, that is deemed to be joint. However, if I take money from my separate property and I buy something else, I don't have to share it with you, and if you do likewise, you don't have to share it with me.

In divorce, in the process itself, what tends to cause the most contention, in your experience? Custody issues?

The sharing of children. If you ask the court right now, 80 percent of the court's time is taken up with 20 percent of the court's cases. *And most of those*

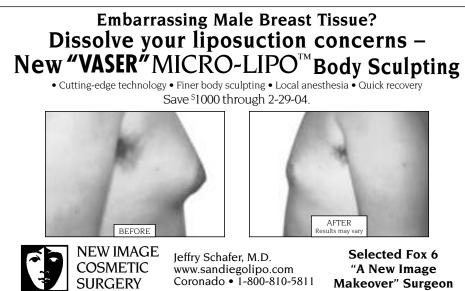
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ones are generally the most contentious. Would you say that the division of assets or the determination of spousal support tends to create more problems?

I think the support problems exceed the division of assets, unless the assets are very complex. That is, if you're dealing with stock options, or residual rights under royalties, or patent rights, or there's been a great deal of infusion of separateproperty money into their relationship, that is going to impact how assets were acquired. For example, if you use your separate-property money to acquire a community asset, under 2640 of the family code, you get your investment back dollar for dollar up



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to the value of the asset, but no growth. And that can have a real impact if, for example, your mom gave you \$200,000 towards the down payment on the house and you guys bought the house together. Now the house has to be divided and the other side finds out that after the loan's paid you get the first \$200,000 and then you guys split everything else. That's going to cause some contention. That'll be a problem.

But most often it's the spousal support?

Yes. Not so much the amount, although that's always the key factor. The arguments are about earning ability. Is the supported spouse capable of earning more than they say they are? And so you end up with a vocational analysis. A vocational counselor will come in and do a study and a workup on the supported spouse to say this is what they can do now and this is what they could do with an education. And so you have to start looking at maybe elements of rehabilitative support and a review hearing to see whether or not the supported spouse is able to maintain that marital standard of living. But that's more important on longer marriages, marriages of ten years or more, than it is on shorter marriages, marriages under ten years. In a marriage of ten

years or more, it's presumed long-term under the family code, and the supported spouse has a presumption of a lifetime need; that is, until the recipient dies, the other party dies, the recipient remarries, or further order of the court. A shorter-term marriage, a marriage of less than ten years, the court has the jurisdiction to give a termination date on spousal support. Kind of the rule of thumb we use is



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half the length of the marriage. If you've got a four-year marriage, you figure you've got a twoyear window of exposure on spousal support.

How has the law

changed through the years of your practice? Oh, it's much more complex. Let's just use a few instances. Take child support first. It used to be based on what the judge felt to be

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an appropriate order. Then the federal government came down and said to states, if you wish to receive federal funding for a number of different programs, you must establish within

your state a law so that any two people with the same number of children, with the same amount of money, pay the same level of child support. So we now have a mathematical formula that I gave you earlier. It doesn't care what the expenses are; it just looks at what the net incomes are and how the children are shared. Well, in doing that it sounds like that would be a real simple way of calculating child support. It is, but now there's litigation over how much time you have with the children, because if you're the paying spouse, the more time you have with the kids, the less child support you've got to pay. You must get

instances where people

argue to get custody of the kids, but they don't want the kids at all.

It's all economics. It's strictly economic. Dad or Mom wants to pay less support, so they want more time with the kids. You see that kind of stuff go on all the time.

In answering your

question about com-

plexity, child support is

just one instance, and

that change happened

in 1993. They have

modified the way we

calculate child support

about four times since

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cated the issue of calcu-

then.

lating spousal support. It used to be based primarily on need and ability to pay. Now you have to look at the family code. There are, like, 13 factors the court has to consider, such as the health of the parties, their education, their marital lifestyle, all

"I have husbands receiving spousal support all the time."

> things of that sort. So those are all issues that we are now concerned with.

The court has now mandated, the legislature mandated, that the parties exchange preliminary declarations of disclosure, and this year they got into a redefinition of a party's fidu-



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ciary duty to the other spouse during a marriage. Right now the courts even have a split as to whether or not the prudent-investor rule applies to transactions between spouses during

the marriage. So right now there's a split as to whether or not, if you make an investment and it loses money, you owe your wife back half of the loss because you made a bad investment.

So that's complicated it. It gets more complex every day.

We've had provisions added because of other legislation changes. Let's say you get accused of domestic

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violence. You smacked your wife and the court issues a domestic violence restraining order against you. Unless you can prove that that didn't happen, there's family code provision that indicates that someone who has been determined by the court to have perpetrated domestic violence on the other spouse is detrimental to the children, which means you cannot be a custodial parent. Because detriment is the standard we use to take children from parents. So if you and the wife get into a knock-down-drag-out, if she accuses you of domestic violence, you may be precluded from having custody of your children, and now you're going to have to

have a big fight over the domestic-violence issue. In general, do you think the courts tend to

favor men or women? I don't think they favor either one over the other. I think 20 years

judicial officers. Although I have to tell you, I think that women judicial officers tend to be harder on wives than they are on husbands. Really? Well, yeah! They

"I haven't been married to my ex for 14 years, but I can still hear her calling me a 'social piranha feeding upon the misery of others."

ago Mom had a better shot at getting younger children. That has been my experience. In, say, the last 10 years, I think the court is much more gender-neutral. Part of that is because we have many more women

went to school, they had a family, they had a career as a lawyer before they became a judge. They managed to do it all. They're not really responsive to wives who have been homemakers who say, "I can't do any-

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they get to be a little tough with them. They have walked in their shoes, so to speak. But the days of Mom always getting the kids are over. Even younger children, I mean. And we have many situations now where Dad is the househusband and Dad is getting the children and getting them more often. Now, there are fathers out there that just swear the system is stacked against them. Probably from their perspective it is. If you take the situation where Dad has worked outside the home for ten years, Mom has been in the home, the children are emotionally bonded to Mother. If they're hungry, hurt, sick, or happy, who they're asking for is Mom. The fact that Dad may want to spend more time with his children is all well and good; historically that hasn't been the case. To maintain the economic viability of the family that is now being split up — so everybody needs more money do you let Dad spend more time with the kid, or say, "Dad, you made a decision ten years ago that you were going to work outside the home, and so you have to continue to work outside the home, because if you stay home now, Mom can't make enough money that the kids can even eat"? **Dermaplane** With the twoincome families, it's really worse, because we have two incomes supporting one family until they divorced. Now all of a sudden we have two families: two rents,

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Really?

Yep. All the time. It's based on economic factors now, and the court is much more gender blind. I do think that the court will give a longer period of support to a wife who has not worked outside the home than they will a husband, but I think the

reality is that it is easier for a man to find a job in the marketplace outside the home more often than it is for a woman when she has not worked outside the home.

Has the practice of family law changed your own life?

Oh, I would say so. I'm divorced. I was married for nine years. My wife and I split over a number of different issues. Then I was single for four years. Now I'm remarried and my wife and I are about to celebrate our tenth anniver-

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sary. But she is somebody that does have separate assets. She has family money, and I'm very cautious about how she manages that money. I won't let her

and there's never any question that it's her money. I don't want her using funds that her family intended to benefit her in the future just for our day-to-day liv-

"The average cost of a divorce in the United States is \$20,000 a side."

do things like put it into the household and things like that. I make sure that she manages her money so it continues to be her money

ing crap. To me, that's not right. So I deal with that issue. I'm also very mindful of how we hold title to things, because the title presumption is very important in a family court. Not so much for the aspect of divorce but more so for the issue of estate planning, because how you hold title to assets also impacts how assets are

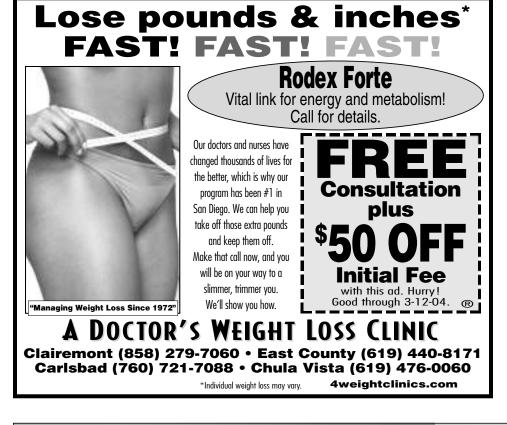
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I also realize that, you know, it's really easy to throw a marriage away. It's a lot of work to make it stay together, and I'm willing to put the effort in to make it stay together, 'cause I love her so much it hurts.

If you could change anything with the current laws on divorce, what would it be?

I would change the way child support is calculated, so that how you share the children isn't as big a factor. I don't mind it being a factor, but not as big as it is in the formula now. I also would change the way the law deals with relocation cases, where you decide you want to move to the East Coast

and you want to take the kids with you. Right now, the law is that the custodial parent has a presumptive right to move. Let's say you're a custodial parent and Mom sees the kids, say, Friday through Sunday one week and Tuesdays and Wednesdays the next week, and she has, say, six weeks in the summer. So Mom has, like, a 30 to 35 percent time-share. Presumptively, you have the right to move. Mom has to show that the move is detrimental to the point of a change in custody to stop the move, or the court has to say, "This is such a significant timeshare that I'm going to look at the quality of the time and get into an analysis of what's in the children's best interest."



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What advice would you give couples who are contemplating marriage? That's easy. Be sure

you get some counseling now to discuss how you're going to manage your finances. What level of comfort do they have? The husband figures that he's young and the next buck's coming tomorrow. Saving money and incurring debt may be of no concern to him, but if the wife has a comfort zone that she's better off or more comfortable with \$20,000 in the bank, or two months' worth of household expenses, and wants to start to save for retirement and for college for the kids, they need to resolve that issue before they get married, or they will be seeing me. Because one of the two of them will be seeing somebody, saying, "He spends money like hell won't have it, or she spends money like hell won't have it, or he/she won't let me spend any money and I'm working like a dog and I want to enjoy some of the money I make now." They need to resolve that before they say "I do." They need to resolve any parenting differences. For example, if one wants to raise the children as a devout Catholic and the other one wants to raise them as Protestant, they'd better resolve that before those kids come into this world. They also need to have the issues about how they want to discipline children resolved. If one of them wants to be physical and the other one doesn't, that's going to





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They need to resolve to be careful about saying things they don't mean. You get upset, you get angry, you may say something. You have to have a thick enough skin that you're not going to let everything be devastating. That sometimes is real hard, because you can't call words back. I haven't been married to my ex for 14 years, but I can still hear her calling me a "social piranha feeding upon the misery of others." Meanwhile, she has a brandnew house, a brandnew car, and a brandnew mink coat, so I guess it was okay for her. But you know, those words, they just cut to the bone. So people need to remember that this is the person that is in the most important relationship

of my life, and maybe I don't want to be nasty to them when I say something.

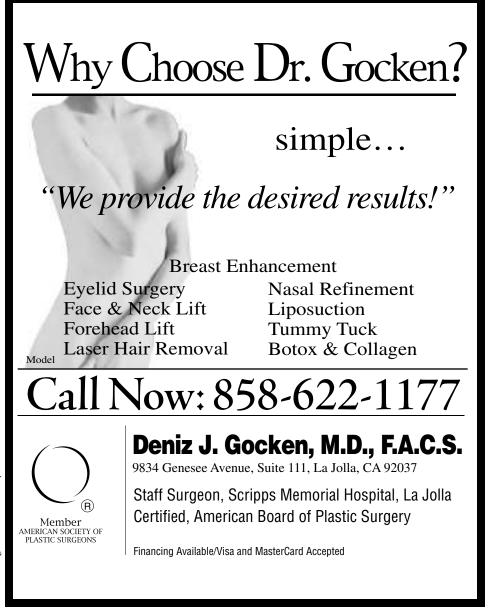
What advice would you offer couples contemplating divorce, besides get a good lawver?

Well, first, see if you can avoid the lawyers altogether. Consider mediation as an alternative. If both of you can still talk without nothing but venom spewing out, if you can still hold a civil conversation, then it's a matter of marshaling what the assets are and getting together with a mediator to get those assets divided. Then, hopefully, working with a therapist or counselor on a parenting plan for the children that doesn't involve the state telling you how to raise your kids. Remember, a judge is just a lawyer who knows the governor. They don't have any special dispensation on parenting, yet you're going to submit your parenting issues to somebody that may or may not even have children! Not necessarily the smartest thing that I would want to do.

If I was in this situation, I would not want the court telling me how to parent my kids. If I couldn't agree with my wife about how to parent them, I would want some input from somebody who really has my kids' best interest at heart and understands the psychology of parenting, versus a judge who is a lawyer who knows the governor. I mean, the two recent appointees that have just been sent to family court, one was house counsel for Sempra Energy and the other was a civil litigator for Latham &

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Watkins. Neither of them had ever done divorce in their practice as lawyers, yet they now have 5000 divorce cases under their control and they have to make decisions about parenting. Is that really who you want to make the decisions about your kids? Not that these are bad people; these are good folks that are going to try real hard to do the right thing, but they don't have all the tools they need because they don't have all the information. They're not experts in custody. They're not counselors, they're not psychologists. They're lawyers that are now judges!

If you're contemplating a divorce, try to avoid the process altogether and consider mediation. If that doesn't work, consider one of the new growing areas called a collaborative divorce, where the lawyers work together with a psychologist and a financial expert, and the parties all try to reach agreements on everything, with a commitment not to litigate. And if you do litigate, these two lawyers won't

do it for you; you'll have to hire new lawyers to litigate. It can be a little more expensive, but only up front, because the average cost of a divorce in the United States is \$20,000 a side, a lot of money to spend on divorce, fighting over assets.

Is there anything else you'd like to include in this conversation?

Well, just to make sure you get all my credentials right. I'm a certified family law specialist, and I'm also a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. The other thing is that, to the extent that couples can avoid the process, please consider mediation. Give it a try. The worst that'll happen, you'll spend a few dollars on a mediator and you will reach some agreements. Anything you can resolve between yourselves is always better than what the judge will resolve for you.

Nick Leto

How long have you been practicing law, and what percentage of your practice relates to family law, specifically divorce



issues? Twenty-five years,

100 percent. And you are the past president of what organization?

I just finished my one-year term as the president of the Southern California chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. I'm also a past chairman of the certified family law specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. *How has your practice changed these past* 25 years?

Well, the law has

become more complex in many ways, and it continues to change. In fact, just today the Union-Tribune had an article about how the governor signed into law new gay rights legislation to be effective in 2005. There's other legislation and case law that occurs constantly which is either changing or interpreting laws that we have to keep up on. Are most financial

arguments over the division of assets or continuing spousal support?

Well, at some point, most of the time the assets eventually get divided, and that's kind of it. They can still appeal if they think a judge in a trial abused his or her discretion, and that can go on. However, on the issue of support, that goes on and on because they always have the right to request a modification up or down. If somebody gets sick, or if somebody gets a significant raise, or if the settlement agreement does not put a limit on the amount of support, you can always go ask for more, so you can fight about that. Until the children are 18 — or until they're 19 and still in high school — you can always request a child-support modification. You still have to satisfy a standard though — don't get me wrong. You can't just go, "I want more money." You have to have the right circumstance and all that.

Do some people just keep going back? Do you ever have the feeling that some are still working out their anger toward each other and using the courts to do it?

Yes, although I

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9333 Genesee Ave. #180 San Diego, California 92121 think there are less of those cases. However, almost every law firm that does mostly divorces will have one or two of those going on at any given time, because somebody is so angry at the other side that it doesn't much matter what they're arguing about. They want to carry on the fight, they're so mad.

Then they do keep going back, but eventually two things happen with those type of cases. One, either it costs them so much money to keep going they can't afford it anymore. Or, number two, the court sort of handles it in the sense that each time they go to court over something where there's not an appropriate basis for it, then there are attorney's fees which are ordered against that person, or attorney's fees in the form of sanctions against that person, or other types of orders that preclude them from coming to court that make it very — well, you don't want to go back there anymore because it costs so much money. But that's a way to stop it when it's not appropriate.

I think the third thing that can happen is that they just finally give up. Just go, "I've had it. I'm not mad anymore. I'm over it." Then they get their boyfriend or girlfriend or get remarried, move on. That does happen in



some cases. Sometimes at the beginning of the case the people are mad; then they eventually get over it. I think the question you're asking is, in the smaller percentage, do they just keep going and going and going? Yes, a smaller percentage, yes.

What about couples who are contemplating divorce, what advice would you give, besides get a good lawyer?

I can't tell you how many divorces I've done that are the second take, for example, a woman that I did her first divorce and her second divorce, and her third divorce. And I've done many, many people's second divorce, and I've had them tell me over and over again, "You know, I really wish that I would have worked harder on my first marriage. That probably could have maintained itself, but now here I am getting my second divorce, or getting my third divorce, and what happened in my second and third divorces was worse than my first one."

I have a theory that when people marry a second or third time, they often pick people who are very similar to the first spouse. Have you seen that?

Well, that's true if they've not gained any insight into their own personality, because they haven't gone to any type of therapy or counseling. If they don't help themselves, then they're likely to fall in the same trap or situation that they did the first time. The other thing that comes up all the time — if there were children in their first marriage, and then they get married to wife number two or husband number two, and that second spouse has a child or two, you have all these other logistical problems about how much you're paying for support, who gets what, when do we see them, when do we visit? And if you throw on top of that any kind of custody or child-sharing dispute, you have placed on this new marriage a serious burden.

Is there anything else you'd like to add to what you've said?

By and large the judges who do this day in and day out — it can be tough for them. I commend them. They need to be applauded for the work they do. I wish there were more — frankly, this is something that a lot of people in the state of California don't want to hear but — I wish that there were more tax dollars for more courtrooms and more judges and more family court service mediators, because only a certain amount of time can be devoted to each case and each motion. I know that when more time is devoted to each case, there are better results. But when our resources are limited, they can only do so much with what is presented to them. Of course, you've got a million other requests for money from everybody and their special interest, and, you know, that's politics. But if you were caught up in this system and involved in it, you'd probably agree with me.

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LETTERS

continued from page 1 John Meyers (February 5)

about the article on Larry Smarr ("What Makes Larry Smarr Worth \$244,000?" January 29), Mr. Meyers misses the point! It is most troubling to the average citizen that the USA must pay close to \$200 billion per year (that's right, \$200,000 billion) interest on the national debt, for which we get nada. The blunt truth is that corporate welfare and tax loopholes for the rich consume several times more than all social programs combined. This loudly suggests our political leaders are not being prudent (even if they claim to be "fiscal conservatives") with our nation's tax funds. When enormous deficits do get tackled, like here in California, health care gets it in the neck. No one ever hears about huge salaries paid from public monies getting trimmed. And the public is paying Smarr.

This culture of unchecked greed aided by clever and crafty private interests, which shun the light of day, does not benefit our state or nation. When individuals like John Moores, worth hundreds of millions, can wrangle a new stadium from public coffers while needed city improvements go by the wayside, it makes concerned citizens say, "Jeezo, what's wrong with this picture?" Trouble is, mainstream media rarely peek behind the closed doors. Those who suck big from the public trough do not want the sun to shine on their ways. This is why the *Reader* and its political writers do such a great public service.

I do not mind if Larry Smarr gets a hundred times what I do. It should come, however, from private, not

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public, sources. And Mr. Meyers, maybe

vou should listen to Dr. Laura, who says, "We need more good people, not more smart people." Nutty little nobody

Communist Slime

With every succeeding week, the Reader sinks to new depths of scumbagging. Today the article on the Ché at UCSD featured communist slime ("Pure Lunch, Pure World," February 5). The "Off the Cuff" column asked young women about their fornication fantasies. The *Reader* is filth.

Name Withheld

Tweeker Garbage

I have a simple response to Mr. Jeff Webster's comments in "Tweeker Scum" (Letters, January 29): when did you become perfect? I always find it amazing how seemingly intelligent people can be so ignorant. This oxymoronic phrase only scratches the surface of his mindless, heartless statements. It is this type of prejudice, holier than thou, that I believe is the most dangerous, and I do not mean it in a religious sense. I find this to be no different than an individual believing his/her race to be superior to another. It seems that when one becomes perfect, by setting the bar at themselves, all feeling of empathy or sympathy disappear (if they were even there at all). This then leads me to question his motive for inferring a connection between the drug scene/culture to Nazi Germany. Mr. Webster does not seem to understand that this type of human behavior has been around from...oh, about the start of time, not just since Nazi Germany.

It is quite apparent from his statement about the characteristics of tweekers ("They'll do anything to get a line...," violent, paranoid, psychotic, rip off their mother, targeted by various government agencies) that he is quite the expert. How could one question his statements of fact, based on data compiled during scientific observations of a total of three people? It must be fact! Garbage, Mr. Webster. In actuality, the facts are not all in (most statements quoted as fact thus far by the press and government agencies are based off animal studies), and any current studies, of which there are very few, are still far from conclusion. It would do well to find the facts, not misinformation (perhaps the mice in the studies told you they were being followed?), before making generalized, unproven statements, Mr. Webster. Opinion, when stated as such, Mr. Webster, is respected — but then so is

another man's shoes first. Mark K. Clark Spring Valley

Insensitive Opincar

compassion; try walking in

In your December 18 publication, Abe Opincar wrote an article about the Church of the Holy Quest at Questhaven Retreat ("Sheep and Goats"). This was a very poorly written article and certainly didn't portray the type of service that is offered here.

The reporter apparently gathered information from our website and then put it together with his own spin on it. It was apparent that he had no understanding of the message that was being given. He should also be given some instructions in photography. If he wants to take a picture of a minister or speaker, he should plan it in a nice setting — not just sticking a camera in a person's face while talking.

The idea of presenting information about local churches is good and could be helpful to your readers if that information reflected the type of services that are being offered. The person who reports on these services should be sensitive enough to understand the message of the service. His report should be given in a positive way so that the readers might be able to choose a church that appeals to them.

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'm not a librarian," says Scott Paulson. "I just work here." The statement by UCSD Arts Libraries outreach coordinator is meant to be a disclaimer. But it doubles as an explanation. That must be the reason why his exhibits in the lower level of the Geisel Library are always so quirky and so, well, un-librarian-like.

This time, the exhibit theme is New York. His boss, head arts librarian Leslie Abrams, asked him to create one about 9/11. Paulson asked her in turn if he could wait until February. That way, Paulson says, he would be able to send a

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participatory element. For WE ♥ NY —

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Paulson know there is always a

a reference, of course, to the

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playing there in the late 1920s," she says. "I have a recording of one of them, called 'Black Beauty,' on an album of mine. This was a time of mixing of white and black cultures. They were influencing each other. Swing was

beginning. Jazz had just barely started." Palmer has played at another of Paulson's exhibit events. "He called me last year to do this funny little concert on his toy pianos. He has this wonderful collection that he keeps at the library." The one she played on was no more than a foot wide. "It was about two octaves at the most.'

She will play her New York tunes on "a very nice" electric piano, says Paulson, but even on the tiny piano she was a smash, he claims. "Three notes out of her, and people's jaws dropped, because when there's real talent, you know, you can just give them a garbage can, and ...

What's a nightclub without drinks? Paulson has thought of that detail. Along with the concert, the library will host a "mocktail" party. "It's actually going to be a parody of a cocktail party," says Paulson, "because none of us here get invited to them."

Palmer will be dressed in vintage clothes. Paulson encourages others to do the same. "We're telling people to polish their tiaras," he says. "I expect lots of feather boas.

The mocktails will be New York-

Cotton Club

themed. "We've invented some special drinks, including a Rudy Rudy, named for [former New York mayor] Rudy Giuliani, which is apple juice and caramel-flavored soda, so it tastes like a caramel apple. And then there's a Donna Hanover, after [Giuliani's] ex-wife: that's good for a hangover. It's just tonic water and a 'very fashionable' garnish, since she's on A&E and HGTV as a homefashion guru. And then we've got a Rockefeller Ice Rink, which is apple juice and cracked ice. And since the party happens to be on Friday the 13th, we'll have a drink that's sour apple with a black cat garnish that hangs on the side of the glass. It's modeled after the famous Black Cat cocktail."

people to lend their Big Apple subway tokens, tourist snapshots, Broadway ticket stubs, and personal I ♥ NY

LOCAL

EVENTS



Paulson's exhibits always have a live Sue Palmer component. On Friday

afternoon, there will be a free concert featuring the locally grown jazz pianist Sue Palmer, who will perform the music of Manhattan lounges and Harlem nightclubs of the 1920s and 1930s.

"I'll do a mix of jazz standards," says Palmer, who names George and Ira Gershwin's "Nice Work If You Can Get It" and "Love Is Here to Stay," and Thomas "Fats" Waller's "Honeysuckle Rose.'

"I've always had kind of a fantasy of being the Bobby Short of San Diego," she says, referring to the legendary New York cabaret singer.

She'll also do some boogie-woogies of her own.

Palmer, who was born in San Diego in 1947, lives in Talmadge. One place she will evoke at her Friday concert is far from her neighborhood — Harlem's Cotton Club. "I really, really love the Duke Ellington period of music when he was writing for his big bands that were



Before and after the concert, video screens will show famous New York movies such as Woody Allen's Manhattan and King Kong. Oh, and don't forget the books - about New York's architecture and culture and the politics that affects both of

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Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, February 14, beginning at Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Archaeology Weekend runs February 14-16 at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Hikes, presentations, lectures, displays highlighting work of archaeologists and volunteers. Hikes to see Clark's Valley petroglyphs (Saturday, Sunday), visit to main Kumeyaay village in Mine Wash (Sunday, Monday), motreros trail walk in Blair Valley (Saturday, Monday). Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Basic Birding, six-week class for beginners and intermediates starts Saturday, February 14, noon to 3 p.m., at Chula Vista Nature Center (1000 Gunpowder Point Drive). \$55. Bring bag lunch. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Support Your Local Least Tern, bring work gloves and weeding tools, wear long pants, sturdy shoes to help Audubon Society volunteers remove invasive plants at endangered California least tern nesting site at Mariner's Point, Saturday, February 14, 9 a.m. to noon. Reservations and directions: 619-224-4591 or 858-581-7602. (MISSION BAY)

Identify Tracks of San Diego wildlife when San Diego Tracking Team hosts beginning tracking walk, Saturday, February 14, 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canvon Preserve. To reach Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs to ranch house. 858-513-0359. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Bring Your Gardening Tools to help refine design and install plants in patio garden with Buena Vista Native Plant Club, Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

See Rare Vernal Pools and possibly some wildflowers when Diana Gordon leads walk, Sunday, February 15, 9 a.m. Trailhead is at Fairport and Shorepointe. Wear hiking boots and bring water. 858-484-3219. Free, (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Very Low Tides early next week coincide with optimum times of day for tidepooling: Tuesday, February 17, at 1:57 p.m. (-1.5 feet); Wednesday at 2:36 p.m. (-1.7 feet); and Thursday at 3:11 p.m. (-1.6 feet). Very high tides will also occur within that string of days, most notably on Wednesday at 7:33 a.m. (+6.6 feet) and on Thursday at 8:18 a.m. (+6.7 feet).

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BAJA

"A Bird from the Paradise Garden," lecture by Jaime Moreno Villareal, Friday, February 13, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)



The Nightingale at Poway Center for the Performing Arts, February 13 (see Dance)

Nicho Hinojosa in concert, Friday, February 13, 8 p.m., at Tangaloo Club (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-681-8091. (TIJUANA)

Benny in Concert, Friday, Febru ary 13, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai

Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Arinda Caballero presents concert on Saturday, February 14, 8 p.m., at Café Sevilla (Boulevard Cuauhtémoc Sur #3135). Tickets: \$25 U.S., include dinner. 011-52-664-688-1080, (TIJUANA)

The Fab Four! Enjoy Beatlemania on Saturday, February 14, 9 p.m., at Grand Hotel Tijuana, on Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tickets: \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-681-7000. (RESERVATIONS)

 $\label{eq:Francisco Cespedes} Francisco Cespedes \ performs \ in$ concert at Balak, Pueblo Amigo Mall, Saturday, February 14, 11 p.m. Reservations: 011-52-664-682-9350. (TUUANA)

The Play CincoMuieres.com presented Monday and Tuesday, February 16 and 17, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. each night, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-688-1080. (TIJUANA)

Visit the Cerro Prieto Geothermal Site 30 minutes south of Mexicali during outing offered by San Diego Natural History Museum, Monday, February 16, 8 a.m. to

8:30 p.m. Field trip includes tour of natural history museum in Mexicali, dinner at restaurant. \$84 fee includes transportation and one meal. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (MEXICALI)

The Family Play Where Is Happi*ness*? may be seen Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

"I Read, Then I Exist," lecture by actress Lilia Aragón, Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600, Free, (TUUANA)

"Flamenco: Song, Dance, **Passion,"** San Diego Symphony performs Thursday, February 19, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$30, \$40 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600, (TUUANA)

DANCE

Bellydancing Valentine Party, Abhi, Niveen, Ana, Violeta, Kinza, Nari, Janeena, Lucia perform Thursday, February 12, 7:30 p.m., at Club Cleopatra in Nagi's Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5. 619-233-5933, (DOWNTOWN)

The "Original and Boisterous Dance-Theater Experiment" Calaveras Carnival hits stage at San Diego Museum of Art, Friday and



My Architect screens for San Diego Jewish Film Festival, Februarv 15 (see Film)

The Nightingale, presented by Kennedy Center's "Imagination Celebration on Tour," Friday, February 13. Performances begin at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 for those 18 and younger. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Bellydance Dinner Show featuring Judeah, Andrea, Gemina, live music by Middle-Earth Band, Friday, February 13, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

Contradance with calling by JoAnn Koppany, music by Lime in the Harp, Friday, February 13, at Trinity United Methodist Church

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"Ovations!" Potpourri of ballet favorites for 2004 presented by City Ballet on two weekends. Programs include pas de deux from Romeo and Juliet, Flames of Paris, Giselle, Cinderella, more. Performances on February 14 and 15 at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). (CITY HEIGHTS)

The program is repeated at Jackson Theatre (1775 Chatsworth Boulevard) on February 21 and 22. Dancing begins at 8 p.m. on Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$25. 858-272-8663. (POINT LOMA)

"Vive L'Amour," San Diego Civic Dance Company presents "Collage 2004" at 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: 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 14; 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 15. Tickets: \$7, \$10. Reservations: 619-702-3408. (BALBOA PARK)

Classical Indian Dance Recital in Kuchipudi Style by Suhasini Sumithra, Sunday, February 15, 3 p.m., in auditorium at Preuss School (at Campus Point Drive and Voigt). Kuchipudi originated between 3rd Century A.D. and 17th Century A.D. \$12 general. 858-535-1423. (LA JOLLA)

Theater Dance Master Class taught by Steven Sofia, Sunday,



February 15, 12:30 p.m., for Culture Shock Dance Center (2110 Hancock Street, suite 200). Sofia is currently on national tour of Chicago and has appeared in numerous Broadway shows, tours, concerts. \$15.619-299-2110. (OLD TOWN)

Cuban Modern Dance Classes led by Silfredo La O Vigo on Sundays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at a Time to Dance Studio (3982 30th Street). \$15. 619-255-0908. (NORTH PARK)

Hip-Hop Dance Workshop led by Urban FX to help dancers pre-pare for professional auditions with tips and techniques, Sunday, February 15, 6 p.m., at Mission Valley YMCA (5505 Friars Road). \$15. 619-254-7854. (MISSION VALLEY)

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

"Funkalosophy," Eveoke Dance Theatre's production takes "you

deep into the soul of urban culture as its dancers expound a philosophy of funk, hip-hop, and social change" through February 29 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue).

Showtimes: 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20, \$25; pay what you can on Wednesdays. 866-386-5101.

Israeli Folk Dancing taught by Yoni Carr, Thursdays, at Congrega-tion 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)

Alvin Ailey American Dance **Theater** performs March 5-7 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido



Boulevard). Each night promises a distinct program, with pieces in-cluding The Winter in Lisbon, Revelations, Heart Song, Rainbow Round My Shoulder. Tickets: \$46-\$56. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

San Diego Jewish Film Festival continues through February 15, fea-turing more than 40 feature films, documentaries, and short subjects. Titles include My Architect (San Diego premiere), Monsieur Batignole, Samy y Yo, God's Sandbox, Se cret Passage, Taking Sides, The Soul Keeper. Filmmaker appearances, discussions, family films.

Screenings at AMC La Jolla 12 Theatres in La Jolla Village Square, Madstone Hazard 7 Theatre, Ultrastar's Poway Creekside Plaza 10, and in David and Dorothea Garfield

Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. Single tickets: \$11; series passes, \$110. Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA, MIS-SION VALLEY, POWAY) Cary Grant's Centennial is celebrated in series hosted by Museum of Photographic Arts continuing

with An Affair to Remember on Thursday and Friday, February 12 and 13. Monkey Business and People Will Talk may be seen Thursday and Friday, February 19 and 20. Tickets: \$7. 619-238-7559 xF. (BAL-BOA PARK)

"Così Ridevano (The Way We Laughed)," directed by Gianni Amelio, screens in Italian with English subtitles, Friday, February 13, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). 619-237-0601. \$2. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Shine" screens Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue), reflecting themes of the Gospel reading for next day at services. Flick stars Geoffrey Rush, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Lynn Redgrave. Discussion of insights and implications of film and Gospel themes follows. 619-298-7261. Free. (MIDTOWN)

"Così Fan Tutte" screens with presentation by UCSD music faculty member Carol Plantamura, Saturday, February 14, 5 p.m., in Er-ickson B-210 at UCSD. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

The Moroccan Film Ali Zaoua: Prince of the Streets screens during Sunday Matinee, February 15, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Arabic with English subtitles.

The Canadian Film Marion Bridge screens for World Cinemas series at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street), Monday, February 16, 7:30 p.m. \$10 at door. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

The "Silky, Sunlit Noir" Flick Swimming Pool, starring Charlotte Rampling and Ludivine Sagnier, screens for at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 p.m. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN

James Bresnahan Mini-Film Festival — including Escape from Paris (8:30 p.m.), Retroman (7:30 p.m.), Tracy St. James and the New Femmes (10 p.m.) — Tuesday, February 17, at Shooterz Lounge (3815 30th Street). One film: \$5, two films: \$8, all three: \$11. 619-283-6607. (NORTH PARK)

Art of Music, series continues with The Art of Conducting (1993), Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Film examines work of 16 conductors range ing from 1913 to 1974. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Smoochie Movies II. Carlsbad Library film series continues with 1954 Sabrina, Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m., Schulman Audito-rium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Video Screening of Unprecedented - The 2000 Presidential Election for North County Coalition for Peace and Justice, Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). 760-753-2654. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Top Speed (opening February 13), Australia: Land Beyond Time, Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk, Coral Reef Adventure. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Artists and Curators of "Generation to Generation: Contemporary Assemblage" plan gallery talk focusing on specific works in the exhibition, Thursday, February 12, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). \$5. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

Death by Chocolate, Planet Wine tasting and discussion of great Cabernet Sauvignon growing regions of the world; variety of chocolate styles complete "evening of decadence." Thursday, February 12, 6:30 p.m., at Goldfish Point Cafe (1255 Coast Boulevard). The \$15 fee includes tasting, lecture, study guide. Requested reservations: 858-459-7407. (LA JOLLA)

The History of Valentines examined when Sandie Cloud of Cloud 9 Antiques speaks Thursday, February 12, 1 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Cloud brings "treasured items from her private collection." Free. 760-435-5580. (OCEANSIDE)

"A Demonstration of Har**monic Astrology**" promised when David Cochrane speaks for San Diego Astrological Society, Friday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Fee: \$12 for nonmembers (\$6 for first-time visitors). 888-405-6825. (HILLCREST)

"Venus or Valentine?" Docent and lecturer Mona Palmer speaks for docent guest lecture series on Friday, February 13, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Cultural History of Cacao and Chocolate in Mesoamerica' presented by Cal State Dominguez Hills anthropology assistant profes-sor Janine Gasco, Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). \$5. 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

Watercolor Painting demonstrated by artist Craig Anderson for Clairemont Art Guild on Saturday, February 14, 12:30 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Japanese Calligraphy Class presented by Rosemary KimBal on Saturday, February 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden, \$20. Registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Saturday, February 14, 1 p.m. Included in museum admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Flatpicking and Fingerstyle Guitar Workshops planned by Men of Steel Dan Crary, Beppe Gambetta, Don Ross (following their concert on February 13), on Saturday, February 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Fee: \$50 in advance, \$60 at door. 760-224-9204 or 760-726-8380. (ENCINITAS)

Georges Bizet's Pearl Fishers discussed in a multimedia presentation by Ron Shaheen, Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m., Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

"Improvisation: A Day of Games" with Hollywood actors Jeff Doucette and Saba Moor-Doucette, Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). Participants "learn really effective methods for staying in the now. No experience necessary. \$25. 760-414-1949. (CARDIFF)

Wood 'n Clay, create a pine needle basket attached to ceramic base during class led by Carol Lang, Sunday, February 15, noon to 5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art, School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). All levels of experience. Fee: \$55, plus \$10 materials. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Dove Canyon: Keep It Fire Safe and Beautiful" is topic when landscape designer Greg Rubin speaks for Friends of Dove Canvon, Monday, February 16, at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Pizza and social time at 6:30 p.m., followed by slide-illustrated lecture and discussion at 7 p.m. Donations accepted. 858-560-8327. (HILLCREST)

"The New Middle East: The View from Al-Jazeera" presented by Al-Jazeera co-founder and journalist Omar al-Issawi, Monday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Aztec Athletic Center Auditorium, San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-6598. (SDSU)

Garden Design Class taught Monday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Coastal Sage (3685 Voltaire Street). \$10. 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

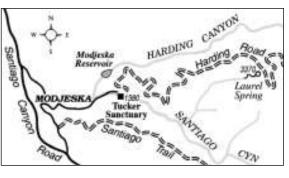


A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

Laurel Spring, a mini-oasis tucked into an upper crease of the Santa Ana Mountains. lies just three air miles away from the expanding edge of Orange County's outer suburbs. Groundwater coming to the surface here nourishes a dense thicket of California bay (a.k.a. bay laurel) trees. Under this arboreal canopy, you can enjoy a cool breeze scented with the pungent odor of bay-leaf spice.

The five-mile-long walk up to the spring is enhanced - for the next couple of months, at any rate - by blooming sagescrub and chaparral vegetation. By early spring, blue-flowering ceanothus and Matilija poppies should put on a great show.

To reach the trailhead, follow Santiago Canyon Road east and north from El Toro, or south from Orange, to either Modjeska



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ety (887 Sherman Street). \$29. Re-

quired reservations: 619-299-7012

Gold Prospector, Treasure

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speaks for Western Prospectors and

Miners, Tuesday, February 17,

7 p.m., at VFW (2885 Lemon Grove

Avenue). Free. 619-286-2600.

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An Overview of Natural Resource Management Efforts in all current Colorado Desert District State Parks - including Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Palomar Mountain State Park - presented by Jim Dice for California Native Plant Society on Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. Free. 619-685-7321. (BAL-BOA PARK)

Himalayan Mountain Climbing discussed by mountaineer Daniel Mazur at Adventure 16 this week. Lectures take place Tuesday, February 17, at 4620 Alvarado Canvon Road (619-283-2374); on Wednesday, February 18, at A-16 located at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662); and finally on Thursday, February 19, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Programs start at 7 p.m. Free. (SAN DIEGO,

SOLANA BEACH, OCEANSIDE)

Canyon Road or Modjeska Grade Road. Both roads lead quickly to the rustic canyon community of Modjeska, named after the famed 19th-century Shakespearean actress Helena Modieska, whose 400-acre "Forest of Arden" retreat was located here.

From Modjeska, continue east on a narrowing road to Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary, a Cal State Fullerton biological study area. Parking is scarce; find a spot wherever parking is allowed. Across from the Tucker Sanctuary, the gated fire road signed 5S08 Harding Road begins curling up a hillside. Heading up this road on foot or by mountain bike, you soon pass into Cleveland National Forest land.

At a road fork in 0.4 mile, stay right; the left road goes down to the off-limits Modjeska Reservoir in Harding Canyon. At

0.7 mile a ridgetop clearing next to a hairpin turn provides a view straight up the treechoked bottom of Harding Canyon. The upper section of this seemingly impenetrable canyon was the scene of a short-lived lead and silver mining boom beginning in 1878. For a while miners swarmed so thickly throughout

> Wednesday, February 18. She's director and chief curator of Mandeville Special Collections Library at UCSD. Program begins in room 111A of the Chancellor's Complex at UCSD at 7:30 p.m. 760-431-6822. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Uneasy Dreams: A Percussionist and His Changing Body" presented by UCSD music professor Steven Schick for "Intuition and Understanding: Creativity, Research, and the Arts at UCSD" series, Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m., at Institute of the Americas, Copley Auditorium, UCSD. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"U.S. Education System - In Need of Complete Revision?" Ponder the topic at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue), Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m. Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)



the canyon that, according to a newspaper account of the day, a man could hardly swing a pick without "perforating his neighbor

At 1.6 miles you'll pass a wooden structure known as the "goat shed" where you get a good vista of Modjeska Canyon and Santiago Canvon to the south. You continue curling inexorably uphill, generally east, on or near the ridgeline dividing Harding and Santiago Canvons.

At 4.9 miles a large landslide lies on the left. Just beyond, the road bends around the head of a ravine densely choked with bay laurel. On the right, look for the steep, narrow pathway that leads down about 50 vertical feet to Laurel Spring. A concrete watering trough collects water from the spring, good for horses and dogs, but not for humans.

> "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). Artists' lecture: Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m. Free. 619-849-2396. (POINT LOMA)

How the Grid Works and why it fails, utility operations, their economics discussed by Sempra Global Energy Enterprises chief financial officer Mark Snell, Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 a.m., at UCSD's Faculty Club. Fee: \$50, includes breakfast. Reservations: 858-822-0510. (LA JOLLA)

"Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Truth and Politics" presented by Duke University Divinity School professor of theological ethics Stanley Martin Hauerwas, Thursday, February 19, 8 p.m., in Solis Hall, Thurgood Marshall campus at UCSD. Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was a German academic, theologian, pastor, ethicist, ecumenist, poet. Free. 858-453-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Dog-to-Person Aggression" addressed during Happy Hour Lecture on Thursday, February 19, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). What can you do about your canine's aggressive behavior? \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x251. (LINDA VISTA)

"Fire-Safe Landscaping" explained by Dave Ehrlinger during Thursday "Home Landscape Class" at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive), February 12. "Landscaping with Succulents" is topic when Michael Buchner speaks February 19.7 p.m. Fee: \$9 per class. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Insights and Stories About Legendary Cars such as the 1953 Corvette and 1957 Chevy shared when Chuck Jordan speaks Thursday, February 19, 6 p.m., at San Diego Automotive Museum. Jordan was auto designer for GM during 1950s. \$10. Registration: 619-231 2886. (BALBOA PARK

"Noh and Kabuki of Japan" discussed during slide-illustrated lecture by Lennox Tierney, Saturday, February 21, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. \$15. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Five Times a Bridesmaid and author Whitney Lyles signs and discusses her novel Always the Bridesmaid, Thursday, February 12, noon, at UCSD Bookstore (in Price Center on UCSD campus). Free. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

Lyles also appears to talk about her book and sign copies, Saturday, February 14, 2 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

The Importance of Love and relationships highlighted when author Shannon Peck signs Love Heals: How to Heal Everything, Thursday, February 12, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Sci-Fi Author Timothy Zahn visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign Star Wars: Survivor's Quest, a "new





saga of Luke and Mara," on Thursday, February 12, 7 p.m. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Former Secretary of State

Madeleine K. Albright presents a foreign policy discussion with UCSD international affairs experts Susan Shirk and Jeffrev Davidow, Friday, February 13, 2 p.m., at Institute of the Americas auditorium, UCSD. Free. 858-534-1465. (LA JOLLA)

She'll be on hand to sign copies of her recent book, Madam Secretary, at 6 p.m. on the 13th at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Books must be purchased from Warwick's, at which point a ticket will be issued. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

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

"Afraid (A Play)," Frank Runyeon wrote this one-person piece for his master's honors thesis at General Theological Seminary in New York City. The play — based on Gospel According to St. Mark - may be seen Friday, February 13, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). \$10. Reservations: 619-298-7261 x356. (MIDTOWN)

"An Evening of Music" planned by pianist John Danke, singers Cynthia Leigh Karp, Gail Wohlford Beall, Max Chodos, William Nolan, who'll perform "music for sweet-hearts," Friday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). Tickets: \$20, benefiting Join Hands,

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For one human being to love another human being: that is perhaps the most difficult task that has been entrusted to us, the ultimate task, the final test and proof, the work for which all other work is

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become something in himself, to become

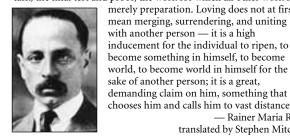
world, to become world in himself for the

chooses him and calls him to vast distances

– Rainer Maria Rilke

translated by Stephen Mitchell

sake of another person; it is a great,



Married Love You and I Have so much love That it Burns like a fire, In which we bake a lump of clay Molded into a figure of you And a figure of me. Then we take both of them, And break them into pieces, And mix the pieces with water, And mold again a figure of you, And a figure of me. I am in your clay. You are in my clay. In life we share a single quilt. In death we will share one bed.

– Kuan Tao-Sheng translated by Kenneth Rexroth and Ling Chung

Save a Life." 760-434-5008. (CARLSBAD)

Third-Generation Psychic Rebecca Bloom discusses her book, Begin Your Psychic Journey: Discovering the Path to Your Intuitive Gifts, Friday, February 13, 7 p.m., at SoulScape (765 South Coast Highway 101, suite 106). Free. 760-753-2345. (ENCINITAS)

Benefit Concert for HOME (Helping Others More Efficiently) by Sara Evans and the Baker Girls,

Friday, February 13, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boule-Tickets: \$31-\$100. vard). 800-988-4253, (ESCONDIDO)

NPR's Host of Left, Right, and Center, Robert Scheer, discusses his new book, The Five Biggest Lies Bush Told Us About Iraq, for Current Af-fairs Bookstore at 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street), Friday, February 13, 7 p.m. Free. 760-318-8723. (ENCINITAS)

Valentine's Day Music celebration offered by guitarist Peter Sprague, bassist Bob Magnussen, vocalist Amber Whitlock, Friday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Program features songs about love, jazz standards. \$10. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

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From Into the Garden: A Wedding Anthology,

Poetry and Prose on Love and Marriage, edited by Robert Hass and Stephen Mitchell; Harper/Collins, 1994.

> United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

- Denise Levertov

Amor Latino, Valentine's Day fiesta benefiting Bi-National AIDS Advocacy Project, Saturday, February 14, 6 p.m., at the Flame (3780 Park Boulevard). Singers: Adrianna, Laura Jane, Liberia: silent auction, DJ Olga T. Donation: \$5. 619-235-6151 or 619-517-9713. (HILLCREST)

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A Valentine's Bouquet of truelife stories from the audience inspire improvisational theater by San Diego Playback Theatre, Saturday, February 14, 8 p.m., at Swedenbor-gian Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). \$10. 858-272-3622. (HILLCREST)

Harps to Hearts, Harpbeat harp ensemble performs Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m., for concert series at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Chorus of 70 harps joined by harpist Cindy Horstman, guitarist Peter Sprague. Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

"Valentine Serenade" with romantic "old favorites and sparkling new tunes" presented Saturday, February 14, 7:30 p.m., in meeting house at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Performers include vocalists Chris Hasset, Rolly Abernethy, guitarist George Svoboda, duo-pianists David Burge and Liliane Choney, pianists Kay Etheridge and Ken Herman. Donation: \$10. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Psychotherapist, Author, neurolinguistic programming practitioner Theresa Benjamin discusses her ideas and book I'd Rather Be Right Than Happy for Humanist Fellowship of San Diego on Sunday, February 15. Talk starts at 2 p.m. in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-670-4159 or 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN

Encinitas Follies — an all-age variety show boasting dancers, singers, magician — is Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$18.760-436-1998. (ENCINITAS)

"An Evening with Hapa," Hokuaward winning Hawaiian group performs Sunday, February 15, 7 p.m., at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Also on the program: Kumu Hula, Charles Kaupu, Eric Gilliom, Jackie Booth. Tickets: \$25, \$30, \$35. 619-426-1953. (ROLANDO)

JAG Jazz All Stars entertain for Jazz Artists Guild, Sunday, February 15, at San Diego Musicians Union Local (1717 Morena Boulevard). Doors open at 1:30 p.m., concert at 2:15 p.m. \$10 for nonmembers. 619-561-1518. (BAY PARK)

Music at Lee, Lemon Grove Historical Society's music series continues with "All That Jazz" presented by artists from SDSU's School of Musical Theater performing excerpts from their repertoire of musicals, Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m., at Lee House (3205 Olive Street). \$10. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"Elizabeth I: In Her Own **Words"** presented by Rhode Island actress Marilyn Murphy Meardon for the Pleasure of Your Company series, Sunday, February 15, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Ranch Public Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Granada Consort supplies period music. Donations appreciated. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Local Author Marie Giordano signs, reads, discusses her Italian coming-of-age novel, I Love You Like a Tomato, Sunday, February 15, 6 p.m., at House of Italy. (BALBOA PARK)

Southern California Crime Author Ray Shannon signs Firecracker, Sunday, February 15, 2:30 p.m., at



Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Presidents Day Concert with bluegrass, country, folk, Americana performed by 7th Day Buskers, Monday, February 16, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). Post-concert reception featuring American foods and square danc-ing. 619-223-6394. \$5 donation. (POINT LOMA)

Virtuoso Series, Mark O'Con-nor's Hot Swing Trio "brings new ideas and new songs to the old jazz style from the 1930s and 1940s" in concert, Monday, February 16, 6 and 7:30 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). \$10 general. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Six Questions of Socrates: A Modern-Day Journey of Discovery Through World Philosophy" signed and discussed by Christopher Phillips, Monday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Thriller Author Russell Andrews (nom de plume of Peter Gethers) signs and discusses Aphrodite, Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Author Jennifer Coburn signs The *Wife of Reilly*, Tuesday, February 17, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona). Free. 760-479-0242. (LA COSTA)

"The Stranger's Gift: The Outsider's Perspective in Judaism" presented by Adee and Ilana Weismark, Rabbi Hal Hirschfield, Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., in Astor Judaica Library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-362-1174. (LA JOLLA)

Caffiends Lounge 634 hosts Tuesday comedy nights; Wednesday poetry and music open mike; Thursday hip-hop open mike shows. Shows start at 9 p.m. Find lounge at 634 Broadway; 619-544-1609. (GASLAMP QUARTER)



Mickey Finn Show at Sycuan Casino and Resort, February 19 (see In Person)

Mystery Authors Donna Andrews (We'll Always Have Parrots) and Pari Noskin Taichert (The Clovis Incident) sign their books on Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

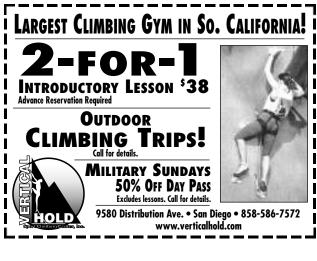
Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series continues when writer Marilyn Stablein reads from her work, Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Stablein is author of seven books. Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

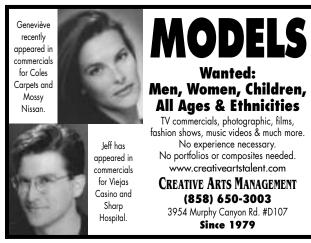
Author Brad Meltzer visits War wick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) to sign and discuss his latest thriller, The Zero Game, Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Calling All Conspiracy Theorists! Jim Musgrave signs and discusses Signs of Darkness, Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Crackers of Comedy — Joe King, Brandon Shaw, Shaun Nuttall, Joe Charles, local S.D. comics perform Thursday, February 19, 8 p.m., at Comedy Store (858-454-9176). Cover: \$5 (two-drink minimum). For those 21 and older. 858-454-9176. (LA JOLLA)

The Mickey Finn Show hits stage for Dixieland fun at Sycuan Casino





6002 x1139. (DEHESA) Animal Intuitive Anupo Joy presents animals stories, questions and answers, Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m., at Perfect Pet Salon (136 Solana Hills Drive). Required reservations: 858-755-3308. (SOLANA BEACH) Comic and Former California

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February 19, with performances at 2 and 7 p.m. Find resort at 5469

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Gubernatorial Candidate Gallagher delivers his social and political commentary with a "plethora of oddball props," Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$29, \$33.50. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

SPORTS

Gulls versus Wranglers, San Diego Gulls host Las Vegas Wran-glers for games Friday, Febru-ary 13, 7:35 p.m.; and Thursday, February 19, at 7:05 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Chocolate for Sweethearts, bicycle to "some of the best chocolate places around town" with Knickerbikers, Saturday, February 14. The 30-miler for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. at Glen Park (on San Elijo Avenue). Bring money for "romantic lunch and sensual chocolate ex-perience." 619-787-7427. (CARDIFF)

Single-Track Trails and dual-track fire roads of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve are site for mountain bike ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Saturday, February 14. Moderate hills, social pace, 14 to 20 miles. Participants will stroll around ranch house, stop at waterfall viewpoint for snack. Free. Ride starts at 8:30 a.m. in parking lot on south side of Sorrento Valley Boulevard.

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The San Diego Sockers host Baltimore Blast for indoor soccer, Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

Kung Fu Demonstration and fundraiser in celebration of National Moving Arts Day, Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Kung Fu Academy (3388 30th Street). Demonstrations, classes. Free. 619-297-0424. (NORTH PARK)

High School State Surfing Championships, Saturday through Monday, February 14-16, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., at harbor jetties. 760-931-1450. Free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

Up and Over the Hills, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for adventure to Ramona and Poway via Highways 52 and 67, Sunday, February 15. The 79-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 619-561-3846. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

U.S. Olympic 50 Kilometer Race Walk Trials, top male racewalking Olympic hopefuls compete for a spot on the team during events on Sunday, February 15, 7:30 a.m., at Chula Vista Marina (start/finish line at Sandpiper Way and Marina Parkway). Walkers complete 25 laps on two-meter loop. Free for specta-tors. 619-482-6119 or 858-450-6510. (CHULA VISTA)

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)

The Most Popular Ride of the Year hosted by R&B Bicycle Club is Tour of Borrego, Saturday, March 6, at Palm Canyon Resort. Choose either 22- or 38-mile paved road rides around vallev over mostly flat terrain. Registration at 7:30 a.m., 38-miler at 9 a.m., 22-mile outing at 9:30 a.m. Optional time-trial hill climb to top of Montezuma Grade starting at 7:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 7. 760-765-2200. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

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Events take place Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, in Aztec Center at San Diego State University. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Free with advance registration. 619-594-6213. (SDSU)

Abraham Lincoln's First and Second Inaugural Addresses examined when Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets, Friday, February 13, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

"We Love NY!" Exhibition saluting the "famous heart-filled ad campaign" and architectural and cultural offerings of New York City is on view through February on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Jazz pianist Sue Palmer performs music from Manhattan lounges and Harlem nightclubs circa 1932 at "mocktail party," Friday, February 13, 4 p.m. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

"That Was My Favorite Song! Proverbios y Dichos Mexicanos" two-part showing of 200 paintings and drawings on compact discs plus Mexican paintings and linocuts



Bats program at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, February 14 (see Lectures)

opens with reception, Friday, February 13, 7 p.m., at Madstone Theater, Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Through Sunday, March 7. Free. 619-299-4500. (MISSION VALLEY)

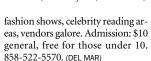
Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball,

Friday, February 13, 7 to 10 p.m., at Downtown Café (182 East Main Street). Beads to be thrown, footstomping music by Bayou Brothers. No cover. 619-440-5687. (EL CAJON)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, noon to 6 p.m., Friday through Sunday, February 13-15. Learn "How to Make Friday the 13th Your Good Luck Day" at 4:30 p.m. on that day. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psy-chic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422 (SPORTS ARENA)

Victorian Valentine Tea Saturday, February 14, at Villa Mon-tezuma (1925 K Street). \$15 tickets include full English tea and tour of the furnished Victorian home. Tours begin at 10, 11 a.m., noon, 1, 2 p.m. Required reservations: 619-463-1772. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Yeah Baby Family Expo, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Seminars, contests,



Annual Winter Show hosted by San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society, Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Exhibitors on hand to answer questions. Free. 858-270-5544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Lab Society Dog **Show,** Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

The 17th Annual Koi Show hosted by Koi Club of San Diego, February 14 and 15, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hundreds of fish on display, vendors' booths, enthusiasts to answer questions. Free. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. 619-449-0820. (DEL MAR)

California Open Wildlife Art Festival featuring more than 200 artists and carvers from U.S. and Canada competing for awards and exhibiting their work, February 14 and 15, at Balboa Park Club (2150 Pan American Road West). Wildfowl and fish-carving competitions, a junior painting contest, carving and painting demonstrations, antique decoys, art for sale.



Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Donation: \$5 for adults, free for those under 12. 760-945-8442. (KEARNY MESA)

Valentine Tea with sampling of teas from In Pursuit of Tea, Sunday, February 15, 4 to 6 p.m., at Three Cups (2365 30th Street). 619-546-0639. (SOUTH PARK)

Discover the Magic of Opera during San Diego Opera backstage tours of *The Pearl Fishers* Sunday, February 15, 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. (DOWNTOWN)

"Self-Expression: A Harlem Renaissance," book discussion series continues with George Schuyler's Black No More, Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). UCSD African-American literature professor Camille Forbes leads discussion. Free. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

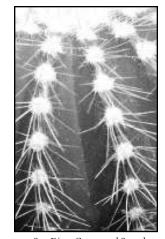
Grand Avenue Writers' Collective gathers for fiction/prose critique every second and third Wednesday of the month, including February 18, 7 p.m., in Fountain Estates Apartments Clubhouse (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

"Public Review Workshop: Wetland Mitigation Project" conducted by staff of California Coastal Commission, Wednesday, Febru-ary 18, at Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard). Technical session: 1 to 4:30 p.m., general session 7 to 9 p.m. These are not public hearings, they're meant to provide information on status of project. Free. 415-904-5255. (DEL MAR)

"America," created by sculptor/retired veterinarian Paul Weber, the seven letters of this piece stand nearly seven feet tall and weigh between 100 and 250 pounds. Each letter is engraved with quotes from famous Americans.

Exhibit continues through April 30, behind Carlsbad Arts Office, 2955 Elmwood Avenue, next to Cole Library. 760-434-2920. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Cedros Gallery Nights, art galleries on Cedros Avenue stay open until 8:30 p.m. on February 19 and third Thursday of each month. Mu-



San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Show at Casa del Prado February 14 and 15 (see Special)

sic, refreshments. Free. 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

Community Sing, everyone is welcome to take part in singing, ev-ery Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at Solana Beach Community Center (133 Pacific Avenue). Professional pianist on hand, songbooks with 900 songs. Free. 858-552-0331. (SOLANA BEACH)

Local Authors' Exhibit - with works by more than 230 San Diego authors — is on view through February at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

Craftsman-Spanish Revival **Weekend** hosted by Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), March 6 and 7, headquartered at San Diego Community Concourse (202 C Street). Both days, over 40 exhibitors from across country offer selection of antique and revival furnishings, decorative arts during exhibition and sale, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$5 (with return privileges). Ephemera exhibition runs concurrently.

Lectures Saturday on variety of topics, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., \$10 for series. Evening home tour: 6 to 9 p.m., \$45. Also on Saturday. Richard Requa walking tour, 9 to 11 a.m. (\$15); bungalow court tour, 9 a.m. to noon (\$25).

Historic Home Tour, Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tour showcases six historic properties in Mission Hills. Shuttle service from Community Concourse. \$35.

619-297-7511. (DOWNTOWN. MISSION HILLS)

FOR KIDS

"Our Twitchy" by Kes Gray and Mary McQuillan is read during story time, Thursday, February 12, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). On Thursday, February 19, Giles Anderson's Giraffes Can't Dance will be told. Both events begin at 11 a.m. Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Valentine Show, Fred E. Stare and Crazy Thing performed by comicventriloquist Lynn Trimble through February 15 at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Big Joe Productions take stage for The Princess's Birthday Present, February 18-22.

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)

Bilingual Children's Story Time.

Friday, February 13, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). This week: Margaret and Margarita by Lynn Reiser. 760-480-2760. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 25 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

Make Hot Air Balloons when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday, February 14, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"Hearts, Flowers, and Bugs: A Family Valentine Party" planned Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m., in Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden at Ouail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Participants will make Valentines and other crafts, pot flowering plants. Songs, stories. \$5 materials fee. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Animal Tales presented by San Diego Humane Society and SPCA. Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m., Borders Books (1072 Camino del Rio



North; 619-295-2201). Crafts. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Dive Into the "World of Water" when Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus lead adventures on Sunday, February 15, 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)

Fantastic Frames adorned using imagination and ingenuity created at Magic Wand (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle), Tuesday through Thursday, February 17-19. Kids three to five years old, 10 to 11 a.m.; kindergartners through third graders, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. \$18 per class. Registration: 858-755-9263. (DEL MAR)

Afro-Cuban Dance Classes for Kids taught by members of Omo Ache Afro-Cuban Dance Company, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-516-3366. Current session ends March 25. (CITY HEIGHTS)

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 text.

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

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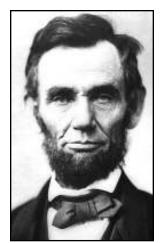
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The First and Second Inaugural Addresses by Abraham Lincoln discussed by Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, February 13 (see Special)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with comput-erized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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

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

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

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

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (1368-1644 A.D.) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to 221 A.D.), 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,

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anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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 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, 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

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What We Do for Love



Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 1997; 144 pages; \$14.95

Author Ilene Beckerman, born in 1935 in Manhattan, grew up on East 66th Street, between First and Second Avenues. Ilene, nicknamed "Gingy," didn't have an easy childhood; her parents separated, her mother died when Gingy was 12. Gingy and her sister went to live with their maternal grandparents. Beckerman graduated from Hunter College High School, attended Simmons College in Boston, and married,

as you will read in her newest book, a professor. They divorced; Beckerman remarried, had six children, one of whom died in infancy. Beckerman and her second husband divorced. She is now vice president of an advertising agency in New Jersey and author of Love, Loss, and What I Wore and companion to a man named Stanley.

Proust had his madeleine; Ilene Beckerman had her dresses. Beckerman's first book, Love, Loss and What I Wore, published in 1995, was a charming, bittersweet account of Beckerman's life as recalled through wardrobe items. What We Do For Love, dedicated to Frank Sinatra, Burt Lancaster, and Stanley, looks at the men in Beckerman's life. "I never would have expected," she writes, "when I was a senior in high school that I would find love when I was practically a senior citizen. When I look back on the things I did for love, I don't know whether to laugh or cry.'

in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing. "P-51 Mustang," celebrates the

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

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

Aerospace Hall of Fame. The museum is located in the

Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Model Railroad **Museum,** the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and tov train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit,

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~ Gregorian Chant Study and Liturgical Prayer Group ~

Readers, men and women (and I hope men will give this book a chance), will do both, laugh and cry. As she did in her first book, Beckerman provides quirky line drawings. Worth the entire book is Beckerman's sketch of the professor-seducer falling atop young Gingy as he readies to engage her in the act of love. On the afternoon we talked, Ms. Beckerman said about this

book, "I really need all the friends I can get because no one in my family has read it, and I don't think that my children want to know that their mother did anything under the covers except sleep. So it might be very difficult."

I reminded Beckerman that when I interviewed her about her first book, she'd said she'd not be writing a second.

She admitted that she had been surprised by the first book's success. "That whole year," Ms. Beckerman said, "was like a dream, like starting from zero and all of a sudden doing things I never anticipated doing. Back then I didn't think of myself as an author. I thought that this was an accident. I truly kept waiting for someone to pinch me and say, 'Wake up!' Then when I was out on the tour, I met so many women - and men - who were touched by that book."

Ms. Beckerman was not being coy about having thought her first book would be her last. I asked how she happened to write a second.

"Well, I think there were two parts. One part is that I always need to do projects. Second is that I made such a connection with women when I was out on this tour. People would say to me, 'We can't wait to read your next book.' And I would say, 'What are you talking about? I said what I have to say.

"But the women with whom I talked thought that they knew everything about me because they read that book. And so we would have intimate discussions. I mean, intimate discussions like you might have with a taxi driver. You will never see him again; he can't threaten you or embarrass you in any way. So they shared their stories with me."

Many of those stories seemed very familiar, Ms. Beckerman said. "I think many of us, at least women my age, got thrown by the 1960s and confused. We started on one path, and then when the 1960s came along, we didn't know where we were. 'Did we miss out?' we asked ourselves. It was a very strange time. And then, I hope, most of us eventually found ourselves.

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.

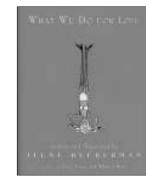
The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History **Museum,** "Feathered Dinosaurs and the Origin of Flight," continuing through Tuesday, September 7, is described as "the largest display of significant fossils regarding the origins of birds ever shown outside of the People's Republic of China.' The fossils on display are from Liaoning Province in northeastern China, rich in fossils dating from more than 120 million years ago. Exhibit includes 34 original fossils, 15 life-sized sculptural restorations of fossils, historical models, over two dozen large photomurals and graphics.

"Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien" features 80 watercolors of native California plants painted in early 1900s. Valentien was commissioned by Ellen Browning Scripps to paint "all the wildflowers and plants of California" and traveled the state for next ten years collecting specimens. The exhibit - continuing through Tuesday, September 7 — includes examples of Valentien's Rookwood pottery, landscapes in oil, historical photographs, personal artifacts.

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

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)



Hearing women talk about lives similar to her own left Ms. Beckerman feeling she could and even should write about her misadventures in love, if only to make other women feel better. "I want them to know that we're all dummies, and we all made these mistakes and tried so hard to please and, sadly, so often failed to do so. But, we tried, and we tried hard."

Ms. Beckerman sighed, and then she laughed, and then she said, "I'm not a sociologist or what

have you. But then on the other hand, you know, when you get old, you just think you know everything in the world."

I asked what she hoped we would take away from What We Do for Love.

"Well," she said, "I came up with the thing that's on the back cover of the book: 'If you have to stand on your head to make somebody happy, all you can expect is a big headache.' Certainly, I want to get across the thought that if your expectations about love and marriage come from the movies and the popular films, you're going to be in for a big disappointment. Also, it can take

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Serra Museum, "Commemo-

rating 75 Years: The Serra Mu-seum" is said to "remember the

events leading up to the dedication

of Presidio Park and the Serra Mu-

seum" on July 16, 1929. The ex-

hibit includes a "visit back in time

to 1929." The museum inter-prets the Native American, Span-

ish, and Mexican periods of San

Diego's history and contains Span-

ish Colonial furnishings, art, and

artifacts. It's located at the site of

the West Coast's first European

settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive.

Stephen Birch Aquarium-

Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility

is a component of the Scripps In-

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taining marine life of the Pacific

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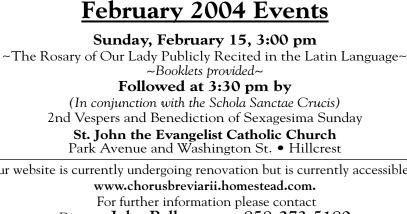
a very long time to realize that what you think you want in a relationship isn't what you really want.

"And then — although nobody young is going to believe this point, but I know that it's true, and that is: love is like shoes; comfort is more important than looks. When you turn out the lights, and you shut the door, and you're alone with somebody, you've got to have a friend there. Stanley is my friend. We have basically grown old and fat together. I don't know about when he looks at me, but when I look at him I don't see an old, fat man; I see Stanley." — Iudith Moore

> cal 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 fea-tures 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)



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ainly Mozart has begun a series of concerts titled "The Women of Mainly Mozart" (or, in its cross-bor-"Las Mujeres de Mozart der version, Binacional"). Extending through early May, it

includes chamber music featuring (successively) clarinet, flute, and violin, plus the Eroica Trio and the McDermott Trio. The only feature that differentiates these concerts from the "Spotlight" series of ear-

lier years is that all the musicians are women. It's a cute idea. But we need to remember that, whatever social or political meaning may be intended by such a criterion of employment, there is no special artistic significance in it. With talented and well-trained musicians, there are no gender-related differences of technique, musicianship, or interpretation. If the performers were behind a screen, not even the most sensitive of listeners could ever tell whether they were male or female (or French or Chinese; or young or old; or married, single, or divorced). An allwoman series of concerts has no more musical sense than would a series in which all the musicians had red hair.

In fact, the most salient characteristic of the group playing in the opening concert at the Neurosciences Institute — the Mainly Mozart Clarinet Quartet — was not that the ensemble was homogeneous but that it was quite the opposite. Ida Levin was a fiery, passionate violinist, with a rich, Romantic tone; cellist Anne Williams could be described with the same adjectives. Pianist Diane Walsh, in contrast, was precise, cool, and rather distant: efficient rather than impassioned. And clarinetist Victoria Luperi, while a fine technician, seemed to take care that there would be no strong contrasts in her playing, no phrases that called attention to themselves, no radical changes of color, no suggestion of being carried away.

I am not trying to set up a hierarchy here. All four showed themselves to be excellent musicians. But there was little evidence that such a group as the Mainly Mozart Clarinet Quartet actually exists as an ongoing institution, aside from having been assembled for this one program. In fact, only one item on the program required the services of all four players: Paul Hindemith's Quartet for Clarinet, Violin, Cello, and Piano. For the remaining pieces, one member of the group always sat out: the clarinetist

in Mozart's Piano Trio in B-flat, K. 502; the cellist in the trio version of Alban Berg's Adagio from JONATHAN SAVILLE his Chamber Concerto; the violinist in Brahms's Trio in

A Minor for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano, Opus 114. But whatever the combination, a dissension in style, attitude, and manner was always discernible. These musicians played together, skillfully and intelligently; but they never fused into a real ensemble.

I will not say that the lack of a unified approach was fatal to the Mozart and Brahms performances — that would be a silly exaggeration. But in neither case was the music allowed to find its full, idiomatic voice. The Mozart was pretty; the Brahms was autumnal; but there was little of the insight and excitement, the truth and profundity, that can be found in these scores when the players are in deep agreement about what is going on in them, both as a whole and moment by moment.

The two 20th-century works, being inherently problematic, were considerably more damaged by the impression that the musicians had not lived a long while with this difficult music, but (as a group) were encountering it perhaps for the first time. Hindemith's Clarinet Quartet (it dates from 1938) is a lovely work, replete with its composer's typical virtues. Hindemith had a distinctive style, preserving older values (Baroque, Classical, Romantic) while adding his own personal interpretation of modernism. His melodic intervals and his harmonic movement are not what you would expect from Bach or Brahms (they carry the unmistakable signature of Hindemith), but there are real, engaging, memorable tunes, and the harmonies — sometimes dissonant, sometimes radiant — propel a vivid and graspable flow of ideas and feelings. The texture of the Clarinet Quintet is highly contrapuntal, yet — because the phrases are so lucid and memorable, and

because of the composer's fine ear for instrumental color - the structure of the counterpoint is relatively easy to follow. The forms - sonata form, three-section slow movement, etc. - are traditional, and carry the traditional dramatic or lyrical meanings of such forms. In spite of his craftsmanship and inventiveness, Hindemith's music is scarcely to be heard on concert programs these days; and it is to the credit of the Mainly Mozart musicians that they undertook to alleviate this neglect.

Unfortunately, the differing temperaments of the players rather diminished the effect of their enterprise. Hindemith is at once a learned, formal composer and a Romantic, expressive one. A performance of a work like the Clarinet Quartet can emphasize either of these extremes, or - better yet — mix the two, just as Hindemith's compositions themselves do. But if there is to be a mixture, all four of the performers must be mixing in the same way. Instead, what we heard at the Neurosciences was the two string players coming down strongly on the side of Romantic expressivity, while the pianist and the clarinetist treated Hindemith as a meticulous but more-or-less impassive formalist. This interpretive dissonance kept the music from establishing a consistent character and deprived it of much of its inner vitality.

(The musicians were not to blame for the bloated quality of the final movement. After composing a lively and well-shaped finale, and bringing it to what seems like a close on a triumphant chorale, Hindemith for some reason decided that he had something more to say. He kept on, adding a long slow section and a long fast section, both of which although pleasing and interesting in themselves — inevitably strike the listener as superfluous. Hindemith could have done with a good editor.)

The Berg Adagio presented problems of a different sort. By the time of the Chamber Concerto (1925), Berg's music was thoroughly atonal, and - under the spell of Arnold Schoenberg — its shape was governed to an astonishing degree by complex, preset, formal considerations. This had been the case in Wozzeck too,



Mainly Mozart Clarinet Quartet Neurosciences Institute

Mozart, Trio in B-flat, K. 502; Hindemith, Clarinet Quartet; Berg, Adagio from the Chamber Concerto; Brahms, Clarinet Trio in A minor, Opus 114

but there the dramatic demands of the opera and the composer's own Romantic-Expressionist bent had resulted in music of intense and theatrical expressiveness. Without the restraints imposed by characters and dramatic actions, the music of the Chamber Concerto is much more abstract, and much less listener-friendly. The melodic lines (such as they are) are jagged, fragmented, and hard to keep in mind. The dissonance is so pervasive that it ceases to have any functional effect: it does not lead the listener's mind anywhere, but simply fills it.





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The structural principles are of appalling intricacy. Underlying everything, in some way, are three motifs based on the letters in the names of Schoenberg (to whom the work was dedicated in honor of his 50th birthday), Anton Webern, and Berg himself. In the Adagio movement (just to confine ourselves to that), the form is A1 B A2 A2 B A1, where A2 is A1 upside down, the second B is the first B as seen in a mirror, and the second half of the movement is a repetition of the first half, played backwards. The number of bars in each section is a multiple of three, to symbolize (as it does throughout the Concerto) the three composers.

It should be noted that these are *secret* structural principles. We know about them because Berg wrote a long letter to Schoenberg analyzing the music in detail and preening himself on his obsession with mathematics. None of the devices is actually perceptible when one is listening; and even if you have the score in front of you, you will find it extremely difficult to follow what is happening. Inversions, retrogrades, and mirror images are, of course. to be found in other composers: in J.S. Bach, for example, or Bartók, or yes — Hindemith. But in those cases you can perceive the contrapuntal principles with delight — through your ears; and the harmonies produced by the counterpoint form a succession meaningful to the mind and the heart. In Bach, contrapuntal complexity is meant to reflect the infinite order of the universe; in Berg, it seems to be a desperate bulwark against the impending dissolution of all order symbolized by the loss of tonality (ad maiorem gloriam schoenbergii, so to speak). It's no wonder that Berg's two operas are about a psychotic soldier and a destructive whore in a corrupt society.

What the Chamber Symphony does have, in abundance, is emotion and color. The emotions are chaotic and unpredictable, but then so was life in the period of breakdown after the First World War. The color arises from the extraordinarily brilliant scoring, for violin, piano, and 13 wind instruments. In its original form, the slow movement can be fascinating, moving, and even beautiful, in its strange, sick way — and if to achieve that Berg needs arcane mathematical symmetries, then good luck to him!

What we heard in the Mainly Mozart concert, however, was an arrangement of the Adagio that Berg made for violin, piano, and clarinet. The music is substantially the

same, but the absence of all those diverse wind instruments pares the composition down to its abstract structure, which is - whatever Berg may have thought - its least attractive element. The exquisite interplay of the "solo" violin with the winds, which looks forward to the Violin Concerto of a decade later, is irremediably weakened when all that is left of the "tutti" is a clarinet and a piano - and above all when the clarinetist and the pianist are so aloof. Violinist Levin, with her heated. throbbing, and (in this case) neurotic style of playing, had the measure of the music; but she could not carry things alone. If you want to hear Berg's Chamber Concerto at its best, you should listen to the performance of the original version conducted by Pierre Boulez, with Daniel Barenboim and Pinchas Zukerman. (Levin and Zukerman, by the way, sound very much alike; you would never guess from listening to them that one is a woman and the other is a man.) 🗖

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Guiseppe Verdi's Il Trovatore performed by Teatro Lirico, Thursday, February 12, 7:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$45-\$65. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

The Juilliard String Quartet performs in concert offered by La Jolla Music Society, Thursday, February 12, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Program includes works by Haydn, Webern, Beethoven, Preconcert talk by Eric Bromberger, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$55, \$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Metales Liricos," evenings of music from Mexico, South America, Spain planned by Westwind Brass, Friday, February 13, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Program repeated Sunday, February 15, 3 p.m., at St. John of the Cross (8086 Broadway). \$15. 619-237-7892. (LA JOLLA, LEMON GROVE)

"Unknown Warriors," multimedia event with percussionist Don Nichols, Friday, February 13, 8 p.m., in Warren Lecture Hall studio A at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Program includes "Temazcal" by Xavier Alvarez, Douglas Wadle's "Edit," "Silence Interrupted" and "Minnow Swimming Upstream" by Nichols, three improvisations. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"A Night of Romance" delivered by organist Robert Plimpton and tenor Marco Labastida, Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside (2001 El Camino Real). Pieces by Liszt, Wagner, many others. Requested donation: \$5 for adults, free for those under 18 with an adult. 760-757-3560. (OCEANSIDE)

A New Production of Georges Bizet's Pearl Fishers continues season for San Diego Opera. Singers include Isabel Bayrakdarian, Michael Schade, Russell Braun, José Gallisa, Costumes, sets by Zandra Rhodes. In French with English translations projected above the stage. Conducted by Karen Keltner, directed by Andrew Sinclair.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, and Tuesday, February 17; 8 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 22. 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)

Valentine's Soirée for Music Lovers, violinist János Négyesy and friends perform 18th- and 19th-Century chamber works Saturday, February 14, 8 p.m., Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-3229. \$8 general. (LA JOLLA)

Complete Beethoven Sonatas for Violin and Piano are being presented by violinist Alyze Dreiling and pianist/composer Myron Fink. Next concert is Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive), \$12 general, 858-592-9790. (POINT LOMA)

American Composer and Pianist Joseph Martin will be on hand to accompany his anthems when they're sung by Westminster Choir and New Dawn Singers, Sunday, February 15, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue). Offering. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

"Bach and the Romantics: Chopin, Mendelssohn, and Franck" is theme when Keyboard Conversations series hosted by Jeffrey Siegel continues, Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$20. Box office: 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Seagate Sundays, series continues when California Quartet performs pieces by Schubert, Hindemith, Dvořák, Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors and military, \$10 for children, free for those five and younger. Reservations: 866-436-8744. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Duo-Pianists Magdolena Bornemisza and Rinna Livshin share the Hamburg Steinway to play music for four hands during mini-concert at noon, Monday, February 16, at Athenaeum Music and

Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Mozart's "Jupiter" ("Symphony No. 41 in C Major"), "Symphony No. 4 in F Minor" by Tchaikovsky are on program when Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, led by Herbert Blomstedt, performs for Celebrity Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Tuesday, February 17. Preconcert talk by Eric Bromberger 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)

Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony" arranged for solo piano by Franz Liszt, performed by pianist John Ferguson, Wednesday, February 18, noon, at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Free. 617-264-4501. (KEARNY MESA)

Two Scenes from The Magic Flute, a scene from Cosí fan tutte, and the "short singspiel (opera with spoken dialogue in English" The Impresario may all be heard when students of Carol Plantamura perform February 19-21. Harvey Solberg and UCSD faculty will conduct the chamber orchestra.

Perormances begin at 4 and 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 19; 8 p.m. on Friday, February 20; 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, in B-210 of UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"The Lyric Romantics," concert pianist Dickran Atamian performs with San Diego Chamber Orchestra in concerts featuring "Traumerei" by Schumann, Schubert's "Overture to Rosamunde" and "Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (Unfinished).'

Take in concerts Thursday, February 19, at St. Joseph's Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue); Monday, February 23, in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street); Tuesday, February 24, at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club (15150 San Dieguito Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m., following preconcert talk by conductor Donald Barra. Tickets: \$15 to \$60. Tickets: 858-350-0290 x7. (DOWN-TOWN, LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

The Sounds of Art, pianist and composer David Korevaar focuses on "The Art of George Inness: A Visionary Perspective," Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Korevaar integrates commentary, slides, and performance into lecture and concert, featuring pieces by Liszt, Charles Tomlinson Griffes, Edward MacDowell, Charles Ives, Arthur Foote. \$15. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series

continues with concerts by the Flute Trio including selections by Bax, J.S. Bach, Debussy, Jolivet, Devienne, Ravel. Trio includes Carol Wincenc (flute), Cynthia Phelps (viola), Nancy Allen (harp).

Thursday, February 19, concert starts at 7:30 p.m. in Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center (at EastLake High School, 1120 EastLake Parkway); \$15. Busy on Thursday? The trio performs Friday, February 20, 7 p.m., at Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard); \$30. Concert is repeated Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive); \$38. 619-239-0100. (CHULA VISTA, DEL MAR, LA JOLLA)



Volatile Purity

"Every natural fact," Emerson wrote in Nature, "is symbol of some spiritual fact."

id-19th century northeastern America was a stew of bloodshed and spiritual yearning. Civil War slaughters and draft riots roiled alongside Emerson's Transcendentalism and the religious revivalism of the

Second Great Awakening. A feverish subjectivity drove literature, theology, cultural philosophy, and the fine arts. Emerson published his founda-

tional essay, "The Transcendentalist," in 1843. In 1855, Walt Whitman, who later nursed wounded Union soldiers, published his first edition of *Leaves of Grass*, which the psychologist-philosopher William James (whose brother fought in the Civil War) cited as an example of "the religion of healthy-mindedness."

The biggest intellectual influential of the time, though, was someone nobody reads now, Emmanuel Swedenborg. Emerson profiled him in his 1849 Representative Men, Whitman read him and absorbed his ideas into Leaves of Grass, and William James's father was a tireless propagator of his teachings. Born in Sweden in 1688, Swedenborg became a respected scientist and engineer but at age 57 began to experience terrifying crises of selfhood he called "vastations," accompanied by visions in which God told him to ditch science and devote his life to explaining "the spiritual meaning of Scripture." He spent his remaining 27 years writing about his spiritual experiences and elaborating his metaphysics.



His influence was even felt by 19th-century American landscape painters, some of whom believed that painting could reveal divine presence, or at least spiritual potency, in the natural order. ("Every natural fact," Emerson wrote in Nature,

"is symbol of some spiritual fact.") The most prominent painter to adopt Swedenborg's ideas was George Inness, whose work is the subject of a handsome,

instructive show currently at the San Diego Museum of Art. Born in 1825 and more or less self-taught, as a young artist Inness painted in the manner of the then-dominant Hudson River School, constructing complex country scenes by more or less assembling compositional segments. In the early 1850s he lived in France and was changed by his exposure to the plein air landscapes of J.-B.-C. Corot, Théodore Rousseau, and Charles-François Daubigny. He began to shake loose from the tight, elaborately detailed Hudson River style and make brushwork more spontaneously responsive to spiritual sensations. He followed Rousseau's mandate that artists should represent natural objects not for their factual presence but "in order to embody, under a natural appearance, the echoes they have placed in our souls."

Inness, who fancied himself an amateur theologian, took over Swedenborg's idea of "spiritual influx," the process of God's love flowing from the spiritual world (the "world of causes") into



George Inness and the Visionary Landscape San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park Through Sunday, April 18. For additional information, call 619-232-7931.

nature (the "world of effects"). Translated into painterly terms, this meant that art's purpose was, as Inness said, "not to imitate a fixed material condition, but to represent a living motion.' Landscape represented not the details of material phenomena but nature's inner life. The aim of art was "to awaken an emotion [which] may be one of love, of pity, of veneration, of hate, of plea-

sure, or of pain." The exhibition tracks Inness's development toward his major achievement, the visionary landscapes of the 1880s and 1890s, which are acts of combustible aspiration.

The early work can be rather mechanical. We see Inness learning to construct a scene, to control, rather than release, atmosphere. Spiritual value, so subtly inflected in the late work, is sim-



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ply painted in, like an additive. The 1866 Christmas Eve (Winter Moonlight) blends German Romanticism and its exaltation of the individual absorbed in nature's sublime with a classic Robert Frostish country moodiness. A full moon pierces a jagged oval of clouds and cuts a wide swath on the ground, where a figure in silhouette, throwing a long, gangly shadow, practically crumbles into the scene, though it isn't completely overtaken by its sublime surround. Human presence holds its own - solitary, mildly heroic, a little forlorn.

Two pictures, early and late, dramatize Inness's progress to-

ward a wilder, more subjective pursuit of spiritual realities. The 1877 Landscape with Cattle is neatly segmented: the foreground all shaded meadow, the middle range sunlit foliage and grazing cows, the upper third cloudy sky and treetops. It's satisfyingly unified and balanced but also genteel and resolute. Early Moonrise, Tarpon Springs, on the other hand, from 1892, is a painterly enactment of Emily Dickinson's "route of evanescence." Its elements shiver with instability. Lanky trees, stream, footbridge, distant farmhouse, and a wobbly, pinkish sun on the horizon are in such a tremulous state that

Castle Gandolfo

material reality seems a deity's hazy dreamscape. The dense tonalities of the earlier pictures are combed out to a finely whisked consistency, with a fizzing internal turbulence. The countrywoman carrying firewood down a path is merely a smudgy mark. She looks like a rural haunter, a wraith. In his explosive late work,

In his explosive late work, Inness pressures himself and his materials until they yield a volatile purity of sensation. He repainted canvases endlessly, and the erosions became part of the textures. He was already practicing, in the interest of spiritual influx, modernism's cult of revision-as-finish. His



solitary figures in woods, fields, and farmland have a distinctly American character: melancholy, inward, yearning for vague visitations of spirit from some vague place. The light in much of the late work looks scoured, scraped to a crispy autumn-harvest essence. In the 1888 Moonrise, moonlight and its wobbly source become lumpy deposits modeled into the scene. The moon looks uncertain, changeful, lunatic. In Indian Summer, which Inness painted in 1894 just before he died, liquid planes of color and the flaky ambers and rouges of late-autumn light interfuse in a way that makes it hard to separate the ethereal from the concrete. This is partly a function of place. West Coast light usually crushes what it falls upon. The eastern light of Inness's Pennsylvania and Jersey landscapes emanates and oozes. In *The Home of the Heron*, land and trees emerge from a crushedembers halation, and the substance of the heron is all shadow.

You don't have to know the Northeast to appreciate Inness's work, but it helps. His *Indian Summer* is not just particular to a region, it expresses a certain kind of American mood. In early to mid-autumn, after the first bite of frost and maybe light snow, there's that suspended period when the air goes balmy and soft, though fall is in full flare, leaves turning color and falling, wind winding up. It's a season of mysterious, privileged grace when different states or conditions co-exist in tensed, contented balance. Inness's painting is the most seductive visualization I know of that condition, that weather of world and spirit. In a field partly covered with green-going-to-gray grass and smudgy orange highlights, two trees are turning, one yellowish, the other a crackling red. But the "things" of this world, rendered as succinct curls and daubs of

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pigment, are barely referential. There are two figures: a woman in white blouse (the only whiteness in the picture) is a brief reminder of May flowers; the man lying beside her, dressed in seasonal browns and oranges, looks already loamed into the ground. It's a dreamy state where hard, bright material reality disintegrates while we watch. Fact and illusion spill back and forth into one another. Inness's early pictures still hold some historical interest, but the later pictures, like other expressions of American Romanticism, powerfully restore us to contingency and history while also dramatizing what it might be like to transcend them.

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GALLERIES

"Surreal Narratives," paintings by Peter Geise, sculpture by Mirto Golino are on view through Friday, March 12, at Arts College International (840 G Street). Reception: Friday, February 13, 6 p.m. 760-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Art of Voyeurism" opens with reception for the 16 participating artists, Friday, February 13, 5 p.m., at Cassius King Gallery (435 Third Avenue). Show closes Sunday, March 7. 619-232-5464. (DOWNTOWN)

"Paradigm Promiscuity Proliferation Perversion" — painting, video, sculpture, performance, writing on offer in Herbert Marcuse Gallery at UCSD (Russell Lane). Closing reception: Friday, February 13, 7:30 p.m. 619-840-7055. (LA JOLLA)

Abstract Expressionist Paintings and sculpture by William Gambini gathered in "Pacific Ocean Bathers," opening with reception, Friday, February 13, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). Show concludes Sunday, April 4. 619-299-4278. (NORTH PARK)

The February Show at Taboo Studio opens with reception for the six participating artists, Friday, February 13, 6 p.m. Find gallery at 1615½ West Lewis Street; 619-692-0099. (MISSION HILLS)

"This Is Not a Photograph: The Sound and Fury of San Diego Sonic Photography, 1967 to 2003" is on exhibit Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, at Voltaire Consort Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Group exhibition of concert, music-related studio photography. Hours: 6 to 10 p.m. both nights. Donation: \$1. 619-269-7097. (OCEAN BEACH)

"This Is Not a Camera, This Is Not a Photograph," new digital work by Gene Nocon, Joe Nalven, Robert Ambler exhibited at Avalon Gallery (3803 Ray Street). Artists' reception, Saturday, February 14, 6 p.m. 858-774-2977. (NORTH PARK)

New Original Pastels by British artist Mackenzie Thorpe are on view through Tuesday, March 30, at Fingerhut Gallery (1205 Prospect Street). Reception for artist: Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m. RSVP for reception: 800-774-2278. (LA JOLLA)

"Kaleidoscope of Expression Four," exhibition of "unbound work" by artists, musicians, and poets opens with reception, Saturday, February 14, 6 p.m., at Gallery DX in Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). 619-757-8680. (NORTH PARK)

"Valentine's Day Show" at Ordover Gallery (Studio 172, 444 South Cedros Avenue) showcases fine art photography in two distinct styles by Alyce and Jim Pagano. Reception: Saturday, February 14, 5:30 p.m. 858-720-1121. Through Saturday, April 10. (SOLANA BEACH) **Ray at Night**, over 13 galleries showing local art, Saturday, February 14, 6 to 9 p.m. Music by Blue 44, wine tasting at the Cabernet (\$5). Events take place in galleries on 3800 block of Ray Street. 619-683-2221. Free. (NORTH PARK)

The Annual Valentine Show with art created in a variety of media opens with reception on Saturday, February 14, 6 p.m., at Sumner & Dene Creations in Art (2807 University Avenue). View the work through Thursday, March 11. 619-688-5969. (NORTH PARK)

Art 12 painters have work on view through Sunday, February 22, at La Jolla Art Association Gallery (7917 Girard Avenue). Meet artists from this group show during reception, Sunday, February 15, 3 p.m. Free. 858-459-3001. (LA JOLLA)

"In a World Where Butchers Sing Like Angels," paintings by Lynn Schuette inspired by California wildfires and Mideastern strife go on exhibit with reception, Sunday, February 15, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Schuette presents talk, Saturday, February 13, 1 p.m. Show closes Saturday, March 27. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"The Multiplication of Bread," Tijuana artist Marcos Ramirez ERRE explores the U.S. intervention in Afghanistan in 2001 in installation on view through Tuesday, March 9, in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). Reception for artist on Thursday, February 19, at 5 p.m. is followed by artist lecture at 7 p.m. (in LRC room 435). Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

"Glimpse," multidisciplinary artist José R. Morales has work on exhibit through Friday, March 12, at Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard). Reception for artist: Thursday, February 19, 6 p.m. 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

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 animals.

"Mingei of Japan — The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of objects from the museum's collection by known and unknown craftsmen from throughout Japan continues until Sunday, April 18. Included: *tansu* (Japanese chests), pottery, calligraphy, woodblock prints, stencil work, kimono and other textiles, baskets, toys.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Also on view: "Niki de Saint Phalle Remembered." Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Everything Matters: Paul Kos, a Retrospective," begins with the artist's early work and follows his career through development of video art to public art projects made as recently as 2000. This exhibition of work by one of the major figures in the conceptual art movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s continues through Sunday, May 2.

San Diego-based artist Anne Mudge exhibits one from a series of "TapRoot" sculptures commissioned for the new trolley station at SDSU in her "Cerca" exhibit, closing Sunday, April 4. The installation allows viewers an upclose perspective of the university's underground station.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

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. (LA JOLLA)

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 sphere." Through Sunday, April 18.

"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.

"Sultans and Sufis: Paintings from the Deccan," continuing through Sunday, August 15, includes approximately 20 works from the Edwin Binney 3rd Collection of South Asian art. Painting styles are described as "visionary, poetic, and richly colored."

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 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)





Madness Tour

No wonder the Dane takes his sweet time!

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n *Hamlet*, everybody gives advice. Polonius tells his son Laertes how to live ("Neither a borrower nor a lender be"). Both warn Ophelia to mistrust sex-starved students, who emit "more light than heat."

Hamlet gives the players a graduate seminar on performance ("suit the action to the word, the word to the action"). The King and Queen urge Polonius

to speak with "more matter" and "less art." And Claudius councils Laertes, who is ready to "dare damnation," on a better way of killing the melancholy prince.

Even the ghost has a "how to" moment. On temporary leave from a Purgatory too hellish to describe, Hamlet's father's ghost demands revenge. Hamlet must kill Claudius but, his father cautions, "taint not thy mind": commit a double crime, slaying not just a person but the King, yet stay somehow pure. Swim, in other words, but don't get wet.

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When he returns from England, Hamlet sends a letter to Claudius. "I am set naked on your kingdom," he warns, implying that delays are over. When Claudius asks him for advice, Laertes hasn't a clue. "I am lost in it, my lord." If Laertes gets lost in a letter, how could he handle the indirections of Shakespeare's tragedy?

The Lamb's Players Theatre has staged a Laertes-proof *Hamlet*. The production brims

with signposts, way stations, and photo-op vantage points. Director Robert Smyth has cut the script — including Fortinbras's brusque cameo — for clarity. The actors articulate lines without metaphorical resonances

or nuanced entendres. In a world of seeming, they are the opposite: straightforward, easily read. But though it often

feels like a guided tour — dramaturged by Strunk and White — the staging has plusses. Aristotle said plot is the soul of tragedy. Lamb's plot-pointed version moves swiftly, inexorably toward the castle floor strewn with chalices, poison-tipped rapiers, and royal corpses.

As the Man in Black, Nick Cordileone could heed Hamlet's advice. To create size, Cordileone likes to "saw the air" with his hands. And his voice, often just below a shout, has a bit of the "town crier" to it. Cordileone delivers the intensity, but relies on it for everything, from Hamlet's "north by northwest" madness to his "thoughts beyond the reaches of our souls." The result is a largely external portrayal suggesting, but not always probing, inner depths.

The oddest staging of Shakespeare I've seen was a Kenneth Branagh-directed *King Lear* that came to L.A. The old King (Ian Holm) was the third most important character. Whoever Branagh was playing at the time held the spotlight.



Hamlet, by William Shakespeare

Lamb's Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado

Directed by Robert Smyth, cast: Nick Cordileone, Ayla Yarkut, Walter Murray, David Cochran Heath, Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Tom Stephenson, Greg Thompson, Dennis J. Scott, Jon Lorenz, Cynthia Gerber, Paul Eggington, Chrissy Reynolds-Vogele, Allan Heath, Robert Smyth; scenic design, Mike Buckley; lighting, Nathan Peirson; costumes, Jeannie Reith; sound and music, Deborah Gilmour Smyth. Playing through March 7; Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday

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Cordileone is competent if unspectacular. But, like the L.A. *Lear*, he's almost an ensemble character. The difference is that, at Lamb's, this looks by design. Instead of solo pyrotechnics and passions torn to tatters, and the other actors just holding spears upstage,





director Robert Smyth has stressed Hamlet, not Hamlet. The play's the thing.

The design work follows this choice. Mike Buckley's unit set has four flights of stairs, from the basement to the battlements above, but few other details (Nathan Peirson's lighting provides these, including rose window-like patterns on the floor). Except for the women's ornate dresses, Jeanne Reith's 19th Century generic costumes don't call deliberate attention to themselves. Their autumnal palate — rusts, maroons, and smoky reds - enhance mood. Elsinore Castle's fourmonth-long party is over. The revelers just don't know it yet.

Lamb's divides the famous Ghost into two: actors darting down hallways, and a plasma-TV'd cartoon speaking the lines through bad cable static. The face looks a bit like Munch's screamer. But the effect feels too technological, too state-of-the-art for the production's pared-down context.

Deborah Gilmour Smyth's medieval-Elizabethan musical score, performed onstage, pushes the pace. After their initial appearance, the recorder, violin, kettle drum, and even the choral singers blend with the action.

The ensemble emphasis sheds more light on the other characters, especially David Cochran Heath's King Claudius. Like Hamlet, he's torn by a "double business" whether to atone for or relish his dreams come true. The King's often interpreted as a Danish Jabba the Hutt, a liplicking hedonist. Heath makes him enough of a moral being so that his pangs of conscience, given enough time, could drive him mad.

Tom Stephenson complicates Polonius, making him part gadfly, part concerned parent, part espionage creep, so that when Hamlet stabs him behind the arras, at least the latter part of Polonius has it coming.

Paul Eggington has a lark as the gruff, "absolute" Gravedigger, possibly the most disillusioned character in Shakespeare. Dennis J.

Scott and Jon Lorenz make for a lively, even dangerous Rosencrantz and Guildenstern (Tom Stoppard's absurdist take aside, these socalled friends of Hamlet aren't as Tweedledum and -dee as often played). As Queen Gertrude and Ophelia, Deborah Gilmour Smyth and Ayla Yarkut feel reined in and could explore further.

Walter Murray is a fine, stoic Horatio charged, by the dying prince, to tell his story. So Horatio promises "carnal, bloody, and unnatural acts...accidental judgments, casual slaughters" — in other words, a cheap revenge potboiler. It's Shakespeare's coda to the great tragedy that neither Horatio, nor we, could report with accuracy and depth what we've just seen. Like Laertes we'd get "lost in it." Only Hamlet could have told his tale.

CRITIC'S CORNER. One of the most astonishing things about greatness is not what it achieves, but what it envisions. Tiger Woods is probably the greatest golfer of all time. But whenever they mike him in a made-for-TV match, he berates himself: Tiger this, Tiger that, "Tiger, will you ever learn?"

The greatest writer of all time's no different. In Sonnet 76, Shakespeare wonders why his verse is "so barren of new pride? / So far from variation or quick change?" And: "Why write I still all one, ever the same... That every word doth almost tell my name." This from the guy who wrote Hamlet! 🗖

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 office.

Antigone

The South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Sophocles' tragedy of indi-

The Interactive Improv Experience

vidual rights vs. the whims of power. Kate Whoriskey directed. SEGERSTROM STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29; TUESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555

Bad Date Theatre

Misfit Productions presents an anti-Valentine's Day program: five one-act comedies "that put the dysfunctional side of relationships on display."

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 14: FRI DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-584-3593

Berlin's Best/Porter's Picks

The La Jolla Stage Company pre-sents 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 HERSCHELAVENUE LA JOLLA, 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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Bus Stop

William Inge's 1955 comedy drama takes place in the middle of the night, at a roadside diner in the middle of nowhere. When a bus arrives, Grace's Cafe becomes a Noah's Ark of the innocent and experienced, and the play interweaves varying attitudes toward love: these range from a virgin to a pedophile. Christopher Bigsby, one of the playwright's most astute commentators: "It is not the familiarity of the small-town setting that interests Inge: it is its strangeness... Tighten the screw a

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San Diego Civic Dance Company

Globe Theatre, director Joseph Hardy unloosens the screw, erasing all subtexts and turning moody, existentialist Edward Hopper terrain into Norman Rockwell nostalgia. Inge doesn't italicize his characters' isolation. But it's there, or at should be. Acting ranges from authentic to imitative. Jonathan Mc-Murtry shines as Dr. Lyman, selfloathing ex-professor. As Virgil Blessing, cowpoke, Stephen Payne reads real, as do Christian Kauffman's lanky Sheriff and Karen Zippler's Snow White-innocent Elma. Other performances feel tacked on. Wearing a leopard-skin dress, Kate Steele resembles Marilyn Monroe, who played Cherie in the 1956 movie, but neither she nor Kevin Mahoney's Carl, the bus driver, nor Ben Fox's Bo convince with their false accents and over-amped demeanors.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE. SIMON EDISON

CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS BALBOA PARK, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATH NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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-ENDED RUN: SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-561-8673 OR 888-237-2751.

The Constant Wife

Laguna Playhouse presents W. Somerset Maugham's comedy of manners about "high social infidelity and inequality of the sexes in 1927 London." Andrew Barnicle directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA

CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, SATUR DAY, FEBRUARY 14, THROUGH MARCH 14: TUESDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Crime Pay\$!

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.

Fully Committed

Air traffic controllers, at least, have each other. Not Sam Pelikowski. He must make all the reservations 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, while five other callers blink on hold. Thanks to David McBean, Cygnet Theatre's Fully Committed is a hilarious, touching charmer. McBean plays Sam and everyone else, maybe 40 people. The logistics boggle: it's the equivalent of memorizing a phone book and making each voice so distinctive you remember it the next time vou hear it. McBean must change characters as fast as he can say "hold, please." He's so terrific, however, that logistics disappear into Sam's frantic, behind-thescenes world. He's an aspiring actor lacking "a strong sense of per-sonal entitlement" — just what every caller has! Sam gets 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 David McBean's special performance, so should everyone else.

Critic's pick. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (AND MONTEZUMA), COL-LEGE/ROLANDO AREA THROUGH MARCH 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR DAY 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 the-ater 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

Reviewed this issue. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MARCH 7; TUESDAY THROUGH THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY 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 TUESDAY 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 Ain't Yo Uncle

UCSD Theatre & Dance presents this spoof of Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin, in which her characters "put her on trial for misrepresentation" and demand to tell the story "like it is." Bill Fennelly directed. MANDELL WEISS THEATRE LINIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, THROUGH FEBRUARY 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, FEBRU-ARY 14, AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

One of the longest-running shows in Off-Broadway history, *Perfect* covers the zodiac of relationships, starting with a first date ("will I be a date from hell?"), through the singles scene ("Single Man Drought"), to marriage, children,

even a funeral. Along the way a San Quentin con scares a timid couple into taking the Big Step ("you gotta compromise a little, vou dickheads!"), and Rose Ritz tells the truth for her dating service videotape. Theatre in Old Town's engaging production features a four-person cast, each with Broadway credits. They also have the smarts not to push for comedy or drama, letting the audience choose its reaction (romantics can sigh, scoffers can, well, scoff). Andrea Chamberlain, Mylinda Hull, David Engle, and especially Stan Chandler, who must be one of the most versatile performers around, enhance every scene with strong voices and precise character details. Credit as well to the costume designer, unnamed in the program, who provided everything from tuxes to Chargers Tshirts - and enough Velcro to permit what must be, in many instances, split-second changes 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

Irish Dance Cabaret

Dublin Square Irish Pub & Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, comedy, and song - and a three-course Irish dinner.

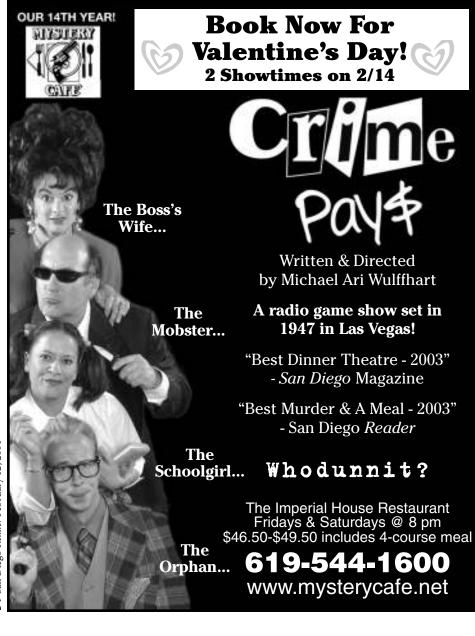
DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB & GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY, DIN NER AT 6:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 7:30 P.M. 619-239-5818.

Joev and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater,' as Joey and Maria tie the knot. DAVE AND BUSTER'S, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, MISSION VALLEY, AND 1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, DOWN-TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639

Killjoy Scripps Ranch Theatre presents the San Diego premiere of Jerry Mayer's "murderous comedy thriller." Carol gets six thousand dollars a week alimony. Her exand his new wife want to stop payment. David Rethoret directed. ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY THEATER 10455 POMERADO ROAD





SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH MARCH 7; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

Kimberly Akimbo

She's "akimbo" because she's aging 41/2 times faster than "normal." She's 16 going on 78. People with her progeria-like condition die around 16. But then again, David Lindsev-Abaire's crazv-wise comedy asks, what is normal? Is it merely an antiquated concept? In 6th @ Penn's staging, which ranks among its finest, the characters 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's poor, bedraggled 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 "Jersey 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 AV-ENUE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 22; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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 education, 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.

Light Up The Sky

Patio Playhouse stages Moss Hart's comic take on a production's rough passage from "out of town" to Broadway. Dick Gant and Kelli Harless directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 1D (ENTRANCE ON KALMIA STREET), ESCONDIDO, THROUGH FEBRUARY 22; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

Macbeth

Sledgehammer Theatre stages Shakespeare's tragedy about a serial killer with a conscience. Kirsten Brandt directed. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, THROUGH MARCH 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY, MARCH 14 AND MARCH 21 AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544.1484.

Mahalia

Community Actors Theatre presents Tom Stolz's "play with music" about the great gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. Jennie Hamilton directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957

54TH STREET, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

Merrily We Roll Along

SDSU Theatre presents Stephen Sondheim's musical, performed by the graduating MFA class of 2004. EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, THROUGH FEBRUARY 22; WEDNESDAY THROUGH FEBRUARY 22; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-6884.

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 Comedv 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

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The Queen of Bingo

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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's 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. LOMAS SANTA FE PLAZA. SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH FEBRUARY 15; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

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A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" - two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Go rilla 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

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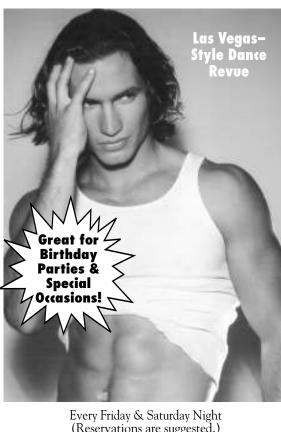
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create an infectious 1940s spirit. And the women also give dimension to one-trait characters. But performances aside, Sky Girls is a chipper sprawl of missed opportunities. Best of show: the play needs a barracks and three planes in flight, on the tiny Cassius Carter stage. Scenic designer Russell Metheny uses cots. Then, placing two together, creates wings for the planes, and the spinning fans overhead become propellers. When Jennifer Setlow's subtle lights seal off the stage, we're 20,000 feet aloft in AT6 trainers. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE. SI-

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Triple Espresso: A Highly

Caffeinated Comedy Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While pa

trons sip a house blend — "Grape," 'Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackeriack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

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Women Who Steal

Thelma and Louise run from the law. In Carter Lewis's wacky, talky Women Who Steal, Peggy and Karen

run toward they know not what, but it feels good just to run. Lengthy monologues interrupt the pace. The playwright wants to say important things: when he tries, however, his characters all sound like him. He's better at quick zingers (like the one about men having hearts like dog whistles; they can't hear them, but women can). And he's at his best when the script hits the road, tires squealing, headlights zig-zagging into the night. Peggy arranges a meeting with her husband's lover, Karen. But modified by Cuervo Gold, payback turns into bonding, and revenge upon the world. Directed by Sam Woodhouse, three excellent actors make the script play, even when it falters. Bernard Baldan, Linda Libby, and Shana Wride perform on a thrust set chevron'd by liquor bottles, backed by Mercedes-Benz hood ornaments, and basking in the music of Meatloaf. Wride's a hoot as the chic, introspective Karen, who would rather discuss an experience than have one. Libby amazes as Peggy, next to whom hell hath no fury. And Baldan's superb as five men, ranging from the primitive to the tres sensitif.

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"Anvone can make a studio demo sound good," said Lisa Bell of LGB Media, a Nashville PR firm. "They had him sing live in

label distributed by Universal that also releases music by Rascal Flatts, SHeDAISY, and Sawyer Brown.

Lance Corporal Gracin, 23. was best known as one of the final four contestants in last vear's American Idol competition. Over 14 million viewers saw him get voted off

the show May 7, allowing Clay



<u>the</u> inside track

their offices. When you perform live, that really shows you what you are made of." Bell was describing how the record company execs at

Nashville-based Lyric Street Records decided to make Camp Pendleton Marine Josh Gracin a multi-album offer. The deal was signed last month.

"He had some leave time [from the Marine Corps] in September. He also took meetings with other labels." But Gracin decided to ink with Lvric Street, the Disnev-owned Aiken and Ruben Studdard to move into the top two positions. The camouflage-wearing supply clerk from Michigan will not get discharged until mid-September, said Bell. "He's considering moving to Nashville."

She said he is taping a video for his first single, "Live," this weekend in Los Angeles. "The single will be out in March, followed by an album in

May.... He has a standard long-term contract, which usually means five to seven albums

USMC public information officer Lt. Shuford said at the request of his unit, the 1st Force Service Support Group, Gracin is not available to speak with the media.

Bell said the interest in Gracin from Nashville labels was orchestrated by Rascal Flatts singer/bassist Jay DeMarcus. One of the songs Gracin covered on American Idol was "I'm Moving On," a 2002 hit for Rascal Flatts. Bell said DeMarcus set Gracin up with Nashville producers Gene Driess and Marty Williams, who then arranged



JOSH THE MARINE GETS SIGNED TO A DISNEY-OWNED LABEL for the record company meetings. — Ken Leighton Is Bob Ugly, morning DJ and manager of the underground radio station Free Radio San Diego 96.9 FM, a pseudonym for Chris Hawkins, a writer for Fahrenheit?

Garett Michaels, program director of FM 94.9, said the author of a recent Fahrenheit cover story about Michaels's radio station's battle with 91X lied about his identity. When Michaels saw the story in the January 21 issue, he was surprised that the name of the author was different from the name of the person who interviewed him. He said the writer never once brought up the byline of "Bob Ugly."

"People use pen names all the time," said *Fahrenheit* publisher Patrick Glynn.

Insiders say Bob Ugly must keep his real identity secret to avoid federal fines and to keep his station on the air. The FCC has been unable to shut down 96.9 in part because the FCC does not have the name of an individual connected with the illegal broadcasts. Without that, it is much harder for the FCC to seize property connected with a pirate station.

"A lot of people are trying to find out who Bob Ugly is,"

said Glvnn. "I know [his name], but you're not gonna get it from me.... Bob Ugly is San Diego's Zorro." — Ken Leighton

"The posters said, Explosive rock and roll action — the Blizzard is coming.'

That's when I knew they weren't playing by the rules. Not once was the word 'acoustic' mentioned on the posters.'

Sam Chammas, owner of the Whistle Stop, was concerned when a band

booked for his Golden Hill club, seemed ignorant of his lo-fi dictate. Chammas has a P.A. for vocals, but he does not allow amplification. Chammas canceled the

planned appearance of Blizzard four days before they

were set to play on December 30. "I can't begin to describe

the disappointment of not being able to perform a show that we created and worked so hard for," said Blizzard

singer/guitarist Gerardo Baladon. "We spent \$150 on stage fabrics and lights...and on invitations...to a lot of people, and I mean a lot of people."

Chammas said he only hosts DJs and acoustic-based live bands. "We don't do rock shows. We do jazz, bluegrass, and blues. I saw all these posters that said, 'Big rock action,' and I said, 'No, no, no.' That was Tim's baby.'

Tim Pyles organizes the Tuesday night shows at the Whistle Stop. "I didn't communicate well enough



with Sam," said Pyles. "They had all this decorating [at the Whistle Stop]. They went a

little overboard." Pyles said he feels bad about any misunderstanding. "I will make it up to the band on Loudspeaker [the local

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music show he cohosts 6-8 p.m., Sunday on 91X] or with another show. I like those guys.

But Baladon is mad at Chammas. "If he had a reason for canceling, he should have given an explanation. He just canceled the show with no explanation given. It is disrespectful and un-polite."

Chammas said he would have happily discussed the situation with the band. "No one called to speak with me," said Chammas. "I received no messages.'

"Our lead singer [Chris Leyva] called and left messages several times, and he never called us back," said Baladon. "Besides, if he is the one canceling the show, he should let us know.... We never planned to bring in amplifiers. We only wanted to use the P.A. that was already there.'

Blizzard appears 10 p.m. February 20 at the California Club on El Cajon Boulevard with Sweetness: must be 21. free admission. Blizzard also does an acoustic show every Tuesday 9 p.m. at Buster

Daly's in North Park; must be 21, free admission. – Ken Leighton

Kut U Up will not be going on tour again this year with blink-**182.** The first 13 dates of the blink-182/No Doubt coheadlining tour were announced last week. The opener has not yet been

announced, but it will not be locals Kut U Up. In 2002 Kut U Up played 52 dates of a national tour where they opened for blink, Green Day, and Jimmy Eat World. Encinitas filmmaker Matt Beauchesne followed the band and created an 84-minute documentary, Riding in Vans with Boys. An abbreviated version was aired on MTV and MTV2 in December. The DVD version, which is distributed by Dreamworks, has sold 25,000 units.

The blink-182/No Doubt tour swings by the Coors Amphitheater June 24. Tickets go on sale February 21. Kut U Up appears tomorrow at the Boulevard Bar & Grill in San Marcos.

— Ken Leighton

Yovee, the latest band of Kut U Up guitarists Brandon Parkhurst and Micah Matson, is "like Crosby, Stills, and Nash meets Elliott Smith." Parkhurst says that Yovee is

" 'I saw it' in Spanish. It's just spelled different.' Parkhurst said he met



YOVEE — A MIX OF KUT U UP AND BARTENDER

fellow Yovee lead singer Nell Blevins at the Boardroom in Leucadia. "We used to go in there to get shitfaced. She's the bartender.... She reminded me of Janis Joplin."

The CD-release party for the CD City Strollin³ is Wednesday at the Belly Up Tavern. Tristan Prettyman opens at 8:30 p.m. Visit www.yovee.com for more info. — Ken Leighton

"I'm banned from all

the clubs.... They booted me off the stage at one place [Brick by Brick] after about five minutes."

Extreme Elvis tends to perform in the nude. Not a pretty sight, judging from the press photos showing the nearly 300-pound performer in a pompadour. Other than San Francisco ("There's still a few places there willing to take a chance on me"),

Extreme Elvis has trouble "We couldn't find places getting gigs in most cities. to read; we couldn't get into "The third time I played open mikes.... Now we feel L.A., it was opening for the like we're established." Butthole Surfers at the Viper

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the show that had all sorts of

lame rules, including no piss

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"I think we were more

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Poets, which began guerilla-

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— Jay Allen Sanford

me off with a warning."

angry at the world

of course, and no male

nudity...so I signed the

They are established, at the new Voz Alta space in East Village at 1544 Broadway (next to Landlord Jim's bar), where the Taco Shop Poets will be resident artists. The group celebrated the release of their new intersection CD and the opening of the Voz Alta space January 31 to a capacity crowd. Poets included Riley, fellow cofounder Adrian Arancibia (also codirector of Voz Alta), and Paul "ThaiMex" Phruksukarn; they were backed by musicians Bourbon LeMonde (Matt Stahl) on guitar, Cameron Jasper on bass, and Andrew Burton on drums. The event

programs at Voz Alta. Some of us now have kids, some of us are attending grad school," says Arancibia, who is working toward his Ph.D. in literature at UCSD. "The idea of the space is to maintain a kind of legacy for the community.... We don't want any more youth and young artists to have to go through what we had to.

was a fundraiser for youth

The Taco Shop Poets' new jazz-infused disc, their first since 1999's Chorizo Tonguefire, features Chicano poets José Montoya and Raül R. Salinas, as well as San Diego musicians Gilbert Castellanos, Lenon Honor, and Skip Howlett.

During the show, Riley read a poem about seeing a pair of mangoes dangling from power lines above the heads of people waiting to buy lotto tickets.

unreachable mangoes / should those traffic lights / through civic sympathy and shame / allow their frozen fruit to fall at 24th street / we would dive within the skin and pulp / before they hit the pavement / beyond the fleshy fiber strands / the meat / beyond original confusion / we would fight to find the pit / of fruitless searches / for beginnings.

"I saw a line of people waiting to buy tickets for this \$50 million jackpot. Above



DEMYSTIFY URBAN ART

them someone had taken a shoelace and tied two mangoes together and thrown them over the wire, sort of simulating fruit trees where there's no fruit trees...the renaturalization of the urban space," Riley tells me later. "I was out in La Mesa, and I saw







bananas on the street lamp.... It's like one of those urban art movements that goes along with the 'Obey Giant' sticker campaign and those people who throw paint cans out of car windows on the freeway."

For their tenth anniversary, Riley says the group plans a "return to taco shops" tour. Asked if they've been reading at taco shops lately, Riley says, "Not like we used to.... With this mad cow thing, man, you can't even get good carne asada."

For more information on upcoming events, visit www.vozalta.org.

- Pat Sherman

"There are at least 20 reggae bands in San Diego right now, and most of them formed in the last year," said Emanuel Gonzalez, former keyboardist for Stranger. He now manages the six-man South County band.

Stranger is the only local band appearing Monday at the 23rd Annual Bob Marley Day Festival at the San Diego Sports Arena.

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Although reggae music has not become mainstream, Gonzalez says the trappings of reggae are seeping into modern pop culture. "If you watch MTV, you will see reggae-colored [red, gold, and green] watchbands and Tshirts. It's really getting trendy. Many mainstream bands now try to play a reggae song in their set."

Gonzalez says Stranger will also headline Tijuana's first Bob Marley reggaefest at the El Foro/Jai Alai Palace February 21.

We also started doing shows at the Caribe Nightclub in Bonita. It used to be an Italian restaurant called La Estrada." He said Thursdays are usually dedicated to live reggae at Caribe. "It holds 500



STRANGER WILL NOW BE FAMILIAR IN BONITA

people. It is 18 and up with a full bar."

Stranger appears February 16 at the Bob Marley Day Festival and February 26 at the Caribe Nightclub in Bonita.

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"It's the nipple that was seen 'round the globe," said a guy named Steve who was standing in the patio area of Patricks II, holding a Jack Daniel's and soda.

This was Tuesday night, February 3, as the Bill Magee Blues act was setting up. "But was it really her

nipple?" said another guy in the crowded outdoor area, drinking beer. "I was here for Super Bowl, there was a shitload of people, and it seemed to everyone she was wearing a pastie." "I'm afraid it was the real

thing," I said. All those Jacksons are

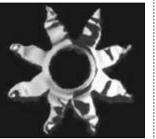
flashers," Steve said, "in one

way or another." There was a consensus in the crowd that it was a



ALL THREE

publicity stunt. "I don't get it," said a tall redhead in a blue mini-dress drinking a Tom Collins with



WHAT JANET JACKSON WAS WEARING

an umbrella, "I show my breasts all the time and no one complains."

"Are you a singer in a band?" I asked her. "A dancer at Pacer's."

– Michael Hemmingson



When asked how many bands he's been

in, Logan 5 of the newly formed Mission Hills-based band Kai'zher Sosay answers, 'This vear? Three.

How many total? "A baker's dozen." Which ones? "Does it matter? No

albums, no mark in time or footstep in the world. So I keep plodding on, like hundreds of others."

Kai'zher Sosay, he explains, is a three piece that plays "post-punk hyper-real polka music for beautiful people on X."

Logan 5 plays the upright bass. There is also a keyboardist, guitarist, and drum machine. The band's mascot is a stuffed sock doll with a raincoat and bow tie.

"The doll programs the rhythm box," he says. For those who have seen the movie The Usual Suspects, you'll know what the band's name refers to, though the band spells it differently so "some lawyer won't send a cease-and-desist letter.'

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

The "5" in his name? Any special meaning? "Ever see Logan's Run?"

he asks. — Michael Hemmingson

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It Makes Me Want To Kill

"We sorta link things up the way you're not supposed to, and that's how we get our sound."

os Angeles' Gold Standard Labs recently hosted a multiband show at the Casbah. San Diego–based Kill Me Tomorrow (along with half a dozen other GSL acts) did a mini-set to gear up for a winter-spring tour in support of

their new CD/DVD, The Garbage Man and the Prostitute. There were a lot of instruments being moved around that night in the downtown club; amps plugged in, drum

sets broken down and set up, electrical cords to be untangled, and people getting in each other's way but being courteous about it. Chaotic, but road-savvy Kill Me Tomorrow deals with chaos all the time.

TRICKIEST MUSICAL PROBLEM?

K8 Wince "I have a lot of pedals and my shit is always breaking and it makes me want to kill people," answered bassist K8 Wince, who slings two 1970s Rickenbacker four-strings.

Zack Wentz "I've got a really unusual setup with my gear," responded percussionist, lyricist, and vocalist Wentz. "I get nervous about stuff fucking up because I can't afford backups for everything yet." He didn't want to elaborate on his setup. "It's sort of a trade secret, the way I link my gear," he said, which includes acoustic and electronic drum components with effects. "The same goes for Dan — we sorta link things up the

FAVES MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

way you're not supposed to, and that's how we get our sound." This leads to problems, though. "The other night a crucial piece of equipment broke down, and we

had to go to Guitar Center and spend \$250 we don't have."

FAVORITE FIVE VENUES?

Zack The Casbah; the Smell, L.A.; Larimer Lounge, Denver; the Echo, LA; the Black Cat, Washington, DC **K8** MJQ, Atlanta; the Black Cat; the Casbah; the

Pilot Light, Knoxville, TN; PS211, Winston-Salem, NC

Dan Wise Emo's, Austin, TX; the Black Cat; PS211; the Casbah; the Blackbird, Portland, OR

CURRENT PERSONAL PLAYLIST?

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Lightnin' Hopkins, *The Shadow* (old radio broadcast recordings)

Zack The Art of Noise, Skinny Puppy, Charles Mingus, Django Reinhart, Falco

Dan Charles Mingus (*The Black Saint and the Sinner Lady*), King Tubby (*The Roots of Dub/Dub from the Roots*), U.S. Maple (*Purple on Time*), Kraftwerk (*Radioactivity*), Aphex Twin (*Drukqs*)

Dan, K8, and Zack of Kill Me Tomorrow

TOP FIVE AUTHORS?

Dan Ernest Hemingway, Gore Vidal, John Cheever, J.P. Donleavy, Franz Kafka

K8 Georges Simenon, Feodor Dostoevsky, Anton Chekhov, Raymond Chandler, William Faulkner **Zack** (living authors) Barry Malzberg, William T. Vollmann, Gordon Lish, Steve Erickson, Colin Wilson; (deceased authors) Kobo Abe, Franz Kafka, William Faulkner, Samuel Beckett, Raymond Chandler ■



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Thursday, February 12, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

FRIDAY

Sting *[431]*: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, February 13, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell [610]: 4th & B, Friday, February 13, 8:30 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sara Evans: California Center for the Arts, Friday, February 13, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Roots [267]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 13, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

SATURDAY

"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], Anya Marina [118], and Sawing for Teens: The Casbah, Saturday, February 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown, 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Karl Denson's Tiny **Universe** [681]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 14, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

SUNDAY

The Temptations [937]: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Sunday, February 15, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

"Old School Valentine Show' with Stevie B, Blue Magic, One Way, GQ, Malo [600], Billy Paul, Gene Chandler, the Originals, the Delegation, and the Fuzz: San Diego Sports Arena, Sunday, February 15, 7 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

"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.

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

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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UPCOMING CONCERTS

FEBRUARY

Los Lobos [521] and Lila Downs [982]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room. Thursday, February 19, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Micky Finn: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 19, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Poncho Sanchez [646]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 19, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Kennedys: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

The Nortec Collective: $\operatorname{Belly}\operatorname{Up}$ Tavern, Friday, February 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue,

Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 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.

Don Carlos [751]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Darvi 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: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

The Supersuckers [367] and the Hangmen: 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 [529]: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Thursday, February 26, and Friday, February 27, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264

DMX: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, February 27, 6 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Billy Joe Shaver: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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 and Beautiful Girls: 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] and Joan As Police Woman: 4th & B, Sunday, February 29, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Neko Case [780]: The Casbah, Sunday, February 29, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

The Taj Mahal 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: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 29, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

MARCH

311 [212]: 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.

Acevalone, 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 Övster Cult [504] and **Sugarbone:** 4th & B, Friday, March 5, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Super Diamond: Belly Up Taverr 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, 8 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Dream Theater: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, March 7, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Paco de Lucia [827]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 7, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard,





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George Winston [768]: East County Performing Arts Center, Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Mose Allison: Dizzy's, Monday, March 8, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., 34 Seventh Avenue (between I and K), downtown. 858-270-7467.

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, 7:45 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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Rick Springfield: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, March 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

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.

Loverboy: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139. Skid Row: 'Canes Bar and Grill,

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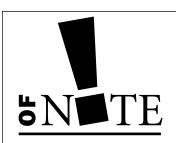
Keller Williams [857] and Craig Honeycut: 4th & B, Sunday, March 14, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"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.

Yngwie Malmsteen: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 16, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Big Head Todd & the Nonsters [417]: 4th & B, Wednesday, March 17, 8 p.m., 345 B



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In a case of classic cornpone, George Jones sings a maudlin ballad in which he lists country music heroes like Willie Nelson. Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Marty Robbins, and Lefty Frizzell and asks, "Who's gonna fill their shoes?" At one point he brings up Elvis, saying, "Too soon he left this world in tears." Yet this is the same George Jones who sings about pouring Jim Beam from a decanter shaped like Elvis into a jar shaped like Fred Flintstone: "Tore the head off Elvis," he sings, "Filled Fred up to his pelvis / Yabba-dabba-doo / The King is gone, and so are you.'

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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, 8 p.m., 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

Jones can get away with being crassly nostalgic in one song and wildly irreverent in the next. But Jones has pretty much defined what country music is about for most of the past 50 years. He first hit the charts in 1955 with "Why Baby Why." He became a regular on the charts in the '60s, and in the '70s his troubled marriage to Tammy Wynette was fodder for the tabloids and a string of successful duets recorded before and after their divorce. At that point, Jones became almost as famous for his erratic behavior and drug and alco-

hol problems as for his unique voice. He missed so many concerts that he earned the nickname "No-Show Jones."

Jones claims to have cleaned up his act since then, although a drunken car accident in 1999 almost killed him. Still, he's kept active in recording and performing in

Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400

Chicago: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Thursday, March 18, and

Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga

Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or

Blonde Redhead: 'Canes Bar and

Grill, Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105

The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly

9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue,

Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach.

858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Up Tavern, Saturday, March 20,

The Dropkick Murphys [481], Blood for Blood, and Ducky Boys: SOMA, Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.,

or 619-220-8497

619-220-8497.

Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Michael Feinstein with the San Diego Symphony: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 21, 2 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253

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country music.

7:30 p.m. 619-440-2277.

or 619-220-8497. Modest Mouse [466]: SOMA, Monday, March 22, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego 619-226-7662.

Michael Bublé: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Leftover Salmon [816]: 4th & B, Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Little Anthony & the Imperials: Svcuan Casino Showcase Theatre Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

recent years. Now in his 70s, he still carries

the reputation as the greatest singer in

GEORGE JONES, East County Performing

Arts Center, Wednesday, February 18,

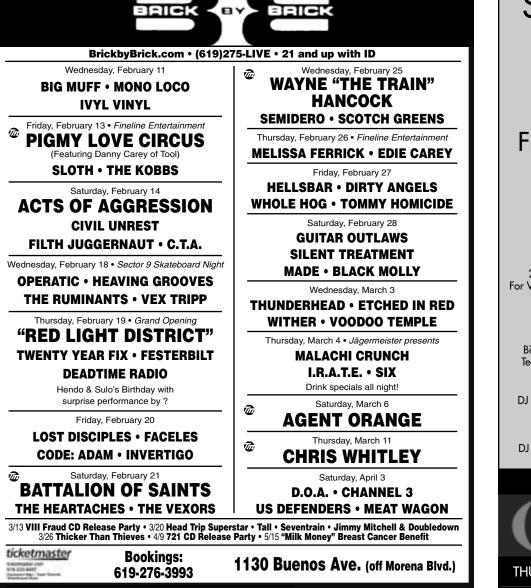
Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

The Get Up Kids [307], Recover, and **Rocky Votolato:** The Epicentre, Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

Dennis Quaid: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 27, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

N.E.R.D. and the Black Eved **Peas** [459]: 4th & B, Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m., 345 B Street,

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downtown, 619-231-4343 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.

The Strokes: SOMA, Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 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.

The Church: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, March 30, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

APRIL

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons: vcuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

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.

The Starlight Mints [206]: The Casbah, Friday, April 2, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Tony Bennett: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Sunday, April 4, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

The Go-Go's: 4th & B, Wednesday April 7, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"Aussie Invasion Tour" with the Vines [144], Jet, the Living End, and **Neon:** SOMA, Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

John Hiatt [830]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 8, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Soulive: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"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.

The Proclaimers: The Casbah. Friday, April 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

The Bacon Brothers and Cindy Alexander: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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. Keiko Matsui: Sycuan Casino

Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139. The Darkness: 'Canes Bar and Grill,

Friday, April 16, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Yes: Cox Arena, Sunday, April 18, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

BR5-49 and Big Sandy & His Fly-**Rite Boys** [343]: The Casbah, Tuesday, April 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Method Man [189]: 4th & B, Wednesday, April 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Neal McCov: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 22, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

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.

Southern Culture on the Skids [266]: The Casbah, Sunday, April 25, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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.

MAY

Ben Kweller: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, May 13, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497. :Cubanismo! [676]: California

Center for the Arts, Friday, May 14, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, condido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Aleiandro Sanz: Cox Arena Thursday, May 20, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

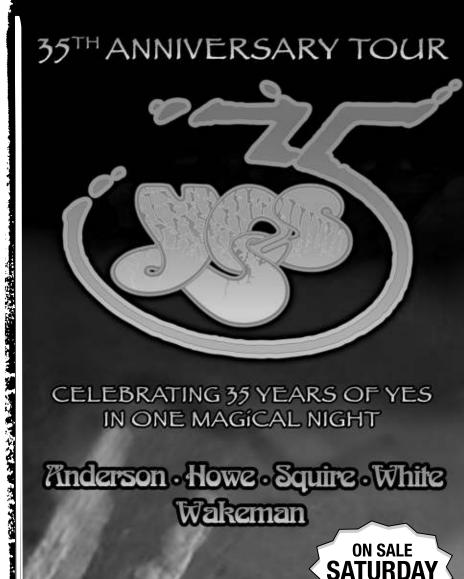
Dido: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, May 29, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

JUNE

No Doubt and blink-182: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, June 24, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

JULY

Sarah McLachlan: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, July 12, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.



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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

The Acts of Aggression: Brick By Brick Anberlin: Epicentre

The Biddy Bums: Lestat's The Bouncing Souls [332]: Soma Campaign for Quiet: The Kensington Club Center of Five: Dream Street ChChChHaHaHa: Soma Channing Cope: The Casbah C.O.I.: The Kraken Copeland: Epicentre C.T.A.: Brick By Brick Cursor: Epicentre The Dateless Losers: Dream Street Down with Leo: Dream Street **Emery:** Epicentre The Enchanted [220]: Lestat's Engine Down: The Casbah Etched in Red: Dream Street The Faun Fables: The Casbah Fear Before the March of Flames: Epicentre Filth Juggernaut: Brick By Brick The Flying Putos: Tio Leo's Lounge Fuzz-Huzzi: 'Canes

Gatsby's American Dream: Epicentre Hard Echo [510]: 'Canes This Holiday Life [145]: The

Casbah Horror Pops: Brick By Brick ill lit: The Casbah Knock 'em Stiff: Brick By Brick Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone

Legends Die: Soma Let It Burn: Soma Lighter: Dream Street Lower Definition: Epicentre Lustra: The Jumping Turtle Mae: Epicentre Anya Marina [118]: The Casbah Meleah & Nile Magic: 'Canes Mewithoutyou: Epicentre Momma: Java Joe's No Way Out: Epicentre Noa: Dream Street Outhouse: The Jumping Turtle **Gregory Page** [186]: The Ould Sod, Java Joe's, Belly Up Tavern Pigmy Love Circus: Brick By Brick Racing the Sun: Dream Street

Randy: Soma R.D.G.: 'Canes Reason 2 Believe: 'Canes

The Republic of Letters: Surf N'Saddle The Roots [267]: Belly Up Tavern

Matthew Ryan: Epicentre Salt the Earth: Epicentre The Scarlet Symphony: The Casbah

Se7en4: Dream Street The Sleepy People: The Casbah The Sleepytime Gorilla Museum:

The Casbah Slewfoot: Sham Rocks Shack Slow Coming Day: Epicentre Sneak Preview: 'Canes Starsailor: Epicentre

The Statistics: The Casbah

Stolen: Surf N'Saddle The Strangers Six: Soma Stripped: Belly Up Tavern Super Plate: Hennessey's Tavern

(PB) Bellydance Superstars: 'Canes Swell: The Casbah Tomorrow's Son: The Casbah Two Story: The Jumping Turtle Ungoverned State: Dream Street The Velvet Teen: The Casbah A Vital Few: Soma Watashi Wa: Epicentre The Working Title: Epicentre

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Across the Room: Moondoggies The Bartones: Tiki House **Big Blue Cat:** O'Harley's Sports Bar & Grill Blind Luck: Second Wind (San Carlos) Brain Bucket: Tiki House The Classic Rockers: Patrick's II Crash Landing: On The Rocks DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub DJ Frances: Martini Ranch (Encinitas) DJ Jalil: Martini Ranch (Encinitas) DJ T: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub DJ Tone Capone: Martini Ranch (Encinitas) DJ Tony A: Martini Ranch (Encinitas The Electric Waste Band: Ember: Dream Street The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub The Experiments [419]: 'Canes Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub Harmony Road: McP's Irish Pub and Gril The Heard: El Cajon Grand Cocktail Lounge Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Loung Hot Water Music [545]: Soma The Jackson 3 [495]: Carvers Made: Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp) The Millionaires [416]: The Kensington Club Night Shift: Pal Joev's The Peeves: Fannie's Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

The Ranch Rockers: Renegade Inn Rockola: Cannibal Bar

Savoy Brown: Humphrey's Eve Selis [410]: Croce's Top Hat Bar

and Grille, Humphrey's Serious Guise: Second Wind

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Signal Path: Winstons Siren: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) Gone9: Boar Cross'n The Stilettos: Island Sports & Spirits, Henry's Pub Straight Six: Dick's Last Resort Streetheart: Di-mond Jim's

Nightclub Tainted Love: 'Canes Theresa Thomas: Humphrey's 34 Below [437]: Humphrey's 3 Against 1 [456]: 'Canes 3 Bad Jacks: Tio Leo's Lounge Wild Child: Viejas Casino

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel Bobby Caldwell [610]: 4th & B The Corvettes: Viejas Casino Energy: Cannibal Bar A Flock of '80s: Henry's Pub Good Intentions: The Kraken Island Breeze: Humphrey's Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel The Love Rangers: The Alley Makai: Humphrey's The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies, Viejas Casino

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado The Caballero-Verde Quintet:

Dizzy's John Cain *[703]*: Hotel del

Coronado The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Croce's Jazz Bar **The Cradit Union:** Neimans Bar and

Grill Jo Dark: The German-American

Societies **The David Patrone Quartet** [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

(Gastamp) Karl Denson's Tiny Universe [681]: Belly Up Tavern

The Aubrey Fay Band: Redfields Lounge & Bistro

Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge Hollis Gentry [644]: Coyote Bar and

Grill, Humphrey's, Humphrey's **The Cynthia Hammond Trio:** La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge

Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Bayou Bar & Grill

The High Society Jazz Band: Bali Hai Daniel Jackson: Hotel del

Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado, Humphrey's, Humphrey's The Gary LaFebvre All Star Big

Band: Dizzy's Lady Dottie & the Sliders: Bayou

Bar & Grill
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Joe Marillo [645]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's Charles McPherson & His

Quintet: Dizzy's Sean McVicker: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

SATURDAY

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho ita Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inr The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar Mystique: Jimmy Love's Sue Palmer [641]: Caffe Calabria Sergio Pessoa: Brazil by the Bay Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar

Calivin Romance: Humphrey's Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel, Moray's Lounge, Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The Royal Crown Revue: Aubergine Grill The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar Jose Serrano: Humphrey's Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Humphrey's

Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza Trina Steward: Humphrey's

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza The Barry Allen Trio: Pasquale on

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson

Jazz Duo: Marriott Hotel The Viviane e Prefixo de Verao Band: 4th & B

Ted Wright: The Metaphor

Patrick Yankall: Humphrey's Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

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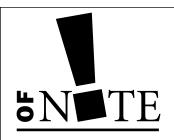
REGGAE / SKA

Irie Dingo: Dream Street Kush & the Jah Blood Fiyah Angels: Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp) The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's



BY DAVE GOOD

The Paradox Project is an anonymous outfit based somewhere near Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. They think they have evidence that angels speak to us through pop records. Downloads are posted at their website, including some from **P.O.D.**, the Christian rap-core band originally from San Diego's South Bay. Paradox plays them backward and then offers their read of what they consider to be bona fide angel speak in hits like P.O.D.'s "Youth of the Nation.

P.O.D. (Payable on Death) is a fusion of metal, hardcore, and hip-hop. It was part of San Diego's violent mid-'90s punk scene and a frequent SOMA guest. Still, there's the basic white-shirted door-knocker's outreach in almost every song. But why should anyone care? Good rock is, after all, good rock. In this case, the message doesn't obscure the medium and besides, P.O.D. has publicly stated that they don't actually consider themselves to be a Christian band per se. "We're rock musicians." singer Sonny Sandoval observes. "Our job is to rock." But even P.O.D. may be conflicted about their role as purveyors of faith; click on their home page and you'll find a prayer window (even though at present it doesn't seem to work).

In recent months the band has taken a public whipping from Christian fans disenfranchised by

P.O.D.'s new eponymous (and mostly secular) disc and from retailers offended by P.O.D.'s album covers. Last year, MTV news reported "that 85% of Christian bookstores across the country have refused to carry...P.O.D.'s latest record...because of its artwork, which depicts a naked woman with butterfly wings, her arms crossed over her breasts and a banner with the word 'Sanctus'...across her nether region." The same censorship happened in 1999, says MTV,



when many Christian bookstores turned away Fundamental Elements of Southtown. That time, P.O.D. reissued the CDs with covers printed especially for the Bible Belt - in jet black

Linkin Park, Hoobastank, and Story of the Year also perform.

P.O.D., Cox Arena, Tuesday, February 17, 7 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429. \$34.50.

Hill Country: Mulvaney's

Elmore Jennings: Don's Cocktail

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub The California Guitar Trio: Dizzy's The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company Christian: Dream Street

Angela Correa [876]: Lestat's John Foltz: Miracles Cafe

4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Jenn Grinels: Blarney Stone Pub The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould

Sod, Java Joe's Lisa: Dream Street Kippy Marks: Sassafras Bar and Grill

Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Steve Poltz [815]: The Casbah Beth Preston: Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)

Tristan Prettyman: Belly Up Tavern Ron's Garage: Island Sports & Spirits, Dick's Last Resort

Aliah Selah: Hot Monkey Love Cafe J. Turtle: Borders Books and Music

(Mission Valley) Victoria Rose: Sassafras Bar and

Victor Wooten: Belly Up Tavern

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Patrick's II **The Bayou Brothers** [948]: Patrick's II

Big City Shaman: McP's Irish Pub

Blue Heat: The Kraken The Blues Connection: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues **Dusters** [932]: Shooters Bar and Grill, Chateau Orleans, O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Daily Blues: On The Rocks Floetry: 4th & B

Robin Henkel [914]: Lestat's

The CeeCee James Band: The Waterfront, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Lafavette & the Leasebreakers oggie

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro

& Sky Louns Mississippi Mudd: Tiki House

Mojo Rising: Patrick's II

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken Len Rainey & the Midnight Players [921]: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: The Gordon Biersch Brewery Earl Thomas [946]: Croce's Top Hat

Bar and Grille The Thomas Brothers: The

Metaphor Coffeehous Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars

[920]: Patrick's II Billy Watson: Coyote Bar and Grill, Tio Leo's Loung

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze Erykah Badu /931): 4th & B

J.D. Boucharde: [985] Princess Pub & Grille

Calima [984]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain)

Sammy Dale Canonidado: Cafe LaMaz

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate Hote

The Drop Science [988]: The

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant

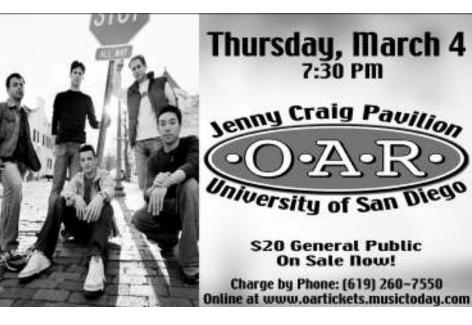
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DJ EVENTS

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Blitzkrieg Bop: First, third, and fifth Monday of the month, punk, indie, rock 'n' roll, and swing with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Bottoms Up: Fridays, good vibes, house, breaks, drum 'n' bass, hip-hop. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tivolis, corner of Sixth Avenue and Island Street, Gaslamp. 619-232-6754.

Brown Sugar: Fridays, top-shelf urban sounds with DJ Myxzlplix; 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Cask 'N' Cleaver: Sundays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., DJ Doctor Swing spins the best dance music from the '40s, '50s, and '60s. 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-451-8805.

Church of Noise: Second and fourth Monday of the month, new noise mixed with alternative rock classics with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Club Aero: Thursdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., "Downtown Phunk" loungestyle house, hip-hop, and reggae with resident DJ A.S. Hawkins and weekly guests. No cover. Aero Club, 3365 India Street, Midtown. 619-297-7211. **Club '80s:** Thursdays, DJs Bryan P, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego.

Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, hip-hop, house, and trance featuring "Goliath," a monster sound system. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Information, 619-441-1800.

Club X-treme: Thursdays, modern Latin atmosphere with DJs G. and Israel, hip-hop, dancehall, reggaeton, salsa, merengue, and bachata. 10 p.m. Acapulco Restaurant, 1020 W. San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-471-2150.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, the best of ethereal-electro-gothicdarkwave. Free entry. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500. Information, 619-465-5827.

Dub Dynamite: Mondays, reggae in a dub style — roots, stepper, and UK with Kid Natty and Lionel Judah. No cover. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Fashion: Third Saturday of the month, '80s retro, nu-wave, and electro. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown. 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae in the main room. Sunday, February 15, Presidents' Day jam. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

Galileo 101: Fridays, soulful funky deep house and urban grooves with DJ ALA and weekly guests. Saturdays, *G-Lounge* featuring Rage and Adam A*Muse in the hip-hop room and Le Roux and ALA in the upstairs lounge. 100 Harbor Drive, Suite 101, downtown. 619-702-7101.

Mass Appeal: Wednesdays, hiphop, funk, and breaks with DJs Hippoh and Still Life. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744.

MixLab: Sundays, DJ Dex's eclectic "listening session": jazz 'n' abstract, alt hip-hop, downtempo sonics, future soul, and ultraglobal vibes. Starts at 8 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins dirty South, hip-hop, and reggae. Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, reggae, and old skool with Boy Toy Jesse. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hiphop, R&B, old skool, and reggae. Sunday, February 15, Presidents' Day jam. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

Process: Wednesdays, Calculon, Austin Speed, and guests, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, downtown. Information, 858-405-5757.

Remix: Sundays, real hip-hop with DJs Mike Czech, Myxzlplix, and guests. No cover; 21 and up. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, Lance Boling, and weekly guest DJs. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. First Friday of the month at the Echo Lounge, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information. 619-465-5827.

Those Funkin' Fridays: Fridays, house, breaks, and tech with DJ Busty St. Claire and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Thrust: First Friday of the month. Two rooms, Club '80s upstairs, Club Therapy downstairs; 21 and up. The Echo Lounge, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Information, 619-465-5827.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, the best in Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe





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Vega and guests. Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

Underworld: Sundays, pre-'99 gothic and industrial. 21 and up. Free entry. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500. Information, 619-465-5827

Unleashed/Unlabeled: Second Saturday of the month, DJ Joy spins alternative '80s inside; DJ Josh spins trance, lounge, and electronic outside 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown. 619-296-6789.

Verb: Sundays, house, breaks, and hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Vice/Versa: Second and fourth Friday of the month, DJs Barry Weaver and Dr. Indulgent play electro, electro-disco, rock, acid house, Italo-disco, and more. Occasional live acts. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-521-4747.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *The Love* Rangers, Top 40/pop.

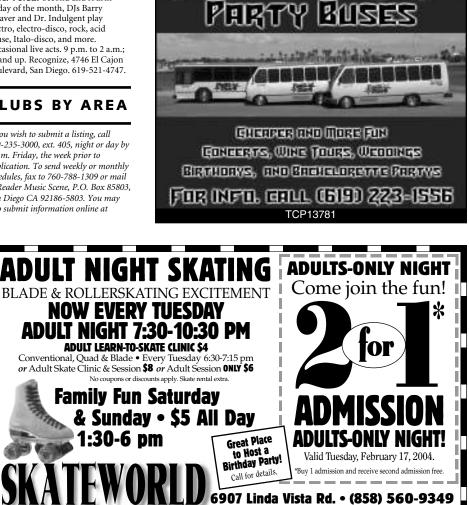
Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana B0each. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8:30 p.m.,

Victor Wooten, Friday, 9:15 p.m., The Roots, reggae. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, jazz. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Primo*, Latin jazz. Tuesday, *Stripped* and *Gregory Page*, alternative. Wednesday, *Yovee* and Tristan Prettyman, folk.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Donnie Finnell & Co. East, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *60ne9*, classic rock.

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8 p.m., Calima, jazz quartet. **Carvers,** 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566 2400. Friday and Saturday, the Jackson

3, rock. Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Fish & the Seaweeds, classic rock/funk. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Len Rainey* ජ the Midnight Players, blues. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Hollis Gentry, jazz.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 ad, San Marcos. 760-471 7778. Friday, 8:45 p.m., Lustra, Two Story, and Outhouse, alternative.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, Ieff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues/classic rock. Friday, Flat Out *Liars*, classic rock. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues. Wednesday, *C.O.I.* and *Good Intentions*, alternative/pop.

La Costa Tournament of **Champions Lounge**, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Cynthia Hammond Trio*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, live bands. Saturday, *DJ Tony A*. Monday, *DJ Jalil* and *DJ Tone Capone*, rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, the California Rangers, country

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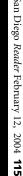
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Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., John Foltz, acoustic folk/rock.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., *The Cradit Union*, swing. Friday, 9:30 p.m., hip-hop. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., rock, hip-hop. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., rock en Espaol. Monday, 8:30 p.m., swing.

O'Harley's Sports Bar & Grill, 1437 Community Road, Poway. 858-486-7422. Saturday, 9 pm, *Big* Blue Cat, vintage rock.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety piano

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach, 858-755-9474. Friday, Stolen and the Republic of Letters, alternative, Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, open mike.

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Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Bellydance Superstars and Meleah & Nile. Friday, Reason 2 Believe, 3 Against 1, R.D.G., and The Experiments. Saturday, Tainted Love. Sunday, Hard Echo, Fuzz-Huzzi, Head Trip Superstar, and Sneak Preview.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday, *Energy*, pop. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to

10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach 619-222-8131 Music is alternative/heavy. Thursday, Christian, Lisa, Down with Leo, Noa, Dateless Losers, and Lighter, alternative. Friday, *Irie Dingo*, *Racing the Sun*, *Center of Five*, and *Ember*, reggae/rock/alternative. Saturday *Ungoverned State*, *Se7en4*, and *Etched in Red*, alternative.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Jack Pollack*, piano and vocals. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, and Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, Rick Ross, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Tuesday, *Sean McVicker*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Super Plate*, alternative. Saturday, *Siren*, rock. Tuesday, open mike.

Hilton Torrey Pines, 10950 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 858-558-1500. Horizons Lobby Lounge: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., live jazz.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Dean Paul Ratzman*, piano, trumpet, vocals.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Saturday, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, pop/jazz, piano, saxophone, vocals. Also, Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Leviticus*, pop, iazz

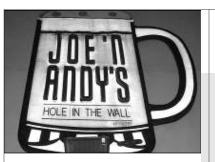
Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *Across the Room*, rock. Wednesday, Lafayette & the Leasebreakers, blues

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., and Friday, 9 p.m., Rick Ross, jazz, piano, saxophone, and vocals. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday through Tuesday, Larry Fogel, singer, pianist.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-509 8900. Friday, 9 p.m., the Barry Allen Cohen Trio, jazz. Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson

Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla, 858-453-5500. Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues

Dusters, blues. Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734



MUSIC \succ live jazz, acoustic, rock, and alternative

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ weekdays there's jazz and acoustic: owner says, "We're quieter during the week "

CLIENTELE ➤ 21-and-up bar: average age mid-20s; 90% Caucasian, 10% Latino; 60% male

COVER ➤ none **HOURS** ➤ 3:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.

every day

DRINKS > no happy hour; owner says, "We don't need a damn happy hour; our drinks are always cheap." On tap. Guinness and lots of different local microbrews (Karl Strauss, Blue Moon, Yellow Tail); domestic bottles (MGD Budweiser Bud Light, Coors) are \$2, Guinness bottle, \$3; all pints are \$2.50; Tuesday is "dollar night" (\$1 for all

Thursday, Brain Bucket, acoustic rock, Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *the Bartones*, rcok. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open acoustic night. Wednesday, Mississippi Mudd, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Monday, Electric Waste Band, rock. Tuesday, Signal Path, rock.

SAN DIEGO

Bali Hai, 2230 Sheraton Island Drive, San Diego. 619-222-1181. **NightSpotting**

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domestic bottles)

FOOD ➤ none: a few restaurants nearby **ACCESS** ➤ parking in front on La

Mesa Boulevard and a large parking lot in back **DRESS** \succ casual: everyone was wearing jeans and T-shirts (I felt foolish in my tie, having come straight from the opera); T-shirts

included "The Clash," "Quiksilver," "Bugle Boy," and "I Don't Give a Fuck"

DANCE FLOOR ➤ none FIRE EXITS ➤ two - one that opens onto La Mesa Boulevard (the band is set up in front of this exit) and at the back (which is actually the main entrance)

BATHROOMS ➤ men's door wouldn't shut completely; one stall and one urinal; women's had two

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, Joe Byrnes, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, Jenn Grinels, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Larger Than Leon*, alternative.

The Blvd., 6949 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-464-9945. Friday, call club for information.

stalls; both had one sink, liquid soap, and mirrors and were clean and graffiti free; there was a line of four or five people waiting to use both rest rooms **CAPACITY** > 50

SPECIAL AREAS > smoking area in back is uncovered and has one recliner and one small table

FURNISHINGS ➤ there were two small tables with a few chairs and that was it; the bar seats ten; two TVs, five gumball machines (some with candy), video golf game, dartboard, two neon beer signs, an American flag

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 109 during a song by the Corrupters; 101 last week at Club Kicks

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN

LAST MONTH ➤ Little Big Porn **OUOTABLE** ➤ "Do you think we'll make it out of here alive?"

As I parked in front of Joe 'N Andy's, I heard a guitarist shredding. I could only see the drummer through the window as I

Borders Books and Music. 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., J. Turtle, acoustic.

Brazil by the Bay, 3770 Hancock Street, Suite G, San Diego. 619-692-1410. Sunday, 4 p.m., Sergio Pessoa, Brazilian music.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Horror Pops and Knock 'em Stiff. Friday, Pigmy Love Circus. Saturday,

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walked to the door. I peeked in and saw that the singer was standing on the bar to sing. It looked like Jim Morrison at the Whiskey in LA. There was no stage for the band. The Corrupters, the band that night, were in a corner. The top of the bar was the only place for the singer to stand. Actually, there was no place for us to stand either. It was packed. And it was a great show.

This has to be the tiniest bar I've ever seen a band play in. The place smelled like smoke from the back door (near the smoking area) remaining open all the time.

They had some nice murals, one a re-creation of the Sistine Chapel, only God is handing Adam a mug of beer.

My girlfriend got us \$100 tickets to the opening night of the opera earlier in the evening. I was ashamed to tell her I had more fun here.

– Josh Board

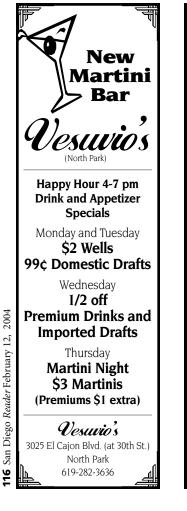
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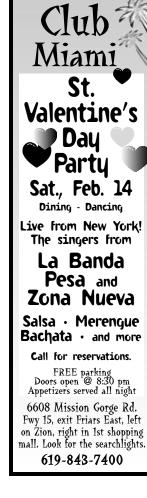
Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sue Palmer, jazz.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Friday and Saturday, live alternative/rock.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. Thursday, Starsailor and Matthew Ryan. Friday, Lower Definition,









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The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Todd Stedman* & the Fat Tones, blues

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue downtown, 619-238-2389. Thursday *a Flock of '80s*, pop rock. Tuesday, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Saturday, *Aliah Selah*, folk.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8:30 p.m., 34 Below, alternative. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Theresa Thompson*, jazz. 9:30 p.m., Makai, disco/pop. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Calvin Romance, Trina Steward, Patrick Yandall, Jose Serrano, Barbara Jamerson, Hollis Gentry, and Reggie Smith, jazz festival. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., Savoy Brown. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Island Breeze, pop. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Dr. Strut*, funk/dance. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Eve Selis, roadhouse rock.

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* and *Gregory* Page, alternative. Friday, the Hatchet Brothers, acoustic. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, Miff's jam night. Tuesday, open mike. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Saturday, *the Millionaires* and Campaign for Quiet, alternative.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, *the Biddy Bums*, alternative/folk. Friday, *Robin* Henkel, acoustic/blues. Saturday, the Enchanted, alternative. Sunday, Angela Correa, folk. Monday, open mike.

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*.

O'Connell's Pub and **Nightclub,** 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the* Blues Connection, blues. Saturday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gregory Page*, alternative. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, *Blind Luck*, classic rock. Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El

Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463 2263. Saturday, live alternative/rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/heavy rock. Friday, 7:30 p.m., ChChChHaHaHa, Kill Radio, Lodus, A Vital Few, and Legends Die. Sunday, 7 p.m., Bouncing Souls, Hot Water Music, Let It Burn, Randy, and The Strangers Six.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *3 Bad* Jacks and Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, Billy Watson, blues. Saturday,





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Band Members: Jason Baltzley (lead vocals, acoustic guitar), Donovan (lead guitar). Bobby (bass guitar). Kurt (percussion) Extra Info: The Lost Disciples play the High Sierra Rockin' Grill (2020 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort) May 31-June 2 at 9 p.m.

Website: www.lostdisciples.com

The band's tag line, "music for men, not boys," says it all. The guitar-shredding foursome Lost Disciples are a regular act at Blind Melons and have been part of the local independent music

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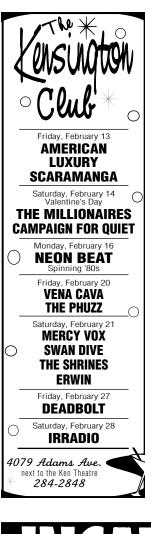
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Pampered Kobe-style Wagyu beef has just trotted into the formerly funky Gaslamp Quarter. Three years ago, the neighborhood was Mardi Gras West — a rowdy full-time festival fueled by lotsa pasta. But with the convention center fully operational and Petco Park set to open in a couple of months, it's bye-bye Bayou, farewell Fio's, adios Cal cuisine by any name — and hello sports bars and brew pubs.

Above all, it's so long, spaghetti, and howdy, steak — the conventioneers are here, and they've got a beef with the Gaslamp. Americans may love Italian food to distraction — but apparently not when they're on expense accounts. Visiting San Diego with company credit cards to burn, they want slabs of aged USDA Prime, the beef you can't buy for any price at hometown supermarkets because nearly all of it is sold to restaurants.

Max New York is a prime example of the trend. It opened a couple of years ago offering California cuisine from a chef who'd worked in some of the best Cal-kitchens in town. Last spring, Max added "Steak House and Seafood" to its name, and about four months ago, the opening chef departed. Unbeknownst to us, our dinner there occurred during Chicago-born Chef Rick Jones's first week on the job, replacing whoever had run the kitchen in the interim. Jones is already planning some menu changes to emphasize the steak house aspect of Max. "I think the direction will be really clear," he told me later. "Steak houses are very functional. They work well with convention business as well as neighborhood patrons. It's simple. You don't have to feel like an idiot at the table. You don't need to buy a book to understand what kind of food it is, what language it is, what kind of fusion it is this week. The basis is, you buy a good product, you take care of the product, and you come up with some pretty good natural flavors."

Passing through the neighborhood one warm winter night, I happened to glance at Max's menu board and saw a listing for Kobe beef from Japan's Wagyu breed of cattle. By legend, those steers drink beer, get regular massages with sake, and have Wyndham Hill's *Koto Solos for Contented Cattle* playing on a sound system in their stalls. I don't know whether the massages are Swedish or shiatsu, or which brand of suds the steers prefer, but I can imagine the Super Bowl commercial.



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The chance to partake of this fabled foodstuff for \$28 was irresistible. So, the next night I returned to Max with reinforcements — Marty and Dave, regulars at our roving trough. We bypassed the heated patio to sit inside, where we found soaring ceilings painted

black (to conceal the ducts and sprinklers), punctuated by five chunky, wooden mismatched chandeliers, as colorful as Nikki de

Phalle sculptures. Most inside tables are six-tops, so foursomes have plenty of room for the giant plates. That night, smaller parties were seated near the front, while a group of about 18 occupied a long table in the deeper interior. We couldn't hear their chatter, glory be. Instead, a tuneful but rather short vocal jazz loop played repeatedly.

The house breads (from a nearby restaurant-supply bakery) included hearty, dark-crusted *pain levain*, baguettes, and seedless brown whole wheat and rye with a deep wheaty flavor, served with foil-wrapped packs of Challenge salted butter. These breads were to reappear as recipe elements in the appetizers, where their roles proved more controversial.

The starter list reads "steak house normal," but the selections we tried were anything but normal — quirky but mainly *good* quirky. A lobster bisque was ultra-

rich, with lots of lobster chunks and a buttery flavor from deeply reduced cream. Fried calamari were ghostly pale, but their dead-white batter was crisp, and the meats were tender and succulent. Served with "our spicy tomato sauce," the dip wasn't the heavy marinara that I feared (or the bottled cocktail sauce I dreaded even more), but a light, bright sauce of chiles with a little kick, no sweetness, and a subdued tomato presence.

Lobster and Blue Crab Cakes featured a high ratio of shellfish meat. One cake was made with

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lobster chunks (plus a few unfortunate shell shards), the other crab shreds, both bound in béchamel with traces of red bell pepper and carrot. The binding and coating were well-proportioned to the seafood. But in the crab-stuffed grilled portobello mushroom, the flavors suffered from a hearty topping of crumbs from the house breads. "This tastes a little odd," said Dave. "Do you think the bread crumbs are stale?" Marty speculated. I tasted carefully and an old song sprang to mind. "It's the wrong bread for the crab base though the bread is lovely, it's the wrong taste," I answered. The combination of *pain levain* and



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wheat-rve crumbs overwhelmed the seafood, which wasn't all right with us. Even drizzled with balsamic syrup and mustard aioli, the crumby combo wrestled every other taste to the mat.

You have to be a little crazy to order heirloom tomato salad in January, loonier vet to offer it on the menu, but our curiosity preempted our common sense. The little green zebras were indeed hard and acidic, while the big sliced beefsteaks were just passable, a little cottony. I'd happily dump the garnish of canned hearts of palm to substitute in-season local Hass avocados. Still, the raspberry vinaigrette was lively, and as I dug into the beefsteaks, my body said, "Thanks, I needed that." The chef later told me that the tomatoes are greenhouse-grown at a nearby farm but wouldn't give up its name. "That's my secret," he said.

The Kobe-style beef proved extremely tender, but despite its "full-flavored" reputation, not especially exciting. The 28-day, wet-aged tendermedallions from loin Ferdinandu the Gentle Bullu had the flavor and texture of filet mignon, buttery but bland. The flesh was less visibly marbled than I'd imagined, but the cut of beef is probably responsible for that — how I'd love to try a Wagyu rib eye! The chef countered the mild

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meat with a crust of crushed black peppercorns and a lashing of slightly gluey Port demiglaze. Filling out the plate were horseradish mash and panzanella, an Italian breadand-tomato salad that's a treat with September tomatoes but no fun in January. We were pleased, though, that Max sends its steaks out with garnishes, unlike upscale chain steak houses such as Morton's and Ruth's Chris. You can order extra side dishes (and we did), but it's not a necessity.

Thankfully, there are plenty more choices than Kobe. Our waiter recommended the Porterhouse as "the best house steak." It was a huge 18-ounce boneless hunk of crimson velvet, about one-and-a-quarter inches thick. "Now, this is really beefy beef," said Dave. It's Meyer Natural Angus, cornfed in Nebraska with no hormones, animal products, or preventive antibiotics. My boyfriend the steak hater actually groaned with pleasure at a bite. The peppercorn-rosemary sauce, served in a gravy boat on the side, was light and pleasant, resembling the au jus of suburban French dip. The meat came with skin-on red potato-garlic mash mingled with a generous jolt of black pepper.

A gorgeous roast rack of very young lamb was a winner, too, featuring the whole eight chops (most restaurants just serve a rack of three), rigorously trimmed and cooked rare to our order. (At \$30, it's barely higher than the retail cost of the rack, and the takehome easily makes a second

meal.) The meat was almost sweet, without even a hint of muttonish gaminess. Here the accompaniment included young asparagus, good roasted new potatoes, and balsamicmarinated grilled radicchio with its edges and outer leaves burnt to charcoal. (In fairness, the kitchen must have been slamming, with that huge party to feed along with the gathering weekend hordes.) The sauce was another disappointment, a glutinous porcini mushroom demiglace. Given the fine meats versus their pedestrian sauces, I later asked the chef whether he was planning to add any of the classic steak house sauces (specifically, béarnaise and bordelaise) to the menu's choice of side dishes. "We already serve béarnaise," he said. If so, it's not on the menu that I spirited away home, but perhaps you can get it on request.

The evening's seafood special, however, was actually on the regular menu, a combination of scallops and prawns with beurre blanc and vegetable risotto. Not mentioned on the menu, these were actually precious diver scallops, which is like having Kevin Bacon show up as your blind date. The scallops were emphatically the sweetest and richest I've encountered in months. (Whether you'll get the equivalent is a matter of luck — the scallop supply at local seafood purveyors changes constantly.) The shrimp, fresh Mexican whites, could in fact have been fresher. The good food/bad food story continued in the accompaniments: dreamy butter sauce, gummy-textured

to complete our steak house excursion was sautéed spinach, and it was stellar, quickly done in olive oil with garlic.

As steak houses go, Max is a good value: You get huge portions of fine, gently raised, near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. On our way there, we first ate at another nearby steak house where the prices were ridiculous, the beef quality was a sham, and the kitchen was "all out" of the two most popular steak cuts at the start of a weekend. I'd have written about it first, but hev, this week is Valentine's Day; gotta be nice. Nasty comes next week.

KOBE BEEF: TRUTH & LEGEND Chef Iones claimed that the "Kobe beef" served at Max is from Japan, but knowing that Japan's beef exports are highly restricted and (when available) go for about \$100 per pound, I decided to verify that. I phoned Max's supplier, the redoubtable Newport Meat in Irvine, butcher to many of the best restaurants in California. Newport's president, Tim Hussman, told me that his company's Kobe-style beef isn't imported from Japan but is the same breed raised in the U.S. Do they feed the cattle on beer and massage them with sake? "I'd love to say yes, but it's all a myth," he answered.

'Just a couple of weeks ago, I listened to a National Public Radio show about Kobe beef. The Japanese farmers were saying, 'Hey, we drink the beer, we drink the sake, and when we're tired, we get a massage. The cows eat hay.' When they do rub the cattle with sake, it's just

before they take them to market, to make their coats look soft and sleek." (In short, the sake is used as a hair conditioner.)

He referred me to Jay Tyler, the family farmer at Snake River Farms in Idaho, who raises the Kobe-style cattle for Newport Meats. "So-called Kobe beef is actually the Wagyu breed of beef, which comes predominantly from the Kobe area in Japan," Tyler said. "We brought them over from there about ten years ago and started raising them in the States. We sold all our production back to Japan because we had a lower production cost here. We have more land, and the feed in Japan is mostly imported from the United States as well, so we're able to produce high-quality cattle here and sell it to Japan. But about three years ago, mad cow disease was found in Japan, and consumption of beef dropped off there — even though, with a purely vegetable diet, there's no possibility beyond natural mutation that our cattle would develop the disease. Meanwhile, we'd expanded our herd enough to start selling in the U.S. Newport Meat in California was our very first customer here.

" 'Kobe' is actually a Western term; in Japan it's called Wagyu, the name of the breed. It was originally bred to pull plows in the area near the port of Kobe in Japan. Japan doesn't have much rangeland, so each breed of cattle exists only in a small area. The cattle don't interbreed in large ranges or mass feedlots, so they're genetically isolated. Around the 1700s, some Dutch traders bought one of those Wagyu farm animals,

took it back to the ship, and butchered it. It tasted pretty good, and that's how the legend of Kobe beef started. It got introduced into the Japanese diet then as well. Some other breeds from Kobe have much higher marbling than Wagyu ---there's one that has 70 percent fat to lean. You would not want to know about the production method for it!

"Our herd eats all-natural feed. We feed them nearly a year longer than commodity cattle. We get very good marbling in our products because of the genetics and this long feeding program. We have them in feedlots. They walk around, and they're here long enough that they get to be part of the family. We feed them hay, alfalfa, barley, some potatoes, corn. We just don't push the animals like they do in regular production systems; we don't burn 'em out, and that's what allows the marbling to develop internally. The animals get huge; they run two, three hundred pounds heavier than commercial cattle. You ought to see the rib eye; it's really large. And one great thing, the fat content in these animals is higher in good cholesterol than bad cholesterol.

"But no, we don't feed them beer or rub them with sake. It's not necessary to get the marbling. I love the legend, but we've worked with a lot of people in Japan, and they just don't do that. What they probably feed them sometimes is the by-products of the beer-making process, the spent mash. Cattle ruminants can't digest alcohol, so there's no way the cows are really drinking beer."

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"Dude," says Hank, "we've gotta try his chicken taco. These guys are the masters of chutney."

h-oh," says Hank. "There he goes." The man's right. Ol' Mr. Sun is wedging his way down between the Southern Baptist church, a bunch of slightly drunk palm trees, and the tents of the Center Street farmer's market in deep-

est Chula Vista. From Del Mar Avenue the market looks like a crusaders' encampment, a bunch of square white tents with travelers hawking their wares and the townsfolk coming out to haggle. On our right there's a ka-ching! And a cheer. Bunch of people playing horseshoes.

Someone got a ringer. "Where's King Arthur?" Hank murmurs. "Where's Robin Hood?"

"Don't think they knew each other, dude. Uh, flowers." Fact is, I wanted to come here to get some flowers for Carla. I heard they were pretty good and cheaper than in shops. But right now what we're getting is food smells. Beef? Carne asada? Garlic? Oh, man.

We weave up Center Street between the couple dozen white tents, mingling with families, mothers with strollers, sauntering couples, all buying everything from vegetables to lucky bamboo to bottles of olive oil. We pass tamale stalls, nut stalls, bread stalls, fruit stalls. And still that delicious cooked-meat smell.

"Empanadas," says this guy. "Argentinean sausage.

His name's Guillermo. From Buenos Aires.



The sausage looks big. But the empanadas - halfcircle pastry fold-overs - seem like pretty good appetizers too. Guillermo says they're Argentina's national snack. And they're only \$2.00. Oh, what the heck. The choice is beef, chicken, spinach, or corn.

Hank has beef. I choose spinach. "This will take a couple of

minutes to cook," says Guillermo. He tells me that the basic empanada in Argentina is filled with beef. "Our beef is cheaper than chicken down there," he says. Great, except I'm eating

spinach. Oh, well. They're very hot when they come, and the spinach is tasty, but the pastry is great. Before I leave I nibble a sample of *dulce* de leche, Sugar, milk, and vanilla, basically. Brown, caramely, addictive. "It is the peanut butter of Ar-gentina," says Guillermo's helper, Jose. And for \$1.50 they have *alfajores*, chocolate shells filled with *dulce* de leche. I tell them I'll be back if I have pesos to spare.

So, looking for flowers, looking for — I stop in front of a familiar name. Zia's Chicken Kabob. Zia's has been a favorite Afghan place in town for years. But at a farmer's market?

'Don't like? Don't pay! Don't try? Don't know." This guy with a Jamaican accent keeps saying it. His name is Michael. He is Zia's sonin-law. "Dude," says Hank, "we've gotta try his chicken taco. These guys are the masters of chutney." I see the menu starts at \$5.00 (for pita kabob) and heads down from that: chicken salad,

\$4.00; chicken pieces, \$2.00; chicken taco, \$1.50. So, sigh, we order a \$1.50 taco each. Michael chops up chicken breast, drops it onto two corn tortillas, adds what looks like salsa, and hands them to us. Oh, Lord. That is good, whatever he's got in it. "It's the green chutney," he says. "Cilantro, walnut, garlic, vinegar, and a little cayenne pepper.

'And try this herbal lemonade," he says. "It has rose water and basil seeds in it. Very good for digestion."

I hand over the three bucks and another \$2.00 for the drinks. It's lemonade, with an herbal aftertaste. You can see the little black basil seeds in the drink.

But it's the next tent that just about wrecks the mission. Its sign says "La Creperie. Delicious French Crepes." The guys running it turn out to be from Tunisia. Momo, the cook, swears these are as good as you'd get in Paris or Tunis. The secret's in the batter.

And, hey, they have "entrée" crepes, like the California Super, which has bacon, avocado, and cheese inside (\$7.00), or Porky's Favorite, with ham, mushrooms, and cheese (\$6.00). And today's special deal is numbers four and seven combined. Four's the Vegetarian Knockout, with mushrooms, tomatoes, spinach, and cheese (\$7.00), while seven is Green Hen, breast of chicken, avocado, tomato, and cheese (also \$7.00).

"Okay," I say. "We'll split it." I hand over seven bucks

Momo creams batter onto the griddle, sweeps it level, then cuts, chops, mixes veggies and chicken, and finally shakes a sauce over it all. "In Tunisia this sauce is called 'harissa,' " he says. "Mainly olive oil, garlic, and crushed chile peppers." He folds the whole mess into the now foot-wide crepe shell, cuts it down the middle, and hands it steaming to Hank and me. Must say, it's good - no, great. My first savory crepe. 'Shrooms and avo struggle to get out. Hank closes his eyes to concentrate on the flavors.

"Need something sweet, dude," he says finally. Well, heck. La Creperie's menu has things like sugar crepes (\$3.00) and Summer Blush, strawberry, Grand Marnier, and cream (\$6.00)...

What the heck, let's go for that," I say.

But Hank shakes his head. "Too much. Flowers. Carla, remember?"

So we order a chocolate crepe (\$3.00) and watch while Momo pours out more batter, sprinkles sugar, and squirts wrist-throw rows of chocolate sauce onto it.

"Know what?" says Hank, after we have chomped through all that. "I'm full, and we've still only covered half the territory."

He's right. Must be half a dozen food tents we haven't touched. We count shekels. Just have enough for the flowers.

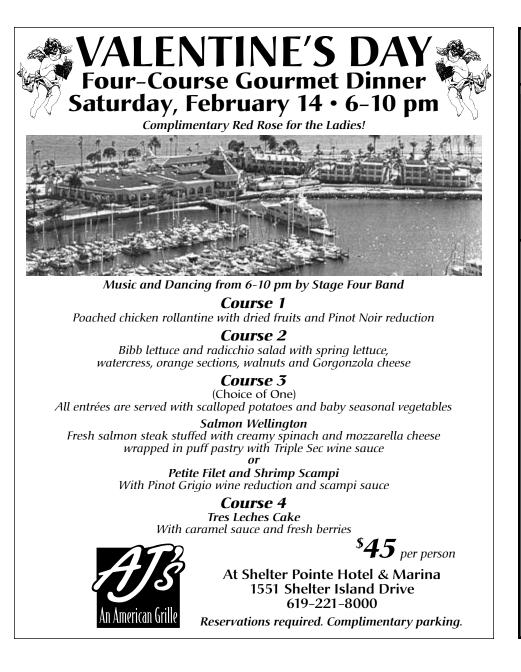
"Did I mention, dude?" I say. "She's expecting you for dinner."

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"I helped manage the Maryknoll Fathers and, of course, all the Jesuits. They drank their share of beer — and wine, too."

Bill Cheeseman, the man who brought the first collegiate wine course to Southern California — specifically, to Grossmont College's food service management program got an early start in the business. By the age of

got an early start in the business. By the age of eight, he was hauling out the garbage for a restaurant in Rockford, Illinois. "Then I broke into making hamburgers." In high school, he took a meat-cutting apprenticeship at the A&P grocery chain. When the Korean War broke out, he joined the Navy as a cook. He schooled in Japan, and eventually ended up running clubs for both of-

ficers and enlisted men.

After six years in the military, he attended the University of Illinois and emerged with a degree in restaurant and hotel management and a minor in physical chemistry. From there, he became the food service director at Loyola University. "It was a large school, maybe 18,000 students. In the summers, I helped manage the Maryknoll Fathers — and, of course, all the Jesuits. They drank their share of beer — and wine, too."

In the mid-'60s, just before taking a job as food service director for Chicago's O'Hare Airport, he paid a visit to his cousin in Lakeside, Mary Denure. Denure chaired the department of home economics at the new Grossmont Col-



lege campus. "The administration was just moving in from the Spring Valley campus. They had just constructed the student center, and the food service facility was there, but there was no equipment." Cheeseman happened to be a specialist

in food service equipment, and had managerial experience to boot. "She said, 'Bill, we're looking for a person with your background.'" He interviewed with Dean C. Allen Paul and never did go back to Chicago.

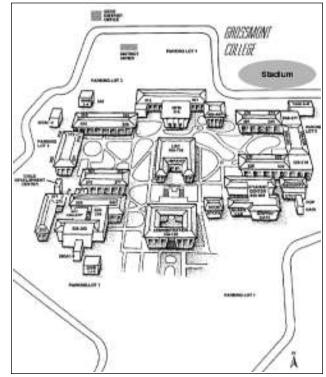
ICKONA Cheeseman, who now lives and works in Austin, loved San Diego, loved East County, loved Grossmont College. He began working with local high schools,

recruiting students into his two-year program, then dosing them up with liberal arts courses to go along with their vocational training "so they would be articulate in their reports — especially if they were going on to a four-year program." (Dell Hood, then editor of the *East County Californian*, became a close friend and helped publicize his efforts.) But the primary focus was always food service, and as a kind of final exam, the students held project dinners. The dinners had themes: International Foods, Southern Cooking, Chicago, etc. "Sometimes they'd pick out a restaurant, and we'd promote it from that standpoint. At these project dinners, we'd have beverages, but we weren't allowed to have any wine. I thought, 'Gee whiz, what a complement that would be!' " But, he says, "Wine wasn't too popular back then. Wine wasn't offered at community colleges because people were a little apprehensive. They were afraid there would be cheap wines like Annie Greensprings, and that everybody was going to get inebriated."

The turning point came when Larry Wong came down from San Francisco City College to do a program evaluation. "They really had the premiere program as far as community colleges were concerned. Larry Wong's report basically said that we should get as many universal offerings as we possibly could into our program" — every aspect of the business should be covered. "He said he offered a program in wine, spirits, and beer at San Francisco City College. I was really surprised. I said, 'How do you do that?' He said, 'We found a law for the state of California in the busi-

ness education area.' It was based out of wine country, and it permitted programs to instruct students" in the various aspects of wine production — including tasting. The law may have been aimed at students aspiring to be winemakers, but it applied equally well to those heading into the restaurant world.

Wine was already being served at the potluck gatherings Cheeseman attended with around 20 of his fellow academics — together with aperitifs



Grossmont College campus map

and after-dinner drinks such as Port. Toward the end of one such gathering, Cheeseman ran the idea past a colleague, and the two decided to approach Dean Paul. Partly because of the legal backing Wong had dug up, the pitch worked. "Al could see the offering as not just attracting students, but enhancing the food service program." Graduates would be working in restaurants, restaurants would derive significant profits from wine sales *voila*. (Though the connection between wine and

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profit may not have been quite so manifest in 1973.)

Paul then took his case before the Board of Trustees. Recalls Cheeseman, "The wine classes never did succeed at Mesa College, simply because of the fact that their Board of Trustees would not buy it. They had a lot of ministers on their board. I didn't really attempt too much there." But East County was another story. "We had some sophisticated people — doctors, lawyers, politicians - who were all aficionados of wine. Grossmont had a very advanced, aggressive board." They elected one of their own to take the first class and gave Cheeseman the green light.

When people ask me how I got into wine, I don't tell them about the brim-full glass of White Zinfandel my host offered me during a Halloween showing of Silence of the Lambs when I was a freshman in college. I don't tell them about my teenaged visit to Yugoslavia, where tart, yellow wine was served at dinner to all and sundry as a matter of course. I tell them about how the tutors at my tiny college would regularly invite groups of students into their homes for wine tastings. In true in loco parentis fashion, they gave us an introduction not only to discerning the various pleasures offered by Vendange Merlot and Cabernet, but also to the civilized consumption of alcohol. There, the groups were small enough for the introduction to be highly personal. Cheeseman had to make that sort of experience institutional, and he had to make it stick. "I was always cognizant of the personal safety of my staff and students. I was a disciplinarian. The key thing was to do controlled pours. Tasting is one thing, guzzling is another." Apparently, his plan worked — Cheeseman cannot recall a single alcohol-related incident stemming from his class.

For a teacher, he turned to Dick Colangelo. Cheeseman remembers Colangelo as being "a salesperson for Almaden wines in Northern California. He was visiting members of the community and giving lectures in their homes." After hearing him speak at one such gathering, "I said, 'I've got to get ahold of this gentleman. He's a selfmade, motivated individual.'" And while the food service management program is no more, Colangelo and his wine class soldier on. Last November, Cheeseman, Colangelo and a host of alumni gathered in El Caion to celebrate 30 years of thoughtful drinking in East County.

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NORTH COASTAL

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most success-ful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolu-tionary coming from this kitchen, the

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cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. -N.W. (9/01)

Del Mar Pizza 211 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar, complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available, as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat am-bitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials. which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy,

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cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Re serve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. -N.W. (11/01)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," savs owner James, the ex-boxer, an old spar ring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest, "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni,

meatball, garlic, and "whitestone' (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pep-peroni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the



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spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-Ameri-can three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open even days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01) St. Tropez 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating of-fers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace croque monsieur and croque madame (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup grat-inée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent

puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather

weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a pan bagnat (salade niçoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner N.W. (10/01) dinner. Inexpensive.

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and be-low the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are espe cially succulent; you can also opt for ork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (10/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. -E.B.(11/00)

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually ac-curate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning - that's Italian. The pastas

are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse N.W. (10/01) in Carlsbad.

The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who or ders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho* Bolsa on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with nuoc mam, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Delicias 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excel-lent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

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Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irre-sistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour aa*pams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy poori bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"- style service - it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommo-date kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. -N.W. (1/03)

Miiki Japanese Restaurant And Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shop-



ping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Faire, Escondido, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spitroasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Hide Away Cafe 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach café. You have to look carefully down the tiny tree-shaded street to spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It's a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. The sidewalk is under reconstruction right now, so it's doubly hidden away—you'll have to reach it through the back side. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and Jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleido-scope": scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin-nut bread. Breakfast and lunch only, open daily to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

LA JOLLA

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The

cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spitroasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned



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by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W.

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a sim-ple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first din-ing patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuff-ings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées ocus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — N.W. (5/02)

George's At The Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high-quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W.* (9/99) Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spot-ted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish wait-resses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between beenhere-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long lines on weekends. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

India Palace 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. Also, 694 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 691-294-8886. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a

domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your pre-ferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly navrattan korma, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is over-cooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. -N.W. (6/01)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green ta-bles of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad stu-dents, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think seri-ous thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling break-fast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken

such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Sushi On The Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, sa-loon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-some-thing crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin - the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention. fresh and crunchy with veggies and tobiko wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, how-ever, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hou cials. Moderate. -N.W. (6/01) Hour spe-

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mis

619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat al-most as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, businessconvention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Cen-ter, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, shawerma, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads There are ample choices for vegetari-ans. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W. (11/00)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts.

The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd coni-cal straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, por-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jel-lyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Lee's Catering Truck In parking lot by Airgas industrial gas depot, 910 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Com-plex), Clairemont, 858-922-6444 or 619-889-0759. People stop here for an early stand-up breakfast on their way to the Superior Court next door. The truck only stops here for half an hour. But the aunt and nephew who run it, originally from Vietnam, are super friendly, and their coffees and breakfast treats are the cheapest anywhere. Like the bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich, or two sausages, three eggs and Tater Tots, or the interesting chicken curry burri-tos. Even Chinese dishes: BBQ-duck rice bowl or stir-fried beef rice. But the joy is eating alongside clerks, judges, and the guys they'll be judging. 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. -E.B.(1/04)

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their

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Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports barpatio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a Cheers feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

THE BEACHES

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Ouarter - at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crabcakes, fried catfish - seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Sat-urday. High moderate. — N.W. (2/02) China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pa-cific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enor-mous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including espe-cially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E, W

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this familyowned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet avail-able at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. - E.W.

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian **Cuisine** 825 Garnet Avenue (Sea-Coast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie Beach, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai.* But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mus-sels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in The Beach. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B. (2/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Ave-nue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Ave-

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Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? Açaí (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surpris-ingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açat* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open 9 a.m. to seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's latelamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-andchips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their at-tached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the av-ocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veg-gie option": sautéed spinach, mush-rooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice tofu, and troasted garlic. Her cooks tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpen-sive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne* adobada (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of nuez (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is de-licious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "In-finite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Mama's Bakery And Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality

<u>What the Chef Eats</u>

CABBAGE ROLLS

BY YURI GORELIK Owner/Chef, Cottage Café and Garden Grill, Banker's Hill

These are delicious. I came from the Ukraine, actually it was the Soviet Union at that time, and this was the common food. This is my grandmother's recipe, and it is one of my favorites. I got it from my mother, and my mother got it from my grandmother. I grew up with it. We serve it here and it's very popular. It's our most popular dish.

When people take their first bite, they say, "Mmmm!"

It's very simple. It's a peasant kind of recipe. Very user-friendly; very easy to make. It's nice this time of year because it's hearty.

You can substitute any kind of meat you want if you are on a low-fat diet. If you don't want beef or pork, you can go with chicken or turkey. Or you can combine any kind of

than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommenda tions include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made saji, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of fool mudamas, or slowcooked beans (tasty fava and garban-zos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and baba ghanoush (smoky pureed eggplant

meats together to get whatever effect you want. You can also replace meat completely with tofu and vegetables and make it vegetarian.

I would serve a good Polish beer with this. The only place I know of to get Polish beer is here in the restaurant. Zywiec and Okocim are two beers, but they are not easy to find.

HOW TO DO IT

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Heat water to boiling in a pot large enough for the water to cover the top of the head of cabbage. As the leaves begin to separate (5 to 10 minutes), remove cabbage head from the pot and pull leaves off with tongs and set aside to cool. Return cabbage to the pot and repeat until you have at least 12 leaves.

Bring 2 cups of lightly

and hummus). Inexpensive. – *M.N. (1/99)*

Vesuvio Gourmet 3025 El Caion Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. -E.W.

salted water to a boil. Stir in rice, lower heat to a simmer, cover and cook about 15 minutes until almost done. Set aside to cool.

Fry chopped onion until translucent. Set aside to cool.

In a bowl mix the rice, ground meat, and onions. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Cut out the thickened core-end of each cabbage leaf. Divide meat mixture into 12 portions and place 1 portion on one end of a leaf. Roll cabbage leaf over, folding in sides like a burrito. Place in a shallow baking dish, seam side down. Add a half cup of water and bake tightly covered at 350 degrees for about 11/2 hours or until fork tender.

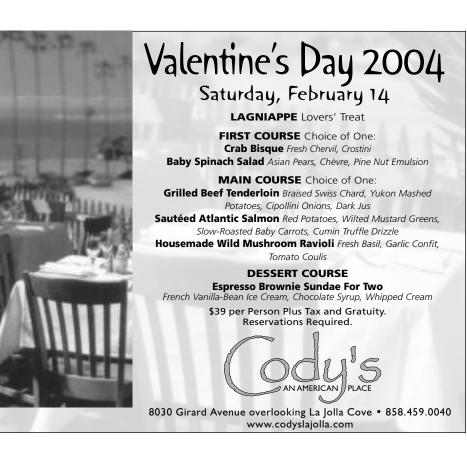
Blend tomato paste with 2 cups of boiling

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water and add garlic powder, sugar, salt, and pepper to taste. Include sour cream, if you like a creamier sauce. Pour over the cabbage rolls and enjoy.

This recipe serves four to six.

INGREDIENTS

1 large head of cabbage 1 cup rice 1 medium onion, chopped 1 tablespoon (or a little more) cooking oil 12 ounces ground meat (beef, turkey, chicken, or pork, or a combination) 1 six-ounce can of tomato paste Garlic powder, sugar, and salt and pepper to taste 1 teaspoon (or more) sour cream, optional



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Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Sur-prise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03) Tyler's Taste Of Texas 576 North

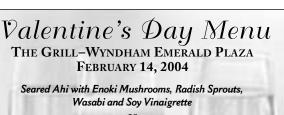
cond Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texasstyle barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpen sive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

FAR EAST

Badlands Market/Cafe The Mall, 561 Palm Canyon Drive (south side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-4058. This is an epicure's oasis in the desert, a combination of gourmet deli and serious café where you can find a lively breakfast, scrumptious picnic lunch, or (on weekends) a light, savory dinner from an imaginative, daily changing menu. Great cheeses, pâtés, extra-virgin oils, artisan breads, delicate pastries and full-bodied French Roast coffee are among the delights that make this the Garden of Eatin' in a town where both grocery stores are pretty dire. Open Sunday to Thursday for breakfast to late lunch; Friday and Saturday until 7 p.m. Inex-pensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Old Oak Inn 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of the wayout-there downtown Cameron Cor-ners, near the Campo steam train depot. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. The food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open daily, lunch and dinner; kitchen closed from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. – *E.B.* (9/01)

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California Cuisine 1027 University Avenue (between 10th and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This 20-yearold neighborhood favorite underwent an exciting total remake in February, 2003. The hard-edged, mirrored decor's the same, but a new chef, Justin Hoehn (coming from Laurel), has replaced the lengthy grazing menu with fewer but better-honed choices that the small kitchen can execute without a hitch. And the guy has a flawless palate. Most appetizers are simple but devilishly clever, literally living up to their name, while entrées exhibit fresh, sophisticated combinations of exquisitely balanced, global flavors, with garnishes smartly chosen to complement the primary ingredient. But save room for a sweet: Dessert Chef Laurel Huffnagle produces the bold, thrilling endings that these meals deserve. The restaurant is very noisy when busy. Private garden-patio dining available in good veather. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tues day through Sunday. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

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City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-andsour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the See-burg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner spe

cials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Cottage Cafe & Garden Grill 2321 Fifth Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071. The Pol-ish feel of this midtown café is palpable. The owners vacation in Poland yearly to update the family recipes. But you can eat American if you want, with smidgeons of Russian, Italian, and Greek, too. The "Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sand-wich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. A full range of Polish specialties shows up on the weekend all-you-can-eat buffet, with stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful - it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. - E.B. (9/01)

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Ca-jon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if vou like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the

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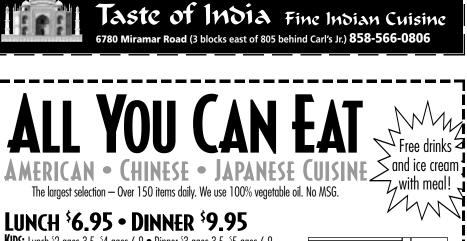
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Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with week-day specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. This longrunning, old-fashioned Italian favorite (formerly Giulio's in Pacific Beach) is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh. casual fare. The best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their fa-mous scampi. Outdoor patio is a plus. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service on weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Debo-rah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetiz-ers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chilpotle cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a picante marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle - sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. – N.W. (11/00)

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Wash-ington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the chile verde and the quesadilla with carne asada. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink horchata, a rice drink, or jamaica, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. -E.B.(1/04)

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegetarian-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad) featuring a tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish accompanied by a garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and too many dishes are oddly bland (even when they're spicy). The flesh compo-nents (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. N.W. (4/01)

Mission Hills Cafe 808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Belgian waffles are your natural intro here. Why? Because François, the owner, is Belgian. The man knows waffles. But the thing is how cheap this is for a sophisticated eatery, with its linen tablecloths, wait-

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Trattoria Mamma Anna and **Ristorante** 228 Washington Street (at Albatross Street), Mission Hills, 619-220-7070 The food is Sicilian and 619-220-7070. The food is Sicilian and the ambience is "neighborhood." "Mamma Anna" herself appears on and off at the eponymic restaurant, a popular Gaslamp spot before she re-

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tired and then, months later, revived the restaurant two miles north. The cooking, too, is somewhat on-and-off, but the best dishes can be marvelous Look for dishes with the fresh, clean marinara sauce and the homemade sausages, and save room for cheesecake. Dinner nightly. Moderate. N.W. (10/02)

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DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll en-

iov exceptional service - attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderatepriced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01) Downtown Fish Joint 407 C Street

(at Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's leastappreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Open weekdays, lunch Monday through Thursday, plus early dinner Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

Gargoyle Gallery & Cafe 1845 India Street (at Fir Street), Littly Italy, 619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there's nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows, exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit

courtyard all combine to turn a meal here — even though it's mostly modest panini ("small bread") sandwiches — into a really sexy feast. Lots of kalamata olives, feta cheese, mozzarella, ham, and tomatoes. Try "The Moroccan" with grilled eggplant, zucchini, roasted red peppers, raisins, spicy garlic chili oil, and mixed greens. Or "The Spanish" with grilled chicken, manchego cheese, sliced olives, mixed greens, and aïoli. The breakfast menu includes two-egg *panini* with grilled zucchini, marinated peppers, feta cheese, and orange slices. A must-have: French pressed coffee, a two-cup glass pot with a steel plunger. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Belly dancing, first Saturday of the month. — E.B. (5/02) Grand Central Cafe YMCA, 500

West Broadway (at India Street), downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who'd expect the "Y" to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M. (6/03)*

Spice House Cafe 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, toma-toes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Original branch at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Com-plex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028, also serves dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek American cuisine. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

St. Tropez Bakery and Bistro 926 Broadway Circle (at Second and Broadway), downtown, 619-696-8695. (Also in Encinitas; see North Coastal listings.) Bright is the word. Bright yellow-andblue murals of St. Tropez's life and bright sidewalk seating outside. A true sidewalk café. Sitting on the sidewalk here is almost as nice as Nice. Plus, you can eat, drink, or just nurse a coffee for hours. No pressure. But then you'd miss the delish *croque monsieur* (toasted creamy sauce-topped cheese sandwich, French-style) or *croque madame* (same plus fried egg) or salade *miçoise*. It's a bakery too, so the morning croissants are to die for. Must-tries: the "Marseille" (ratatouille on roasted bread) and the salmon salad. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burgery is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it's that they've got the burger basics right. The bun's crisp, the meat's lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie's always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with "sport peppers" is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado. 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gi-gantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzving desserts, and even longstemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot Some Like It Hot, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion - see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m to 2 p.m. Expensive. -E.B. (9/03)

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos, cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty







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(and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This standout in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — M.N. (11/98)

Tomatoes Plus: A California Bistro 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-8494. If you blink between the Baskin-Robbins and the market in the Bonita Center, you could miss this place. A mistake. Tomatoes charms you with an atmosphere somewhere between mumsy and whimsy. And it bulges with dishes that are healthy but not preachy. This is not thinly disguised rabbit food — not with dishes like chicken and eggplant salad, which comes with delicious roast eggplant and chicken strips bathed in tingling chipotle (mesquite-smoked jalepeño) vinaigrette. Or chicken Florentine (breaded chicken breast with tomatoes — of course — plus spinach, cheese, and sautéed mushrooms. To use up more tomatoes, they have lotsa pasta dishes too. And if you're feeling broke, the chili or clam chowder in an

edible bread bowl will definitely fill you. Sunday champagne brunch usually has a surprise or two, and the everyday apple sausage omelet breakfast is a sweetsavory treat. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (4/02)*

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even secondtimers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

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From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Big Boy Restaurant 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Cafe la Especial 718 Avenida Revolución (down the market steps), Ti-juana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American afi-cionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Sum-mer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-togringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real the low ceiling, varnished wood, draw black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/02)

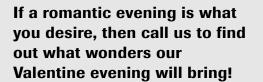
La Baguette Blvd. Lazaro Cardenas 1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — N.W.~(4/03)

La Costa 8131 Galeana (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. An extensive menu, consistently fresh product, and huge portions have made La Costa the reigning seafood house for Americans. Identical lunch and dinner menus offer lobster, shrimp, grilled fish, fish with sauces, squid, abalone, and oysters, all in a variety of preparations. Price of entrées includes soup, salad, rice, dessert, beverage, and after-dinner drink. Almost always crowded. Open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

La Espadana 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée are available in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (brocheta de filete), baby back ribs (costillar de puerco), and leg of lamb (pierna de borrego). The portions are mammoth and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed in Spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Moderate. — E.W.

La Fonda Km. 59, Baja Highway 1 (Alisio exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada),661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda

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("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Bajagrown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Vuelta 8210 Avenida Revolución (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("*la* vuelta") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación* mexicana (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla* de barro, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sound-ing *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/03)

Malecon de Puerto Nuevo Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisher-man, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard

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sides - superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tra-dition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. -N.W. (11/02)

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California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708 Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ

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chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gor-gonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. In-expensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (2/03) Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach,

858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun cor-porate name (Landry's) based in south-ern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street

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party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crabshack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of

steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (5/01)





Ice Rocky

The big game takes up a good half-hour of screen time, or just shy of an eternity.

n the face of it, *Miracle* looks to be just another float in the never-ending parade of Disney sports films, otherwise known as

triumph without sweat: the Inspirational True Story, as so many of them are, of the hockey game that was more than a hockey game, when Team USA

met Team USSR in the medal round at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. The two teams had met already in a warm-up match at Madison Square Garden only three days before the torch-lighting ceremony, and the Soviets had prevailed, 10-3, some months after they had whitewashed a professional squad of NHL all-stars, 6-0. It was by now their habit to win the Olympic gold. The Americans were but an ad hoc band of scrappy amateurs. In short, Rocky on skates. And indeed the best the movie can do to illustrate the superiority of the Soviets on ice is to depict them as huge, glowering, and robotic (see Rocky 4), and forget about their fluidity and finesse.

The historical backdrop is filled in, throughout the opening credits, as far back as the Russian basketball team's spoiling of the American's spotless

Olympic record (foul!) at the Munich games in 1972, the Nixon Administration, the evacuation of Vietnam, Watergate, disco, streaking, and so on. Current events get filled in as we go:

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the Iranian hostage crisis, gas lines, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan (who the hell do they think they are?), and a generous excerpt, over the air-

waves, of a Jimmy Carter speech which, compared to what we've been hearing out of the Oval Office lately, sounds authentically statesmanlike. This is a lot to fill in for anyone who cannot recall it, and unnecessary to fill in for anyone who can. The sport of hockey receives no commensurate elucidation.

The big game itself, from pregame motivational speech ("This is your time") to postgame celebration, takes up a good half-hour of screen time, or just shy of an eternity, leaving no time whatsoever for the Gold Medal game against Finland, which by any measure was anticlimactic, although not as anticlimactic as it would have been if the U.S. had lost. And the game, in any event, is without doubt worth recounting in such detail, not just for



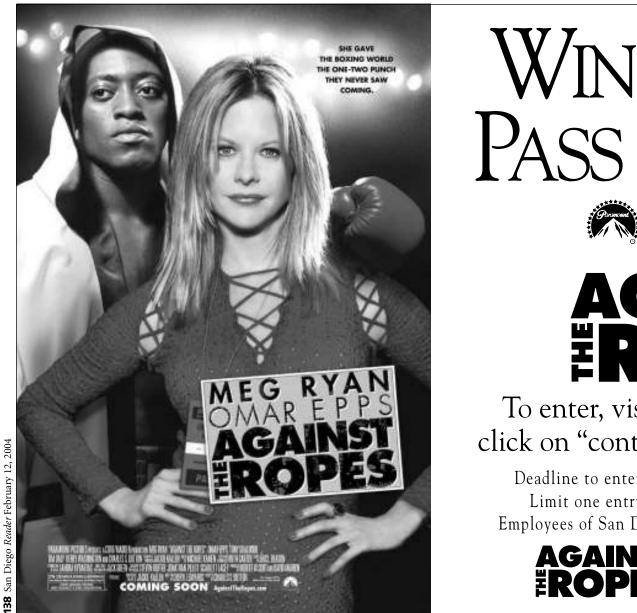
those too young or too senile to remember it, but more specifically for those of us on the West Coast who deliberately did not trouble to watch it because it was broadcast on tapedelay and the outcome was already known: triumph without sweat, there again. I can report, from a position of authority, that you do not need to be

a hockey fan to get something out of

What lifts the movie well above the norm, however, and rescues it from its abundant clichés (the telephoto shot of the teammates in uniform striding shoulder to shoulder toward the camera, the slow-motion-happy action highlights, the freeze-frame final im-

age of raised index fingers) is Kurt Russell's portrayal - and screenwriter Eric Guggenheim's and director Gavin O'Connor's portrayal - of the American coach, Herb Brooks, who would perish in a single-car accident not long after completion of the filming, and, as we are told in a printed coda, would

never get to see it. If there is a better



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screen portrait of a coach in any sport, you'll have to remind me of it. I can't think of one. Hackman in *Hoosiers*? Hackman in *Downhill Racer*? Nolte in *Blue Chips*? Surely not Russell's wife, Goldie Hawn, in *Wildcats*. Who?

Everything you could ask for, and more, is here: the benevolent despotism ("I'll be your coach, I won't be your friend"), the my-way-or-thehighway mentality ("I'm not looking for the best players.... I'm looking for the right players"), the angry lockerroom tirade at intermission ("You guys are playing like this is some throwaway game up in Rochester!"), the grim undemonstrative ulcer-cultivating demeanor, the terrible checkered pants and sports jacket, the tunnelvisioned obliviousness to a popcultural phenomenon such as "the Coneheads," the suffering but supportive wife (indie queen Patricia Clarkson), the arcane strategizing, the well-detailed practice sessions, the repeated refrain to each of his new recruits —"Who do you play for?" to which a satisfactory answer (after a lot of accurate but unsatisfactory answers: "University of Minnesota," "Boston University," etc.) finally and stirringly comes: "I play for the United States of America!" What will perhaps most impress us civilians, us mere mortals, beset in our daily lives by normal amounts of indecision and self-doubt, is the coach's refusal to solicit opinions on anything but medical matters, his Atlas-like acceptance of the total burden. An assistant coach

(Noah Emmerich) is good for blowing the whistle during a torturous sprint exercise, not for questioning tactics. A supervisory committee is a mere nuisance.

Russell enacts the part with a light Minnesota accent, nothing to touch off the giggles of Fargo, and always with sufficient reserve (that clipped, damped-down accent is a help) to ensure that the emotional payoff will be a jackpot: alone in the tunnel to the locker room after the game, he can at last let it all out, if only he knew how. I, as you might be aware, have felt for years - no, decades, now - that Russell is one of Hollywood's most precious natural resources, a critical opinion not easy to maintain through such casual squanderings as Soldier and Stargate and Escape from L.A. But maintain it I do. (Tombstone remains his towering monument.) To say that Miracle is worthy of him is ample compliment. To say, in addition, that Russell is worthy of Brooks is a compliment to both of them. He is not an actor who digs deep. But actors who dig deep usually turn up a lot of stuff that looks horribly out of place on the surface. Russell stavs true to the exteriors of his characters. He stavs true, to push the point a little further, to the medium in which he works. Like any coach's dream player, he doesn't try to do too much. And he doesn't play to the crowd. Or for that matter, to the critics and the prize-givers, either.



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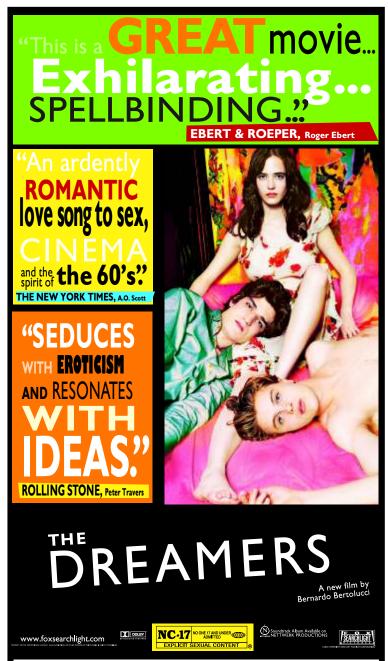
Aileen: Life and Death of a Serial Killer — Whatever its intrinsic interest,

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. ★ (GASLAMP 15) 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 first-date effects of Middle Eastern cuisine on Irritable Bowel Syndrome, the guest's after-dinner 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,







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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. 2004.

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Bad Santa — Sick and twisted (and goddam proud of it) Christmas comedy by Terry Zwigoff, whose *Ghost World* instantaneously takes on the appearance of a fluke. It was the characters, even more clearly now than before, who "made" *Ghost World* — them, and their literary or 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)

Barbershop 2: Back in Business — Comedy yields to homily in the face of avaricious developers. A socially conscious snore. With Ice Cube and Cedric the Entertainer; directed by Kevin Rodney Sullivan. 2004. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14;

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The Big Bounce — Anemic remake of an underrated adaptation of an Elmore Leonard novel. What was, in 1969, a sort of neo-James Cain hard-boiled thriller is now, under the direction of George Armitage (Miami Blues, Grosse Pointe Blank), a post-Tarantino, post-Get Shorty smarty-pants romp. And there is nothing to replace the sexual sparks between the off-screen husband and wife, Ryan O'Neal and Leigh Taylor-Young: nothing but the indolent selfsatisfaction of Owen Wilson and the preening of a popsicle stick called Sara Foster. With Morgan Freeman, Charlie Sheen, Gary Sinise, Bebe Neuwirth, and Willie Nelson. 2004. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; FASHION

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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

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time he was Ewan McGregor and the time he was Albert Finney. (Helena Bonham Carter remains roughly the same age opposite each of them.) The narration heavy narrative is inescapably bookish, demoting the director to an enslaved illustrator, much the same, come to that, as in Planet. And inasmuch as his come-and-go visual gifts have on this occasion mostly deserted him, there is not a lot to recommend it. The perilous parachute mission into a Red Chinese encampment in the middle of a variety show (ventriloquist for warm-up, Siamese twins for headliners) is funny, but not notably Burton-y. With Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Alison Lohman, Danny DeVito, Steve Buscemi. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA

COSTA 6; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE) The Butterfly Effect — Co-writers and

co-directors Eric Bress and J. Mackye Gruber offer utterly unrationalized science fiction in the time-travel and alternateuniverse 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

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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. 2004.

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Calendar Girls — Disneyfied recounting of the human-interest story (ca. 1999) about the matronly members of a Yorkshire Women's Institute who posed for a charity cheesecake calendar. An abundance of tittery comedy, but some darker tones, too, and nice plump roles for the capable Helen Mirren, Julie Walters, and others. Directed by Nigel Cole. 2003. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; POWAY 10; VISTA VILLAGE)

Catch That Kid — Miss this movie. Teen rock climber, go-kart mechanic, and photographer turn their talents to bank robbery — flattery will get them everywhere — in a good cause, of course: a \$250,000 surgery in Denmark. (Origin of the movie of which this is a remake.) One could wish the focus were on the mastermind's mother, the bewitching Jennifer Beals. With Kristen Stewart, Corbin Bleu, and Max Thierot; directed by Bart Freundlich. 2004. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; 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: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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





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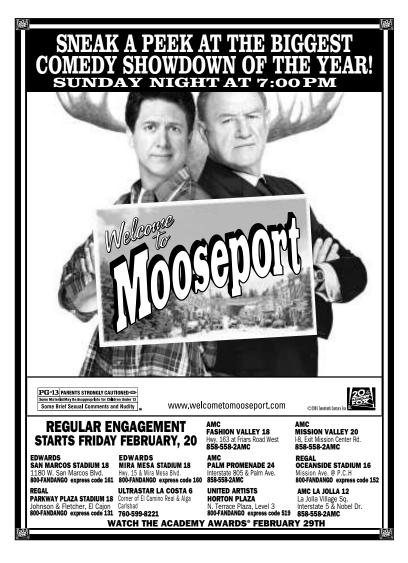


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of fourteen) is neither adequate camouflage nor alibi for the messiness of the filmmaking. With Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt, Hilary Duff, Piper Perabo, and (uncredited) Ashton Kutcher; directed by Shawn Levy. 2003. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER;

MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VISTA VILLAGE)

City of God — A slice of "kinetic" cinema (or what would be called "hyperactive" if it were a child) that grabs you by the shirt collar and shakes the living daylights out of you: an antsy camera, fast-motion, splitscreen, vellow flashbacks, a loop-the-loop storyline that keeps circling back on itself, a tangential digression, a yackety-yak-yak wiseguy narration, chapter headings, the kitchen sink. The subject of gun-crazy youth gangs in the slums of Rio de Janeiro is of course a real one, and indeed the budding photographer hero is based upon a real person, with a paraded portfolio of real photos to prove it. But while the violence is unglamorous, the voguish, flashy, anything-David-O.-Russell-or-Roger-Avary-can-do-Ican-do-better visual style tends to trivialize everything. And monotonize it. With Alexandre Rodrigues, Matheus Nachtergaele, Seu Jorge; written and directed by Fernando Meirelles. 2002. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Cold Mountain — The hardships and heartache of the American Civil War, cushioned in the plushness of the production: the crane-happy camera, the spendthrift special effects, the "painterly' washes of color and "dynamic" compositions, the visual poetry and bombast, the chiselled and sanded faces of the A-list romantic leads, Nicole Kidman (with her Orientalized eyes) and Jude Law (blue lagoons). Paying customers will likely feel they are getting a lot for their money, and no doubt they are getting a lot of money for their money. They will also be getting, by way of the prize-winning novel by Charles Frazier, spools and spools of storyline, strung out to a slight sag: back and forth in time, from the Siege of Petersburg in 1864 and its immediate aftermath, to the antebellum quietude of the North Carolina hills; and then, after the convergence of the two time lines, back and forth in space only, from the eventful homeward trek of a wounded Confederate deserter, to the struggle of the womenfolk to keep the home fires burning. On both fronts, it's the gentle sex who bear the heaviest burdens, particularly moral and philosophical ones: '[If] I had my way, they'd take metal altogether out of this world, every gun, every blade." No doubt, too, the film gains interest as a companion piece to director Anthony Minghella's earlier English Patient, in once again promoting personal priority over general cause, and the lover over the fighter. The large cast has plenty of interest of its own. Renée Zellweger, as an Erskine Caldwell — or even Al Capp — poor white trashy Southerner (strike up the fiddle and banjo), runs rings around Kidman's wellbred belle once she is let loose almost an hour into the film; and there are strong contributions from Eileen Atkins (a backwoods goatherd meticulously realized down to the dirt beneath her fingernails), Kathy Baker, James Gammon, Ray Winstone, Brendan Gleeson, Donald Sutherland, and Natalie Portman. But then again, the cast also has Philip Seymour Hoffman and Giovanni Ribisi in it. 2003. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

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

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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.

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Deep Crimson — Arturo Ripstein's remake of The Honeymoon Killers, a true story of multiple murder, has been flourishingly transplanted into a Mexican setting (genteel shabby interiors, barren parched landscapes) and thoroughly individualized. We still have the corpulent nurse — a perfectly pear-shaped single mother to two small children, and a romantic fantasist whose closest connection to the Real Thing is to thrust the hand of a vegetative patient down the front of her dress. We still have, too, the smarmy con man who targets love-starved money-laden widows, and who enfolds himself in fantasies of his own in the form of an affected Castilian accent and a toupee

("Nobody knows I'm deformed"). And we have a match made in hell when the latter, fantasizing in plain black and white, depicts himself in a Lonely Hearts classified as looking like Charles Boyer. The former has a thing for Charles Boyer, and a glossy photo of him on her bedroom wall, and a readiness to drop off her kids at the orphanage should they get in the way. The spectacle of these two defective people clinging as desperately to each other as to their own distorted selfimages is no more - and no less - than a ghastly caricature of the average romantic couple. Ripstein traces their highly improvisatory and unlucrative crime spree in elegant and graceful long-takes, with a restlessly prowling, probing, yet always sure-







footed camera: more like the motion of an old-fashioned four-wheeled dolly than of the new free-floating Steadicam. This economical and smoothly unemphatic style acts as a buffer against the jolts of this appalling, funny, pitiful, perverse, lurid, and bloody tale. Ripstein has the good sense never to titter at his own jokes, never to gasp at his own surprises, never to drool over his own indelicacies. Deadpan, unflappable, unblinking, he is a totally trustworthy guide through the most treacherous territory. Regina Orozco, Daniel Gimenez Cacho, Marisa Paredes. 1996. ★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/13 THROUGH 19)

The Dreamers — Bernardo Bertolucci's study of three young cinephiles in Paris during the 1968 student uprising. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/13)

50 First Dates — Romantic comedy starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, directed by Peter Segal. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/13)

The Fog of War — Errol Morris

documentary, subtitled "Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara." It amounts to a sort of anti-war seminar chaired, hosted, conducted by the eightyfive-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 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 "In order to do good you may have to engage in evil.' Each of these and the eight 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. The movie compels your interest. 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, selfassessing, self-transforming, and fearlessly self-revealing. 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. 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. 2003. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Girl from Paris — Mathilde Seigner trades the city for the farm, where she must share space with the crusty former owner, Michel Serrault. (It is hard to locate the drag queen of *La Cage aux Folles* in this grizzled, broken-nosed old goat.) Slight, sentimental, pleasant enough, except for several unfaked animal deaths. Directed by Christian Carion. 2002.

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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

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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. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

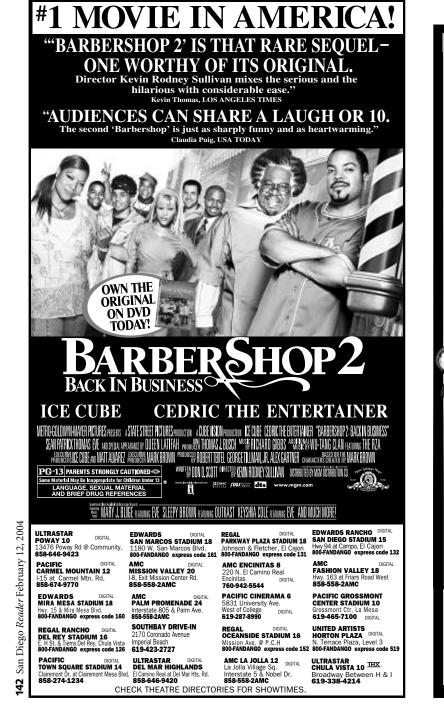
The Gospel of John — Biblical epic narrated by Christopher Plummer, with Henry Ian Cusick as Jesus, directed by Philip Saville. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: GROSSMONT TROLLEY:

MIRA MESA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/13)

Gothika — A whydunit, rather than whodunit, to do with a beautiful prison psychologist (Halle Berry) who is flabbergasted to wake up in a cell herself, with no memory of having chopped up her beefy husband three days earlier, and only a fragmentary memory of having swerved into a ditch on the way home in order to avoid a bloody young blonde standing in the middle of the road and the midst of a downpour, and then bursting into flame at the touch of a hand. The blonde, if she is in any 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)

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. ★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

In America — The immigrant experience in Manhattan, more precisely the Sheridan Family experience, as revised and related by Irish filmmaker Jim Sheridan (*My Left Foot, In the Name of the Father*, etc.). Never a dull moment, it would seem; or anyway never a relaxed, a calm, a common, a mundane, a prosaic one; instead a gaudy parade of overheated vignettes such as would make late-period Fellini look like a strict neorealist. (E.g., the family's first look at the lights of Times Square, to the nudging accompaniment of the Lovin' Spoonful's



"Do You Believe in Magic?," is more an effect of camera acrobatics than of carefully aimed shots.) The real-life sisters Sarah and Emma Bolger are delightful as the little girls of the family ("Don't '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: GASLAMP 15: HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; POWAY 10)

Japanese Story — An Australian geologist (Toni Collette) is obliged to squire a Japanese speculator (Gotaro Tsunashima) around the Outback: "I'm a bloody geologist, not a geishal." The clash of cultures and languages produces unexciting results: e.g., a toneless rendition of "Danny Boy" at a karaoke bar. Events take an unexpected turn, however, after taking an expected romantic turn. The unexpected turn and its immediate aftermath are well executed, but then things turn, and stay, mawkish. Handsome photography by Ian Baker. Written and directed by Sue Brooks. 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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. ★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20

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Lost in Translation — Sofia Coppola's sophomore effort marks an advance over The Virgin Suicides: a phlegmatic comedy about two American outsiders who fall into an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a 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 soup ladle 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; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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 toe tapper 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. ★ (VOGUE)

Master and Commander: The Far

Side of the World — The first screen incarnation of Lucky Jack Aubrey, hero of Patrick O'Brian's loved and admired series of historical adventure novels, captain of the British man-of-war, the HMS Surprise. This is preeminently a boys' story, and as pure and innocent a specimen as you are apt to find anymore, uncorrupted by concerns with democracy or demographics. (The closest you could find to it in the oeuvre of its director, Peter Weir, is the curdled Conradism of The Mosquito Coast.) There is an actual boy on view, a cherubic curly-topped towhead, but of course boys of all ages want to choose their role models and hero figures from among grown men (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a 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.

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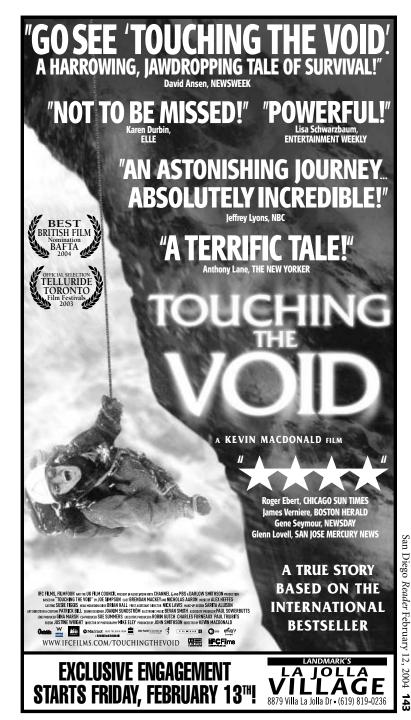
The Matrix Revolutions — "Everything that has a beginning has an end" — so speaks the Oracle. And surely that's the most encouraging word, the most energizing word, the most fortifying word, in the third and final installment of the Wachowski Brothers' man-versus-machine trilogy. (Or "tril," as you may prefer to call it, taking your cue from "Trin," Neo's sweet-talk diminutive for the lovely Trinity.) An end, at long last, to the cluttery computer animation and congested digital compositing, an end to opacity and obfuscation, an end to double-talk and gobbledegook, an end to befuddlement and boredom. The script, whether with a grin or a grimace, has been booby-trapped with lines that seem to give voice to the viewers

or the filmmakers' innermost thoughts: "I wish there was an easy way to get through this, but there ain't." Or: "I know it's difficult to understand." Or: "I don't know what he can do to save us." The "he" is of course our uniquely gifted hero — the anagrammatic Neo - the One - and there's no good reason to doubt him if, in this make-it-up-as-we-go-along narrative, he will be able to see more clearly and deeply into the nature of things after his eyeballs have been burned off his face with a sparking power line. How can we be expected to know what such a man, if that's what he is, can do for us? We could only wish that, whatever it is, he would just hurry up and do it. It's much too late to wish he had ouit after the first installment. Or before it. Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne, Hugo Weaving. 2003. • (VOGUE)

Miracle — Reviewed this issue. With Kurt Russell, Patricia Clarkson, and Noah Emmerich; directed by Gavin O'Connor. ★★★ (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; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Monster — Dramatized legal brief on behalf of the bisexual streetwalker and serial killer and (outside the scope of the movie) death-penalty *cause célèbre*, Aileen Wuornos, who just wanted, like anyone else, to love and be loved and of course, as per the first-person voice-over at the outset, "be in the movies." (Well, one out of three, at

least.) The title, you will gather, is ironic. Already a sometime hooker but not a killer when she discovers her inner lesbian with a broken-winged college girl, she goes back on the streets only to fund her budding relationship, to buy a little privacy. As depicted, the first killing is unambiguously an act of kill-or-be-killed self-defense, to cap off a graphic bout of torture at the hands of a misogynistic john. In truth, the killing is far more understandable than the relationship. What's the attraction, on either side, between this boisterous prole and this timorous slummer? A falling-in-love montage to the accompaniment of the goopy old Tommy James & The Shondells tune, "Crimson and Clover," will not help to clear this up; and it is particularly hard to swallow the notion that a novice lesbian would be quite so open, so confident, so defiant about it in public. Her concurrent murder spree has been carefully calibrated to distance her, a step at a time, from sympathy. She lets one john off the hook, early on, because he has never done this sort of thing before and she takes pity on him. She kills another who turns out, through a photo in his wallet, to have a wife in a wheelchair and thus a good excuse. And she kills one who is not a john at all - the final straw - but a Good Samaritan who offers her money for nothing and a warm bed at home with his wife. With that, all bases are covered, as well as the ass of the writer and director Patty Jenkins: plenty of wiggle room whether accused of playing softball or hardball. Quite apart from any bestowal and withdrawal of sympathy, the protagonist emerges as nothing so much as a cat's-paw for Charlize Theron, a stepping-stone to one of those total-transformation performances — one of those big bold bravura jobs — that maintain maximum separation between the player and the role,





and are commonly mistaken for the farthest reaches of the art of acting. Perhaps in a sense they truly are, but in reaching so far they irretrievably throw off the balance. Porked up for the part, not nearly to the dimensions of De Niro in *Raging Bull* but easily to those of Zellweger in Bridget Jones's Diary, wearing a denture as obtrusive as a prizefighter's mouthpiece, sporting a galaxy of freckles suggestive of an accident under the sunlamp, shifting her weight in perpetual motion, compulsively smoking, swigging, gesticulating, and generally carrying on like a junkie overdue for a fix, Theron creates a problem of scale, such that her ostensible partner, poor little wastedaway Christina Ricci, has roughly the presence of a pet parrot. 2003. ★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS;

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Mystic River — Clint Eastwood's somber meditation on chance, fate, doom; scarred souls and endless repercussions; violence begetting violence. Just as Unforgiven was an act of penance for the body counts in his Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns as well as in his self-directed imitation Leones (High Plains Drifter, The Outlaw Josey Wales, Pale Rider), this can be viewed as an act of penance for the lone-wolf vigilantism of his Dirty Harry urban shoot-'em-ups: a kind of cleansed Harry. (There is no room here for Eastwood the actor, standing aside for the "liberal" casting of Sean Penn and Tim Robbins, and their highly emotional, tearful, unstoical, un-Eastwoody histrionics.) Although formulated as a murder mystery, it is not narrowly focussed on the investigation, but divides its time more or less evenly among three main characters, and expands continuously into the specific

milieu, the complex personal relationships, the affected and ongoing lives, in fact life in general, life with a capital "L." All throughout, it sustains a tone of lamentation, underscored by the churchy musical theme composed by Eastwood himself (albeit orchestrated by his trusted collaborator, Lennie Niehaus). The retributive anger never supplants the sorrow; the release never comes. Admittedly, the outcome of the case depends upon a fortuitous coincidence that reeks of mystery-making for its own sake: a previously unrevealed second murder on the same night as the first. Yet the solution to the original murder is not overly 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.

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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 annovingly 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:

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Peter Pan — Well, it's better than Hook, anyhow. And it meets the need, if any, for a live-action version of J.M. Barrie's children's classic in state-of-the-art 21st-century technology. Or as the ad line puts it: "The timeless story as you've never seen it before," meaning, for example, that by means of *Forrest Gump*-ian magic we get to see, for the first time, Hook's stump. Jeremy Sumpter brings to the role of The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up a 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

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 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:45) 4:30, 5:15, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:15, 11:00; Mon. (12:30, 1:15, 11:00; Mon. (12:30, 11:15, 11:00; Mon. (12:30, 11:15, 11:15, 11:10; Mon. (12:30, 11:15, 11:15, 11:15, 11:15, 11:15, 11:10; Mon. (12:30, 11:15, 11:1 2:00, 2:45, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15) 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:15; **Bad Santa** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Mon. (1:05, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20, 5:45) 8:05, 10:15; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:40, 2:40) 4:25, 5:20, 7:15, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40; Mon. (12:00, 1:40, 2:40) 4:25, 5:20, 7:05, 8:00, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (1:40, 2:40, 4:25, 5:20) 7:05, 8:00, 9:40; The Cooler (R) Fri.-Mon. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (2:30, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; **House of Sand and Fog** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:25; Mon. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:00; **In America** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:35, 10:00; Mon. (1:50) 4:40, 7:35, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:35, 9:50; **Lost In** Translation (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; Mon. (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (2:50, 5:25) 7:55, 10:10; **Mas**ter and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:45, 3:55) 7:10, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:10, 10:10; The Perfect Score (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:55, 3:15) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (12:55, 3:15, 5:30) (12:50, 10:05; **The Station Agent** (R) Fri.-Mon. (12:50, 3:00) 5:10, 7:40, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 9:25; **You Got Served** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 1:00, 2:35, 3:30) 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30; Mon. (12:15, 1:00, 2:35, 3:30) 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:10, 9:35; Tue.-Thu (1:10, 2:35, 3:30, 4:50, 5:50) 7:20, 8:10, 9:35

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza 14 457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:25, 9:45; Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 1:00, 2:55, 4:00) 6:40, 7:20, 9:25, 10:00; **The Big Bounce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30; Mon. (11:50, 2:15); Tue.-Wed. (11:50, 2:15, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30; Thu. (11:50, 2:15); **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 3:00) 6:30, 9:35; Ś **Catch That Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:10) 6:20, 9:00; Sun. (12:30, 3:10) 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:10) 6:20, 9:00; **City of God** (R) Febr Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 7:15, 10:15; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:25) 6:50, Reader 10:10; Les Triplettes De Belleville (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:15, 5:30) 7:40, 10:05; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King Core of the Kings: I he Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:40) 8:50; Miracle (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 12:45, 3:30, 4:00) 6:35, 7:10, 9:40, 10:15; Mystic River (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:20) 6:25, 9:55; Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:10) 6:55,

9:50; Welcome To Mooseport (PG-13) Sun.

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Iolla Drive (858-558-2262) 50 First Dates; The Triplets of Belleville; City of God; Barbershop 2: Back in Busi-ness; Catch That Kid; Miracle; Monster; Cold Mountain; Along Came Polly; Some thing's Gotta Give; Girl with a Pearl Earring; Mystic River; San Diego Jewish Film Festival

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Iolla Drive (619-819-0236) **The Fog of War** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Mon. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55: Tue - 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. (11:00) 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.-Mon. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; **Touching the Void** (Not Rated) Fri. (1.50) 4.30, 7.10, 10.00; Sat -Mon (11.10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) 50 First Dates; The Triplets of Belleville; The Gospel of John; Barbershop 2: Back in Business; Catch That Kid; Miracle; Monster; The Big Bounce; The Perfect Score; You Got Served; The Butterfly Effect; Mystic River; The Last Samurai; Cold Mountain; The Lord of the Rings: The Re-turn of the King; Along Came Polly

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) 50 First Dates; Barbershop 2: Back in Busi-ness; Catch That Kid; Miracle; The Big Bounce; The Perfect Score; You Got Served; The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date with Tad Hamilton; Along Came Polly; Lost in Trans-lation; Big Fish; Cold Mountair; Cheaper by the Dozen: The Lord of the Bings: The by the Dozen; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Something's Gotta Give; The Last Samurai

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) Lost in Translation; Deep Crimson; In America; City of God; The Girl from Paris; Mystic River; The Triplets of Belleville; Big Fish; San Diego Jewish Film Festival

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) 50 First Dates; The Triplets of Belleville; Barbershop 2: Back in Business; Catch That Kid; Miracle; You Got Served; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; Calendar Girls; The Butterfly Effect; Mystic River; Along Came Polly; Lost in Transla-tion; 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)

50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Mon. (11:15, 1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05; Tue.-Thu. (3:40, 5:55) 8:00; Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) Fri. (2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 4:50, 7:50, 9:55; Mon. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. (3:10, 5:25) 7:40; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:40, 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:20, 9:45; Mon. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:20; Tue.-Thu. (3:20, 5:45) 8:10; **Catch That Kid** (PG) Fri. (1:40, 3:35) 5:35, 7:40, 9:40; Sat.-Sun (11:30, 1:30, 3:35) 5:35, 7:40, 9:40; Mon. (11:30, 1:30, 3:35) 5:35, 7:40; Tue.-Thu. (3:30, (11:0), 1:00, 1:00, 0:00, 0:00, 1:00, 1:00, 1:00, 1:00, 0:00, 5:30) 7:30; Miracle (PG) Fri. (3:50) 7:05, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:50) 7:05, 9:50; Mon. (12:30, 3:50) 7:05; Tue.-Thu. (3:00, 5:40) 8:20; You **Got Served** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; Mon. (11:20, 1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:50; Tue.-Thu. (3:50, 5:50) 7:50

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4061 Adams Ave (619-819-0236) **Yossi & Jagger** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

21 Grams (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Mon. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **The Company** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 7:30; Sat.-Mon. (11:30) 2:10, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. (2:10) 7:30 **The Dreamers (NC-17) Dolby Stereo Digi**tal First Show Bargain Sub-Titled Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Mon. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Tue.-Thu, (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Girl with a Pearl Earring (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:35) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Japanese Story (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:50) 9:55; Monster (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) **The Philadelphia Story, Thursday**, 7 p.m., and Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.; **An Affair** to Remember, Thursday, 9:20 p.m., and Friday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk Sat.-Mon. 5:00; Australia: Land Beyond Time (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 4:00, 7:00; Sun.-Mon. 12:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 12:00, 4:00; Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00; Top Speed (Not Rated) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 8:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 11:40, 1:50, 2:10, 4:20, 4:40) 7:05, 7:25, 9:35, 9:55; Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40; Barbershop 2: **Back in Business** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:05, 2:10, 2:45, 4:50, 5:25) 7:30, 8:05, 10:10, 10:45; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **Catch** That Kid (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:00, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25; Sun. (11:35, 2:00, 4:25) 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 2:00, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25; Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55); Cold Mountain (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 10:15; Les Triplettes De Belleville (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:40, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of **the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 3:40) 8:00; **Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (12:40, 1:00, 3:50, 4:10) 7:00, 7:20, 10:10, 10:30; Tue. (12:40, 1:00, 3:50, 4:10) 7:20, 10:10, 10:30; Wed.-Thu. (12:40, 1:00, 3:50, 4:10) 7:00, 7:20, 10:10, 10:30; Monster (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:10, 5:00) 7:40, 10:25; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:05, 10:20; **The Perfect Score** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 9:55; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:50, 4:25); **Something's** Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:55 4:50) 7:45, 10:40; Welcome To Mooseport (PG-13) Sun. 7:00; 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) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:40, 2:25, 3:00) 4:45, 5:15, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30; Mon. (12:00, 12:40, 2:25, 3:00) 4:45, 5:15, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (12:00, 12:40, 2:25, 3:00, 4:45, 5:15) 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:15; Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:40, 2:55) 5:05, 7:15, 9:35; Tue.-Thu. (12:40, 2:55, 5:05) 7:15, 9:35; Barbershop 2: Back in **Business** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:30, 7:45, 10:10; Mon. (1:35) 4:30, 7:45, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:35, 4:30) 7:45, 10:00; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (1:30) 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (1:30, 4:25) 7:20, 10:05; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Mon. (1:20) 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (1:20, 4:40) 7:40, 10:10; **Catch That Kid** (PG) Fri.-Mon. 7:40, 10:10; Catch That Kid (PG) FR.-Moh.
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 The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Mon.
 (12:20) 4:20, 8:20; Tue.-Thu. (12:20, 4:20)
 8:20; Miracle (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Mon. (1:00) 4:15, 7:00, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 4:15) 7:00, 9:55; **You Got Served** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 7:25, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:10, 3:15, 5:20) 7:25, 9:45

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Calendar Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:40, 9:55; Mon. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:40 Tue.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:55) 8:20; **Gospel of** John (PG-13) Fri-Mon. (12:30) 4:15, 7:45; Tue.-Thu. (12:30, 4:15) 7:30; Les Triplettes De Belleville (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:00) 4:20, 6:20, 9:00; Mon. (12:15, 2:00) 4:20, 6:20; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 3:00, 4:45) 7:00; Lost In **Translation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:10) 4:30, (k) 9:15; Mon. (11:50, 2:10) 4:50; 6:50, 9:15; Mon. (11:50, 2:10) 4:50; 6:50; Tue.-Thu. (12:55, 3:35, 5:45) 8:05; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) fri-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) fri-Sun. (Mon. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40; Tue.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:20; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20; 9:40; Mon. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20; Tue.-Thu. (12:40, 3:15, 5:30) 8:15; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:30) 6:30, 9:30; Mon. (12:20, 3:30) 6:30; Tue.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:40; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Mon (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:35; Tue.-Thu, (12:45, 3:20,

5:50) 8:30

SANTEE

Santee Drive In oodside Avenue (619-448-7447) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:00; Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:20; The Butterfly Effect (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:00; You Got Served (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:25

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

555 Broadway (619-338-4214) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Barbershop 2:** Back in Business (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; Catch That Kid (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Cheaper by the **Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; The Perfect Score (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00; You Got Served (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24 770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) 50 First Dates; The Triplets of Belleville; City of God; Barbershop 2: Back in Busi-ness; Catch That Kid; Miracle; The Big Bounce; The Perfect Score; You Got Served; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; The Butterfly Effect; Mystic River; Along Came Polly; Torque; Big Fish; Cold Mountain; Cheaper by the Dozen; Pe-ter Pan; 21 Grams; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; The Last Samurai

Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:25, 12:00, 1:55, 2:25, 4:20, 4:55, 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10; Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:40, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05; Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:10, 2:20, 3:45, 5:00) 6:45, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30; Big Eich (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, (11:50, 3:50) 7:00 2:20, 3:49, 5:00) 6:49, 7:49, 9:49, 10:30; BIG Fish (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:50) 7:00, 10:00; The Butterfly Effect (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:35) 6:55, 9:50; Catch That Kid (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55; Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, Citeaper by the Dozen (rG) Fri.-Titl. (11:23 2:00, 4:40) 7:25; The Last Samurai (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:05) 6:50, 10:15; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 4:45) 9:00; Miracle (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:25, 3:20, 4:10) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:20; Monster (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:40) 7:10, 10:25; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:15) 6:40, 10:10; The Perfect Score (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:20; You Got Served (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 5:15) 8:00, 10:30

Vogue

Third Avenue (619-425-1436) Cold Mountain (R) Fri.-Thu. 5:00; Love Actually (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:30, 10:00; The Matrix **Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 7:45

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. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Philadelphia Story — Philip Barry's dose of Thirties highlife (it tickles the nose and makes the head light) is brought from stage to screen by George Cukor and Company, with as much reverence and care and deliberateness as if they all thought they were handling a play by Molière. Cary Grant and James Stewart are, respectively, Cary Grant and James Stewart, and quite fine. Katharine Hepburn is overboard. 1940. ★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/12, 7 P.M., AND 2/13, 4:30 AND 9:20 P.M.)

Something's Gotta Give — Wrinkly romance between Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson, both of whom fudge a bit on their ages (she, when she estimates herself to be "almost" twenty years older than an explicit thirty-six-year-old; and he, when he holds up three fingers to indicate how far he is past sixty), but both of whom have resisted any surgical stretching of their skins to a trampoline tautness. The 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: FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION

VALLEY 20: PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Statement — The kind of big-theme fiction film that might expect 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 admirable adaptations as The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne and 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 ("Thev'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 – white-haired, 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, Alan Bates - once you accept, or if you accept, the artifice of Britishers playing Frenchmen. (Even an untranslated Gallicism such as coup de grâce will be ignorantly pronounced coo-duh-grah.) The geography of the chase — all across the South of France — is most attractive, 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-

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★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 2/12)

The Station Agent — The rare feature film to be built around a dwarf — a taciturn loner who moves into an abandoned train depot in a remote corner of New Jersey to get away from other people ("Hey, buddy, where's Snow White?"), and who instead falls into a web of new relationships with an insatiably gregarious hot-dog vendor, a tormented female artist, an unmarried pregnant librarian, and a black schoolgirl. Modest, offbeat, a bit stiff and clunky, with a restrained and dignified central performance from Peter Dinklage, and a smattering of railroad knowledge. Patricia Clarkson, Bobby Cannavale, Michelle Williams, Raven Goodwin; written and directed by Tom McCarthy. 2003. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Swimming Pool — Slick commercial venture, from François Ozon, with a strong sense of place, weather, character, clothes, as well as a strong sense of humor, several cheesy plot turns, and several square yards of female flesh. It concerns a dried-up British mystery novelist (Charlotte Rampling, whose square yards of flesh are now close to sixty years old) and a lusty young coquette (Ludivine Sagnier), alone together in a French country house, getting in each other's way, getting into each other's things. 2003.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/17, 6:30 P.M.)

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. GASLAMP 15: PALM PROMENADE 24)

Touchez Pas au Grisbi — One of the



greatest gangster films ever made — in France, or anywhere. The Frenchman most associated with the genre is of course Jean-Pierre Melville, whose earliest effort in that vein, Bob le Flambeur, followed a vear after this Jacques Becker trailblazer, and while there is a strong family resemblance between the two, Melville's subsequent efforts grow increasingly distant and distinct: more closely patterned after their American antecedents, more aestheticized, more geometrized, more mechanized. Where Melville is attracted to archetypes (or, as you prefer, stereotypes), Becker is attracted to humans. Where Melville is cold, Becker is

warm. This is not to suggest that Becker is inoculated against the classical conventions of the genre: the aging hood, the Last Big Score, the honor and dishonor among thieves, the chesslike moves and countermoves, and the violent climax on a lonely country road with tommy guns and hand grenades. Neither is it to suggest he is not prone to romanticize his subject. But it is a blue-blooded romanticism which celebrates the human animal, the individual, the sentiments, the heart. Jean Gabin, René Dary, Paul Frankeur, Jeanne Moreau, Lino Ventura, 1954.

 $\star \star \star \star \star \star$ (KEN, THROUGH 2/12)

Touching the Void — Kevin Macdonald's documentary on an ill-fated climbing expedition in the Andes (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 2/13)

The Triplets of Belleville — A French cartoon by Sylvain Chomet, a bande dessinée



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in motion, a genuine novelty. The detachable introduction presents a retro Thirties black-and-white musical pastiche (complete with scratches on the emulsion for wear and tear), faux-Fleischer and semisurrealist, spotlighting a big-butted Josephine Baker in a bikini bottom of bananas and a big-headed Fred Astaire getting devoured by his own tap shoes. Then comes a simulated break in the film, and we realize we have been watching television — in a full-color animated world in a more upto-date graphic style — in the home of a dumpling-shaped grandma, her bicycle-enthusiast adopted child, and their dog Bruno. The first half-hour is unflaggingly glorious, attaining a perfect tension between the routine of their daily life and the marvelousness of it in our eyes. Which is to say the marvelousness of it in the heightening, the distortion, the grotesquerie, the bizarrerie of the visual detail: e. g., the stomach-dragging Bruno dutifully waddling his way up a twisting staircase, right on schedule, to bark at every passing elevated train outside the bedroom window. And yet when three competitors in the Tour de France, including the now grown-up adopted child (calves the size of Popeye's forearms), are abducted in mid-race for unknown reasons by a pair of black rectangular gangsters and shipped across the Atlantic (beautifully drawn vessel, an axe blade balanced on its cutting edge) with grandma and dog in hot pursuit on a hydrocycle - when, in short, the routine is forsaken in favor of a fantastical adventure - the movie loses its moorings. All that heightening, that distortion, etc., piled atop a spongy base of whimsy, seem somehow less marvelous. One kind of marvel takes away from the other. And the bullets-flying climactic car chase is tiresome. Still, the wit and imagination never relent (Bruno finds new trains to bark at in the New World), and the whole of it is communicated with a clarity that renders words unnecessary. Or at any rate, unused. An unobtrusive poster of Jacques Tati's M. Hulot's Holiday pays proper hommage in that regard. 2003.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; FROM 2/13)

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 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. ★★ (HILL CREST CINEMAS' MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: 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 vears. Kathrvn 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. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

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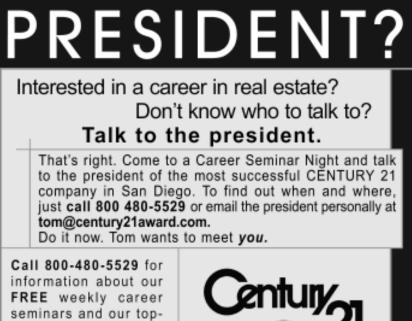
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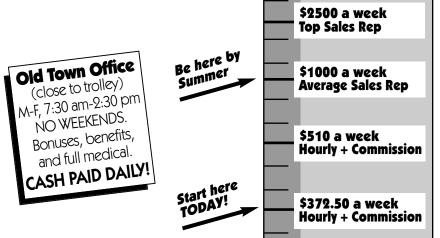


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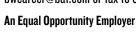
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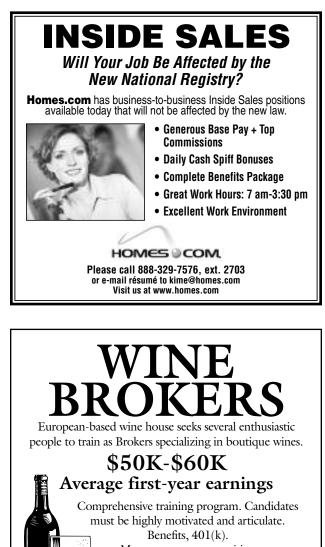
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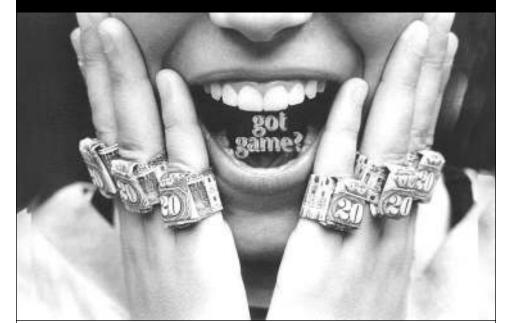
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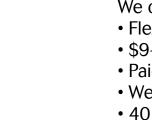
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One of my really good friends was dating this guy, and she broke up with him because he was too stupid. She couldn't stand the idiotic things he would say; he was so dumb that he made Jessica Simpson look like a Mensa candidate.



Christina Breisinger Student

University Heights The worst reason that I've heard

The worst reason that I ve nearu for a guy breaking up with a girl was that she had ugly feet. The guy had a total foot fetish. They dated for about four months, and it happened during summer that he saw her wearing sandals. He saw that her second toe was longer than her big toe and he dumped her. My worst breakup was with a guy that I had been dating for six weeks when I found out that he got his ex-girlfriend pregnant. It's two years to the day this Valentine's Day, but I'm engaged now so it's not a big deal.



Jaime McDowl Student

Mira Mesa One of my friends walked in when her boyfriend was having sex with somebody else. I never had any bad experiences like that because I never really dated anybody: I dated everybody. My fiancé is a Marine, so I hear all kinds of things that they do. This guy I know broke up with this girl that he hadn't been dating for very long after they had sex....



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have this friend who broke up Twith a guy because he had bad taste in shoes. Shoes are really important to her, and she was only with the guy for a couple weeks. I once used the line, "It's not you, it's me." It really was me and wasn't the guy's fault, but I still think that's a really stupid reason. I told him, "It's not you. You're better than that and deserve someone better" It was a nine-monthlong relationship, so my ex-boyfriend answered, "Are you kidding me? You're actually using the 'It's not you, it's me' line?" It's a total cliché, and it probably hurt to hear me say that.



Amy Goldcam Zookeeper San Diego

The worst reason that I've ever heard for breaking up was that a guy didn't like his girlfriend's nose, he worst reason that I've ever so he dumped her. They had been together for something like six months when it happened. The worst reason that I've broken up with a guy is that he "didn't know." We were ogether for about six months, and I asked him if he wanted to keep dating and he said, "I don't know." When he said that, I told him that I knew where the relationship was if he said that he didn't know, broke up with him. To say "I don't know" is a complete cop-out. If someone says that they're not sure that they don't want to be with you, then that's a good enough reason not to be with that person.



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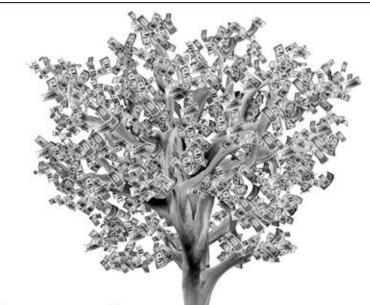
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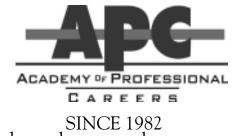
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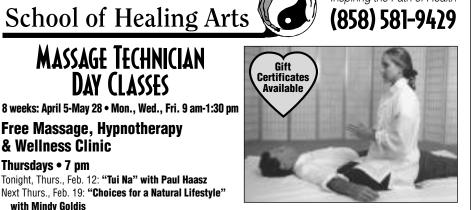
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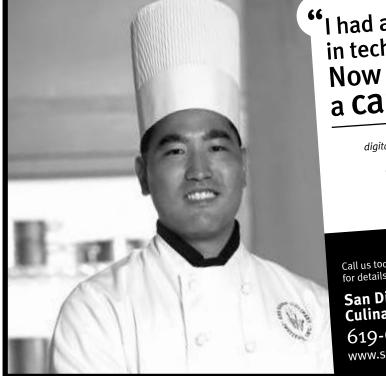
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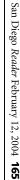
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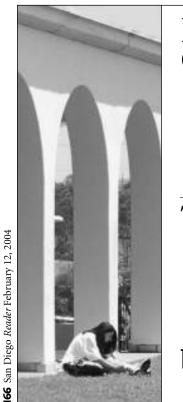
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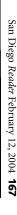
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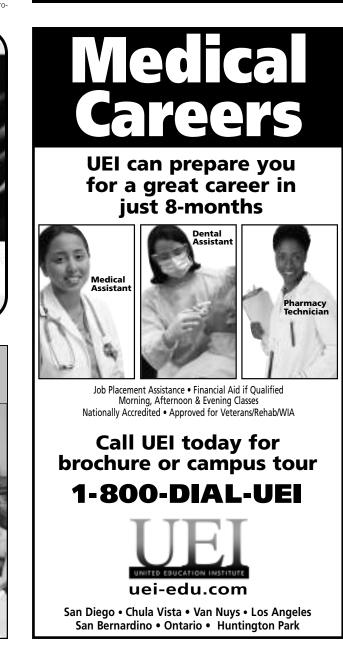
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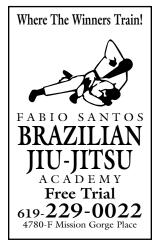
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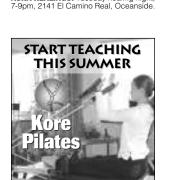
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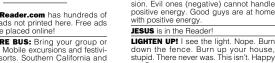
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BLACK "LADY", 50'S, personality, sincere, focused, romantic, dining out, theater, movies, quiet moments. You: gentleman, honest, real, upbeat, loves life. (2/25) 72 90934 VERY ATTRACTIVE, BLACK female,

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white male professional 32-40 for longterm relationship. I like romance, dining, movies, amusement parks, entertaining, and travel. (2/18) **1**90884 **WANTED: ONE GOOD HEARTED** man, I'm

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Intelligent, sincere, caring, loves dancing and cooking. Seeking genteel, active, retired military, 60+, for long-term relationship, and more. Willing to live in both worlds. (2/25) **2**90905

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relationship. (2/25) 20077 24, COLLEGE EDUCATED engineer, North County resident, white, enjoys tennis, golf, movies. Seeking relationship with white female who is friendly, talkative, with an outgoing personality. (2/18) 20520

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slender. (2/18) 20563 BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 53, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, midwest values. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (2/18) 20534

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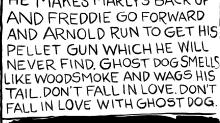
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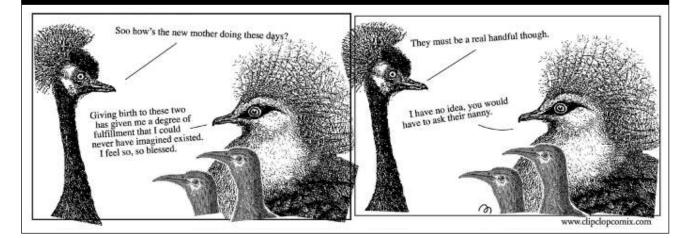
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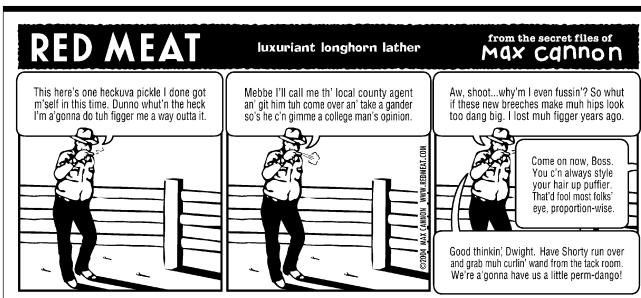
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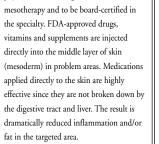
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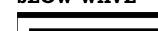
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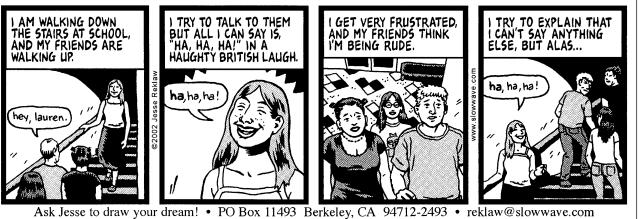
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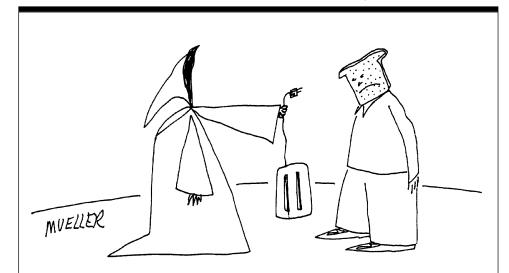
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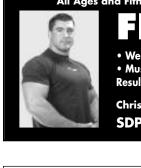
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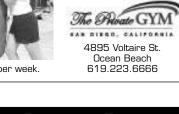
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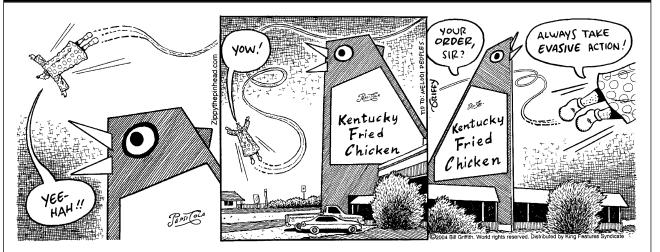
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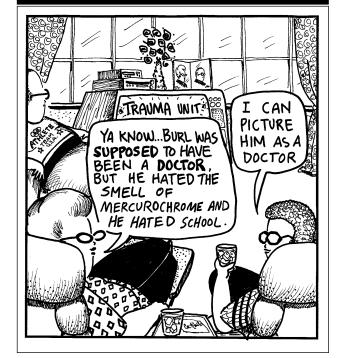
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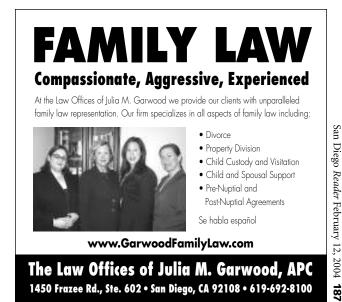
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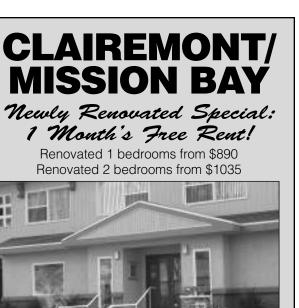
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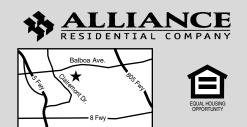
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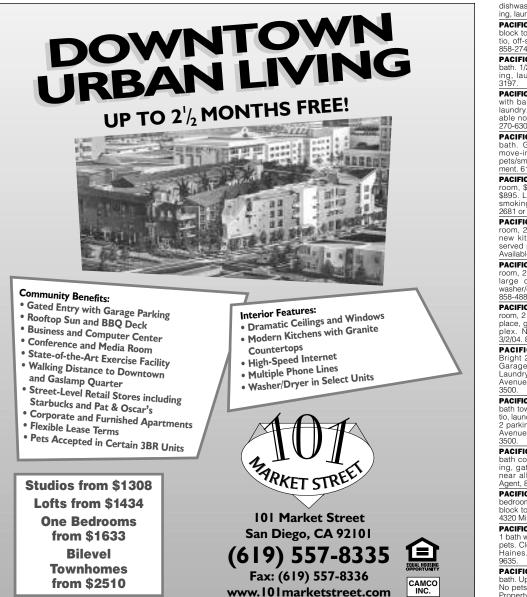
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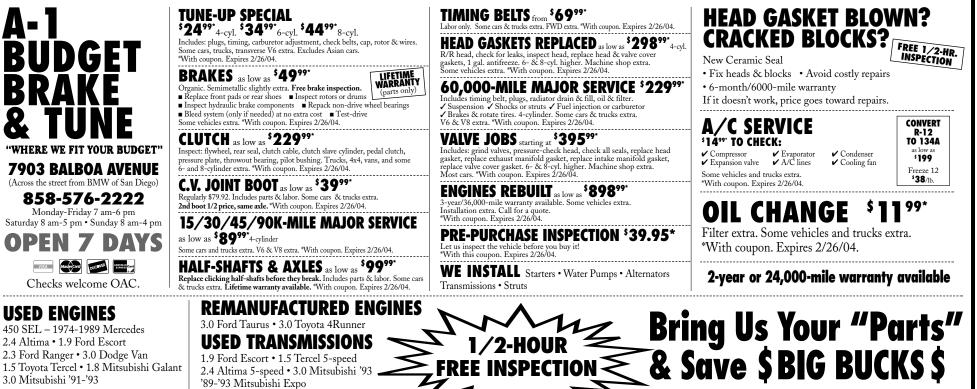
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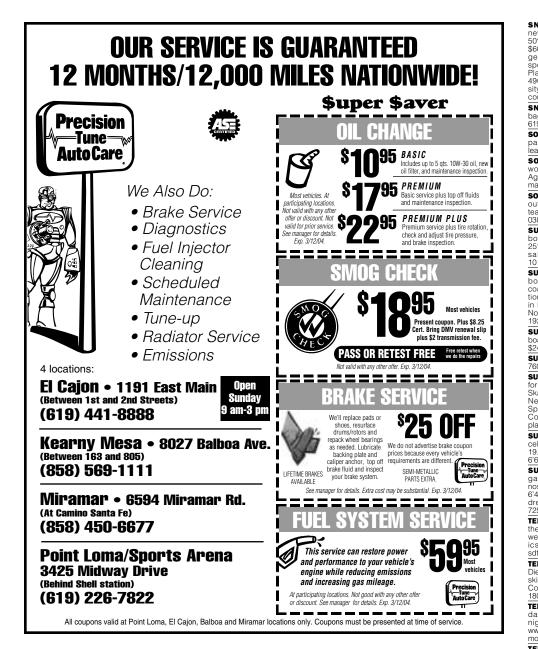


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LEAD STORY

While the Statue of Liberty remains shuttered for lack of \$5 million in post-Sept. 11 upgrades, Congress in January mandated \$10.7 billion in "earmarked" projects (also known as home-state "pork"), including: \$50 million for an indoor rain forest in Iowa, \$50 million to make sure a Florida beach resort bridge remains toll-free, \$450,000 to decipher the gene structure of rainbow trout, \$225,000 to repair a public swimming pool whose drain U.S. Rep. Jim Gibbons of Nevada clogged with tadpoles when he was a kid, \$200,000 to introduce golf to youngsters, \$90,000 for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, and \$500,000 for a University of Akron program that analyzes how Congress makes difficult budget decisions.

"It Must Be a Sign"

- Pilgrims recently flocked to the following places: (1) Brancaleone, Italy, to see a life-sized bronze statue of the recently sainted Padre Pio supposedly weeping blood (December); (2) Passaic, N.L. to see a two-foot-high tree stump whose shape resembles the Virgin Mary (October); (3) Bridgeport, Conn., to see a stain-like image on the ceiling of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church resembling the Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus (December); (4) Bethlehem, to see a baby born with a birthmark across his cheek resembling the Arabic letters of the name of his uncle, a Hamas militant killed by Israeli soldiers (December).

Least Competent Criminals

- In January, Trilane A. Ludwig, 24, called his mother from jail in Clark County, Ala., and asked that she grab the \$500 from his wallet at home and come bail him out. The money turned out to be oversized, poorly made counterfeit bills, which put him in even more trouble. ... In December, Tony Lee Hinrichs, 40, was arrested in Mesa,

Ariz., based on video of him in the act of burglarizing the Extreme Surveillance shop; Hinrichs appeared not to be aware that the company is a security firm that might be expected to have cameras set up.

Our Litigious Society

- Brenda and Ronald Sager of Mount Pleasant Township, Pa., filed a lawsuit against Wal-Mart in January for their pain and suffering after a plastic grocery bag broke open and its contents fell on their toes. The Sagers said the allegedly overstuffed bag contained a 32-ounce jar of Miracle Whip, a 46-ounce bottle of ketchup, three 15-ounce cans of fruit, an 18-ounce bottle of ranch dressing, and a 12-ounce jar of mustard.

- Former policeman George Gilfillan won the equivalent of about \$155,000 in an Edinburgh, Scotland, court in August against a widower for a neck injury he suffered when his patrol car collided with the widower's late wife's car, which had gotten in the way of Gilfillan's pursuit of a drunk driver. Gilfillan won the money even though the judge said he was going too fast and even though part of the money was for Gilfillan's "depression" over witnessing the woman die.

- Charles R. Grady sued Frito-Lay in 1993 after he suffered an esophageal tear and bleeding while swallowing a Doritos chip. Grady has been trying for several years to be permitted to introduce as evidence a study by a retired University of Pittsburgh chemical-engineering professor who measured the downward force and quantity of saliva necessary to chew and swallow a Dorito and found them dangerously hard and sharp. In December 2003, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court sided with Frito-Lay, saying the professor's testing was not "generally accepted" science and therefore was not admissible.

Courtroom Follies

- Going beyond bar associations' supervision

of lawyers' competence, clients Denzil Dean (in Clayton, Mo.) and Robert Butler (Toronto, Ontario) exacted their own remedies for what they believed to be their attorneys' substandard performance. Dean, complaining in court in January that he did not want Richard Hereford to represent him, punched Hereford in the mouth, and Butler, complaining in court in December about delays in his case, punched out attorney Irvna Revutsky.

 Practitioners of the Santeria religion are such a presence in Miami area courtrooms, where they spread white dust on the furnishings to bring good luck to their friends and relatives, that attorneys have begun to complain about their higher dry-cleaning bills. Also found from time to time in those courthouses: remnants of Santeria-sacrificed chickens and goats and mysterious candle formations. In a recent case, Haitian defendant Emmanuel Etienne claimed that his deceased victim had the power to turn himself into a headless donkey by "expelling three flatulents."

Another Geographic Center of Weird

- Tampa, Fla.: Driver Terry Lee Crouch, 29, told police he accidentally ran over his 6-year-old son while playing a game in which the boy tries to cling to the rear bumper while Crouch starts and stops the car attempting to dislodge him (November). ... In New Port Richey, Fla., a 400pound man fell to his waist through the floor of his home at the Orangewood Lakes Mobile Home Community and said he had been trapped there for two days; a neighbor had called on him during his ordeal, but the man declined help (October). ... In Largo, Fla., according to police, a 41year-old woman offered to pay three teenagers \$20 to come beat up her son (but told them to be careful with the furniture) (January).

Update

- In December, a federal judge rejected the lat-

est appeal of David Cobb, 66, a former teacher at the prestigious Phillips Academy in New Hampshire, who made "News of the Weird" in 1995 with his attempts to seduce children by dressing as "Pumpkin Man" and encouraging kids to fondle him. He had challenged the child-pornography counts against him, claiming that some of the nude photos he had were not of children, but of adults onto whose bodies he had meticulously glued head shots of kids cut out from magazine and catalog ads.

Hyperactive Seniors

 Hunter "Red" Rountree, who pleaded guilty to having robbed a First American Bank branch in August at the age of 91, was sentenced to 12 years in prison; it was his third bank robbery in five years (Lubbock, Texas, January). ... Daniel Putzel, 87, was arrested and charged with running a house of prostitution (Guilford, Conn., November). ... An October Boston Herald column hailing the Boston South End neighborhood's alleged top cocaine dealer, Philip "Sonny" Baiona, said the fact that Baiona is 80 is a sign that the city's crime rate is tapering off.

In the Past Month...

- A cleaning crew forgot to lock up at a Bank of the West branch, and a customer had the whole place to himself when he came by on the Martin Luther King holiday (but he notified the police) (Long Beach, Calif.). ... Officers ticketed a 19-year-old driver for running into an ambulance, charging that the man was distracted by reading a speeding ticket he had just received (South Brunswick, N.J.). ... A bill was introduced in the Indiana legislature permitting life-without-parole inmates to voluntarily choose to be executed.

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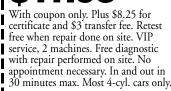
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Tony Beck's the mechanic I've trusted for ten years, so I guess he's the guy to ask about motor homes. He owns a 27-foot Winnebago.

He thinks it's small for a motor home. "My buddy," he says, "doesn't have any family; he's by himself, and he's got a 37-foot with sides that slide out.

"We've got the bedroom in the back and the sofa that folds into a bed where Jenna, our two-year-old, sleeps in a playpen. We've got to squeeze by the sofa bed to get outside. It's really small inside, once you're set up for sleeping. But we're mostly outside anyway. We usually go to the Colorado River and to Glamis."

"Is it like camping," I ask, "or like taking your home to the desert?"

"Well, it's got air conditioning, two televisions, VCR, DVD. When our

Canyon], if we didn't have my motherin-law's place to go to, we could've lived in it for a while. A lot of my neighbors, they've brought in fifth wheels and parked them on their lots. and insurance pays what they would've spent for rent. So after their house gets rebuilt, they still have the trailer."

I mention that a friend of mine once calculated that to make an average-priced motor home pay for itself, you'd have to use it about half the vear. Otherwise, motels would be cheaper.

"Sure," Tony says, "but where we go, there aren't any motels. I wouldn't take it to Vegas, but if you like to go to more remote places, it's convenient. You don't have to pack stuff because it's all there. You can bring your Ugg boots or whatever. We used to take a cat with us, and in our first motor home we traveled a lot of miles. 30,000 in four or five years. But now we've got the baby, so we haven't been taking

those long trips to Utah or Northern California."

"Suppose I want a used motor home," I say. "How much would it cost, and what should I look for?"

"Mine's an '88, and I bought it in '99, with 30,000 miles on it, for \$14,000. It depends on what you want to do. To tow a dune buggy or a boat you need a big engine. And with all that weight comes transmission problems. Transmissions in motor homes don't generally last 100,000 miles like they do in a car.

"You'd want to consider everything — price, mileage, condition. Some motor homes only have gone 10,000 miles, but somebody's lived in them for six years and the interior's thrashed. They're not set up to be lived in every day.

"A buddy of mine bought his a few years ago; he lives in it, and the inside's just wasted. Plus, the newer ones have some better features. The generator in my old one was noisy, but



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the generator in this one is quiet. And it's got more storage, so I don't have to carry stuff in the living part or on the roof. And a used motor home might have low mileage, but if it's old, the belts, hoses, and seals and gaskets might need replacing.

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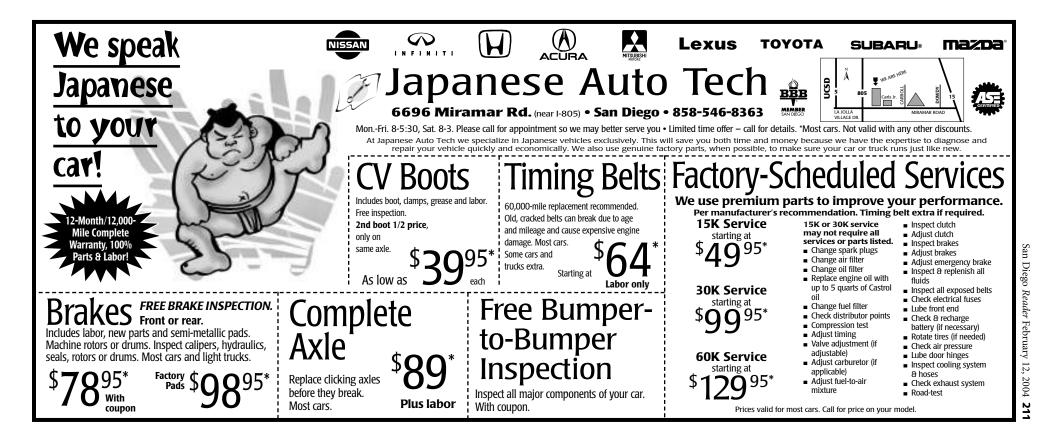
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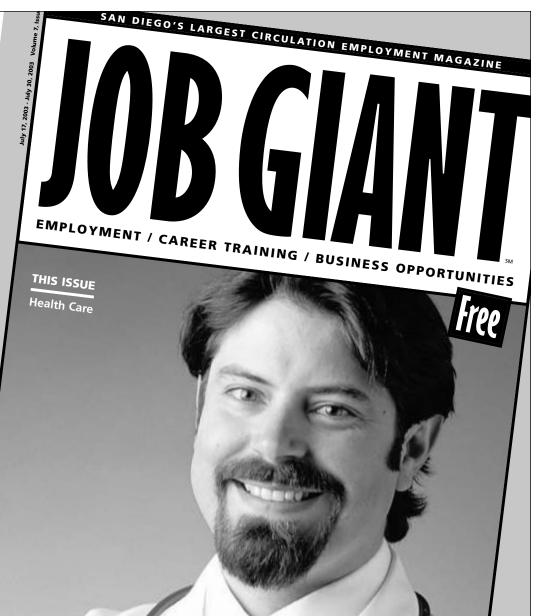


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The figure brings to mind the old jackalope gag.

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

months.

By the time you read this, the show may be gone; but it will be worthwhile to see whatever is on display at the Farm Art Space, a gallery at 20th and Broadway, downtown. When I visited, the exhibit was The Picture Book Project, organized by Gregory Dunham and Brian Huth.

Dunham, an unaccented former Texan, and Huth brought together a group of visual artists to collaborate on a picture-story book. This was to be done "exquisite corpse fashion," Dunham says. The reference is to a joint literary effort involving authors who each took a turn advancing a novel, no one having any idea of where it was going, simply influencing where it might go. "Each page [in the Farm's book] was done by one of 33 San Diego artists. Each one [sees only] the preceding, completed image. It actually becomes more and more difficult. As the book progresses, they have to bring in all these story lines and characters.² Each artist had 48 hours to provide a page, and the whole project took three

"The results seem kind of fantastic," I offer, "in the fantasy sense of the word.'

"Yes," he agrees. "The first half of the book is really sort of a deep, psychological romance. The second half is more like The Odyssey or something; they go on this epic voyage with sea monsters. The book is called Verwood and the Cinder Girl."

Dunham presents the final product in a handsome wooden package (\$25) the size of a paperback novel. The cover slides open to reveal 33 postcard-size prints of the paintings (or other media, including a small CD with music written for the project). On the back of each artwork in the picture book are short artist's biographies. Dunham himself did the first page. On the left is a half-man, half-deer standing in a field. To the right is a dog. The figure brings to mind the old jackalope gag, and I believe the reference was used in subsequent installments.

The statement of intent, such as it is, appears as a single page on the wall of the gallery, just preceding Dunham's contribution. "... Each page interprets and completes someone else's thought and introduces new possibilities for the next.... The story creates itself with its own momentum. Each artist reacting and responding to the preceding imagery. Contrary to a traditional picture book, where every page works toward a fixed end, this book builds exclusively from the previous page and expands onward in limitless creative possibilities. In the end we have one continuous work of art....

"Essentially, the narrative these artists develop is a love story. A halfdeer, half-man character seeks humanity through romantic love and selfmutilation. A woman of ambiguous, piglike qualities sacrifices the love of her parents and the integrity of her body to love a disturbed man and carry his



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child. It is also an epic adventure that flows in and out of dream or nightmarelike sequences and erupts into dramatic battle and lulls you into wistful fantasy and sumptuous ideology. The images are in turn mesmerizing and savage, graceful and forlorn. Every page tells a story in itself...creates a new magic and binds the narrative to an expanding and unforeseen hereafter."

On the surface it may seem like yet another ambiguous, piglike, selfmutilation love story with sea monsters, but what Dunham and company have created is Art.

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have been changing diapers for 11 years. I remember changing Rebecca's diapers in the hospital right after she was born. Rebecca arrived a month early. The disposable diapers they gave me to put on her could easily have been used to diaper a doll. I had no idea what I was doing. Rebecca's skinny, jaundiced legs kicked as I tried to fasten the diaper around her tiny waist. She wrinkled her little-old-man face and complained.

I can't imagine how many diapers I've changed since that day. I have five children. They each wore diapers for approximately three years. When they were infants, they went through 10 to 12 diapers a day. After that, maybe 4 or 5 diapers a day. I'm no mathematician, but that's a whole shipload of stinky, messy,

urine-soaked or b.m.-laden Pampers or Huggies or the bargain brand from Target.

For long stretches, I had two children in diapers at one time — a toddler and an infant. I even think there were a few months right after Johnny was born that I had three kids in diapers. Angela was only three, and she still wore a diaper at night; and Lucy at 21 months was still in diapers full-time. Some days I felt as if all I did was prepare meals and change diapers. Fill up one end and empty out the other.

For the past couple of years, I have had only one child who didn't yet use the toilet. Benjamin showed no interest in potty training. His third birthday came and went. Jack and I encouraged Ben to try using the bathroom. "It's so much nicer," Jack explained. "You won't have that yucky old diaper between your legs. Underwear is a lot more comfortable."

"You can get any kind you want," I told Ben. "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles or Hulk or Power Rangers."

Every morning, I asked Ben, "Do you want to wear underwear today?"

"Nope," he always answered.

During the past few months, Ben became so accustomed to Jack's and my propaganda that he started to mimic us. Every time I changed Ben's diaper he would look up at me and say, "I should really start using the toilet."

"Yes, you should," I agreed.

Last Wednesday, Ben finally took his own advice. Jack and I had invited one of Jack's friends over to take a look at the house. Jack's friend is a contractor, and we wanted to ask his opinion about some ideas we have for fixing

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up the bathrooms and the girls' bedroom. "I need to clean house," I told Johnny and Ben after we dropped the girls off at school. "A friend of Daddy's is coming over this afternoon."

After we got home, I went upstairs and started straightening up the girls' room. I was on the floor picking up colored beads someone had scattered on the thin, blue carpet. Johnny and Ben played with Rescue Heroes in their room. "Come on, Billy," Ben said in his deep, throaty Rescue Heroes voice. "Let's put out the fire.

"Okay, Jake," Johnny answered. "Let's roll."

"Mommy," Ben called to me in his own voice. "I want to wear underwear today."

I stopped picking up beads. "Okay, buddy," I said. "That sounds great." I stood up and walked into the boys' room. "Which kind do you want to wear?"

Ben fished a pair of Bob the Builder briefs out of his dresser drawer. "Bob the Builder," he said.

I pulled off Ben's jeans and unfastened his diaper. "You understand you'll need to use the toilet today if you're wearing underwear," I told him

"Okay, Mommy," Ben answered. He stepped into the briefs while I held them and wiggled his bottom as I pulled them up.

"How does that feel?" I asked.

"Great," he said.

"You're a big boy," Johnny told Ben. 'Yes, I am," Ben agreed.

I went back to cleaning. Johnny and Ben fought their fire. A few minutes later, as I rearranged the stuffed animals on Lucy's bed, Ben called out, "Mom, I have to urinate in the toilet!" "Okay," I answered. "Let's go!"

We ran down the hall to the bathroom. Johnny came with us. Ben started to take off all his clothes

"That's okay, buddy," I stopped him. "You only need to pull down your pants."

Ben hopped up on the seat.

"Point it down," Johnny offered.

Ben pointed a clear, strong stream into the bowl. He hopped off, smiled, and pointed at the yellow water. "Look, Mom. I did it!"

Johnny and I cheered. Ben smiled and raised his arms in triumph.

"Go ahead and flush," I told him.

Ben flushed. I helped him pull his pants back on. "That is so great," I told him and gathered him into my arms. "You are the best!" I kissed his cheeks.

"Please, Mom," Ben asked. "Stop kissing me."

"Do you want to call Daddy?"

I dialed the phone and handed it to Ben. "Hi, Daddy," he said a moment later. "I urinated in the toilet.

I could hear Jack's cheer and watched Ben's face light up with a smile. "Bob the Builder," he answered Jack's next question.

When I took the phone from Ben, I told Jack, "It was his idea. I can't believe it."

"That's so great," Jack told me.

Ben has been wearing underwear for more than a week now. He's had only three accidents. He stays dry at night. I may have changed my last diaper.

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